

**General Service District 11 Panel 71
District Inventory Meeting Minutes**

March 12, 2022, 1:30PM
Meeting ID: 87300225118
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Opening of Meeting- Serenity Prayer

Tradition 3, Long Form- Jo M

Concept 3- Thom H

Birthdays: Charlotte 6 Years!!! Sandy 24 Years!!!

GSR Take Back: Phil B

Introductions (in attendance): Elisabeth Brumley- DCMC; Sandy Staulcup- DCM 001; Jeff Dickinson- SUB 002, Napa Website Committee Chair; Michael Detweiler- GSR Tuesday Night SASTO; Jo Moore- GSR Big Book Study, H&I Liaison; Michael Morgan- DCM SUB 003, Doug Manning- GSR Saturday Men's Stag; Amy Menendez- Area Recording Secretary; Charlotte Tyran- GSR Serenity on Saturday; Jane Colburn- GSR Keep Coming Back; Joe Torres- GSR Crosstalk at Crosswalk, Beginners Meeting Chair; John H- GSR Thank God It's M-S 5:30 Group; Laura K- GSR Day at a Time Group, Chris Williams- Recording Secretary; Thom Hinesley- GSR Sunday Big Book Study, Treasurer; Phil B- NAPYPAA Liaison; John Thompson- GSR No Mam's Group, GSR Hut Group

New GSR's, Visitors: None

Approval of Minutes: Presented for approval as published. **Approved**

Officer Reports:

- DCMC- Elisabeth B- Attended PRASSA, there are Area updates in the agenda. They talked about the Preconference Assembly at the sub district meeting. There will be an email from the Area with an updated agenda for the assembly. Add me to your email list so you don't miss emails. Jennifer will be sending information that I will share. The web form for submitting group consciousness will be online on March 10th. San Quinten will be allowing people back in. People inside are looking for sponsors.
- Alt DCMC/PICPC Chair– Open- Please Announce at meetings. Looking for speakers for the DDP program. It is virtual. Send me a message.
- DCM 001- Sandy S- Went to the Area Meeting on 2/24. They tried the hybrid as a test run. Went well. Some people went to Petaluma. Hope to use at the Pre-Conference Assembly. Topic was "how will I reach out to unrepresented groups". Good presentation. It is at 11AM on 3/26, you should go if you haven't. Today we had the Sub District meeting on Agenda Topic information.
- DCM 002 – Jeff D – Attended DCM Sharing Session as well. There were a number of topics. Attended PRASSA there was so much information. One of our own got to lead the sharing session. Many districts are experiencing indifference to general service. People are afraid of long commitments. Lots of opinion about online or hybrid forums and encouraging people to think about General Service.

- DCM 003- Michael M.- I too went to the DCM Sharing Session. It was awesome. I went to PRASSA too and got in the photo. I really liked voting on Joel. Got to see Chase, she created a group in the pandemic. Got to be involved as a time keeper. We are always open to questions.

- Secretary -Chris W.- Nothing to report.

- Treasurer- Thom H.- Share screen of treasurer's report. It is in the Agenda Packet. Will need to make a revision. Explained the report.

Sandy- is number at the bottom of the report correct.

Thom H.- it is correct. I understood it as going with the checkbook balance.

Treasurers Report is Approved

Jane- Motion to accept the treasurers report.

- Registrar- Mary N.- Prior Commitment, unable to attend.

- Archives – Open – Please Announce at meetings. There is a history workshop coming up. Ask for flyer if Interested.

- Literature – Open – Please Announce at meetings.

- Beginners Meeting- Joe. T- The attendance has been pretty good the last couple weeks. Continue to announce the meeting. Have not started the committee to update time and place of meeting.

- Bridging the Gap- Teresa V.- Unable to attend. Share her number for people interested.

- Intergroup Liaison- Jo M.- Had intergroup meeting this morning. Didn't get a takeback. The newsletter will be coming out on the website. There will be a note for members that have passed on. They are always looking for stories. Hotline needs men and women. Need shift volunteers. Updates to the Intergroup bylaws geared at efficiency. Alt Chair and NAPYPAA liaison. Please include group names on contributions. HandINorCal.Org to make contributions. Backlog on Big Books. Meeting schedules are being worked on. We did note that Unity Chair Needed. Check the website for the takebacks.
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- H&I Liaison- Jo M- Missed the meeting, HandINorCal.org for contributions. The contributions are mostly for literature. We are sending out gratitude for contributions. Napa County Alcohol and Drug Services is looking to open a group at the County Building. The meeting would have outpatients attend.

- Tech Committee- Jeff D. – Ad Hoc web committee consists of all service entities in Napa Valley. Myself and Patty B are involved. Continue to make updates to the online google sheet. We are creating emails for the district. We are working on the meeting app. There have been some technical issues. There was erroneous information being provided to AA.org. We are redoing the meetings on google sheets. There was difficulty putting in meetings that happen only monthly. Lots of information on the agendas including minutes and takebacks. Will also have NAPYPAA events listed.

