

General Service District 11 Panel 71
District Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2022, 10:00AM
Meeting ID: 87300225118
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Opening of Meeting- Serenity Prayer

Tradition 6 – Jo Moore

Concept 6- Thelma

Birthdays: none

GSR Take Back: Jane

Visitors: Claudia Nola

New GSR's: None

Introductions (in attendance): Elisabeth DCMC; Jeff Dickinsen- DCM 002, Web Editor; Jo Moore- GSR Tuesday Big Book Study, H&I and Intergroup Liasson; Michael Detweiler- GSR SASTO; Mary Nuernberger- registrar; Thelma- GSR Tucker Center; Michael Morgan- DCM 003; Chris Williams- Recording Secretary; Doug Manning- GSR Men's Stag; Jane- GSR Keep Coming Back; Joe Torres- GSR Tuesday Crosstalk at Crosswalk, Beginner's Meeting Chair; Kelly G- GSR New Life Women's Group; Laura K- GSR Day at a Time; Sandy Staulcup- DCM 001; Thom Hinesley- District Treasurer, Unity Day Chair, Chair of Tech Committee; Walter Neigard- GSR Napa Senior Center at Noon; Charlotte T- GSR Serenity on Saturday

Approval of Minutes: Approved as Published

Officer Reports:

- **DCMC- Elisabeth B-** Attended the post conference assembly. There were speakers taking about conference topics. Also, I got to reconnect with people from other districts, got to hear delegates experience at the conference. She sent a page of highlights to share with our groups. Other districts are working on the hybrid format as well. Everyone's doing it a little differently. Comments on service, selfish yet selfless experience. Carrying the message keeps the door open that's why I'm in service.

District elections are coming up in November and we will have two officers share per month until then. Thom and Chris will share today.

Lots of flyers collected from the Area Committee Meeting. Please check them out.

- **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- I attended the DCM sharing session. It was very interesting. We talked about the meeting app. Discussion around how General Service has allowed the District to upload their meetings to the app. Tech discussion about the app. Quite interesting presentation and discussion with comments. Not sure if intergroup has uploaded the local meetings to the app. I know that they are working hard to bring our meetings up to date. Great presentation on Concept 4 this morning.
- **DCM 002** –. Jeff D- Attended the Sharing Session about the meeting app. The results of 72nd conference is on the website as well as the highlighted one pager. Encourage all to go to Unity Day to hear delegate's experience.
- **DCM 003-** Michael M- I attended the DCM Sharing Session as well. How can we support the meeting guide app was the topic. The registrar shared their job description. Attended the Area Meeting as well. Summer Assembly will be in Watsonville.
- **Secretary** -Chris W- Nothing to report.
- **Treasurer**- Thom H- Shared Treasurers 's Report. Was shared in the packet. There is an error in the debts column. The bottom section is correct. Haven't put the money down for Unity Day. Still need to get insurance. Submitting with a couple corrections. Up for disapproval. Any corrections or changes?

Jo Moore- with the prudent reserve and having \$8,000. When do we do distributions?

Thom- We need to have a financial oversight committee guidance. Would usually be quarterly or semiannually, recommendations would follow the following month.

Elisabeth- Treasurers report is approved with the correction stated.

Alt PICPC Report- Elisabeth - attended the meeting and still keep up with the DDP program. There is a letter to use to share with professionals about what AA is and isn't. At the last Committee Meeting a trustee, Dr. Mooney, shared that there is an opportunity to discuss with your doctor how to get in touch with AA.

Joint Committee Meeting for H&I BTG and PICPC will be happening soon. Good information will be shared.

- **Registrar-** Mary N.- no report
- **Archives** – Open – Please Announce at meetings
- **Literature** – Open – Please Announce at meetings. Ask friends to attend Assembly and maybe they will be interested.

- **Beginners Meeting**- Joe. T – At the beginning of the year I put a motion to evaluate the date, time and format of the Beginners’ Meeting. I don’t think it is necessary, the meeting has had good attendance. I would like to withdraw the motion and need guidance on how to do that.

Elisabeth- I think it can be withdrawn.

Jeff- if it is seconded than it is in discussion. Then it would have to be voted on.

Joe- Will review the minutes and bring appropriate action next month.

