

Napa District 11

Panel 75 General Service Meeting Minutes

In Person: St. Helena Presbyterian Church
1428 Spring St, St Helena, CA 94574 (Fireside Room)
Zoom: 860-5600-2397 / Password: 060455
10:00AM – 12:00PM
January 4, 2025

I. Opening of meeting: Serenity Prayer

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

Michael Morgan- District Committee Member 003
Terry- Meeting Chair for Friday Night Newcomers Meeting at Crosswalk
Jason- District Registrar
Meaghan- District Treasurer, GSR NTY, Liaison for Napypaa
Theresa- GSR for Thursday night women's meeting
Melanie A- Nothing
Jo Moore- Grapevine Lavina Representative
Laura K- Intergroup Liaison
Angela H- District Archives Chair
Phil- Alternate DCMC and PICPC and GSR for Crosstalk at Crosswalk
Derek- District Committee Member 001 and Web Editor
Ali C- Recording Secretary
Madison- Visitor from District 4
Sarah- Visiting Area Officer Area Registrar
Nell- H&I Liaison and Tech Chair and GSR for Free Thinkers
John Shellhorn- GSR for Calistoga Gliders and Liaison for Intergroup
Duncan- DCMC

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

IV. Volunteers for the month of February: GSR Report Back (Angela), Tradition 2 (Nell) and Concept 2 (Phil)

Volunteers for the month of January: GSR Report Back (Laura K), Tradition 2 (Michael) and Concept 2 (Derek)

V. Tradition 1: (Michael) Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity.

VI. Concept 1: (Derek) The final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

VII. Approval of:

- **Minutes – November 2024 / December 2024** Duncan has no minutes from the previous panel.

VIII. Upcoming Dates to remember:

- **Interdistrict Workshop: Galilee Lutheran Church**
8860 Soda Bay Rd, Kelseyville, CA 95451
01/25/25
- **CNCA Area 06 – Area Committee Meeting: Petaluma Community Center**
320 N McDowell Blvd, Petaluma, CA 94954
01/18/25

- **District 8 – Contra Costa County: Agenda Topics Workshop (Hybrid)**
399 Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek CA
02/01/25 9am-3pm

- IX. Financial Oversight Committee Update** - Duncan Lange- has to put together a new committee. Jason has offered to chair that committee. Talk to Duncan or Jason if you want to be a part of this committee.
- X. Presentation of 2025 Budget for Disapproval – Duncan Lange APPROVED**
Jason is curious about an 80% increase and wants to make sure it's based in reality. Duncan said it's a best case scenario. In the past it has been prepared as a deficit budget. Work from a standpoint of what is our actual holdings vs actual projected needs. At the time this was prepared we didn't have a current treasure report for the end of the year so we looked at what we would need based on previous years. It's a projection.
Michael wants to know the ending balance in December is \$5570.17 which includes a \$3000 prudent reserve.
Phil wants to know if the funds are not as projected if we will cut back on expenses. Duncan said that's what business meetings are for. Whoever is in charge of that expense will bring that to the group for approval.
Angela thought the newcomers meeting was self-sustaining so she's curious about the \$1200 in the budget. \$428 is dedicated to archives for mileage for work days. No other committee has a dedicated amount. Prasa scholarships are a mute point because we have no money.
Duncan said we will know how much money we have when we get the end of January Treasures report.
Meaghan noted that intergroup will be doing their contributions to the district around now after the new treasure takes over. Duncan noted we get it sometime in the first quarter.
- XI. Assembly Bid for Fall Assembly Update – Duncan Lange**
Held on November 1, 2025 at the Napa Valley Expo Chardonnay Hall. Jeff Dickenson has stepped up as Chair for that assembly. Duncan claims it is a really cool thing to be involved in the planning process so to get in touch with Jeff. It is a single day assembly with a dinner that is hosted the night before. Duncan wants to propose that intergroup and district combine their party for Halloween at Crosswalk.
- XII. Assembly Motions:** There are no new Area or Assembly Motions.
- XIII. Open Positions:**
- **Alternate DCM- A fill in for another DCM if they can not make it and gives someone a change to learn the DCM position (Melanie A) , Bridging the Gap Chair (Duncan has heard from Sheila who might be interested and Theresa is willing to help her) , Intergroup Liaison (Laura K), Unity Day Chair**
- XIV. Visiting Area Officer – Sarah B.** Presentation on: Spirit of Rotation and taking on new service commitments. Gives more people the opportunity to be of service. When it gets to the point where I think I know best, it's time to rotate. It keeps my ego in check. To be a part of is to get involved.
- XV. Break and Seventh Tradition – PayPal – gsdistrict11@gmail.com**
- XVI. Officer Reports: Duncan is proposing that he can have a written report and send it out with the minutes.**

