

22 District Committee Meeting Minutes 4/9/2023

Via Zoom & Hybrid

District 22 Area 93

Attendees:

Jeff L	District 22 DCM
Elisa M	District 22 Secretary
Sheryl G	D22 Treasurer/GSR Mesa Group
Christine S	D22 Grapevine Chair/GSR Serenity
Judy G	D22 Tech Chair/GSR TGIF 12&12
Paul L	District 22 CPC/PI Chair
Wayne N	GSR 5 Cities Group
Bryan Y	GSR Atas. Mon Grange
Jim L	GSR Sun Evening Rap Group
Jon K	Central Office / Intergroup Liaison
Eli T	GSR Sunday AM Coming Down Atas.
Connor G	SLOYPAA Liaison
Ellen	GSR Sat. Women's Group
Lisa T	GSR Back to Basics

Meeting called to order at 10:15 by Jeff with the Serenity Prayer.

Concept 4 (short version) read by Jeff; At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation" allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

Introductions of new GSRs and visitors. Connor G, SLOYPAA Liaison and Eli T GSR for Atascadero Sunday AM Coming Down, welcome to you both!

REPORTS

DCM Report, Jeff L

- Attended the Pre-conference in Camarillo on 4/2/2023. At the conference it was clarified that contributions should be sent to the General Service Board and not the General Service Office.
- Area 93 is considering that the Alternate Delegate have access to the area93.org dashboard. This would cost \$3,000 to set up access and will involve further discussion.
- The plain language in the Big Book that is coming out will have everyday current language in the translation, but the gender and God aspects will not be replaced. The Grapevine changed the Preamble to read people rather than men and women. Some AA groups are still using the previous version, because it was not officially an AA decision.
- There are five public services announcements on the AA.org website that are still considered relevant. There are no donated time slot options available to us anymore. There is on-going discussion about

placing PSA on social media websites, but this will involve costs. They are currently doing further research on this issue.

- It is the opinion of Area 93 that all AA groups should be registered with the General Service Office to have accurate statistics.
- Currently the Big Book and 12 & 12 are translated into American Sign Language and posted on AA.org with videos provided. There is discussion that the new addition of the AA Service Manual combined with The Twelve Concepts for World Services be translated into ASL. This would involve a cost of \$75,000-\$95,000. It was pointed out that not all sign language is the same.
- Discussion on how to communicate recovery from alcoholism with people who have communication and neurological disorders was left to further discussion and to explore the resources we already have.
- Meeting safety issues were addressed. It was pointed out that AA meetings are not woke, far right, far left. They are there just to help alcoholics who want to do something about their drinking. AA meetings should never be threatening or bullying, with no name calling or sexual harassment. It is the responsibility of the group to get a restraining order if any of these things continue by any members. The suggestion that men discuss with newcomer men and what's appropriate behavior at meetings, and women do the same with newcomer women.
- DCMs were asked to encourage and motivate GSRs to attend Area Committee meetings and Area Assemblies. To impress upon them how important they are to Area 93, District 22, and to their groups.
- Apparently, a poll was taken concerning using the Lord's Prayer as the closing prayer at the International Convention Saturday night meeting. 51% were in favor and 39% were in favor of a substitution. It's suggested that another poll be taken.

Alt DCM Report, Vacant

Secretary Report, Elisa

- Elisa stated that she sent out the minutes from March's meeting.
- **Judy moved to approve the minutes, Sheryl 2nd, approved with 1 abstention.**

Treasurer Report, Sheryl G

- Sheryl reported that we have \$11,646.37 in checking with \$3,001,11 in savings as prudent reserve, with total of \$14,647.48.
- March: took in \$1,748 in contributions. Spent \$1,238.02 for travel to Area Assembly. Net revenue is \$510.36.
- Increased contributions year to date, and also spending more.
- **Elisa moved to accept report as is, Judy 2nd, approved.**
- Sheryl will be attending next month's meeting via Zoom only. Please email her for reimbursement requests.

Registrar Report, Joe R - ABSENT

GSR REPORTS:

- **Judy G – GSR TGIF 12 & 12:** Friday at 5:30p (online only): Getting more and more people, maybe because although it is still listed, Harmony Group is no longer available. The group appreciates all support. They have had a few newcomers, some have stayed, some have not. Still waiting on group # from GSO. Talked to GSO treasurer at the pre-conference and was confirmed that it takes a while to get the #.
- **Sheryl G – GSR Mesa Group:** Not much new to report. 2nd annual women's luncheon on 4/1/2023 was fabulous and will definitely be happening again next year.
- **Jim L GSR Sun Evening RAP LGBTQ Group:** Sundays at 7:00p at the Gala Center in SLO, hybrid also. Have about 15-20 people, about even in Zoom attendance and in person attendance.
- **Eli T GSR Sunday Morning Coming Down Atas:** Just got the commitment last week so new to position. Knows we are not taking in enough contributions to donate to GSO but will have further discussion with treasurer.
- **Wayne N – GSR 5 Cities Group:** Welcomes new GSRs and recommends getting a service manual and service sponsor. Suggests to get in touch with CSO and talk with them as well; ask a lot of people of their experience as a GSR. New women's meeting Thursday at 5:30p. Volunteers with CSO as well and picked up paper copies of meetings directory, thank you Judy. People really like having hard copies of meeting schedules available.
- **Christine S – GSR Serenity Group in GB:** At the Anglican Church at 555 S. 13th St. Suite G, in a strip mall. 21 meetings/week with an increase in newcomers as the online meetings are closing. Noon & 5:30p most popular meeting with regular attendance of about 30. Have a good relationship with the church there. Meetings are posted on a window and some AA members have since become members of that church.
- **Bryan Y – GSR Atas. Mon Night Grange Meeting:** @ 5:30p. Picking up with new and returning members. Continue to shake down and pester the group to donate \$ entities.
- **Lisa T – GSR Back to Basics:** Saturday morning at the Cambria Vineyard Church. Emotional sobriety book study meeting, ever changing with lots of visitors and newcomers.
- **Ellen – GSR Saturday Women's Group:** At Harbor Lights in MB. Main site info needs to be changed, but other than that, business as usual.

