

General Service District 11 Panel 71
District Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2022, 10:00PM
Meeting ID: 87300225118
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Opening of Meeting- Serenity Prayer

Tradition 5 – Laura K.

Concept 5- Doug

Birthdays: Doug- Sober since 2008!! Laura K- 3 Years!!!

GSR Take Back: Jeff D.

Visitors: Miguel Hernandez CNCA Area Chair

New GSR's

Introductions (in attendance): Elisabeth B-DCMC; Jeff D- DCM SUB 002, Web Committee Chair; Sandy S-SUB 001; Michael Detweiler- GSR SASTO; Mary N.- Registrar, GSR Talking Stick; Annalise- GSR Never Too Young; Charlotte– GSR Serenity on Saturday; Thelma- GSR Sunday Tucker Farm Meeting; Walter- GSR Napa Parks Group , Senior Center and Vets Home; Chris W- Recording Secretary; Doug- GSR Men's Stag; Jane C. – GSR Keep Coming Back; Kelly G- GSR New Life Women's Group; Laura K- GSR Day at a Time Group; Thom H- Treasurer, GSR Sunday Night Big Book Study, Unity Day Chair; Miguel H- CNCA Chair Panel 71

Approval of Minutes: Approved as Published

Officer Reports:

- **DCMC- Elisabeth B-** I enjoyed going to the live ACM (Area Committee Meeting), I've had great information gained just by talking to others. Really a different experience than virtual. I do attend the Sharing Session virtually. I appreciate the hybrid tech. Our post conference Assembly will be hybrid. Jeff will be driving to Newark for the Assembly as will I- contact us to carpool. Hybrid was challenging because we look to the Area as our roll model. They are still having challenges and it is a work in progress. We will be looking as a district into obtaining equipment and looking to Area Officer's for their support. Thinking about the end of the year, have any GSRs begun encouraging others to take their position?
- **Alt DCMC/PICPC Chair–** Open- Please Announce at meetings: Looking for speakers for the DDP- Alternatives for better life, private provider that provides classes for felons to reduce time to serve- Elisabeth asked to do a virtual presentation, looking for others to help and I have all the materials ready.
- **DCM 001-** Sandy S- Did not attend the ACM or the sharing session last month. Today's Sub District meeting was on Concept 3 and we had good presentations.

- **DCM 002** – Jeff D-My Sub District is Yountville and above (North). But if anyone has questions, I am available. I went the ACM. The DCM Sharing Session was on the History of the Web and Tech in AA. Very interesting lookback at how long it has taken us to get to this point. We are getting up to speed. Post Assembly Conference info is on the district and Area Website. Join it in person or virtually next Saturday. The hybrid is working well. Few glitches.

- **DCM 003**- Michael M- Not in attendance. No Report.

- **Secretary** -Chris W- Nothing to Report.

- **Treasurer**- Thom H – Review of the Checking Account. Deposits made. Money deposited after the 15th; the bank statement was shared in the Agenda Packet. The Treasures Report was screen shared. There was a deposit listed as a negative number (approval subject to this correction as noted below). No checks cleared and all checks are in. Line 36 should be a positive number, listed as a negative number.

Sandy- Any questions on the Treasures Report we need to approve the report.

Jane- what are we doing with the extra money?

Elisabeth- We need to have the Report approved.

Thom- The excess funds will be discussed in the Financial Oversight Committee, which we don't have, and they will make recommendations. Travel expenses, Unity Day are budgeted. We are at this time over budget by about \$7,000.

Elisabeth- Our Financial Oversight committee hasn't met yet?

Thom- I don't think we have a full committee.

Sandy- We have people that are willing to be on the committee but not a chair. We usually meet quarterly. We do have a district budget but I'm not sure where we stand with the current budget. I'm not asking to do that now, just to approve the report.

Walter- Volunteers for the Financial Oversight Committee if people are needed.

Elisabeth- Would Walter like to move to approve the budget as filed.

Sandy- Seconded that Motion with the correction outlined by Thom (noted above).

Elisabeth- Any objections?

None- **Treasures Report Approved as Published (subject to the correction noted above).**

- **Registrar**- Mary N.- Been working with Claudia on the new Database called Air Table.

- **Archives** – Open – Please Announce at meetings. Former Archives Chair Chris W to bring District's memorabilia to Unity Day and set up a table.

- **Literature** – Open – Please Announce at meetings.

