

General Service District 11 Panel 71
District Business Meeting Agenda
September 4, 2021, 10:00 AM
Join Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 886 1862 4963 Passcode: 128820

Opening of Meeting- (AA Preamble, Tradition, Concept, Birthdays, 7th tradition, Approval of Minutes) Options for starting of the meeting, if someone would like to make a motion to make it official?

Birthdays: Michael Detweiler-20 years!! Thelma-27 Years!! Kelly-11 Years!! Jeff D-35 Years!!!

- GSR Take Back: Each month notes from district business meeting will be posted on aanapa.org.

Thom has volunteered to take notes to post on aanapa.org regarding the District Business meeting and important information and updates from our Area and General Service Office. Is there a volunteer for next month? **Charlotte has volunteered**

Introductions (in attendance): Elisabeth DCMC; Jeff D- DCM Sub 002, Ad Hoc Web Committee Chair; Sandy Staulcup DCM SUB 001; Michael DCM Sub 003; Michael Detweiler- GSR SASTO; Mary- GSR Monday Night Talking Stick, District Registrar; Thelma GSR Gliders; Charlotte GSR Serenity on Saturday; Doug Manning- GSR Men's Stag; Eric Lee- Area Alt Delegate,; Chris W- Recording Secretary; Jane C- ALT GSR New Life Woman's Group; Joe Torres- Beginners Meeting Chair, GSR Tuesday Crosstalk; John H-GSR M-S 5:30; Laura K GSR Day at a Time Group; Phil B- GSL NAPPYPAA, Web Committee Member; Thom H- GSR Sunday Big Book Study, Treasurer; Walter- GSR Park Group at Senior Center; Kelly G- GSR New Life Woman's Group

New GSR's- New GSR's or Officers: please contact Sandy S, or Michael M

Please give your email and contact information to our Registrar, Mary N., and Secretary Chris W

August Minutes

- **Open Positions-** Is anyone available for open positions. Is anyone available to be the ALT DCMC/PICPC Chair. *Please share available positions with groups. Archives Chair. Literature Chair*

Anyone available for DCMC/PICPC Chair? No volunteers.

Elisabeth- it's a great opportunity, works with intergroup and Bridging the Gap

Reports:

DCMC- Elisabeth B- Attended the Area Business meeting, was excited about what was going on. Good to see all the GSRs that are attending. Good opportunity to see what's going on with Area. Our Delegate mentioned that the hard copy of his report will be available soon, as well as officer and GSR kits. Distribution disruptions are delaying it getting out. Thank you for responding to inventory questions, thank you for the ideas and feedback.

Alt DCMC/PICPC – Open

Secretary -Chris W.- looking for a fill in for next month

Treasurer- Thom H- Payment for Zoom and PO Box made. Price went up slightly. Books purchased for the Beginners Meeting. Deposits made yesterday. Some checks going out today.

DCM 001- Sandy S- Attended the DCM Sharing Session. Was some GSRs that attended which was nice. Have been sending reminders to mark calendars for last Saturday of the Month. Sub District meeting had a presentation on Group Inventory, which is the topic of the next Sharing Session.

DCM 002 – Jeff D- Attended the Sharing Session as well. Encourage GSRs to attend to learn and ask questions. Many people have questions about the third legacy, it's a process by which you could learn. Send me the Business meeting dates for attendance.

DCM 003- Michael M- Attended Sharing Session too. Saw some familiar faces. Vivian did a great job on accessibility. Encourage people to attend the Sharing Session. Group Inventories is the topic coming up. All the Birthdays from the last area meeting added to 314 years of sobriety.

Registrar-Mary N- Have gotten the roster updated for the district. Making sure it is correct and in line with the meeting list. Will update the Area Registrar with changes.

Archives - Open

Literature - Open

Beginners Meeting- Joe T- Don't have anything new except there has been low attendance. Please spread the word at your meetings.

Bridging the Gap- Teresa V

H&I Liaison- Jo M-

Tech Committee- Jeff D- Had the committee two weeks ago. We noticed that the meeting app has bad information- forwarded users to an old site. People are showing up at meetings that don't exist anymore. The site has been shut off- will now hook up to the updated site. It is a google doc list but, in the future, we will be changing meeting listings to a drop-down menu. The district site will be upgraded in the future.

NAPYPAA Liaison – Phil B- All of our main officer chairs are filled. Some people are doubled up so there is still available positions. Discussing Thanksgiving Alcahthon with Intergroup. Talking about having another event. Has not been finalized but will have more info next month.

Elisabeth- There are flyers in the agenda for events in other districts.

Visiting Area Officer-

- Eric L., California Northern Coastal Area Alternate Delegate/PICPC Committee Chair, Will share on the life cycle of a motion:

Hello, its nice to be here. I'm in Saratoga. Casual announcements- Area inventory will be 1st weekend in November. Morning business will talk about the Graphic Novel of the Big Book. Will probably not vote on it yet. We move slowly in General Service. For in person area meeting, we are considering resuming in person area committee meeting in January, very cautiously approaching tentative plan. PRASSA in March (2022) will be in person.

When I've come to Napa I've gone to local meetings, I walk in and people wonder if I'm visiting or if I'm new. People casually acquaint me with the meeting. I went to one, when I was feeling off and people treated me like a newcomer and the group knew how to help someone that was struggling.

Some groups will ask the district for help. Then someone may make a motion that goes to the Area. Then it could get forwarded to GSO and it gets discussed throughout AA. Then it gets published. This is the life cycle of a motion in AA. It goes through the channels and the kinks get worked out along the way. The motions could go to GSO directly.