VISITING AREA 93 OFFICER – None Present

STANDING COMMITTEE AND LIASON REPORTS

Archives Chair Report, Leonard L – absent

- Emailed DCM, nothing to report.

CPC/PI Chair Report, Paul

- Got an email from ECHO Recovery about wanting to start a meeting up there at the recovery home.
- Will be meeting with them on Tuesday 4/18/23 at 3:00pm to give them a presentation of what AA is and is not, will bring them literature.
- Any North County people interested in attending are welcomed and encouraged to come.

Grapevine Chair Report, Christine S

- Area Grapevine Chair will be conducting an online writing workshop for Grapevine and their guidelines.
- A month or 2 after this workshop, Christine will be looking to put on a similar workshop for District 22.

Technology Chair Report, Judy G

- Looking for other people to join the tech committee. Would LOVE the help.

Intergroup Liaison Report, Jon K

- Central office in Los Osos open M-F 12:00p – 6:00p, Sat. 12:00p – 4:00p.
- Have books and literature available, and answer phones for AA calls, with call forwarding when office is closed.
- Volunteers are always needed. Go to SLOAA.org and use the contact link to reach out about volunteering.
- Meeting guides and Nameless Newsletter are also available online. There is a constant discussion regarding printing guides when information is available online, but not all people have electronic access.
- Contact Central Office at SLOAA.org to update website on meeting information. The website is only as good as what information is provided.
- Need a new person to be in charge of the Nameless Newsletter. Current position holder has held it a long time and would like to give the opportunity to be of service to someone else. Thank you for your service Judy.
- New board members are getting up to speed.
- Finances are good, literature is good.
- COR meeting is via Zoom (may change) the second Sunday of every month at 8:45 am. Please send GSRs or if meeting groups have a COR, to attend the meeting so Central Office can have updated communication from all the groups.
- Shelly from a women's group in Cambria (805) 440-3087 has Spanish chips they would like to pass on/out if any meetings are in need.
- Currently there is one in person volunteer slot opening up Central Office. It's 2 times/month for 3 hours. Back up always needed as well.

SLOYPAA Liaison, Connor G

- New to position, grateful to be of service.

- Hosting Sunday Get-Down events on the first Sunday of every month, 1:00p – 4:00p, meeting at 3:00p. Event locations will rotate around the county. Location event for May to come soon.
- August 18-20th hosting campout at Lopez Lake. Pre-Registration information to come soon.
- Co-hosting WEENYPAA in Laguna Beach on 5/20/23. More information coming soon.
- We will provide event information to the District when available so it can be posted on District Website.
- We are a committee that meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at Melody in SLO at 7:00p.
- All ages are welcomed and encouraged to become members.
- Elder statesmen highly needed for wisdom and to be a part of the group conscience.
- Talk to current members about being invited to Slack, the online business platform for members or to be invited to join our Facebook group.
- Email address is slopyfunds@gmail.com.
- We are leaving informational pamphlets in as many meeting locations around the county as possible. If you would like some pamphlets for your meetings, please ask and we would be glad to provide some for your group. Please also spread the work at your meetings about SLOYPAA as well.
- ICYPAA (International Conference of Young People in AA) will be on the west coast for the first time in over 10 years. Is in San Francisco Sept. 1-4, \$30 registration. ICYPAA.org for more information.
- Hoping to get more info to the district on a regular basis so the D22AA.org website can be updated with current info.

Convention Liaison, (Vacant) – Please spread the word that we need this position filled. Report from Elisa

- Will be in person at the Vets Hall in SLO the last weekend of August (8/25/2023 – 8/27/2023).
- For more convention information, send email to info@district22convention.org or call message line at (805) 619-0462.
- Convention kickoff event is the Chili Cook-Off Sat. June 17th, 2023 5:00p – 6:30p (before the SNL meeting at 7:30) at SLO Calvary Church, 4029 S. Higuera St. \$5 per person to sample and vote for your favorite chili.
- Welcome to join the Convention Committee, meets the second Sunday of every month at noon on Zoom: Meeting ID: 435 033 231 Password: 000000 (6 zeros).
- Convention Chair Inette L. (805) 264-5074.
- Theme is Sharing Experience, Strength, and Hope.

H & I Liaison, (Vacant) – Please spread the word that we need this position filled.

District 6 Liaison, (Vacant) – Please spread the word that we need this position filled. This is a Spanish District.

OLD BUSINESS

- Is District 22 interested in hosting the Area 93 Preconference on April 2, 2023? Lots of questions about pertinent facts and information to bring back to groups. Would need groups to be willing to serve food

(order, supply, serve), set up and take down. Help find a location to host the event, etc.

- Vote to host Area 93 Preconference postponed until more information can be provided for GSRs to report to groups.

NEW BUSINESS

- Area 93 Committee Meeting April 16, 2023, hybrid. DCM will provide meeting information in email soon.

Adjournment, Sheryl made a motion to adjourn, Elisa 2nd, approved. Meeting adjourned at 11:30a with the Responsibility Declaration: *I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that, I am responsible.*

Next meeting is Sunday, May 14, 2023 10:15-11:30a at the Alano Club, 3075 Broad St. San Luis Obispo or via Zoom, Meeting ID: 88279258044, Password: D22GSR