- **Beginners Meeting**- Joe. T – (Not in attendance, no report)

- **Bridging the Gap**- Teresa V – (Not in attendance) Looking for volunteers for Duffy's

- **Intergroup Liaison**- Jo M- (Not in attendance, no report.)
- **H&I Liaison**- Jo M- (Not in attendance, No Report) Elisabeth has minutes from H&I Meeting.
- **Tech Committee**- Jeff D.- Had a meeting on the 26th, other person has a full-time job. We went over- who needs to post takebacks and minutes from different entities. Looking at writing an operating guide. This is for all the entities. General Service is good at forwarding info- other entities not sending enough info.

Working on the Meeting App. Updates to the software. Still sending erroneous information. The app sends information to the General Service, it has been sending them information that is out of date. There is now a spot for Zoom meetings. We are looking at the Google drive to post media. The Wordpress is backing up the website every 3 days. The other thing we are doing, there are many inactive users having access to the website, we are removing those.

- **NAPYPAA Liaison** – Phil B – (Not In attendance) Annelise delivered a report- had annual elections, lots of service positions to be filled. Looking for a GS Liaison.
- **UNITY DAY Chair** (June 18) – Thom H.- Shared Screen- Made the Flyer for Unity Day. All of the Chairs are filled. There is another meeting Monday after next (16th at 7pm) things going along well.
- **Visiting Area Officer**- Miguel H.- CNCA06-Area Chair will share his experience with how to share motions and discussion from the area to a group.

When I was a GSR I had the question- what am I doing here? The first thing I did was make a commitment to attend the Area Committee Meeting. Currently we don't have a GSR in my homegroup. I forward them information. I would keep myself informed. I would take short notes and take it to the Group. It can be difficult to take things back to the Group. He will like to talk about how the money is spent. We have a procedure with the motions. Your group can present a motion to the Area. A group can do it if they feel they need something from the Area. It is important to let your group know this. Examples of this include accessibility. Our area has great accessibility- translation is an example. The GSR is a link between the Group and the Area.

The Delegate just returned. Everything discussed was from the Groups. They don't discuss much- difference between Area Business and Assembly Business. I was at an ACM listing to the entities and at the same time learning English. ACM Business is procedural and not meant to set precedent.

Assembly business is of higher more widespread impact- such as how we do business or new projects such as literature. The business we are taking right now are for new contracts. I know the conscience of my Group and how to tell them. My group likes to hear about money- what is provided, how is it spent. They like to hear about literature and accessibility. Make it sound interesting. You can give them all the information; you have the right of decision on how to get their attention. The way we do business at the ACM is a custom. We don't have much autonomy. We believe in experience, from the Groups and GSRs.

You can get the Comments and Commentarios, email myself of Claudia to get added to the email lists for newsletters and Comments and Commentarios. We put the information in these for the purpose of giving avenues for people to contact us. Please send us questions. I asked my homegroup to give me 10 minutes every month, via motion. It was approved after 6 months in the homegroup. I get a

20 min presentation once a year to the Group. I made a presentation board and put it in the room and posted what was happening. I would hang announcements from the Area there. People would check it out. One person became a GSR. People are excited for the things that being put together in the last few years. Also send a page with the current business if you are on the email list.

Elisabeth- Thank you, I learned a lot and got a lot out of it.

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.

Elisabeth- I don't think we had any motions. It wasn't in the minutes or agenda. We will jump to our discussion.

- **Old Business – None**

- **New Business- None**

Discussion:

- Is there an opinion whether we should form an ad hoc committee to investigate the necessary equipment for a hybrid meeting?

Elisabeth- I was going to do this as a housekeeping motion but thought we needed a discussion first as it will require a good portion of funds. Any opinions?

Jane- I think it is a good idea. It sounds like we have the funds to consider this. I am all for keeping hybrid. It keeps attendance up and since our District is from American Canyon to Calistoga- it keeps people coming back.

Jeff- Are we discussing to form an ad hoc committee or are we discussing the idea of being hybrid. Is there a motion pending?

Elisabeth- We need to have discussion. It would be two motions one for hybrid and one for

Miguel- when we started at Area it started as a Discussion then it moved to a motion to have a hybrid committee then the following month a motion to have them hybrid. It wasn't a straight forward process. It was separate motions.

Elisabeth- we can continue to have discussion.

Sandy- I did miss the last district meeting, I am mixed on the hybrid, I would like to be in person but I would like the option. People need to decide in their hearts what is best. This panel has missed the commodore of the prior panels.

At one of my meetings, we are looking that if we go hybrid we tested my old iPad and wiped it for use in a hybrid meeting. I would be willing to use this iPad for our district but there could be reasons to have our own computer.

Kelly- are we discuss the District Business Meeting itself or other meetings as well?

Elisabeth- I wanted to discuss creating a committee to discuss hardware for the meeting and investigate. The equipment would be for only this meeting but this is up to the Group. Maybe other groups could use the equipment if the District agrees.

