

District 22 (Area 93) Committee Meeting Minutes

6/11/2023 – Hybrid

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ATTENDEES

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| 1 | Jeff L. | District 22 DCM | district22dcm@gmail.com |
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| 9 | Connor G. | SLOPYPAA Liaison | cjguyt@gmail.com |
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| 11 | Debbie P. | GSR Women's Big Book Study | thefourparrotts@gmail.com |
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| 14 | Rick L. | GSR ABC Group | lloydplum@gmail.com |
| 15 | Matt L. | GSR Pioneer Group | mateo299@gmail.com |
| 16 | Sadie C. | GSR Templeton Mon PM Spiritual | sadie222@gmail.com |
| 17 | Julie C. | Alternate GSR Mesa Group | icostastuff@gmail.com |
| 18 | Rudy M. | Area 93 Chairman | |

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

Concept 6 (short version) read by Jeff: On behalf of AA as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Introduction of new GSRs and visitors: Julie, alternate GSR for the Mesa Group; Bert, Convention Liaison; Rudy, Area 93 Chairman, welcome!

REPORTS

DCM, Jeff L.

- Jeff attended the Area Assembly on 5/21/23.
 - Area 93 Chairman Rudy shared that the Technology Committee has been working on improving the Zoom communication for the Area Committee Meetings and Assemblies.
 - They are having an Area Chair meeting the second Wednesday of every month.
 - Rudy collected all the treasurer's information from Mark, who has resigned. A new treasurer Zenna was voted into this position.

- Our Delegate Pablo H. gave his report about his participation at his last visit to the GSO Conference. He reports that there are now 58,455 active AA groups (in US and Canada). 33.48% are contributing to the General Service Office.
- They are promoting the idea of providing Sponsorship for people that are in custody.
- The pamphlet *A Members Eye View* will not be used anymore for public information.
- The Committees considerations for changes to the 12 & 12 remain. No apparent action was taken at this time.
- It was suggested that a policy be developed regarding Bill W.'s written work be used as a guide for future changes.
- A new edition of the Service Manual will be available in 2024. It will clarify the difference between GSO, AA Grapevine, and AA World Services.
- The closing prayer for the next International Convention will be a choice of the Responsibility Prayer, Serenity Prayer, or the Lord's Prayer.
- The current Alcoholics Anonymous everyday language book project is moving forward. After reading the book, people have been changing their minds about it and feel more positive.
- Pablo stated that his full report will eventually be on the www.Area93.org website. It is a comprehensive and lengthy report, so hopefully it will be available on the website soon.
- Jeff reports that last he talked with the Morro Bay Community Center, which was under our consideration for hosting the Area 93 Assembly in May 2024, will not be available after all. An upper management person who is now currently in charge checked the calendar again at Jeff's request. He saw that the Iron Man event will be in preparation during that time frame.
- Jeff placed an email on the Veterans Memorial facility website stating our needs and asking if they would be able to accommodate us. They returned the email referring Jeff to the County Property Services, which will be followed through with on Monday.

Alternate DCM, (VACANT) – Please spread the word we need this position filled.

Secretary, Elisa M.

- May's meeting minutes were emailed, any corrections needed?
- Sheryl noticed in the treasurer's report, Elisa wrote March when it was meant to be May. Elisa will correct and provide a revised report.
- Jeff asked for the definition of "tall trees" a term used by a GSR last month to describe AA members who have been around the rooms for a long time (old-timers).
- **Sheryl moved to approve the minutes, Paul 2nd, unanimously approved.**

Treasurer, Sheryl G.

- Checking: **\$11,881.00** / Savings: **\$3,001.48** / Total: **\$14,882.48** as of the end of May.
- May: \$663.45 in contributions, \$258.58 total expenditures (just General Office expenditures for last month), \$404.87 (in the black) net revenue.
- However, have written a bunch of checks for June and contributions are down for June so far.
- Year to date total contributions: \$4,100.15.
- Doing better than last year but also spending more than last year, which is great because people are going to events in person.
- **Debbie moved to approve the financials, Judy 2nd, unanimously approved.**

Registrar, (VACANT) – Please spread the word we need this position filled.

