

General Service District 11 Panel 71
District Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2022, 10:00AM
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Opening of Meeting- Serenity Prayer

Tradition 9 – Kelly

Concept 9- Sandy

Birthdays: Kelly G- 12 years!!; Jeff D- 36 years!! Michael D- 21 years!!

GSR Take Back: Thanks Laura for your Take back notes, volunteer for this month? **Devyn**

Visitors: Jennifer B, CNCA06 Delegate

New GSR's: Devyn – Friday Night Candlelight

Introductions (in attendance): Elisabeth B- DCMC; Michael D- GSR SASTO; Michael M- DCM 003; Walter N- GSR Napa Parks Group; Annelise- GSR Never Too Young; Jo M- GSR Tuesday Big Book Study, Intergroup and H&I Liaison; Charlotte T- GSR Serenity on Saturday; Chris W- Recording Secretary; Devyn- GSR Friday Candlelight; Doug M- GSR Men's Stag; Jane- GSR Keep Coming Back; Jennifer B- CNCA 06 Delegate; Joe T- Beginners Meeting Chair; GSR Crosstalk at Crosswalk; Kelly G- GSR New Life Woman's Group; Laura K- GSR Day at a Time; Mary N- GSR Monday Talking Stick, Registrar; Thelma- GSR Tucker Farm Center Group; Sandy S- DCM 001; Thom H- GSR Sunday Big Book Study, Treasurer; Jeff D- DCM 002, Web Committee Chair, CNCA Web Editor

Approval of Minutes: Approved

Officer Reports:

- **DCMC- Elisabeth B-** Summer Assembly was exciting, I went in person. It was fantastic. Got to participate with everyone and listen to what was happening in other districts. Got to interact with DCMC from another district. Attended Area Committee Meeting virtually. We had an opportunity to recognize language re driving failed and motion re information by mail by request only passed. You can request to receive by mail or you will receive it virtually. One important announcement is that there is a new address for CNCA 06- it is in Petaluma and no longer in San Francisco- let your treasurers know.

The district registrars need to stay updated and send information to the Area Registrar. Please send updates to Mary who will forward to the Area. If you are experienced in Tech, the committee needs new members for the Area committee. They need other tech hosts.

I have updated and renamed our Google folder. Reports are in there. I added Jennifer's chart from the Agenda Packet. Our PICPC committee will be attended the Health and Human Services day from 11:30-1:30 on Sept. 29th. If you would like to participate let me know. We will share information on how to contact AA.

- **Alt DCMC/PICPC Chair– Open**

- **DCM 001- Sandy S-** I went to the DCM Sharing Session this month via Zoom. Great presentation on following a motion through the process of the conference and what was the result. Megan, the web chair, did the presentation. The sub district meeting this morning went well. Looked at Box 459.

- **DCM 002 – Jeff D-** I attended the Sharing Session as well. I didn't get the whole meeting. Broke off into another conversation on how to recruit volunteers. If you have any group issues, DCMs can attend your business meetings.

- **DCM 003- Michael M-** I attended the Summer Assembly. Everyone had inputs on the Living Sober Book. I like seeing people's perspectives. I didn't get to attend the Area Committee Meeting; I was on vacation. I look forward to hearing about PRASSA but I won't be able to attend.

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

- **Treasurer- Thom H-** Screen shared the July Report with the adjustments. There were contributions from Intergroup and individual groups. Debits to PayPal, PO box and Unity Day. There are outstanding checks. Bank statement shared with outstanding checks. Will put a rectification regarding check written for too much (~20) to Crosswalk.

Sandy- there was an error on the paper report from July.

Thom- Edited report in real-time.

Elisabeth- with that correction, are there any disapprovals? Presented for disapproval.

July Treasure's report approved as corrected.

Thom- August report simpler. No deposits. No bank fees, check written to GSO and CNCA. Shared report to the group. My error is rectified correctly.

Elisabeth- presenting this report for disapproval.

August Treasurer's Report is Approved.

