

**Napa District 11
Panel 73 General Service Meeting**

**Via Zoom 860-5600 2397 - PW 060455
10:00AM – 12:00AM
October 7, 2023 Agenda**

I. Opening of meeting: Serenity Prayer

II. Introductions, New GSR's, Alternates, and visitors, Birthdays

Derek, Melanie, Sandy, Joe, Michael, Laura, Chris, Duncan, Joy, John, Terry & Devyn

III. GSRs – 2 minutes – share about your group / check in / Questions

We all shared personal/fun facts- a quick check in of our meeting and introduced ourselves and our service

IV. Volunteers for the month of December - GSR Report Back, Secretary, Tradition 12 and Concept 12

Does anyone have an objection to not doing any business in November just our inventory? Questions?

Objections: No

Next business meeting will be in December. Derek will do minutes, Duncan- Secretary, John Tradition 12, Concept 12 Devyn.

John would like to be involved and invited in the FOC Meeting.

V. Tradition 10: [Michael M] Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

VI. Concept 10: [Jo M] Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority— the scope of such authority to be always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and bylaws.

VII. Approval of:

- a. **Minutes – September 9, 2023-** *Move to approve minutes from September Two Motions and no objections. Minutes were approved.*

VIII. November's DBM – District Inventory (precedent has been to not have a DBM and only conduct the District Inventory) - We will have an outside facilitator to take our inventory. District meeting is on November 11th due to the fall inventory. Earlier in the year we changed meetings due to conflicts in conferences.

IX. Financial Oversight Committee – Update [Duncan L]

Met with FOC in August. The budget that is included, we had a small committee with Jeff and Sandy to talk about the budget has been prepared in the past, looked at trends, motions that affected finances, made adjustments around travel for assembly, there is an oversight on my part that did not include travel for the forum that is being held possibly in San Diego next year. We will be adding that in once we have that information. What will be in the budget actuals from 2023 to actuals in the 2022 these will reflect the idea that we will be going to in person meetings and still be funding travel. Have a look, take a peak, right now I have presented a meeting October 16th to review budget and talk it over to make any adjustments after that we will have an FOC meeting in November before completing in December our 2024 budget. Anyone can join in. Duncan will send out separately in an email our budget report. If anyone has questions please email Duncan.

X. Presentation of 2024 Budget – For review [will vote for disapproval in December]

XI. Open Positions: No one at the meeting offered to provide service or could for any of these positions.

Please announce at your meetings for our most needed position of secretary. Thank You kindly.

- a. **Recording Secretary**
- b. **Archives Chair**
- c. **Accessibilities Committee Chair**
- d. **Intergroup Liaison**

XII. Visiting Area Officer – None for the rest of the year.

Someone knocked on my door and I did not hear this. Apologies- Melanie

General Service conference report available on Area 6 Website (I think) the report in the booklet from the New York Conference. If you would like more info reach out to Sandy.

XIII. Break and Seventh Tradition

XIV. Officer Reports: DCMC, Alt. DCMC PI/CPC, DCM 01, DCM 02, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Registrar, Archives, Web/Tech, Literature, BTG, Beginners Mtg, Tech Committee, Intergroup Liaison, H&I Liaison, NAPYPAA Liaison, Unity Day.

Written reports are on page 11. Sandy started with her report- did attend the DCMC area sharing session what is the size of your triangle. In line with inventory. Is your triangle balanced? Inventory Dates, Final report for NY is out. Let Sandy know if you have any questions.

Elizabeth not present. Laura DCM- went over the final report, during GSR school we went over best practices for taking a group inventory- Page 28, 29 of the AA as a group pamphlet. Pass out to members to see what they feel the best questions are, Laura will write out her process and Sandy put out the group conscience packet. Devyn D11 Treasure- we have 11,000 ish in the bank. Motion to approve the report- Two motions- No objections- Approved. Jo Moore- If you have not received a beginner GSR kit, I will make sure you get one, email me please. Michael- Next anniversary is in SLC Utah, go to the anniversary you will get a one year subscription of LaVina.

Sandy- Beginners meeting needs attendance and have some service commitments. Service District 11, reports. For GSR's when you give the report back to your group you can find it there. On Napa AA. Org. We forget things and all the minutes

and reports are there for you to share with your groups. We are looking for someone to support the Christmas Alcahthon. Contact Joy.

XV. Update on Venues for District meetings – The current options for a venue are the Presbyterian Church, in St. Helena - charges \$75/month;– Elisabeth B & Kevin O

This is a report on our most recent actions taken to find a meeting place for our monthly business meeting. Kevin has been looking into City and County meeting rooms. I have been looking into Churches, as well as the Napa Valley College. We have had several recommendations from members and have looked in to Rock church, St. Apollinaris and Our Fathers House. At this time, the only venue that has responded with meeting space on Saturday mornings is the Napa Valley College. The cost is \$60.00/hour. The room is in the library, the community room and is available starting 12/2/23. I will continue to reach out to other venues and Kevin is looking in to other options as well.

