

General Service District 11 Panel 71
December 03, 2022, 10:00am
Meeting ID: 87300225118
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Opening of Meeting- Serenity Prayer

Tradition 12 – Kelly G

Concept 12– Mary N

Birthdays: Mary N 44 years!

GSR Take Back: Jo M.

Visitors: Jennifer B- Visiting Area Officer, Alex W

New GSR's: None

Introductions (in attendance): Elisabeth B- DCMC; Jeff D- DCM 002 Chair of Ad Hoc Web Committee, Web Editor of CNCA.org; Michael D- GSR SASTO; Alex W.- helping with Tech; Chris W-Recording Secretary ; Doug M. GSR Men's Stag; Jennifer B- Area Delegate; Mary N- GSR Talking Stick, Registrar; Thelma- GSR Sunday Tucker Farm; Jo M.- H&I Liaison, Intergroup Liaison, Financial Oversight Committee, GSR Tuesday Big Book Study; Joe T.- GSR Men's Crosstalk at Crosswalk, Beginners Meeting Chair; Kelly G- GSR New Life Woman's Group; Sandy S.- DCM 001; Michael M.- DCM 003; Thom H.- Treasurer, GSR Sunday Big Book Study; Laura K- GSR Day at a Time

Approval of Minutes: Approved as published

Tech Report: Jeff D and Alex W

Jeff D.- We have listened to the groups and memberships about communication and accessibility about our web. I oversee the content. Alex does the tech. We got the meeting guide app up to speed. People are giving feedback. We have to talk to intergroup before going live with the app next week.

Alex- Google analytics is tracking the website usage. The app is being used over the google spreadsheet, this validates the usage of the app.

Jeff- the website has been patchwork. Alex and I have worked for 6-7 months on patchwork or complete overhaul of the website. There are some works in progress. This is the direction we want to go.

Alex- when I first got into AA, I looked at the website. It didn't look like AA was for me. I copied the website to a staging place where I could edit. I looked at other websites such as AA New York. Los Angeles has a clean beautiful design.

Shares the redesign. Shows the website. There are menus and tabs to the navigate the website.

Jeff- we are looking at how to utilize this. Who is using this? It was more meant for pass it on and intergroup reps. Now there are areas for that. Now it is focused to the membership in general.

Alex- all the other information will be in other areas of the website. The app and 12x12 are on there. It is a quick and clean design for someone that is new to AA. People can easily get the information they need.

Jeff- the image shown may not be the image used. It would cost 1500. We are trying to find an appropriate image. We will be asking for photos in high quality. On every page you will see the meetings and hotline number. The menu bar at the top will be accessible from any page.

Literature going to people outside of AA i.e., PICPC. We are talking about designing the PICPC section geared to those professionals. We are talking about developing a QR code to access the literature. Right now, these are on a separate app. We need an OK from Intergroup.

Kelley- AANAPA.ORG?

Jeff and Alex- yes.

Jeff- the old website wasn't appealing. AA is not going to be replaced but it will be embracing technology, particularly younger people. We need a website that is appealing to the membership.

Elisabeth- looks amazing, everyone in the chat seems to feel the same.

Officer Reports:

DCMC – Elisabeth B- I sent the agenda packet. It has been a privilege to be of service. Thank you all for your support. I got a true sense that these consistent meetings are conduits between GSO the Area and to the Groups.

Our DCM Sandy was able to get copies of flyers for PRASSA and other events. They are in the agenda packet. If you need printing let me know. Jennifer also sent some emails with Trustee Report and pamphlets that are not going to be reviewed at the conference.

If anyone is on fire about tech, there are open places on the committees at the Area. Talk to myself or Jennifer.

Alt. DCMC – Open, next year I will be stepping back into this position. People interested in the PICPC committee, speaking to professionals or speaking at non-AA meetings, talk to me. I can help with training.

DCM 01 – Sandy- I took notes at the DCM Sharing Session. For the new panel look over the notes. There was a checklist about defining General Service to the General Population. We had a great Subdistrict meeting this morning. People shared what they've learned in the last 2 years. You all served your groups well. There was an Agenda for the Sub District meeting shared. There is a timeline for 2023 in there. If you need it let me know. It can be updated as the year progresses. It has been a privilege serving as the DCM.

DCM 02 – Jeff D- I also attended the DCM Sharing Session. People have asked about solving problems as a DCM, we've discussed safety issues. Direct service to people and groups. Our message is getting out. People are using us to guard the traditions and help struggling meetings. As we go into the new panel, PRASSA is coming up quickly. Get your hotel first.

DCM 03 – Michael M -I had a great time this panel. I continue to be with General Service. PRASSA is coming up. Thank you all.

Recording Secretary – Chris W- Nothing to report. Thank you for letting me be of service it was a privilege to serve.

Treasurer – Thom- Shared Treasurers Report. October was an easy report to prepare. Nothing happened. I didn't make it to post office in time. There were checks that cleared. The bank balance is closer to the register. November I deposited the October receipts. I wrote an outstanding check. Our bank statement doesn't show in the registrar for outstanding check. Shares balances, including prudent reserve amount.

Submitting for Disapproval for October, November

No disapproval

Approved as Submitted

Registrar – Mary N- looking forward to training Jo. Am working on new spreadsheets.

Literature – Open

Archives – Open

Beginners Meeting Chair – Joe T- Nothing much to report. There were 2 newcomers at the meeting yesterday. They stuck around and got some books. The position is open. It will do wonders for your recovery.