There has been a lot of discussion about the preamble lately. This recent change was the second change in the preamble. There are also changes to the new 12x12, which will come out this fall.

There are different types of motions. Some stay as local- like the meeting in a pocket. Some changes affect an Area, some AA as a whole. There is a current discussion about the comments. They are distributed electronically now because of the pandemic (previously delivered by mail). There are housekeeping motions. These are typically non-controversial, budgeted item, not a change in procedure.

Discussion topics- widely unutilized. Sometimes motions should be discussion topics first to iron things out like wording, before they are brought in as a motion.

Break

Housekeeping Motions: A motion of a routine nature dealing with administrative or purely formal matters necessary to expedite House business.

Sandra Staulcup- That the District Business Meeting read the Tradition and Concept of the Month.

Any Objections, Comments?

Jeff D- It doesn't open up discussion on the merits but the wording, etc.

Elisabeth- my question about adding "volunteer" to the motion wording is for discussion.

Thom- Why are we adding this in there?

Sandy- We discussed it at the officers meeting. We used to do this and a presentation but it took time so we decided just to read them.

New Business: none

Old Business: none

Discussion Topics:

- **District 11 content on Intergroup website:**

Discuss what might be added to improve communication, and accessibility on the website AANAPA.ORG.

Laura- I've noticed that on the spreadsheet there was a link for the meeting number but now the meeting number is no longer a link which makes it more difficult. Can it be changed back to a link?

Phil- Some will have a link for hybrid meetings. If there is a hybrid meeting without a link, have someone send me the link and we can add it to the spreadsheet. It can be added in.

Jeff- Have gone through and have started putting the links in. We took out secretaries because the info was changing rapidly. We took out the links to put in address but are in the process of adding them back in.

Joe T- Can I bring up a related issue? The meeting app is not linking properly- should we use that as a take back.

Jeff- We are in the process of getting the GSO to link up properly. People were showing up at nonexistent meetings.

Elisabeth- Before the pandemic, the app was brought up at the DDP program.

- **Inventory questions**, see attached examples, please choose 5 of the 10 that you would like to discuss at November's Inventory

- Starting our meeting with reading the tradition and concept of the month

- Who do we invite to inventory, anything you would like to pass on to District?

Have gotten a lot of responses. At the Sub District meeting it was said that fewer, more relevant questions, were better. A lot of people have shared 5 that they have chosen. Would like to know that when I look at the questions, they are in order of popularity. Should we use all 9 or use just the top 3.

John- Some of these topics overlap, we could cover all 9 topics while discussing the top 3.

Elisabeth- that sounds great, any opinions?

Sandy- We are using the entire Business Meeting?

Elisabeth- it hasn't been decided. There isn't any other business.

Sandy- In my experience you go as far as you can in the time allotted.

Elisabeth- We are still in discussion so think about these.

John- Final Draft by October? Between now and that meeting is when we need to have that figured out for the agenda.

Elisabeth- Correct. If you think there needs to be a grouping, will follow up with an email.

Sandy- when you sent them out will they be in the order of prioritization?

Elisabeth- Yes. They will be organized by priority.

There was a question at the officers meeting on who we invite to the inventory. Is it relevant to the whole membership, based on what is the topic of the questions. At this time the inventory is for the officers and GSRs and we can invite group members to see how it works, but keep voting restricted to the group.

John- Continue as is and use it as a framework going forward. More voices may not be bad but may not help move forward either.

Elisabeth- Input may be ok but questions are geared toward GSRs

Sandy- District Business Meeting is an open meeting. GSRs could announce it as an unofficial invite.

Jeff- Who is a member of the district? Everyone is, we have volunteers and officers but everyone is a member.

Joe T- If this is an inventory for our district, should the questions be designated to the fellowship as a whole and so specific to the GSR.

John- If the GSR is doing what they volunteered to do it should get out to the district. It sounded that there was a concerted segment of the fellowship we were trying to address.

Elisabeth- I will send out questions and if people want to add questions, please do.

- Discuss moving business meeting to different time/sub- **No Changes**
- Conference Report- A chart is attached to the agenda. Maps the Agenda Topics. Very cool, references topics and their corresponding pages in the Conference Report.

John- went through and highlighted areas of interest. Lots of lines of discussion re 5th edition, if there is any continuity there, what can we contribute to that process and discussion?

Sandy- is there anyone that does not have this and needs a copy?

Elisabeth- these discussions are good to take to the groups to see if they want to discuss. Check in with your DCM and see what the next steps should be with that.

One of the things I learned from the Studies I attended, this is a year round process. The things that John was discussing are still ongoing.

(Everyone can attend, GSR's can use information from questions to what their group is thinking)

What's on Your Mind?

Kelly- Im in Calistoga, a lot of the meetings I attend are up valley. On inventory and how to bring questions to our groups, there are not a lot of people stepping up for service and I don't know if its because of the transition periods, it seems that there a lot of positions not being filled. I need to be more vocal. I'm concerned about some of the committmenets that are not being filled.

Jane- Alternate for same meeting as Kelly- haven't gone over the material that much, feel that just announcing the announcements there is not a lot of representation at this meeting, so there are lots of groups without GSRs, continuing to speak up is one of the best ways, make brief announcements and effective ones. This meeting is long, there has always been a shortage of people volunteering for service. There is a lot that is attractive about it. Groups are aware when they don't have a GSR.

For Next Month:

Volunteer for Report back: Charlotte

Close with the Responsibility Statement Meeting ended at 11:40 am