- NAPYPAA Liaison – Phil B- We had a Valentine's event. There is an event tomorrow as well at Crosswalk Church. There will be food and fellowship, a speaker and sobriety countdown.

- UNITY DAY Chair (June 18) – Open- Please Announce at meetings – We have a tentative reservation at Crosswalk if we decide to do it in person. We also have capability to do it virtually as well. Delegate is scheduled to speak. Everything is in place but it needs a coordinator. We will be looking at doing it in person. Make yourself available.

- **Visiting Area Officer, Amy M. CNCA06 Recording Secretary**- She will share her experience with collecting a group conscience, and her experience sharing that group conscience at the LIVE Preconference assembly.

You may or may not have started on the sharing sessions. There is still time. It is suggested to attend workshops hosted by other districts. There are several today. That's where you can get the "how" on the sharing session. They do mock sessions. I'll give a couple of examples.

I love the idea of having a round table. Even when on Zoom you go around and everyone speaks. The idea is to hear from everybody to get a sense of minority opinions. You have been sharing with your group that the session was coming up. You pick some topics and let the group pick some. Cut it down to 2-5 topics. There is not a need to do more.

This year's topics are more focused. Try to discuss your topics thoroughly so you can bring it back. Pick topics that will engage your groups. Bring a note taker. It will help. A lot of people will show a lot of interest then a lot may not show. It is ok don't be bummed. You will still have a good discussion. I knew what topic I wanted and had the materials. I asked them to read them before-hand.

Try and go around the round table twice. Ask the group at the end if you heard correctly and recap. You will have 90 seconds at the mic at the Area. There are no right or wrong ways to inform the delegate. Let them know why your group felt a certain way. It is more helpful explaining the reasons. It is more of what Jennifer is interested in hearing. I will be taking notes with Eric so she can focus on listening. It is a good idea to write on an index card.

The assembly is in Petaluma at the Veteran's building. Come and attend and express your conscience verbally. There is something to be said about waiting in line to share and facing your nerves. You will see how the Areas Conscience arises out of the conference. Jennifer will go to the General Service Conference afterwards and share there. If you can't make it you can use the web form to submit your group's conscience.

If you would like to attend via Zoom it will be a listening platform this time. Jennifer will be setting time aside for a virtual forum. First Come First Heard. There will be emails and flyers to come about that. It is not fully hybrid yet.

The Ad Hoc committee will be addressing the hybrid going forward. April 2 and 3 you can come stand in line and walk through the fear. In person there is a box where you can drop your written group conscience.

People have been confused over the years about sharing a group conscience that has already been spoken. If you have never spoken at the microphone than please go. Don't miss the opportunity.

John H.- Some people may feel that if what they have to say may have been said already. Should they go just for the purpose of consensus. Is there a concern about time?

Amy- Jennifer is not relying on the votes but she still needs the substance. There will also be lots of reasons given that she needs to take into account. The caveat being items such as literature items where the line is out the door to get to the microphone you could drop it in the box at your own discretion. When I was a GSR I was hearing that too but I was also being told that new GSRs need to go to the Mic.

Jeff D. – The web form will have multiple choices and a space for filling out about 750 words with the “why” and “why not”. You can take your index notes and drop it in the box after you’ve read it. It’s not a vote so it won’t change anything but is still helpful.

Break

Housekeeping motion- Housekeeping Motions: A motion of a routine nature dealing with administrative or purely formal matters necessary to expedite House business. If there is an objection this will become new business next month

- Next Business meeting falls on same day as the Preconference Assembly, if there are no objections, I move that our **next business meeting be on April 9, at 1:30**, (second Saturday of the month after Intergroup) Sub District at 12:30

Objections- None. **Approved.**

- **Old Business** – Updates from Ad Hoc Committee for Beginners Meeting- Joe T. Getting to work on it this month.

- **New Business**

- The motion is that we hold our annual Unity Day, June 18, virtually

Crosswalk is holding our spot. There will be the St Paddy’s Day event

Any new discussion?

Jo. M.- Just want to voice the general concern that we will lose people who are able to Zoom and would not be able to attend in person. There are concerns with being able to attend whatever it is their accessibility issues are.

Thom H.- I move that we go to in person. (wasn’t formally made, see below)

Joe T. – Thank you Jo. I think we should consider making it a hybrid event. The problem occurs when the Zoom participants want to participate. I propose that we announce that the Zoom participants would be there to observe.

Jane C- I can see that people are concerned. It would be great to appear in person. If we could have the speaker be on Zoom that would be good.

Jeff D- I agree with Joe T. Can we make it available to people online? It is not traditionally a business meeting where there is audience participation. The interactions are usually for Games or Skits. I would prefer in person and we make it partially hybrid with having the delegate speak.

Charlotte T- If someone wanted to be the hybrid chair and then have a in person chair it may be good. That way someone could be in charge of cameras.

Thom H. – Would we be buying our own virtual equipment? Or would we use someone's? We would have speakers from each entity. I would like hybrid as it is a presentation type event. On another level it is an interactive fellowship event.