Bridging the Gap Chair – Teresa V- Open Position

Intergroup Liaison – Jo M- The Thanksgiving Alcahthon was great. The Christmas is coming up hosted by Men's Stag and TGIF. Hotline needs volunteers, there are elections and open positions at intergroup. The birthday meeting is doing well. We need a coffee person for the birthday meeting. Website has newsletter. The website change is exciting.

H&I Liaison – Jo M- need volunteers, 6-month sobriety requirement. It is a great service. Look up Handinorcal.org

NAPYPAA Liaison – Annelise B- not in attendance

Unity Day – Thom- all monies are reconciled and final check has cleared.

Financial Oversight Committee – Jo Moore- Nothing new to report.

Tech Host – Jeff – Job Description. There are two sides, Tech and Web. Shares written job description outlining responsibilities of each position. Tech is more on the equipment and support side. The Web helps maintain the website. Acts as a liaison to representatives to different service entities. Posts information and take backs to the website. Maintains the emails associated with AANAPA.org. Contact me if you have questions or would like a position.

Ad Hoc Hybrid Committee – Sandy, Laura

Laura- Walter, Thom, Sandy and I brainstormed new locations and divided them up. There were some criteria set such as kitchen, internet, and space. Walter looked at locations in Yountville, community Yountville church said yes but we would need approval from the Board. Vets home is a yes. Presbyterian in St. Helena said yes. We would need our own tech. Not sure about internet connection at each location.

Visiting Area Officer: Jennifer B, California Northern Coastal Area 06 Delegate will speak about her experience with emergency situations and how AA responds.

Jennifer- when I first got the topic, I thought about COVID and the fires. In 2015 there was an assembly scheduled for Napa that we were unsure if we would be able to do it. On questions on Safety there is a GSO Pamphlet. They also cover emergencies in the pamphlet. It is good to discuss these things in advance as a group. When we plan ahead, we don't have to scramble as much. Or we let go of what is not as important. We tend to band together pretty nicely. 2019 was the last assembly before COVID. It was rescheduled 3 times. Eric was our chair at the time. Our diner got canceled. Then COVID happened and we hopped right on Zoom. We now have a backup plan and can hop on a meeting at any time.

I also want to share the Motions Book CNCA Motions & Index. It is a history of the Area, there are histories of accessibilities and Area motions. In there are things about the 2017 wildfires. Our meetings were in Petaluma. My house burned down; I was so grateful for having a service commitment. It helped me have a sense of normalcy. There is an article there about the scramble that ensued with the Area. Everything came together. We were doing inventory, for those 8 hours I wasn't thinking about my problems. It is full of last names so I don't think we could just post it on the website.

Then COVID happened at the conference. I didn't show this in my report but I will share it here. Going forward they will have a better plan in place. There was the perfect storm for a COVID outbreak. Thankfully nobody got horribly sick. We always have the option to go online in the future. Someone always steps up. Planning in advance is great but it works out.

There are a lot of groups that are not connected to General Service but going to the groups I see them doing all the things AA does. Reaching out to newcomers, having service reports from their treasurers etc. Think in advance but know that we cannot plan for them all. You either crawl under a rock or become more resilient.

Elisabeth- we will take our break, when we come back, we will do an election for the open positions.

Break

Reopen with the serenity prayer

• ELECTION of

1. Treasurer- Devon P!
2. Recording Secretary- Remains Open
3. Archives Chair- Mary N!
4. Beginners Meeting Chair- Remains Open
5. Bridging the Gap Chair- Thelma!

- 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

- **House Keeping Motions – None**

- * **Old Business –**

1. Venue for Hybrid District Meeting- shared above.

Elisabeth- are we ready to look at the venues and vote on this today?

Will be moved to new business for Business Meeting.

New Business – Proposal that Web and Tech is named as one committee to avoid procedural overload. Inside the committee there would be two job descriptions, one for each position.

Jeff- The reason I looked at it is that Area separated theirs out. Having another committee separate from one another would mean needing another person. One committee would be more efficient and avoid having too many committees. There would be the two positions within one committee.

Thom- What is the function of the District web and tech person be? The web belongs to intergroup, who manages that.

Jeff- the web person for the district will be a liaison to the intergroup ad hoc. Combining with intergroup was much cheaper and more efficient. There is a combined committee with the different service entities. The committee would pick a chair. I am the Intergroup Chair (web committee) and the district's liaison to the web committee.

Elisabeth- we will move this to old business for January.

- **What's on your mind**

Jo M.- thank you to everyone that has been doing this, especially Elisabeth.

Michael M- id like to thank everyone too. I will not be at the next Business Meeting.

Thom H.- This has been an interesting panel. There were a lot of changes. It says a lot for our tenacity and love for AA and keeping it going.

Charlotte- Thank you Elisabeth you have done an amazing job. When I joined this group you helped me process a personal matter. You guys have helped keep me together. There will be a new GSR from my Group. The conference was amazing.

Jeff- These are exciting times; we added a Spanish translator to the website. There is a Registrar's workshop, I recommend everyone attend. Can we import air table with tech.

Sandy- Thank everyone, especially Elisabeth for stepping up and filling in. There were some messages in the chat I sent to some individuals. Those who stepped up today- thank you.

Elisabeth- I appreciate all of you and I appreciate that I am continuing to be of service next panel.
Motion to closer early.

Thelma- make motion, Jo Second

Close with the Responsibility Statement

Next Business Meeting – January 7, 2023, at 10:00, Subdistrict Meeting at 9:00 am

Meeting closed at 11:40