

**Napa District 11**  
**Panel 73 General Service Meeting**  
**Via Zoom 860-5600 2397 -PW 060455**  
**10:00AM – 12:00PM**  
**August 3, 2024 Minutes**

**I. Opening of meeting: Serenity Prayer**

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

Derek C - Recording Secretary/ Napypaa Liaison/ GSR Sunday Night Big Book Study:

Duncan L - GSR Joes Group/ On Site Tech Host/ FOC Chair/ Area Tech Committee:

Joe M - District Registrar:

Joe T - DCM Sub District 03 :

Sandy S - DCMC District 11:

Teresa - GSR New Life Women's Group:

Jeff D - District 11 NVCA/ Tech Host/ CNCA 06 Web Editor:

Jason - Intergroup Liaison/ Financial Oversight Committee Chair:

Micheal M - District 11 Literature Rep./ GSR Living Sober:

Micheal B - Alternate GSR:

Chris - GSR Candlelight:

Giulio C - GSR In The Park M/W/F: ( New GSR )

Nell Z - Freethinkers: ( Not Present )

Amara - DCMC Santa Clara: ( Visiting )

John K - GSR Saturday Morning Stag/ H&I Liaison:

Devyn P - District Treasurer:

Terry F - GSR Serenity on Saturday: Doing well, making announcements. Grateful for Nell.

Angela H - GSR Calistoga Gliders/ District Archives:

**Introductions over**

Sandy: When we had our in person meeting pre covid we had a coffee maker and a cookie monster and would like to start it again. Are there any objections?

Jeff: Just to clarify, coffee is provided by the district and cookie monster is funded by the individual.

Jo M: ( Volunteers for coffee maker )

Sandy: I made physical copies of the agenda, costing around \$5 each. I am wondering if we should continue this?

Seeing none I will not make physical copies, I will continue to send these by email.

**III. GSRs – 90 seconds– share about your group / check in / Questions**

**IV. Volunteers for the month of September GSR Report Back, Tradition 9 and Concept 9**

Tradition 9: Duncan L

Concept 9: Micheal M

**V. Tradition 8:** [Duncan L] Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

**VI. Concept 8:** [Derek] The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of overall policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.

Sandy: I have the traditions checklist at the end of this packet if you would like to go over it or share it with your meetings

## **VII. Approval of:**

**a. Minutes – July 2024** ( Approved, no objections )

## **VIII. Upcoming Dates to remember:**

**a. Summer Assembly – August 10<sup>th</sup>, Campbell Community Center**

Sandy: Fliers are at the end of the packet. If you want to join the dinner you should probably reserve quickly

**b. Fall Election Assembly – November 9<sup>th</sup> – Cornerstone Fellowship of Livermore, CA**

Sandy: These are really interesting and a wonderful experience of the third legacy voting. There will be a new system of voting using electronic voting as incorporating Zoom made it cumbersome last time.

## **IX. District Job Descriptions:**

Tech/Web Chair - Jeff D: These are two separate jobs, when we made this position we had just gotten into the pandemic and they have each grown substantially. This includes managing the Zoom during the meeting as well as the hybrid equipment being set up for the in person meeting. This takes about ten hours a month. The Web Chair manages the website and is own by GSO. The Web Editor fills in information like distric meeting notes and upcoming events and meeting schedules. This takes about twenty hours a week not including district, officers, and a web committee meetings.

Sandy: Could you put together a motion to separate these two jobs?

Jeff: Yes.

Unity Day Chair - Melanie: ( Not present )

Literature/LaVina/Grapevine Chair - Micheal M: This has been an awesome job for me. The biggest thing is to make the Area meeting once a month in Petaluma but it is also on Zoom. Take notes and take it back to the district. Required Area and District meeting, Suggested ... Keep literature in stock such as Big Books, pamphlets, Service Manuals as well as push subscriptions to the Grapevine App and set up the literature table at District and Area meetings. About two hours a month as well as driving to attend all four assemblies which can include some substantial driving time.

