

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
February 1, 2025

I. Opening of meeting: Serenity Prayer

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

John- GSR for mens stag
Noble H- GSR for the in the park group
Angela H- District Archives Chair
John S- GSR for Calistoga Gliders and Liaison for Intergroup
Terry- Meeting Chair for Friday Night Newcomers Meeting at Crosswalk
Theresa- GSR for Thursday night women's meeting
Melanie A- Alternate DCM
Laura K- Intergroup Liaison
Claudia- Alternate Delegate
Phil- Alternate DCMC and PICPC and GSR for Crosstalk at Crosswalk
Jason- District Registrar
Michael M- District Committee Member 003
Derek- District Committee Member 001 and Web Editor
Ali C- Recording Secretary
Meaghan- District Treasurer, GSR NTY, Liaison for Napypaa
Jo M- Grapevine Lavina Representative
Duncan- DCMC
Nell- H&I Liaison and Tech Chair and GSR for Free Thinkers

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

IV. Volunteers for the month of March: GSR Report Back (Angela), Tradition 3 (Meaghan) and Concept 3 (Theresa)

V. Tradition 2: (Michael M.)

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

VI. Concept 2: (Derek C.)

The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole society in its world affairs.

VII. Approval of Minutes – January 2025 Phil- Motion to approve Michael- Second Approved

VIII. Upcoming Dates to remember:

**2/15/2025 - Sonoma Agenda Topics Workshop
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
1300 St. Francis Road, Santa Rosa
Registration opens at 9:30AM
In Person Only**

**2/22/2025 – CNCA 06 – Area Committee Meeting
Petaluma Community Center
320 N McDowell Blvd, Petaluma
Meetings Start at 8:00 AM depending on committee
Business Meeting starts at 12:30 PM**

PRASA March 6-9th in Alaska

- IX. PRAASA Scholarship Ad Hoc Report – Angela H & Phil**
Recommendation that District 11 award a PRAASA scholarship of \$500 annually if funds are available to new GSRs or current GSRs who have never attended PRAASA and whose groups do not budget to send their GSR to PRAASA. If there is more than one applicant for the scholarship, a name would be chosen out of a hat rather than drill down into an individual or group financial need or other qualification. The check would be given directly to the recipient as a scholarship rather than have the recipient turn in receipts for reimbursement. [NOTE: Both methods of distributing the scholarship funds were discussed, but it was decided that since the money is awarded as a scholarship and is not technically expense reimbursement, it would be easier and cleaner to simply give the recipient the check. We discussed the potential of PRAASA expenses being less than \$500, but between hotel, parking, meals, mileage, plane tickets if necessary, etc., that is highly unlikely in 2025 and beyond.] Note: We briefly discussed promotion of the scholarship—announcing it at meetings or posting something on the website—but it was pointed out that GSRs should be attending the District Business Meetings where it is discussed and announced and therefore would be aware of the scholarship and can apply. It's a great incentive to get GSRs to the business meetings and to reward GSRs who attend the business meetings.
- X. Financial Oversight Committee Update – Jason A**
No updates at this point.
- XI. Assembly Bid for Fall Assembly Update – Duncan L**
District 11 will be hosting and it will be held at the Chardonnay Hall at the Napa Valley Expo. Usually a dinner that would be held the night before on Friday, October 31st. In Napa a few things happen on the last Friday of the month and on Halloween. (Birthday Meeting and Anniversary Party). Jeff and Duncan went to Intergroup and consensus Madeline P is going to be the speaker at the Friday night Birthday Meeting and there will be a dinner and there will be a Halloween party all on that night. Show up in costume.
- XII. Assembly Motions:** Discussion of new business at the CNC approved to contribute \$300 to ACYPAA.
- XIII. Open Positions:**
- **Bridging the Gap Chair, Unity Day Chair**
Devyn has stepped down from DCM due to family commitments. Melanie is our alternate. Melanie is open, but doesn't live Up Valley. Duncan suggests that we renegotiate with the other DCMs. Duncan can assist with Up Valley meetings. Melanie IS IN! Whoop Whoop! Now we need an alternate DCM.
- Laura K's schedule has settled and she is interested in taking on Unity Day, but needs a co-chair. Derek volunteers to be co-chair.
- XIV. Visiting Area Officer – Claudia N.** Presentation on: GS Conference / Agenda Topics / GSR Duties
Don't forget our motions for discussion before the agenda topics.
We have a purpose- our 12th step work and making it possible for the newcomer.
- XV. Break and Seventh Tradition – PayPal – gsdistrict11@gmail.com**

XVI. Officer Reports:

DCMC- Duncan passed it on

Alt. DCMC

PI/CPC - Phil wants to know if NVCC Nursing Program is interested in a meeting, PI booth at BottleRock

DCM 01- Derek met with Michael and talked about how Melanie was going to join (hopefully). How to put together our next schooling and will divide up the districts to make it work.