- **Bridging the Gap**- Teresa V – not here/ no report

- **Intergroup Liaison**- Jo M- Have been out. I am having difficulty navigating the website to get their takebacks. Unity Day is upcoming. I will direct people to AANAPA.org

- **H&I Liaison**- Jo M- There was a quick meeting to check in. There was the joint meeting with PICPC/BTG. Jail meetings are still not happening. Still taking contributions for the literature going in. This is still important. Need to find out how to get the pink labels for the cans. There is a download on their website. We could put in an order handinorcal.org

- **Tech Committee**- Jeff D- In relation to the question about the Meeting Guide App. It was disabled for now while all the information is put on there. There was no space for Zoom/Hybrid meetings. Looking to move from the spreadsheet t to the app.

We have 2 web editors. Intergroup information is being handled by Patty B. I will contact Patty. I do District, she does Intergroup.

National Tech workshop is coming up. It is a 3-day workshop and I am looking into going.

- **NAPYPAA Liaison** – Phil B- They are having a campout at Berryessa. I will reach out to him.

- **UNITY DAY Chair** (June 18) Thom H Things seem to be on track. Still in need of a cleanup person. Need someone with a truck. Did a check in with Dara. Still need to get ahold of the insurance which I plan to do this week. Meeting this Monday night.

- **AD Hoc** – Hybrid Committee- Thom H – We met and assigned tasks. Will meet again. We got information from the Area and it is in line with research we have done. Will have a presentation with recommendations at the next meeting.

- **Visiting Area Officer**- Claudia Nola, CNCA06 Registrar will speak about her experience with the spirit of rotation.

Because of the Spirit of Rotation, we are blessed with a pool of people that are able to serve. From my experience reaches the heart of another alcoholic. Service has enhanced my sobriety. I started at the group level when I was new. Commitments and responsibility came to life for me through the responsibility statement. I was excited when I was new. I was always full of selfishness and fear. People needed me and liked me. It made me happy.

I had a learning experience as a GSR. When I don't get in the middle and get involved, I sit there with my arms crossed. It is so important to share with people new to service. I got into Bridging the Gap and I loved that we were connecting new members. I learned that getting my way doesn't serve me anymore. As a chair I was butting heads with the old chair. I needed a mediator, and I needed help. We had a common ground in our love for the commitment. I learned about compromise and what is best for the committee as a whole.

I've always gained new levels of understanding as I rotated. I was more involved in BTG (Bridging the Gap) but when I became of service as a GSR and I was serving lunch. In the conference I was listening to everyone's shares including the GSRs and delegate. It brought me back to the statement regarding that we do this not for ourselves but for the still suffering person.

You don't have to say, "I'm available and I know how to do that job", it's about "I'm available."

AA didn't give me my old life back, but a new life. Service is my solution. I never took service because I thought it'd be good at the commitment. It was out of gratitude.

When I learn a new commitment I am finding a new way to serve AA. Always keep in mind tradition 12. When there are differing opinions, I have learned so much through open-mindedness. David made a statement about how DBG was going to serve AA as a whole. My perception changed and opened. I got the 18 inch drop to the heart about AA as a whole- not that I can make a decision, but if I keep the open-mindedness maybe we will all figure out what is best as a group.

When I was District 12 DCMC I talked to my Service Sponsor. There are always people to consider to talk to. I talked to my boss about my availability for my current commitment. Some people's niches are other commitments, this one is mine. It continues to educate me about alcoholics and committees. I went sideways for a while, so what that did for me is give me a broader view. I love to do it. What you're thinking about district commitments. Am I available? That is the question you should ask. I had to learn the new database from scratch. It built self-esteem. The first few assembly reports took me hours. Someone showed me a faster way. I just needed to ask for help. Then I can share to the next person. I feel duty bound to be in service. I have homework about my availability.

Elisabeth- Does anyone have questions for Claudia?

Charlotte- I help a lot of people with tech support. Spending those hours doing the spreadsheet the hard way isn't useless. I like how you described your early service experience. I felt similarly. People are positive and are great roll models.

Jeff D.- When you were a GSR you needed to get someone to replace you at the time of rotation. What did you do to foster people?

Claudia- We have a new GSR in my homegroup. I have started mentoring people. Bring them to events. I would bring Sponsees. People don't know what is available to them for service. So many just want to serve AA. Get them in the car.

With reading the service manual, it takes some getting in to. When I read it, I had an emotional response but we have a prejudgment. The best way is to show attraction, also promotion.

Michael Morgan – I've been in General Service for 12 years. When you talk about making yourself available, id like to go higher. I want to but I can't sometimes. Do you discuss with your sponsor? Should I go higher in the structure or lower?

