

General Service District 11 Panel 71
District Inventory Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2022,10:00AM
Meeting ID: 87300225118
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Opening of Meeting- Serenity Prayer

Tradition 2, Long Form- Jane C

Concept 2- Sandy S

Birthdays: Teresa- 1 year! Annelise- 2 years!! John T.- 5 years!!!

GSR Take Back: Charlotte T- Each month notes from DBM will be posted on <http://www.aanapa.org>

Introductions (in attendance): Jeff Dickinsen-DCM SUB 002, Ad Hoc Web Committee Chair; Elisabeth Brumley-DCMC; Sandy Staulcup- DCM SUB 001; Michael Morgan- DCM SUB 003; Michael Detweiler- GSR SASTO; Annalise- GSR Never Too Young; Charlotte- GSR Serenity on Saturday; Chitra Samanta- Visiting Area Treasurer; Doug Manning- GSR Saturday Men's Stag; Jo Moore- GSR Tuesday Big Book Study- Intergroup and H&I Liaison; Joe T- GSR Crosstalk at Crosswalk, Beginners Meeting Chair; John T-GSR Hutt Group, GSR No Mam Men's Group; Laura K- GSR Day at a Time; Kelly G- GSR New Life Women's Meeting; Phil B- NAPYPAA Liaison; Teresa- BTG Chair; Thom Hinesley GSR Sunday Night Big Book Study, District Treasurer; Walter N- GSR Senior Center Meeting; Thelma- GSR Sunday Gliders; Mary- GSR Monday Night Talking Stick, District Registrar; Jane C- GSR Keep Coming Back

New GSR's, Visitors:

Approval of Minutes: Approved.

Officer Reports:

- DCMC- Elisabeth B- Report in the Agenda. One of the highlights is the upcoming agenda topics and workshops. Accessible on AANAPA.org, can put flyer in the chat. Opportunity to be of service is available. Let groups know when sharing the take back. There are literature opportunities. PICPC Chair and Alt DCMC are available. Please share. Let me know if you need help opening the packets. Alternate vendor is doing the DDP program, they also do alcohol and drug intervention for felons. I shared a virtual presentation with the group, they are interested in more literature and support. They need people to share every 10 weeks. Please reach out if interested. Things are well set up for the PICPC Chair. Any Availability?
- Alt DCMC/PICPC – Open- Please Announce at meetings
- DCM 001- Sandy S-great subdistrict meeting. Jeff facilitated. GSRs gave reports on the websites, didn't go to the sharing session. We have a sharing session next month. It is listed on the agenda.
- DCM 002 – Jeff D – Amazed with the GSRs participation. Went to the sharing session. Billy M shared on the importance of districts. Very passionate. I asked many people to attend. They send transcripts, will

post on the website. Other DCMs and I talked about attending more meetings in our district. You will see us more going forward. Ready to serve to facilitate sharing of agenda topics.

- DCM 003- Michael M.- I attended the Area Meeting and Subdistrict meeting. Thank you to the GSRs, you're working it. Speaker at the sharing session referenced his prior positions. There are 93 districts across the county. He talked about the district how it is their business what goes on in the area but not the areas business what goes on in the districts. Went to the Officer's Meeting, was very cool. Waiting for the agenda topics to come. Looking forward to in person meetings.

- Secretary -Chris W.- Nothing to report.

- Treasurer- Thom H – Share screen of shared report. Deposits made but not shown on the report. Debit for rent to pay through June. \$240 at \$40 a month. Purchased Service Manuals and Literature for the Beginner's Meeting and BTG supplies. Checkbook balance doesn't add up because of statement closing dates. Any disapprovals?

Jeff- at the bottom of the statement the outstanding check did you add or subtract the outstanding check, should be less. Object until corrected. Re submit next month. We will discuss after.

Thom- Clarification needed. Will submit 2 reports next month.

- Registrar- Mary N.- Have been working with Claudia to update the database. Will have it updated.

- Archives – Open – Please Announce at meetings. There is a history workshop coming up. Ask for flyer if interested

- Literature – Open – Please Announce at meetings.

- Beginners Meeting- Joe. T.- Attendance has been good. Sent request for interest in the ad hoc review of the beginners meeting. There is a possibility of a 7pm Monday opening at the Crosswalk. Will check with Crosswalk on availability.

- Bridging the Gap- Teresa V- Duffy's has closed to the public again. Spoke with them and they are hoping to open again in March. Will float the Zoom Beginner's Meeting.

- Intergroup Liaison- Jo M.- Intergroup is doing great, there are open positions. Someone has stepped up to cover the hotline temporarily. Great support for the Birthday Meeting. Need a Newsletter Chair. There is information on AANAPA.ORG.