DCMC NONE

Alt. DCMC

PI/CPC- No written report.

DCM 01- Did sub-district meeting. Met shortly and divided up meetings between DCM's. More aware of what his role is and going to make sure to attend area meetings.

DCM 03- Been going to the HUT and TGIMS trying to get GSR's for meetings.

Treasurer- Not here.

Recording Secretary- We're taking minutes

Registrar- Nothing to report.

Archives- Drawers at the offices are all cleaned out and organized. Needs to coordinate with people and figure out if we need to save all snapshots that aren't of any use to anyone. Found this great document "Passing It On" and is going to retype it to send it to people. Get ahold of Angela at 707-738-4346

Web/Tech- Derek (Web) Fumbled the meeting to pass it on because the computer broke so has to make another

meeting. Nell (Tech)- Still working on getting new computers.

Literature-

BTG- Position Open

Beginners Mtg- Plans to give an email on the Tuesday before this meeting. Matt sent the last report.

Tech Committee- None

Intergroup Liaison- Attended the intergroup meeting last month and they were electing their officers. Laura was asked to be events liaison. It's a new position but they would be the point person for everyone who is putting on the events.

H&I Liaison- Had the business meeting last night and the plain language big book has been approved to go into institutions. Women in women's jail have elected not to have meetings. Need a new coordinator for for mental institution. Nells phone number is 707-227-2017

NAPYPAA Liaison- N/A

Unity Day- N/A

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.

Laura would like to make a motion to get new service manuals.

XVII. Housekeeping Motion: None

XVIII. Old Business:

- **APPROVED Motion:** That district 11 purchase a laptop, microphone, and the necessary equipment, not to exceed \$1200, to conduct our hybrid District Business Meetings – *Presented by Angela H, Archives Chair*
- **DONE Motion:** That District 11 separate out the current committees of web and tech into two separate committees. [i.e. - *Presented by Jeff D, web/tech Chair*

XIX. Presentation of New Business

Nell- Free Thinkers would like the plain language big book spiritual experience translation to be kept the same. "Unsuspected Inner Resource" from "Power greater than oneself"

XX. New Business: None Presented

XXI. Discussion Items:

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

Angela doesn't think it should be put in as a regular item and it should be based on our funds each year. If we have surplus funds one year then it is available the next year and it might encourage people to give extra money.

Laura K said that some groups put it into their budget whereas smaller groups don't have that. She believes the requirement should be that if you're a GSR that does not have the reserve for it.

Jason wants to know what the objectives are around what the scholarships are trying to achieve.

Angela thinks we should create a subcommittee together. She is willing to be on the committee and organize the meeting.

XXII. Area Committee and Assembly Motions: No Area Motions

XXIII. What's on your Mind?

Sarah wanted to remind us of the preconference assembly in April. Delegate Chitchra has been assigned to the PI committee. Agenda topics timeline will be released this month. Santa Cruz has formed a deal with local marriott for discounted rates. Book sooner rather than later. Parking will not be free. Encouraged to carpool.

Duncan just received a text message from Chitchra that Brooke Hanes died last night.

XXIV. Close with the Responsibility Statement