Treasure's Report Approval-

July Treasure's report Approved as Corrected.

August Treasurer's Report is Approved.

- **Registrar- Mary N.-** Have been working with Claudia at the Area. I will reach out to people I need information from. I will try to send forms to the GSRs regarding group information.

- **Archives – Open**

- **Literature – Open**

- **Beginners Meeting- Joe. T –** The meeting is doing well. Turnout has been good last few weeks. 2 newcomers yesterday, forwarded them information for other meetings.

- **Bridging the Gap- Teresa V- Not in attendance. Continuing to bring to Duffy's and is working to**

collaborate with H&I. Has been attending the ACM.

Elisabeth- the blue card is being updated to gender neutral language.

- **Intergroup Liaison- Jo M-** Intergroup is happening, the newsletter is up and new printed schedules have been made. We do have the literature person, you can order literature from Shayla, on AANAPA.org. Still need people for the hotline. What we do here is there are 3-4 people on a 24-hour shift. About a call a day comes in. I have been doing it for years and have only taken about three calls. Spread the word- get ahold of them on the website. You can email them directly from the website.

There are new schedules at Sea Scouts and Crosswalk, can also print from the website. Financials are good.

Come support the Birthday Meeting.

Open positions in intergroup. We need a Secretary and NAPYPAA Liaison, second Saturday of the month, held virtually.

- **H&I Liaison- Jo M-**

Elisabeth- I went to the business meeting. They are working with the website teams from District and Intergroup to make a monthly updated PDF. They will have current service position availability. They are looking for a chair. They need someone to chair the meeting and work with the Secretary. Need someone to work to bring meetings in the County Jail. They have 26 meetings a week in the Jail, Medical, Crestwood, Shelter, State Hospital. Also, Spanish meetings. Shamaya house women's facility in Vallejo, Crestwood and CenterPoint has people coming in.

- **Tech Committee- Jeff D-** only two people on the committee right now. Meeting postponed until Tuesday. We have started a Slack communication. We have a new member, still looking for a new person. Continuing to write op specs for the pass it on. Identifying difference between web and tech. working on the meeting guide. Next week I will go to the National AA Tech workshop. Thank you.

- **NAPYPAA Liaison – Annelise-**

Elisabeth- there was a tailgate party last week. It was a good idea. They have a lot going on.

Devyn- good turnout at the event. People shared. There were games. About four newcomers there.

Jo M- Intergroup is informed that NAPYPAA will be doing the Anniversary Party and Alcahons coming up.

Unity Day-

Thom- we were under budget. Still one check to send out.

- **Financial Oversight Committee- Jo Moore.** - We did adjustment to the district guidelines to along with the Area. We put in for PRASSA and mileage and for overnight stays.

- **AD Hoc – Hybrid Committee- Thom H** – Haven't purchased equipment yet. There are some ideas. I need to go make the purchases. It will be done before next DBM. Joe will do testing with the Beginner's Meeting.

• **Visiting Area Officer- Jennifer B CNCA06 Delegate, will share her experience with the spiritual aspect of an election assembly.**

The third legacy and the spiritual aspect of being available. The fall assembly is the Election assembly. All the assemblies are important. This is important for the GSRs who will vote for their groups. I like all the assemblies. Some people like the Election Assembly most of all. Its exciting and moving. Sometimes people spontaneously make themselves available. You may become inspired. People get excited for other positions.

DCMs and GSRs get votes as well as area officers. Outgoing delegate chairs election, traditionally the outgoing person is considered unavailable. There are no reports from people running. Makes the playing field more level. It is just the Elections.

The regional trustee facilitates the elections. Area 07 helps with counting ballots and do tech hosting. This one will be a hybrid election. We are taking what we did on zoom and making it hybrid. Suggested to be in person if you are available.

