

NOV 2022 MINUTES

District 06 (San Francisco) General Service Meeting

Tuesday, November 8, 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 Hallie H.

- New GSRs
 - Hallie H., Every Day A New Beginning (Virtual)
 - Carole M., Bookworms

- Visitors
 - Amy M., Area 06 Recording Secretary
 - Teddy B-W, past Area Delegate

- AA Birthdays
 - Dominic B., 4 years
 - Tim H., 31 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 11 (Paul S.)
 - “Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.”

- Reminds Paul of how important our anonymity is and how it promotes humility. All he has are suggestions that have worked as he continues to do them.
- The spirit of this tradition is about how the program of AA performs these amazing works and not individuals.
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- Concept 11 (Vanessa H.)
 - “The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.”
 - This concept is about several things – acknowledging that our trustees rely on several folks to do their job – we don’t make them go it alone.
 - It is also about making sure we pay the special workers a fair wage so that we can hopefully attract the best candidates. “If you pay in peanuts, you get a circus”.
 - Ultimately it guarantees that AA will always have folks who are willing and able to do the work that keeps the program running.
- Next month Jamie M. will share on Tradition 12 and JB will share on Concept 12.
- 7th Tradition -- Venmo information was shared on screen

Officer Reports

- Riaz A., Treasurer
 - We brought in about \$800 in contributions during October, but we also had additional costs in October due to Unity Day.
 - He will be presenting the proposed 2023 budget later in the meeting.
- Jackie B., DCMC
 - **District News:**
 - November is Gratitude Month and SF/Marin Intergroup needs more contributions
 - District elections continue this month
 - **General Service Board/GSO News:**
 - Final conference report is now available in print copy
 - Two new Class A (non-alcoholic) trustees and three new Class Ba (alcoholic) trustees added to General Service Board
 - Due to supply chain issues with paper, there are some jacketless hardcover versions of the Big Book and 12x12 being printed
 - **Area News:**
 - Elections for Panel 73 was held on 11/5 and 7 of the 8 positions were filled:
 - Eric L., Delegate
 - Miguel H., Alt Delegate

- Chitra S., Chair
- Drew B., Registrar
- Claudia N., Treasurer
- Jackie B., Assembly Coordinator
- TBD for Grapevine/La Vina

Elections for Recording Secretary, Communication Coordinator, Virtual Hosts

- Jackie ran through some reminders about the District officer positions and said we would not be running through the entire group to ask for volunteers like last month – we will just ask volunteers to raise their hand.
- Our visiting Area officer, Amy M., facilitated the 3rd Legacy election for Recording Secretary and reviewed the 3rd Legacy process.
- **Recording Secretary:**
 - Gary B. volunteered and shared his qualifications.
 - There were no other volunteers so we held a vote of confidence and Gary was elected.
- **Communication Coordinator:**
 - Vanessa H. volunteered and shared her qualifications.
 - There were no other volunteers so we held a vote of confidence and Vanessa was elected.
- **Virtual Hosts (2):**
 - Paul S. and Walter L. volunteered and shared their qualifications.
 - There were no other volunteers so we held a vote of confidence and they were elected.

Presentation of Proposed 2023 Budget

- An ad-hoc committee met last month to create a proposal for the 2023 District budget. We will not be voting on the budget tonight, but will be taking questions.
- Riaz shared his screen which showed 2022 projected costs, 2022 actualized costs to date, and 2023 projected costs for different categories.
- Jackie noted that some tweaking may be done at the ad-hoc level so we do not have a deficit for the 2023 proposed budget (i.e. perhaps removing interpretation costs).
- Dennis H. asked what the 3 hybrid events would be – Jackie said it would be Agenda Topics Workshop, Delegates Report, and Unity Day, but not necessary to be in-person.
- Alison T. asked if this budget takes into account the events/categories that involve Intergroup participation as they are strapped for cash right now. Riaz stated that in the spirit of singleness of purpose, the committee only considered what the District would be financially responsible for.
- Beth S. asked for clarification on how the scholarship for PRAASA is listed for 2022 (when she attended) and how it is listed for 2023. Riaz will address.

Housekeeping Motion: Review Job Description for District Committee Member (DCM)

- Jackie shared the proposed job description for DCM.
- JB shared his experience as a DCM for Panel 71.
- Alison T. asked if you can pick the sub-district to represent and Jackie said yes, although we would hold an election if two folks want to represent the same sub-district.
- There were no objections to the new description so it was approved.

Housekeeping Motion: Review Job Description for Events Chair

- Jackie shared the proposed job description for Events Chair.
- JB also shared his experience as Events Chair and emphasized that there is always help if you need it.
- There were no objections to the new description so it was approved.

Housekeeping Motion: Review Job Description for Archivist

- We have not had an Archivist for a while so Jackie shared a proposed job description.
- Since we do not have a current Archivist, no one shared their experience.
- There were no objections to the new description so it was approved, though Dennis did note that the monthly meeting in Petaluma is virtual only. Jackie amended the job description to reflect that.

Housekeeping Motion: Review Job Description for Literature Coordinator

- Jackie shared the proposed job description for Literature Coordinator.
- Beth shared her experience as Literature Coordinator.
- There were no objections to the new description so it was approved.

Housekeeping Motion: Review Job Description for Grapevine/La Vina Rep

- Jackie shared the proposed job description for Grapevine/La Vina Rep.
- There were no objections to the new description so it was approved.

Liaison and Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- Alison T. (Intergroup)
 - The Intergroup reps have been asked to share a letter at their meetings regarding Intergroup's finances and need for group contributions.

What's On Your Mind

- No one had anything.

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.