Thom- My opinion is that the Beginners meeting is using the personal equipment of the Beginner's Meeting Chair to run the meeting. There have been people that have been able to join AA and maintain sobriety because of having access via the internet. For this meeting it would be a zoom meeting to research having the virtual meeting, how much equipment, costs, what type of equipment (Recording Secretary's Note- a number of specific items were mentioned by Thom). It would be nice to get an idea of what we need. For the District Business meeting it would be efficient. Other meetings have been successful in accommodation of virtual attendees such as using a podium near the microphone to allow virtual attendees to hear and see the person speaking.

Jeff- Going hybrid assumes that we are meeting in person that has not been decided yet. Nor if we will be meeting at the Vets home or somewhere else. It makes the assumption and it has not been decided yet.

Elisabeth- When we were asking last time it was 5 votes for in person out of 12 people, so it was to continue virtual only, but the discussion is still open. What can we do to make things as accessible as possible. Also, the point was made at the Officers meeting that H&I and other entities may be able to use the equipment (Recording Secretary's note- to facilitate District participation in coordinating with the other Entities as opposed to loaning the equipment out? – such as facilitating speakers at virtual DDP or H&I- clarification needed?)

Walter- All the issues should be discussed, would there be support for hybrid? I don't know if I could vote if I didn't know what resources (funds) were needed.

Thom- PICPC would benefit from the equipment. DDP classes are asking for online speakers.

Sandy- I agree that we should have a committee. I think we should take another show of hands, more people here today. People could change their mind etc.

Laura- what I'm hearing is that there are two or more needs for technology. Our needs as a District Business Meeting in person; and the needs of people of the community via PICPC, BTG, Beginner's Meeting, etc. We as AA are using tech more and why did it take so long? Having the equipment can be used for several different purposes and whether we meet in person is a separate issue.

Should we form a committee in forming a committee to investigate the equipment?

Thom- I would like to chair this committee meeting.

Elisabeth- That is one thing but we need a show of hands if we want to continue virtually. Our panel will be up at the end of December. In making this decision, we don't know the opinion or needs of the next panel. There are other options for the use of the technology not knowing whether it will be out of date at a later time.

Show Of Hands, want to know if people want the District Business Meeting to be: In Person, Online Only, or Hybrid?

In Person Only- 0

Online Only- 3

Hybrid- 11

Our last count by show of hands for In Person vs Virtual (held at the April District Business Meeting) was:

In Person- 5 out of 12 hands raised

Elisabeth- does anyone want to add anything or help Thom.

Doug- Panel is almost complete and we should have a good report for the next panel.

The Committee-

Thom -Chair, Sandy, Walter, Jeff.

Michael- I am unclear as to what hybrid is.

Elisabeth- you can attend in person and there would be technology for someone to attend virtually. There would be people there in person and online.

Sandy – is there a time frame to give the report.

Committee to report back in ONE MONTH.

• **Financial Oversight Committee – Volunteers**

Elisabeth- any volunteer for the Chair? We want someone outside this body of GSRs. Think about people in your groups, someone with good time and experience. Please share with these individuals. There hasn't been a chair for a couple of years. It's the same requirements as a GSR.

Richard- I am not available at this moment but will consider it. I am not committing at this point.

Elisabeth- I added officer descriptions into the Agenda Packet. The elections will be in November so it would be good to begin to review these. This is something to think about.

What's On Your Mind-

Jeff- I posted for the GSRs, the ACM Motions. You can use Concept 3 and decide what to take back to your groups. There is a Service Manual Study on the 15th. I will post the flyer for that. Please join us. People are getting a lot out of it.

Walter- Service Manual. Is the Concepts on the same night?

Jeff- We are going through the Service Manual first. We are doing the concepts at the Sub District Meeting before the District Business Meeting. The Flyer is on AANAPA.ORG

Mary- Having problems with Google Docs- seems like the permission for access is not permeant.

Elisabeth- I will have someone help me.

Thom- in the drive we share you should have access to get in there I think that is how it works.

Elisabeth- I will double check with your email.

Elisabeth- at the Officers Meeting we talked about putting in the materials from Jennifer and the Comments and Commentarios, this would cut down the number of emails I send. If there are questions about the Motions you can ask me and I could put them on the Agenda. This may be a better way of giving information from the delegate.

Jane- Motion to Close Early if no one else needs anything.

Seconded

Reminder:

- Concept Study every 3rd Sunday at 6
- Volunteer for Report back:
- Next Business Meeting – June 4, 10:00 am

Close with the Responsibility Statement

Meeting Closed at 11:47am