Accessibilities Chair - Thom H: ( Not present )

BTG Chair - Joe T: I took this commitment mid panel. There is a lot more to it than anticipated. It takes a lot of time and organization but I am glad to accept help from Teresa. District, Officers as well as a Bridging the Gap meeting which I have not been holding. The purpose of this position is to meet persons leaving treatment facilities and getting them to their first AA meeting. There is typically only one interaction but sometimes it turns into more. We give them a ride to the meeting and introduce them to our fellows. We go into Archway as well as Duffy's. We explain who we are as well as give out blue cards that the facilities fill out to coordinate when they will get out of the facility so someone can meet up with them. We also get cards from other districts that we have to hand off to the area where the person will be living afterward if it is not Napa.

## **X. Financial Oversight Committee Update - Duncan Lange**

We have had a very busy July and have not had a meeting. I have a tentative FOC meeting on the third week of August where we will talk about guidelines as well as outlining the budget to be ready by the end of the financial year 8/19 or 8/22. More to come.

Sandy: We will be submitting the budget in September so that we can approve it in October to be ready by November.

Duncan: I will be sending out follow up emails to update everyone.

**XI. Meeting in a Pocket** – to get copies contact Sandy (707.363.0720) OR Jeff D (510.384.0731) for copies

**XII. Assembly Motions:** Take these to your group prior to the Summer Assembly. They will be Old Business at the Summer Assembly.

Sandy: I am listing here again just so to remind GSR's to get group consciousness, we will not be having discussion on them again today.

- a. That CNCA 06 extend voting participation at the Area Committee meetings and at assemblies to the Chairpersons of Area standing and sub-committees - *Presented by Carol H, Jacqueline P, John O, Jose L, Thom H – Standing Committee & Sub-Committee Chairs CNCA06 Panel 73 12/16/23CNCA*
- b. That CNCA 06 expand area officer eligibility to Chairpersons of Area standing and subcommittees, who have served as a DCM or DCMC - *Presented by Carol H, Jacqueline P, John O, Jose L, Thom H – Standing Committee & Sub-Committee Chairs CNCA06 Panel 73 at the Area Committee Meeting on 12/16/23*
- c. CNCA continues to provide hybrid functionality for every Area Committee Meeting and each Assembly. – *Presented by District 15, Humboldt/Del Norte at the Area Committee Meeting on 9/23/23*

**XIII. Open Positions:**

- a. **Accessibilities Committee Chair** - ( None available )

**XIV. Amara, DCMC for District 04/Santa Clara North – Presentation on Safety Workshop [No visiting Area Officer December]**

Thank you all for letting me be here today ( Sharing screen ) I am the DCMC for area 04 as well as the. Our responsibility statement is also a pledge which I really, really like. After someone, somewhere has overcome all the odds and has reached out for help, what and who is the hand of AA that reaches back? Is that hand taking advantage of them sexually or financially? Are they not being fully extended because of social status or color of their skin? If I am responsible, what do I need to do? What resources are available? There is a pamphlet "The AA member - Medications & Other Drugs", the yellow safety card provided by GSO. Anonymity is not a cloak for illegal or illicit behavior, individuals are still subject to the law and authorities can be called. "Membership does not include having to tolerate sexual harassment, threats..." From the Service Manual, Talk about issues of safety before they arise at the group level. Let AA members know that if they are concerned about the words or actions of another member, let another trusted member know. It's okay to talk about it. If someone comes to you with a concern, how would you respond? Our safety committee is wondering how to create guidelines. We are having a Safety in AA Forum on October 19, it will be hybrid. [district04cnca.org](http://district04cnca.org) if you want to help please browse our website and complete our safety survey. Register so we know you are coming. We will have international visitors as well as people from GSO.

Joe: My home group we had some issues coming out of covid with women feeling uncomfortable. We had our DCM come in and we had some meetings about it and decided to read the predatory behavior part of the safety card. Now that safety positions have rotated and people are not used to the issues I wonder if there is a more general way to say this.