- H&I Liaison- Jo M- They did not meet last night. Nothing new to report. Still taking Literature to the Hospitals and Institutions, but still not doing meetings there. There is an option for credit card donations.

- Tech Committee- Jeff D. – Serves all the entities across the district. Questions about the schedule. They took off the old schedule, the 12 Step Meeting Guide, was removed because there was not a way to integrate Zoom links. Hoping in about a month it will be corrected and online. Was sending erroneous information for meetings that were not open. Contacted about the Grupo Latino and why they're not listed. Looking for contacts within Grupo Latino. Can not add information without their verification and approval. WordPress installed yesterday.

- NAPYPAA Liaison – Phil B- Has several open positions. Events Chair is open. Have an event coming up next Saturday. It is on healthy relationships, to be held on Zoom. All relationships, romantic, spiritual, platonic etc.
- UNITY DAY Chair (June 18) – Open- Please Announce at meetings – We have a tentative reservation if we decide to do it in person. We also have capability to do it virtually as well. Delegate is scheduled to speak. Everything is in place but it needs a coordinator.

There was an error in protocol re the Minutes- Minutes should have been accepted as published. Made a motion instead.

- Visiting Area Officer, Chitra S CNCA06 Treasurer- Sharing her experience with Obtaining a Group Conscience in agenda topics and business meetings.

Thank you for having me. Miss hanging out with you all. I have noticed healthy discussion at the ACM. I reached out to a past delegate to help understand importance of the intent of a motion vs the process of carrying it out. How do we resolve the conflict to find the right path? I learned as a GSR how to take a group conscience, as DCMC I learned from the GSRs how to collect their conscience. We are facilitators and don't have an opinion. The process can become complicated but I wanted to tie in the traditions, concepts, and warranties. Concept 1- final authority rests in the collective conscience of whole fellowship. Ultimate authority resides in collecting this conscience. Tradition 2 says the same thing. When we get the conscience that is our higher power. What is best from the group is more important than an individual opinion. Our job is to read the background and summary and present it in a neutral fission to allow people to share their opinion. We practice listening. We collect minority opinions as well. Relay groups thought to the delegate. At the Area level we have chairs rules, as opposed to Robert's Rules of Order. Our Area practices Chair Rules. It has a little more heart. The chairs have no authority, they are delegated to carry out the tasks.

Elisabeth- I like how you describe the facilitation of a group conscience. When you were getting ready to present information how do you prepare to be in a place where you can facilitate without an opinion?

Chitra- the process itself opens my mind. As I listen, I agree and disagree and my mind begins to change. Listening to opinions helps me get to a point where I truly listen.

Michael M- Thank you. Could you tell the new GSRs how do you prepare to go to the microphone and share your groups conscience?

Chitra- I am super afraid so I write it down and practice it. You are timed and you need to make sure the group is heard. I write down how many people felt. Was it unanimous? I attach the feelings and sentiment to it. Just state what people saw felt and heard.

Jeff- When you were a GSR and did your first group conscience, what were your fears then?

Chitra- the process deflated my ego. I didn't have a lot of participation. It was hard for me to go into length to go into what I needed and brought things to encourage participation. I had sparse participation. The second time it was well participated. It is about me getting over my expectation.

Sandy- Thank you. I loved that you talked about the spiritual aspect. The groups may not get that so it is important to relay the spiritual aspect to the group. Jeff Oden was active and I knew him. He was a great individual and I appreciate you reading his quote.

Kelly- Thank you. - Being a GSR has helped me to keep my opinion to myself when doing inventories. I am there to facilitate the meeting and relay the information. I am still learning a lot about the procedural aspects. Has been a good experience. Have been involved in giving opinions. These experiences helped me with being a GSR because a minority opinion can change everything. Doing the agenda topics, it's a really good experience and it gets people involved. I got a lot out of your presentation.

Doug M- I learned a lot. Last year I got the material and we did an inventory- the only thing we heard was not change the 164 and that wasn't even a topic. I am just the courier of information. My ego and need for affirmation make me want people to pay attention. I will condense the information and pick the topics based on last years' experience. That part of the GSR role for me is pretty discouraging. Me and my group is not very responsive to this process.

Laura K- last year I was a new GSR and not quite 2 years of sobriety and felt new and intimidated. I had no idea what I was doing but I went to the workshops and it was very helpful. I didn't have much of an opinion as I was new. I had that experience of everyone speaking and in the middle was the group conscience. It gave me more confidence for when I had to facilitate a discussion about our meeting going hybrid. It was a really good exercise for me. I got to listen to opinions and keep them in mind going forward. I want things to go quickly but its not like that. It is an experience for me to listen and live differently. It is so helpful; I really appreciate having that format to practice. Looking forward to the upcoming workshops and discussions with my group.