Claudia- I have a similar experience. I didn't get into service until I had 15 years. I didn't do a DCM or DCMC position until I knew I was ready. I talked to my job, looked at my calendar and then left it up to my higher power. I talk to my service sponsor and my recovery sponsor. I love that we go around the room and do the 3rd legacy. If there are any other questions- reach out. I would also talk with people that did the positions previously. Talk to others that have been of service and then let your higher power choose.

Break

- At our November District Business Meeting, we will elect new officers for the next panel. Each month until November, we will hear from 2 officers, share their experience I. Today we will hear from Thom H and Chris W.

Thom H – Treasurer- My experience had been different than if we were meeting the vet's home. I get to go to the bank and I discovered that if we go below \$3000, we get a bank fee. I keep running tallies on the budget. Were saving money on printing and travel. I am getting quicker at doing the spreadsheets. I do a quarterly review to make sure we are on track. It has gotten easier.

Jane- it takes about an hour a month?

Thom- there is a learning curve, I use excel, and can now turn it into an acrobat PDF. And go to the Post Office Box about once a month.

Michael M. – a person like me that is not great but not bad with money, is this a good position?

Thom- it's pretty straight forward. Money in money out. Deposits and debits go in the register. One of the most difficult is using the spreadsheet. It could be done by hand instead of on the computer.

Chris W – Recording Secretary- Shared experience with the commitment.

(Summary below was drafted after the meeting as I was sharing during the meeting and did not take notes.)

This is not a very time intensive commitment outside of the regularly scheduled Business and Officer's meetings. May take 20 minutes or less to review and format the minutes after the meeting has ended. I then send them to the DCMC and Web Committee Chair. It is a very beneficial position and has helped with my typing skills. Taking accurate minutes is very important for use by the DCMC in formatting the agenda for the next meeting as well as for future reference. It is a very enjoyable commitment.

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.

Discussion:

- Financial Oversight Committee – Volunteers for Chair

Elisabeth- we have a lot of money over our reserve. There are some moneys that may need to be used in our community to support other service entities. We should look at if there are any local distributions that should be made before a distribution to the Area. Is there anyone interested in being the chair. Was Walter the chair of this?

Walter- I have not been in communication with anyone about this. But I do want to be on the committee.

Elisabeth- historically the DCMC should not be the chair. I have invited some outside people to be on the committee but they were unavailable to come. Can we meet without a chair?

Jo M.- AA isn't going to tell us we can't meet. Having only outside involvement in Lake County, there is outside oversight but there is inside processes that is done. I would be willing to be a part of that.

Walter- Normally this is not a part of the service structure but comes from the outside.

Elisabeth- this is a financial oversight committee

Walter- it is like an auditor, someone from the outside. We are looking for someone from the outside. We didn't have a procedure for justifying the amount in the prudent reserve. Unusual expenditures could be put aside while we decide whether or not to spend it.

Elisabeth- are we comfortable meeting without a chair. And then we decide who would present to the group.

Thom- Committee procedure outlines members of the committees. Chair to be elected by the committee. Treasurer cannot be chair.

Elisabeth- We will meet and share in July.

Laura, Walter, Jo, Elisabeth, Thom. Sandy is also available to be on the committee and will join. Other outsiders possibly to join. Elisabeth will set a meeting sometime in the next two weeks.

- Old Business – none.
- New Business- none.

What's On Your Mind-

Jeff- the Summer Assembly is August 13th. The June 6th Challenge is coming up in a couple of days. The Unity in Service in Concord is coming up. I posted the flyer. The list of speakers is fantastic. Flyer on AANAPA.org

Joe T.- Going back to the H&I sticker, during the intergroup announcement in the meeting they are announcing the change but the old sticker is on the can. Can intergroup revise their statement and then coordinate the distribution of new stickers?

Jo M.- I can bring this to intergroup next Saturday. On the website I think you can print the sticker. You can take it to the secretary to put on the cans. H&I has different Area numbers than Area does. For Napa to get credit donate to Area 51.

Michael M. – make myself available for Unity Day cleanup crew.

Chris W. - Make self-available for cleanup crew as well

Doug M- will help with cleanup crew- will bring his posse.

Jeff D- truck needed to haul stuff to the dump after the event.

Kelly- I am doing beverages. I need volunteers for 11-12 and 1-2 to hand out beverages.

Elisabeth- Unity Day is going to be great. The Delegate's share is excellent.

The next Service Study is on June 19th.

Charlotte- it is Juneteenth and Father's Day.

Reminder:

- Concept Study every 3rd Sunday at 6
- Volunteer for Report back:
- Next Business Meeting – July 2 at 10:00am

Motion to Close Early- Jane. Thelma seconded. Closed at 11:48am.

Close with the Responsibility Statement