

General Service Meeting
via Zoom 860 5600 2397 PW: 060455
10:00a.m.-12:00 p.m.

January 7, 2023
AGENDA

- I. **Opening of meeting:** Serenity Prayer
- II. **Introductions, Sandy S, DCMC, Jeff D, Web Committee, Jo Moore, Registrar, Laura K, DCM sub district 2, John Kent, GSR Sat 7Mens Stag, Elisabeth, Alt. DCMC/PICPCchair, Matt Evans Area Lit Chair, Matt H, Available to Chair Beginners meeting, Michael M, District Literature Chair & GSR for Living Sober group, Devyn P. District 11 Treasurer, Joe T. DCM sub district 03, Mary N Archives Chair, & GSR for Tues morning Big Book Study, Chris, GSR Friday Candlelight, Joy, GSR, Tuesday Crosstalk, Thom H DCM sub district 02**
- III. **New GSR's, Chris, Friday Night Candlelight at Crosswalk, John Kent, Saturday 7 Men's Stag, Joy, Crosstalk at Crosswalk, St. Helena Thursday night 7:30 p.m. Candlelight Topic/Discussion, Visitors, Jennifer T making herself available for BTG chair, Matt E from Area 06, Birthdays – no birthdays**
- IV. **Volunteer for GSR Report Back Form is in the packet, Joe T will do the report back this month**

Recording Secretary- Elisabeth B today

(Tradition and Concept read as printed, Tradition 11 and Concept 11, I changed the minutes after it was pointed out)

Tradition 1: Laura K- Our Common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on AA unity.

Concept 1: Jo M. The final responsibility and the ultimate authority for AAA world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole fellowship.

- V. **Approval of:**
 - a) Minutes – Minutes approved as published
 - b) Treasurer's Report – Will approve after report is presented
- VI. **Date Changes for District 11 Business Meeting and Unity Day**
 - a) March 4 – change to March 11th at 1:30PM, Sub-District Meeting 12:30PM
 - b) April 1 – change to April 11th at 1:30, Sub-District Meeting 12:30PM
 - c) November 4 – change to November 11th at 1:30PM, Sub-district Meeting 12:30PM
 - d) June 17 – Unity Day

DATES CHANGED AS PRESENTED

- VII. **Reports:**

Sandy S.DCMC, - Shared long-range calendar, and information for Inter district Workshop January 14, flyer attached. Speakers are all accounted for. Report is written in the packet, attended area meeting, January 21 is this months Area meeting. Out going officers shared reports, and PRAASA registration is open now, get a hotel room soon. Eric, new delegate, is assigned to a committee for GSC, Corrections. Agenda Topics for literature may be in Corrections. Election for Literature at meeting and Matt E elected. 2023 budget approved. See written report for details.

Elisabeth B, Alt. DCMC PI/CPC, -see attached report

Sandy S./Joe T DCM 01, - attended Area DCM sharing session, see attached report

Thom H DCM 02, - Join us at the sub district meeting at 9am before the monthly District 11 Business meeting.

Laura K DCM 03 – The purpose of the sub district meetings is to prepare and support GSR's. It is highly recommend that you attend especially if you are new to General Service. We encourage your participation and want to hear what your needs are and how we as DCM's can help you.

Treasurer, Thom Hinesley, Question for Treasurer, re: distributions, and responded by Sandy, will defer to FOC last quarter, and financial guidelines, and will be reviewed at the next meeting. Budget approved as submitted, with group contributions added
Recording Secretary, Elisabeth B

Registrar, Jo M- Big Learning curve, will need the information for all of the forms, and will figure out the process completed with the new Area Registrar, will need emails, and info, along with phone numbers, not all meetings have GSR's, make sure that Jo has the information – Question about emails and availability for district officer emails.

Archives, Mary N – Will attend the committee meeting at the end of the month
Literature, Michael M- Will attend the area committee lit meeting

BTG, Open

Beginners Mtg, Open – Matt will be the new chair, and is doing secretary for next 6 weeks, thanks for the service opportunity

Intergroup Liaison, Open/ Jo M outgoing Liaison, gave her report – Needs, male delegate at large, as well as liaison for NAAPYPA

H&I Liaison, Open / Jo M shared that H&I chair position is open, need coordinator, most meetings are virtual, not going into jail, but shelters, Crestwood, Shamaia house, and H&I NorCal, John Curnutt is the contact person, Jeff D did present on web presence for H&I area 52, San Quentin Sponsorship program

NAPYPAA Liaison, Open

Unity Day. Open

Tech Committee – Jeff D, presented information about what's needed for H&I presence on the Napa Valley AA Website at the H&I business meeting. He shared that they will start things up soon, developing email system, and are in the process of setting up safety protocols.