Shares the assembly flyer. WE are having past delegates help with the assembly. They will orient people to the process. You figure out how to vote on the person you think can best do the job. The third legacy procedure is an electoral procedure. It is in the service manual starting on page 110. Best way to learn is to come in person. We go until we get 2/3 vote, if no one gets 2/3 after several rounds it goes to the hat. The top two names go in the hat and the winner is chosen by our higher power. You never know, it is exciting.

It is terrifying making yourself available. You're standing in front of everyone. It is very vulnerable feeling. Job descriptions will be in the comments and there is an eligibility roll call. People will stay if they are available or not. We do this process as it gets different results than what would happen otherwise. After the roll call people describe themselves. When I was making myself available, I had to pray for willingness.

It is not about how well we think we will do but what we are available to do. You learn as you go. The moment when you pray for the willingness to be available to whatever happened, whether you get it or not, you can get a moment of peace and serenity, it is a beautiful space to be in. It is exciting to participate and to watch. These people will be in the position for two years. It is a spiritual vs a political process. I am where I am today because I continue to raise my hand and say I'm available. We grow where we are uncomfortable. It is bittersweet for my term to be over but I am excited to see where we go from here.

Elisabeth- I love listening to people share that they are available, especially from our district.

Thom- What does "Being available" mean?

Jennifer- do you have the time and energy to serve. Is your schedule going to permit it. Family obligations, can you balance your life with it. There is always sacrifice but don't get buried. Do you know how to ask for help? Do you have willingness to learn the position?

Joe T- I wonder what it will be like for you not making yourself available after all this time in Area? You have committed a long time to Area. Why to we say delegate is unavailable can you do other committees? When our DCMC went from District to Area, it seemed like she couldn't share with us for some time.

Jennifer- having the DCMC not come back to the district is a district tradition. It is a way to have the district find their own footing. Some districts don't do this. I served as the Area Chair before alt. delegate. After about 6-8 years as an Area Officer, it is a lot. Our Area always have people to fill positions. I will be serving ad hoc, on committees, I'll either be an elder statesman or a bleeding deacon. I hope I don't sit in the back judging people. I will help as needed, as people need. Help in the background. A past delegate will help out with PRASSA chair as they have experience and it is a big job.

Joe T- you mentioned how the Area has available people. What would it be like if people weren't stepping up?

Jennifer- I saw some where an Area didn't have all positions filled. Sometimes people step down, the Area can appoint someone or it will be taken up later.

Elisabeth- any questions about district elections?

Break

Reopen with Serenity Prayer

- **Officer Responsibility Description - 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 Chris W, who will share his experience as the Archives chair in a past panel and Elisabeth B, who will share her experience as a PICPC chair/alternate DCMC.**

Chris W- Former Archives- It is a very fulfilling position. Attend the monthly committee meeting in Petaluma before the ACM and report back to the district at the DBM. Attend quarterly workshops at the Archives in Walnut Creek. Lots to learn and a lot of nice and supportive people to meet. Great for people interested in AA history and memorabilia.

Elisabeth- Alternate DCMC- At the beginning of the panel I was elected to this position, any former DCMCs are unavailable until they have rotated out for a full panel. You chair the PICPC meeting, attend area PICPC meeting in Petaluma and the monthly DBM. These are virtual at this time. Attending the Area Committee meeting virtually and. support the GSRs and DCMs. If the DCMC is unavailable; you take their position. That is how I became the DCMC. Alternate can vote at the area when DCMC is unavailable.

Coordinate PICPC function and reporting to the DBM. It is not that busy of a position. I enjoy it. It would be great to have more participants. Not required to do it all but do your best.

- **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**

- **House Keeping Motions –**

1. Presentation of District 11 Financial Oversight guidelines revised

There was a change of date made on the guidelines.

Does anyone have any objections to aligning our financial guidelines with the Area?

Revision of the Financial Guidelines is Approved as published.

2. The district will communicate and cooperate with Intergroup to provide tech support for hybrid Alcathons

Does anyone have questions or concerns?

Charlotte- I think it is a great idea- should we make availability signups in the future, maybe October?