GSR REPORTS

- **Matt L. – GSR Pioneer Group, San Luis Obispo:** As of 5/26/23 group had \$10,617.98 total funds. The group is in full support of hosting the Area 93 Assembly in May 2024. The annual July 4th BBQ is coming up, contact Brian B. at (805) 550-1595 to be of service. Group attendance is about 10 in the mornings and 35-50 at noon and 5:30p. Meetings are positive, with lots of good vibes. Haven't made any donations this month but intend to next month.
- **Sadie C. – Monday Night Spiritual Living, Templeton:** About 20 people per meeting. No birthdays last meeting. Finances are good and steady. Been announcing about the CSO volunteers needed, Chili Cook-Off, and District 22 Convention.
- **Sheryl G. – GSR Mesa Group, Arroyo Grande:** Introduced Alternate GSR Julie to the meeting. Mesa group is doing well, and they have ordered a grapevine subscription for their group. Open meeting times if anyone is looking for a place to have a meeting, particularly 7:00 am. Birthday meeting last Saturday of the month at 7:00pm. Anyone welcome, great celebration and lots of birthdays every month. Speaker meeting second Saturday of the month at 7:00 pm with a just desserts potluck at 6:30, come for sweets!
- **Judy G. – GSR Women's 12 & 12 Online Group TGIF:** Back to small, another Friday night online meeting kicked back in, but OK because group has been small before and did OK. The treasurer says the group has given contributions and doing well collecting money. Hoping the group is registered as well, but not sure since the district currently does not have its Registrar position filled. It's a good group and good book study. Jeff will contact Area 93 Registrar to see if the group is registered.
- **Jim L. – Sunday Eve Rap Group, San Luis Obispo (Hybrid):** LGBTQ Group in town, still Hybrid and evenly divided between online and in person. About 15-20 people attend each week. Zoom info available online.
- **Debbie P. – GSR Women's Big Book Study, Arroyo Grande:** Tuesdays only. Doing well, getting occasional newcomers, which is always great. Have been donating money to the entities, will double check with the treasurer. Has brought in flyers for all groups to please distribute and post at meeting locations for CSO volunteer coordinator position to be filled, and volunteers needed for July. There are 6 spots unfilled for July, without help will not be able to open. Shifts are only once every 2 weeks for 3 hours; training is included for these positions. Great way to be of service!
- **Rick L. – GSR ABC Group, Paso Robles:** New location at the Vines RV Resort at 88 Wellsona Rd. in North Paso Robles. The meeting directory is updated to reflect the new address. Since the move, attendance at first was down but it's picking back up and back to normal now. The treasurer is currently reluctant to give up any money right now as the group is still looking for a permanent location. Rick keeps bringing it up in hopes of contributing to other entities and giving back what the group has been so freely given. The group is all in on hosting the Area 93 Assembly and will keep ears open for a venue to host the assembly now that the Morro Bay Community Center is no longer available.
- **Lisa T. – GSR Back to Basics, Cambria:** Sat 10:30 am – 1200 at Vineyard Church in town, hybrid meeting also. The group is small but swells depending on AA tourists in the area. Getting ready to do their second quarterly payout so donation to be showing up soon. Had a discussion about the Area Assembly and there was actually an Area Assembly a few years ago held at the high school in Cambria. The high school has breakout rooms in the classes and a large gymnasium for the overall assembly. Can investigate that again for options of venues to decide where best to have Assembly. The group is still reading through *Emotional Sobriety* AA Grapevine Stories, they are terrific!

- **Christine S. – GSR Serenity Group, Grover Beach:** Meetings are well attended, especially the noon meeting. Located At 555 S 15th St in Grover beach in a strip mall at the Anglican Church there, not hard to find. Have 21 meetings per week. Sunday is the Big Book meeting held at Heritage Park in AG on Nelson St. Daily meetings focus on AA literature with a leader on Monday and Wednesdays. Friday at noon have a birthday meeting where the chip recipients tell how they stay sober. Also have meetings at 6:45am, 5:30pm and a 7:00pm men’s meeting once a week.

VISITING AREA 93 OFFICER – Rudy M. – Area 93 Chairman

- **Jeff** voiced opinion about generating more enthusiasm for area committee and assembly meetings and more of our people showing up for those. Was hoping there would be a GSR orientation at the last assembly for those that attended via Zoom but there was not, is that something that can be accommodated in some way in the future via Zoom? **Rudy:** Making those subcommittee rooms hybrid is difficult currently. One of the things I did when I got in position was make a technology committee and the committee is not at the level to accommodate hybrid breakout rooms currently. Area 93 is very behind in a lot of things and technology is at the top of that list. Has a lot to do with lack of money. **Jeff:** Can we have someone do a GSR orientation online for us at some point? **Rudy:** I can an orientation like that done online maybe a day before the assembly. **Jeff:** What about at one of our district committee meetings? **Rudy:** Yes, we can do a workshop before the assembly. The reason we don’t do it is because we would like people to come in person, but considering the distance away these assemblies can be, online orientation is something to consider for the future.
- **Jeff:** When does BID from our district for the May 2024 Area Assembly need to be submitted? **Rudy:** There is a lot of time to get the BID in. Currently the area is more concerned about the area assembly in November 2023 that doesn’t have a venue. Usually bring the BID to the Assembly before assembly being BID for or at the beginning of the year. If a BID is ready to be submitted, can do so now. \$1,000 for venue, \$1,200 for food; can be more/less depending on the location of the assembly and costs in that area. Need a large place for everyone for the main assembly and at least 3 or 4 breakout rooms for different committees.
- Please know as a GSR, it is very important to attend in person as much as possible. There is a lot going on and a lot of changes, like updating guidelines, etc. It is the GSRs who decide how these changes occur.
- You are a representative of your AA group, and it is important to gather the information from these events and report it to your groups.
- Also, it is important to show up and have a voice for your group as well. GSRs are the main people to vote in elections and assemblies, as a representative of your group.
- Can consider hosting area committee meetings and assemblies in person closer to our district, like Santa Barbara. We are a huge area, and it will require travel.
- 7/16/23: ACM
- 8/20/23: Area Assembly in Reseda.
- 8/26/23: 4 Area DCM Sharing, all DCMS should be there and gather a lot of information. Only in person, in Costa Mesa.
- 10/8/23: Event for Area 5 and 93, Hispanic Forum, in Oxnard.
- 10/15/2023: ACM, pre-assembly, all DCMs give reports.
- November 2023: In need of a place for this assembly.
- All information and full schedule available online at www.area93.org, calendar of events.