DCM 02- Melanie will not be late anymore and put our meetings in her calendar.

DCM 03- Michael met with Matt. Went over how they can attract GSRs. Susan K will be putting on how to pick Agenda topics in the DCM sharing session. Michael and Derek met yesterday and each month they will have GSR's pick a topic about what they want to share about. The DCM sharing session is hybrid and in person in Petaluma.

Treasurer- Meaghan previous month with \$5,570.17. Total deposit \$1531.43 over the month. Included branch deposit by previous treasure and transfer from paypal and a couple checks from various meetings. Only debit in Jan was \$1.50 deposit fee from using a mobile app to do the deposit. The ending balance is \$7110.07 Prudent Reserve is \$3000.

Recording Secretary- Here

Registrar- Jason 2 updates to our excel spreadsheet. Communicating with the Area Registrar to get all excel uploaded to make things simpler moving forward.

Archives- Angela has a report submitted. Looking for people to help with group history and take old timers' interviews and stories down. Wants Archives to have a presence at Unity Day

Web- Derek met with Zaine and outgoing web editors. Everyone has access to wordpress so we can edit websites and make changes. Set regular meetings and are already talking about making improvements. Going through website and making notes ie when you press the AA Hotline Number it goes straight to dial on your phone

Tech- Nell is happy to drop any of the documents in the chat if anyone needs a copy.

Literature- Jo is not literature. She is Grapevine La Vina. She lets us know when there are new publications and encourages everyone to support AA and that is through the app where you get wonderful daily quotes.

BTG-

Beginners Mtg- Terry can't find a list for this group and isn't on the mailing list. Frustrated. Tech challenges.

Learning. Will connect with Meaghan about collections.

Tech Committee-

Intergroup Liaison- Laura K

H&I Liaison- Lots of volunteers are awaiting clearance. For the last several months the incarcerated in women's jail do not want the meetings. Need a new Chair to organize meetings for Napa State Hospital

NAPYPAA Liaison- Discussed alcathon being successful and almost broke even. Making a flyer for elections.

Feb 26th at 845 and there will be pizza for the elections.

Unity Day. [90 seconds each]

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: Jason makes a motion to get the PRASA scholarship started ASAP and Melanie seconds it. Unanimously this motion passes. District 11 to offer a \$500 scholarship for 2025 PRASA as recommended by the ad-hoc committee, with the scholarship to be open to GSR's who have not previously represented at PRASA.

XIX. Presentation of New Business

- **AA Booth at Bottle Rock – Presented by Phil B**

Jason said we have done this previously, but it was not sponsored by the District and loosely organized. The response to it was really good. Nell wants to know what else they need besides the \$500. Phil is going to head it but needs volunteers. Meaghan wants to know when we have to reserve the booth. Michael wants to know if it includes tickets to the bottle rock concert. Bottle Rock is May 23-25. Rolling into new business for the next meeting.

- **Suggested Change to Plain Language Big Book – Presented by Nell Z**

Translation reads Spiritual Appendix line 567 “With few exceptions our members find they have tapped into an unexpected inner resource” and it now reads that “Power greater than themselves” and creates a new obstacle for Atheists and Agnostics. They want to change it back to keep the original meaning as attended.

This might get presented at our awesome November assembly. Will be presented as new business for discussion in March.

XX. New Business: None

XXI. Discussion Items:

- 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: No Area Motions

XXIII. What’s on your Mind?

Jason- Distributions we should be thinking about

Meaghan- Since we passed the motion for the scholarship, how do we let people know how to apply for that?

Phil- Ad Hoc committee agreed that it would only be promoted to the GSR’s that show up for the district meetings.

XXIV. Close with the Responsibility Statement