

OCT 2022 MINUTES

District 06 (San Francisco) General Service Meeting

Tuesday, October 11, 2022 / 7:30 – 9:00pm

Zoom ID: 840-2738-0768 PW: 1935

Opening of Meeting:

- Serenity Prayer
- Safety Statement
- Sign-in Sheet Announcement
- Agenda Announcement
- GSR Preamble – read by Mark R

- New GSRs
 - No one identified as such

- Visitors
 - Teddy B-W, past Area Delegate
 - Richard W, Area Literature/Grapevine/La Vina Chair

- AA Birthdays
 - Vanessa H, 12 years

- Service Sponsorship statement

- DCMs
 - JB, DCM 225 Subdistrict
 - Riaz A, DCM 250 Subdistrict
 - Jill G, DCM 270 Subdistrict
 - Vanessa H, DCM 310 Subdistrict
 - Hemanth S, DCM 315 Subdistrict
 - Dennis H, DCM 320 Subdistrict
 - Tony A, Alt-Chair, covers any meetings not in the above subdistricts

- Approval of Prior Month's Minutes: No corrections or objections, so approved

Tradition and Concept of the Month

- Tradition 10 (Janet S)
 - "Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy."
 - Janet shared that she has never witnessed an argument in a meeting in her 33 years of sobriety, even though she knows AAs can be quite opinionated.

- However we respect and don't mess with this tradition as we've seen other groups die out over arguments. Janet read a portion from the chapter on Tradition 10 in the 12x12.
- Although our country may appear divided right now, AA is not divided because we do not bring in outside issues because we learned from the Washingtonians. Our founders saw that we should dedicate ourselves to our sole aim: to help the still-suffering alcoholic.
- Concept 10 (Dominic B)
 - "Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined."
 - Dominic shared that he understands this to mean that every service position is clear on their responsibilities to the groups/AAWS/etc.
 - Everyone is trusted – no one is micromanaged or able to overstep their responsibilities.
- Next month Paul S will share on Tradition 11 and Vanessa H will share on Concept 11.
- 7th Tradition -- Venmo information was shared on screen

Officer Reports

- Riaz A, Treasurer
 - We brought in about \$250 at Unity Day last Saturday!
 - Riaz also gave a pitch for the Treasurer position that is up for vote tonight.
 - He also mentioned that there will be an ad-hoc committee to determine the budget for next year (they will meet the 3rd Thursday of Oct/Nov/Dec). Mark and Chris raised their hands to volunteer for the committee.
- Jackie B, DCMC
 - Jackie noted that because of the elections tonight, we will be forgoing other reports tonight. The full DCMC report can be found in the meeting materials packet that was sent prior to tonight's meeting.

Visiting Area Officer, Richard W

- Richard shared about what it means to be available for service.
- All of us are amateurs – we are all learning how to do these roles. He also noted that the root of the word "amateur" comes from the Latin word for "of love", noting that we volunteer for these service commitments out of the love we have for AA.
- What is meant by "Am I available?" – it is a **willingness** to serve and an **availability of time and energy** rather than possessing a certain set of skills.
- When we elect positions at the District level, we operate through the 3rd Legacy procedure.

- When we take a service commitment, we have to consider how it impacts us within AA and outside of AA. We also have to consider the spirit of rotation (meaning letting someone else serve if we have already served in that role).

Elections for DCMC, Alternate DCMC, Treasurer, and Registrar

- Richard explained who is able to volunteer for positions (anyone here at the meeting tonight) and who is able to vote in the elections (GSRs or alternate GSRs if the other GSR is not here, DCMs, and District officers).
- Jackie read through the approved job description of the DCMC role.
- Richard also explained the 3rd Legacy procedure for voting, which was also shared on the screen. Essentially we continue to do rounds of voting until a candidate has $\frac{2}{3}$ of votes – if no one secures $\frac{2}{3}$ of votes after 4 rounds, then we will draw a name from the hat.
- **DCMC:**
 - No one stated they were available for the DCMC role at first; we did another pass around and Dan B, David S, and Jamie M stated that they were available.
 - Dan, David, and Jamie each shared their service history.
 - 33 ballots were cast in first round so 22 votes would be needed for $\frac{2}{3}$: Dan had 17 votes, David had 11 votes, and Jamie had 5 votes.
 - 32 ballots were cast in second round and Dan had 22 votes, so Dan will be our new DCMC.
- **Alternate DCMC:**
 - Jamie M, David S, and Beth S stated that they are available and each shared their service history.
 - 33 ballots were cast in first round so 22 votes would be needed for $\frac{2}{3}$: Jamie had 7 votes, David had 10 votes, and Beth had 17 votes.
 - 33 ballots were cast in second round: Jamie had 4 votes, David had 9 votes, and Beth had 20 votes. A candidate needed at least 7 votes ($\frac{1}{3}$) to stay in for third round, so we thanked Jamie for making himself available. Third round will just be David and Beth.
 - 33 ballots were cast in third round: David had 9 votes and Beth had 24 votes, so Beth will be our new Alt DCMC.
- **Treasurer:**
 - Melanie R and Anna V stated that they are available and each shared their service history.
 - 32 ballots were cast in first round so 22 votes would be needed for $\frac{2}{3}$: Melanie got 24 votes and Anna got 8 votes so Melanie is our new Treasurer.
- **Registrar:**
 - Jamie M and Anna V stated that they are available and each shared their service history.

- 32 ballots were cast in first round so 22 votes would be needed for $\frac{2}{3}$: Jamie got 15 votes and Anna got 17 votes.
 - 31 ballots were cast in second round so 21 votes would be needed for $\frac{2}{3}$: Jamie got 15 votes and Anna got 16 votes.
 - 31 ballots were cast in third round so 21 votes would be needed for $\frac{2}{3}$: Jamie got 16 votes and Anna got 15 votes.
 - 30 ballots were cast in fourth round so 20 votes would be needed for $\frac{2}{3}$: Jamie got 11 votes and Anna got 19 votes.
 - We then voted if we were going to a fifth round: 71% of votes were in favor of going to a fifth round.
 - 31 ballots were cast in fifth round so 21 votes would be needed for $\frac{2}{3}$: Jamie got 14 votes and Anna got 17 votes. We then moved to pulling a name from a hat.
 - Anna's name was pulled from the hat so Anna will be our new registrar.
- Next month we will be voting for Recording Secretary by 3rd Legacy procedure and other positions will be by simple majority vote

Housekeeping Motion: Review Job Description for Communication Coordinator

- This is a new position within the District officers, somewhat combining the previous roles of Mail Coordinator and Web Coordinator.
- Michael Palladino also shared his experience with this as he kind of took this on during the current panel before it became a new position.
- This job description was approved.

Housekeeping Motion: Review Job Description for Virtual Meeting Coordinator

- This is also a new position within the District officers, taking away some of the virtual meeting responsibilities from the DCMC and Web Coordinator (i.e. running the virtual meeting room, launching polls, screen sharing, etc.)
- Michael Palladino also shared his experience managing this
- This job description was approved.

Liaison and Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- These were skipped this month due to elections. Information can be found in the meeting materials packet.

Closing with the Responsibility Statement:

I am responsible, when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there, and for that I am responsible.