Elisabeth- Jeff is talking with the Intergroup web people to see what they wanted.

Kelly- would they be using the equipment we are going to purchase?

Elisabeth- unsure at this time. We use their Zoom account now. That is why we meet in the afternoon when we do the second Saturday. I assume they have equipment. They may want to do hybrid when doing hybrid Alcathons.

Jeff- for clarification we share the same Zoom? We share the same website and not the Zoom account. Website shared among four service entities. We change meeting time because of time conflict of those who attend intergroup.

No Objections we will keep moving forward with this. Approved

• Old Business –

1. Contact Shaela or Frank at literature@aanapa.org to arrange to get into the storage unit at

Crosswalk Church, please label the bin

Elisabeth- a lot of us have things at our homes. If we would like to meet and organize it into the trailer we can meet. You can contact Frank or Shayla to move things into the bins. Please label the bins. Sandy has things to add to Archives. Can be added to the bins Chris has.

• New Business-

1. Motion that the ad hoc hybrid committee find space for District Business meeting

Any questions or discussion about the wording? The veteran's home Wi-Fi may not be available in the room would we need a hotspot?

Walter- I am at the Veteran's home, I have access to the room. It is a question of scheduling; I think we could arrange a time.

Sandy- I know that we talked about getting the hotspot. We need to look at the more thoroughly. There have been problems with the Wi-Fi at the Crosswalk, it wasn't budgeted but we did put funds for technology.

Jeff- Can you screenshare the motion for everyone.

Motion Shared

Joe T.- I think the hotspot issue is pretty major, almost equal to the location, I would like to amend the motion to include "and explore options for hotspots"

Thom- it could be added on in the budget.

Joe- is this the opportunity to make amendments?

Elisabeth- we could discuss it, or make a separate motion for the hotspot. It is already a line item in our proposed budget.

Walter- this would probably be a requirement for the space, size, configuration, and have a requirement that a hotspot be required. I would assume the Vets home is free, other places cost rent. Tradeoff between rent and hotspot.

Jeff- we have a housekeeping motion but not a motion, this is about intent and wording. Housekeeping motion is either up or down.

Elisabeth- does anyone disagree with the committee looking into a location for us to find a location. Is there agreement that this is ok.

Joe- before we go to vote, what is the purpose of the ad hoc hybrid committee if not to find a space.

Elisabeth- they were originally just to find equipment.

Kelly- finding a place and then determining need for a hotspot. I am ready to vote on how it is currently written.

Sandy- as was reiterated, we put money in the proposed 2023 budget for Wi-Fi. We did a quarterly estimation. FOC not met to approve and present to district. I think it was \$105 quarterly for Wi-Fi.

Elisabeth- is everyone ok that the committee continue to look for a spot and let us know what we may need to hold hybrid meeting. It may be a great spot with good internet, could be great with no Wi-Fi. Wanted to make sure that this was moving forward.

Jeff- it was housekeeping that moved to new business, it got chair rules. We go by that but it wasn't seconded.

Sandy- our current committee is Thom Walter and Myself. We would like one other person to help find spaces.

Laura- volunteers to join committee and help to look.

Walter is available as well.

Thom- I have returned to work and am working more than normal. I have a place I looked at but I don't have availability. The hybrid committee was initially put together to look at equipment and I don't have time for searching spaces.

Kelly seconds the motion as written

Vote is held and Approved Unanimously.

Discussion:

- **Tech Committee Job Descriptions**
- **format for hybrid meeting**
- **What's on your mind**

Joe T.- I have met newcomers from CenterPoint and they don't have meetings going in. Maybe we could use the beginners meeting format and bring that into Center Point. Would there be a conflict if someone used the Beginner's Meeting Format at Center Point

Elisabeth- PICPC as well as H&I have been working to bring in meetings. There are meetings going in now. They have been offered to connect virtually to the Beginner's Meeting, we will move forward when we hear from H&I.

• **Next Business Meeting – October 1 at 10:00am**

Close with the Responsibility Statement