Amara: Thank you for sharing because we are looking for specific instances. We will be providing a safety toolkit at the workshop to provide examples of general statements to bring back to your groups. You might consider looking at having a more broad statement like, knowing that it is okay to speak up but also have actions to take as a group when someone does speak up.

Angela: I have never heard of the yellow card or the safety flier. Since a lot of my friends in the room have a lot of sobriety and have an unspoken understanding, I know that those who need help because of their behavior are the people who often need the meeting the most. It is hard to find this balance of policing and being welcoming.

Amara: Why do we allow the disruptors to stay, for example men, and send their victims to womens meetings instead of the other way around?

## **XV. Break and Seventh Tradition – PayPal – gsdistrict11@gmail.com**

Sandy:

## **XVI. Officer Reports:**

DCMC - Sandy S: Just to let everyone know, especially those new to service. There is a calendar attached to the packet I sent out for all district and area events. There is also old business as well as motions that will be brought to the area assembly next saturday. At the ACM we talked about the third tradition as well as the spirit of rotation. There were five housekeeping motions that all passed. ( report attached )

Alt. DCMC PI/CPC - Elisabeth B: ( Not present ) ( Report submitted )

DCM 01 - Laura: ( Not present )

DCM 02 - Joe T: ( Nothing to report )

Treasurer - Devyn P: ( Report attached ) I did not attend the last district meeting so I will share the June report first. ( Screenshare )  
Now I will share the July report ( Screenshare )

Sandy: Any objections to approving both of these treasurer reports as submitted? ( Seeing none, so approved )

Recording Secretary - Derek C: I was going to ask people to speak more slowly but, I think I was just having trouble orienting to the new hybrid setup last month.

Registrar - Jo M: I have asked in the chat for contact information, I need a phone number, address and email to give to our area registrar. If you don't think I have that, please contact me, I have my phone number listed by my name.

Archives - Angela H: Nothing to report, I plan to make the next archives work day.

Web/Tech Jeff D: Just to add on, there is an AA Archives workshop coming up with a lot of good info. The Area's website is really good and I wish to get ours up to that level. We are getting much better at this hybrid meeting. We have a new person coming on that we are orienting. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to make this service better.

Literature - Micheal M: ( Report submitted ) Fun fact, did you know that the preamble was originally written by a Grapevine editor?  
See you at the Summer Assembly!

BTG - Joe T: ( Nothing to report )

Beginners Mtg - Matt: Good attendance, please announce this at your meeting. 5:45 in the Fireside Room at Crosswalk Church on Fridays.

Tech Committee - Jeff D:

Intergroup Liaison - Jason A: In our last meeting we had loving discussion around filling open positions. There are many positions being filled by only a few people. We are making announcements to get more people involved. The Beginners Meeting has had dwindling attendance so remind people to attend as well as attending yourself.

H&I Liaison - John K: ( Report submitting ) There is a pressing need for volunteers, especially a liaison for the men's jail. I attended the Area H&I and I learned a lot of good stuff. They need our support here so pass that on to your groups. H&I has no outreach except at the district meetings so we rely on GSR's to take this back to your groups.

NAPYPAA Liaison - Derek C: We have made some changes, we are still having an event which will be a movie night but have changed the Events Chair, location and date. It will be August 24th and there will be a speaker meeting at 7pm followed by a movie. \$5 admission with free popcorn with candy and soda for sale at one of the Serenity Homes on Lernhart Street. Flier to follow soon.

Unity Day - Melanie A: ( Not present )

**Guidelines:** Voting members of District 11 are the District Officers, Chairpersons, 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 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 they are accepted if no one disapproves of them, otherwise, it goes to New Business for the next DBM.

**XVII. Housekeeping Motion: None**

**XVIII. Old Business: None**

**XIX. Presentation of New Business: None**

**XX. New Business: None**

**XXI. Discussion Items:**

- a. District 11 having scholarships for PRAASA on a regular basis given the District has the financial means. Include as part of the Budget? Who? Requirement – person in need? How to distribute?

**XXII. Area Committee and Assembly Motions:** See attached Area Motions

**XXIII. What's on your Mind?**

**XXIV. Close with the Responsibility Statement**