The Rock Church Rental: Rock Worship Center – contact rmdematteo@gmail.com, rates on website: <http://www.therocknapa.com/facilities> ; need liability insurance \$1,000,000 per occurrence; annual aggregate \$2,000,000; phone 707.337.0909 – Rebecca DeMatteo; cost is \$20.00/hour; if we have food there may be a custodial charge. We would need to talk to Rebecca about having coffee and cookies. This is the charge for 1-25 individuals.

- Anyone want to volunteer to look at the sight? Duncan, Laura and Sandy. Hopefully we can make a decision to come back together in person for a hybrid location

Guidelines: Voting members of District 11 are the District Officers, Chairperson, and current GSR's/Alternate if GSR not present. During discussion, please wait to be recognized by the Chairperson. Remember all discussion should be direct to the chair-person. 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 they are accepted if no one disapproves of them, otherwise, it goes to New Business for the next DBM.

XVI. Housekeeping Motion:

- a. Motion: That District 11 adopt the updated Job Descriptions for Officers, Committee Chairs, and liaisons for District 11. – presented by Sandy S, DCMC- *Moved to New Business for December so that Angela can proof read the job descriptions.*

XVII.Old Business: Motions:

- a. The Financial Oversight Committee recommends the District Prudent Reserve fund be increased from \$800 to \$3,000 – presented by Duncan L

3000 would cover us as a quarter of the year as opposed to 800 for one month. Does not require a second motion. Any comments? Laura- like 3 months cushion Lady Jo- is for it. Angela-for it. Derek- for it. Melanie- for it. Terry- for it. Devon- for it. Chris- For it. Joy- for it.

Formal Vote- 11 are in favor- unanimous. None opposed and no extensions. Everyone voted.

XVIII. Presentation of New Business:

- a. **Motion:** I move that we keep the District Business Meeting as a zoom only meeting. –
Presented by Angela H

Will look at again in December. Angela- Move to keep the DBM zoom only. Derek why be opposed? Its hybrid. Angela- my thoughts are that tech issues interfere. People in person and people on screen are struggling and less satisfactory for both parties. Cheaper to do one or the other. I don't plan to attend this meeting in person and I have heard people express really liking the zoom meeting. Sandy- the previous motion in April that was passed to return to in person meetings, we bought a computer, made sure wifi was available, if wifi isn't powerful enough we have allocated to buy a hotspot to make sure in person and hybrid will work out. Since we voted on this in April if we are agreeing to meet in a hybrid format why is a motion being made when a previous motion is being brought up. Angela- the reason why the motion was brought up is because we were having issues finding a venue, then we found a place, my concerns is that we will be having tech issues. I feel that our voices are better heard online. I still think in terms of budget zoom is satisfactory. Any other questions? Terry- I believe we should have zoom only. Sandy- do you have a clarifying question? Terry No. Sandy- This will move to new business next month.

XIX. New Business: None

XX. Discussion Items:

- a. *How to fill open positions for District 11 - Angela- I think this is interesting can we work this into our group inventory. Angela- personally I think most require too many meetings. Laura- I am not sure if when I go to meetings that don't have a GSR, I try to announce open positions and include a sentence about what being in general service has done for my recovery and conveying the excitement and offering it as an opportunity and not a burden. Its a great chance to be of service and enrich your sobriety. Try to attract. Duncan- piggy back on what Laura said. I think there is only so much GSR's can do but try to attract. Explaining more about what the positions do and what their role is. I suggest DCM's get that word out and connect with groups about what these service positions are. Sandy- its in the DCM's job description. Joy- I share a lot at meeting as well that don't have a GSR. Clarifying what the work commitment is, making it clear and time you would need to spend. We have to make people excited about it. Sandy- I feel its been challenging to get coverage with service commitments, we struggle, I hear this from area and district as well. What I have heard at area is that hybrid meetings struggle. Currently its been a struggle to how to get zoom meetings to be a participant in the general service conference. Its all over the board and I appreciate you making announcements. My experience is that I get more excited when I am in person and it makes me look at my own recovery. Area does provide hybrid meeting due to the area being so wide, we can reach a larger audience from people with health issues etc. I like meeting in person and get to meet more people who's path that I would not normally cross and provides a deeper sense of community.*

XXI. Area Committee and Assembly Motions: See attached Area Motions

XXII. What's on your Mind: **Jo Moore-** *what are our inventory questions next month so we can get information out. Sandy- Meeting is not a closed meeting. You can invite anyone. As far as the questions I will get those questions out.*

XXIII. Close with the Responsibility Statement