Sandy S- Where we are right now, I feel we need to get someone (connection cut out)

Joe T. – piggybacking on Charlotte, (connection cut out)

Sandy S- I feel where we are right now, we don't have a chair. If we could get a chair and start moving forward then we could address the hybrid later once we are started up.

Charlotte- What are the time commitments for the person chairing the event?

Elisabeth- starting up it would be the setup committee and decorations, then food, panel discussions, facilities, delegate, and cleanup. Teresa is interested in supporting but cannot help on the day of. Time commitment is making sure that everyone is on track. Need to get speakers from each entity.

Sandy- I have several pass it on's from previous Unity Days. There are worksheets, and you get chair people for each committee. The chairperson gets everyone together. The chairs get their own worker bees to help them.

Thom H.- I would like to make myself available to chair.

Elisabeth- we need to vote

(Thom leaves the virtual room.)

Is anyone opposed to Thom taking the position?

No Opposition **Thom is now the Unity Day Chair**

Elisabeth- procedural question, do we send this to old business for next month?

Jeff D- Under chair rules we could fast track this. We are running out of time, waiting to next month may be too short. We need to get moving on making it virtual or in person.

Jeff D- I make a motion that we make Unity Day in person for 2022.

Thom H. – Discussion question. People see a lot of benefit in doing hybrid. We should decide on that issue later.

John H.- could we make the same motion with the caveat of adding the tech committee to it to explore it later and report back.

Jeff D. – we made the motion to be in person, not in person “only”.

Sandy S – I did note that Came to Believe had the equipment for one of the Alcahons to be hybrid. We should move forward and then investigate that. The person would need a computer as well too. I put the Unity Day Workshop checklist form in the chat.

Vote on Motion: We hold our annual Unity Day in person. No Objections. **Approved. Thom is now the Unity Day Chair.** If he would like he can designate a tech committee to investigate going forward.

Discussion:

- INVENTORY NEXT STEPS – Some action items discussed so far: Event with Intergroup, spend money to improve communication/education in our District We will Continue this Discussion
- Concept Study every 3rd Sunday at 6
- Conference Committee: **Policy/Admissions — Item G**

<p>Agenda Topic</p>	<p>Consider request to revise the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship” to reflect shared experience on service sponsorship.</p>
<p>Historical Context; Why is it on the Agenda?</p>	<p>This proposal came from Area 44, New Jersey and was not able to be addressed by the Conference Literature committee in previous years. They are requesting that the Service Sponsorship section in the pamphlet “Questions & Answers on Sponsorship” (P-15) be expanded, and that the pamphlet be retitled to include Service Sponsorship. Some benefits and goals from the proposal: reinforce the notion that service work often begins with a suggestion from a service sponsor; have more members engage in service work; point out the benefits of service to the individual, the group and the fellowship; define service work as a responsibility of the recovering A.A. member; discuss ways in which a person in service can attract others to service; explore ways in which a service sponsor can assist those new to service; and, present personal experiences of those serving as service sponsors. The background also includes links to the current pamphlet and service material on service sponsorship. It is noted that since the item was originally submitted, a section on service sponsorship was added to the revised A.A. Service Manual 2021-2023 edition.</p>
<p>What does the Delegate need to know?</p>	<p>Does your group feel the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship” should be revised to include more shared experience on service sponsorship? Why or why not?</p>

Jeff D- I've read it a number of times. We could add some of our experience. The General Service Conference will definitely be moving forward with this I would like to see the pamphlet revised.

Sandy- I agree that it should be revised.

Michael D- I'm not too familiar with the pamphlet. It would be good to revise and update it.

Charlotte- What I'm concerned about is that the pamphlet is geared to newcomers.

Chris W. – Agree with Charlotte.

Jane- Whatever more information added could be great. I know new pamphlets could be expensive but I think it would be good to update.

Jo M. – I knew nothing about a service sponsor or even hear about it for many years. Anything we can do to bring it into circulation the better. It takes everybody to make up (unable to hear speaker). Of all the benefits that service brings any reference that we can get people interested in the better.

John H.- When I first considered the topic my initial response was to get a new pamphlet. I think it is good idea to review it. As long as it doesn't inhibit the sponsorship relationship a small section is ok.

Jo T.- I don't think it is necessary to be in the pamphlet. It is a pamphlet for newcomers. Put a blurb about the general service manual.

Laura K.- My first response was "yes we need more information published". But it's a pretty hefty pamphlet. I would like to see a separate pamphlet about service sponsorship.

Michael M.- I agree we should redo this pamphlet. They are old. I've always had a service sponsor. Its recommended.

Phil B.- I agreed with previous people that it may not work for the audience. Small section or new pamphlet.

Thom H.- I think personally it would be nice to have some experience in there. There is a mention in the pamphlet. I don't have a service sponsor. I trust General Service to have information that is succinct.

What's on Your Mind?

Amy- Other service entities can take consciences too. PICPC, YPAA, etc.

Elisabeth- That person (from an entity) even though they are not a GSR they can still go to the mic?

Amy- Yes.

- Volunteer for Report back: No Volunteers
- Next Business Meeting – April 9 at 1:30

Close with the Responsibility Statement