Chitra- There is a leadership essay written by Bill W. Read it after delivering a group conscience. This is like leadership school.

Break

Housekeeping motion- Housekeeping Motions: A motion of a routine nature dealing with administrative or purely formal matters necessary to expedite House business. If there is an objection this will become new business next month

- If there are no objections, I move that the district purchase a LaVina, subscription and 5 Spanish Big Books for distribution when needed. No Objections.

Elisabeth- I want to make sure that we have these for anyone whose native language is Spanish as an accessibility issue.

Jo M.- this isn't a direct translation from the English Grapevine. It is its own standalone publication.

- Next Business meeting falls on same day as PRAASA, if there are no objections, I move that our next business meeting be on March 12 at 1:30, (second Saturday of the month after Intergroup) **No Objections.**

Sandy- the Subdistrict Meeting will be one hour prior to the March 12th meeting.

- If there are no objections, I move that Unity Day, June 18 be Virtual

Joe T.- is there a possibility of moving this to later in the year and host it in person?

Elisabeth- I set this motion because there is no chair. Should we move this to new business.

Objection- this will be moved to new business.

Jeff D- point of clarification. If you made an objection, you do not need to state why you object but can if you want to.

Charlotte- when it moves from housekeeping. Does that trigger our choosing of a chair?

Elisabeth- we can choose a chair at any time. If anyone is available or know anyone who wants to make themselves available, they can come to the next business meeting.

- Old Business – Updates from Ad Hoc Committee for Beginners Meeting

Joe T. – do I need to present it to the district to ask for additional funding for Spanish literature for the Beginner's meeting?

Elisabeth- check your budget with the Treasurer and if you need extra funding then bring it to the District Meeting

Sandy- are we storing the literature at your house?

Elisabeth- They're at my house now and I have the service manuals. Temporarily at my house.

• **New Business**

Discussion:

- INVENTORY NEXT STEPS – Some action items discussed so far: Event with Intergroup, spend money to improve communication/education in our District We will Continue this Discussion
- Concept Study every 3rd Sunday at 6
- Agenda Topics Timeline/Workshops/Support for GSR's

Elisabeth- this seems like a good opportunity to find new members and get them excited about service.

Charlotte- there are comprehensive all-day events with the workshops. They are coming up in the next few weekends.

Elisabeth- The ATW Workshop was one I loved. The potluck was amazing and there is such great fellowship. Also, very informative. For our purpose we could look at doing something within our subdistrict meeting to target agenda topics of interest. Next year we may have two separate events.

What's on Your Mind?

Elisabeth- I attended the Finance Workshop. If you are interested in seeing the power point or notes send me an email and I can send that information. If you or your groups have questions about finance.

Jeff D- During the subdistrict meeting I failed to ask what you would like to have at the next meeting. Please send us an email with ideas. All the stuff from the Veteran's home is now in my garage. We have old pamphlets and literature. Thank you to Joe for pointing out that there weren't many actionable items that came from the inventory.

Kelly G- As someone that came in as a GSR during virtual, I have a hard time hearing about the in-person situations. All day workshops are hard on Zoom, PRASSA is a multiday event. I get frustrated with the situation. I am impressed with how AA adapted. I would love to do these events in person.

Michael M.- PRASSA, in person and virtual. If you have the time its great. Eventually we will go back into person.

Joe T. – Want to mention that I went to the AA History Symposium. There were some recordings. There were four topics. It was fascinating. There presentations on AA history, historical figures. Fascinating presentations. Next year we should share it with our groups. What was helpful to me when gathering agenda topics. I have had assistance with a notetaker which was huge in making my GC successful. We can make ourselves available to help with note taking.

Kelly G.- Did attend the workshop on the 15th. It was my first one. I got a lot out of it. Thank you, Laura for your presentation. Was very helpful. I found it very valuable. Being a GSR has opened me up to attending these.

Jeff- Everyone gets to talk before double dipping. I have the audios from the Symposium. Would you like to see these on the website? I can start working on a history section. We could get flyers up there. We serve all of the service entities.

Doug- Unity Day, in person meetings, my experience with Zoom has been very successful. I have seen newcomers come into zoom. When people reach out for help. We find a way to make it work.

Jo M.- Thank you everyone. The website keeps getting better. Want to put a plug for the DCMs. Use them, they are rockstars. Extend an arm to meetings that are not represented. Use the DCMs. Please be in touch to get the information to the people. I am very inspired by all who continue to serve.

Elisabeth- our Unity Day in the past was alternated between up valley and down valley.

- Volunteer for Report back:
- Next Business Meeting – March 12 at 1:30

Close with the Responsibility Statement