VIII. Visiting Area Officer –

Matt E, Literature and Grapevine, La Vina Chair for CNCA 06, Shared his experience with making himself available for an area officer position. He shared his experience, strength and hope around how he got sober and then how Service helped him continue in sobriety. Matt explained that desperation was what gave me the opportunity to read the big book, the Student of Life, story, THIS!! That story, told my story and the opportunity to relate, cemented the feeling of belonging in AA. He shared information about the upside-down triangle, and how the GSR is the conduit for the group to the Conference. He shared that this process is in the Service manual and described how each point is a link in the chain of communication, and that it is that link, one alcoholic helping another in service that keeps our fellowship alive. It keeps literature available for our meetings and will continue to be there for the alcoholic who has been born today and will need it in 19 years.

He also shared how his first GSR commitment went from feeling as if the business meeting was boring, or how it can be the most exciting thing ever!

The opportunity for growth in our program exists because that there is a gap and GS asks the question, how can we speak to the folks who do not hear, because, AA had been here there was coffee, lights on, and pamphlets/books/ and there is someone born today who will pick up a 5th edition that will speak to that person.

He shared how finally, when he did get the position at the hat, he thought, What have I done? We don't campaign. Just raise our hand and leave it to our higher power available.

Break and Seventh Tradition

The meeting sang Happy Birthday to Sandy who is now 39.

IX. Open Positions

- a) Recording Secretary – Asked if anyone is available, no one made themselves available
- b) Beginner's Meeting Chair – Matt H will be the new beginners meeting chair
- c) Bridging the Gap Chair – Jennifer Tracy will be the new BTG chair
- d) Intergroup Liaison – no one made themselves available
- e) H&I Liaison – John Kent will be the new H&I liaison

f) NAPYPA Liaison - open

Guidelines: Voting members of District 11 are, District Officers, Chairpersons and current GSR's. During discussion, please wait to be recognized by the Chairperson, remember all discussion should be directed to the chairperson, please give only your own ideas and refrain from a debate or commenting on what other people have shared, we want all people to feel comfortable with their thoughts and ideas. Finally, wait until all have had a chance to share before speaking again.

Housekeeping Motions: Housekeeping motions are simple in nature and usually do not set precedence for the District. There is no discussion and are accepted if no one disapproves of them otherwise it goes to new business.

X. Housekeeping Motions - None

XI. District Business:

a) New Business: None

b) Old Business:

i. Proposal that Web and Tech are named as one committee to avoid procedural overload. Inside the committee there would be two job descriptions, one for each position. (Motion approved)

ii. Venue for Hybrid District Meeting – Are we ready to vote on this OR do more investigation?(Presbyterian Church St. Helena, Veterans Home)

The vote is for in person and virtual

The St Helena Presbyterian Church is available, and we will continue to consider the Vet's home after checking the WIFI

We will vote next month

XII. Discussion Items: Accessibilities Committee Chair presented by Elisabeth B
Accessibility Committee Chair Job description

Meeting Expectations:

- Chairs the District 11 Creates and Chairs Accessibility Committee Meeting- expected
- Monthly Officer's Meetings - expected
- Monthly District business meeting - expected
- Monthly Area Accessibility Committee in Petaluma – expected
- Area Assemblies (4 per year) - suggested

Duties:

- Ability to receive and send Email is a Requirement of this position.
- Support members with a variety of accessibility challenges
- Communications that keep the public and appropriate agencies informed about local AA accessibility
- Providing resources and guidance to groups so that they can accommodate all AA members
- Keeps the District informed about Area 06 and District 11 Accessibility activities

Poll taken, the motion was made, all but one voted to approve, and will be moved to next month as new business at the business meeting

XIV. Area Committee and Assembly Motions:

NEW BUSINESS

- That CNCA make a one-time purchase of a video monitor at cost not to exceed \$450. This will be housed and used at the CNCA Archives Repository for the Archives 2022 Winter program on December 10, 2022, and future events.

– Presented as a housekeeping motion by the Archives Committee at the Area Committee Meeting 11/26/22

Area Assembly Motions

Continue at Pre-Conference Assembly April 1-2, 2023

PRESENTATION OF NEW BUSINESS

- That the Conference Literature committee consider producing literature combining *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* with the *Twelve Concepts for World Service*. – Presented by District 14 at the Area Committee Meeting 10/22/22

OLD BUSINESS

- A request to the trustees' Literature committee that the 2021 advisory action related to the phrase "lustful enough to rape" on page 66 in the chapter 'Step Six' of *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* be rescinded and the language be returned to the original. - Presented by District 20 at the Area Committee Meeting 10/23/21

NEW BUSINESS

- That the phrase "cómo nosotros los concebimos" (as we conceive it) on Step Three of the Third Edition of the Big Book in Spanish be corrected in future editions to; "como nosotros lo entendimos" (as we understood him), the correct translation from the English version of the Big Book. - Presented by District 20 at the Area Committee Meeting 11/27/21

XIII. What's On Your Mind:

Question: How to get in contact with officers or other members to get in touch

Answer: Registrar will send out spread sheet, and can be able to find the information in the group email.

Lynn couldn't share her info as we couldn't hear

XIV. Tradition 2 Volunteer: Devyn P volunteered

XV. Concept 2 Volunteer: Matt H

JOE T will send out the Take Back

XVI. Close with the Responsibility Statement