- Your DCM is your district contact, to bring information to the Area, but GSRs are the ones who make decisions via voting, changes like technology, etc.
- Area 93 is not doing well financially. Hoping for more contributions so we can make improvements, such as technology.
- 4 meetings per year: Area Assembly Meetings – for all GSRs and DCMS to talk about changes and things occurring within groups of the area. Area Committee Meetings (ACM) – business meetings, mostly for DCMs, and creating an agenda for the next assembly, and what gets presented for the GSRs at the next assembly meeting.
- **Jim L:** There is such an emphasis of GSRs attending and being present at the Assembly, along with an emphasis of the assembly being hybrid. However, those that attend via Zoom don't even feel a part of the assembly and can't even vote. Online attendees need to be able to vote and be heard. It's very easy to vote with Zoom. **Rudy:** For the election, due to the difficulty level, people online couldn't vote, only people in person were allowed to vote. I promise people online will be able to vote and I will fight for people being able to vote when they attend Assemblies online. I am deciding from here on out that you will be able to vote online.

STANDING COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS

Archives Chair, Leonard L.

- We on the Archives Committee believe that documenting our District history is important to help us understand who we are and where we have come from in the hopes that it will be of interest to those that follow.
- On our District 22 website we have two histories posted:
 - History 1940's through 1987
 - With a little help from a Judge, tells the story of AA in SLO and brings us up to later 1990's.
- We have early histories of meetings in Atascadero, Cambria, Morro Bay, Los Osos, Paso Robles, and San Luis Obispo.
- I am pulling out some early references pertinent to each of those areas and will be sending that to the applicable GSRs to see if they can or would like to add some current information of interest.

CPC/PI Chair, Paul L.

- Request from the Gala Center for AA literature and information for SLO Pride and LGBT SLO Prom at SLO high school, during May and June 2023. Elexia E. picked up stuff from Central Office and brought it down to provide.
- Judy forwarded an email sent to info@ on the district website from Independent Living Resources Center in Ventura County asking for information. Emailed back and awaiting a response back from them.
- ***If there are people in the education, medical, correctional professions interested in learning more about AA, please get a contact name and number and send it to Paul L. who will reach out to them personally.***

Grapevine Chair, Christine S.

- Tonight at 5:00pm Area Grapevine Rep. is doing a Zoom workshop for anyone interested in writing their story.
- Will be doing several workshops throughout the summer and the fall.

- Will provide a schedule in advance for future dates and provide a schedule to post on the district website.

Technology Chair, Judy G.

- Went to the last Assembly and got to join the Technology Committee for the Area.
- Going to another meeting this Wednesday for the Area Technology Committee.
- They are having some growing pains, so we need to hang in there while they adjust.
- The committee is getting bigger and has a lot of input on how to improve.
- Has a new webmaster so the website should get better too.
- Going to start asking for \$ for equipment and making improvements.
- The hybrid situation is not easy, especially regarding voting and break out rooms. Let's bear with them, improvements will come!

Intergroup Liaison, Jon K.

- **Volunteers greatly needed!! Post fliers and spread the word, please!**
- Central office in Los Osos and open Mon – Fri 12:00 p – 6:00 p and Sat 1:00 p – 4:00 pm.
- Have books and literature available. Newcomer packets and printed meeting schedules.
- Meeting schedules and the Nameless Newsletters can also be accessed and printed online at www.SLOAA.org.
- Answers calls for AA, with call-forwarding to volunteers when the office is closed.
- Volunteers are always needed. Go to SLOAA.org and use the “Contact” link to reach out about volunteering.
- Use the above link to contact Central Office about updates regarding meetings. The website is only as good as what information is provided.
- **Need to fill empty volunteer spots, in person and for the phones.**
- **Volunteer coordinator retired, in need of someone to fill this commitment. Contact Dick @ (805) 431-4164 to be of service.**

SLOYPAA Liaison, Connor G.

- Hosting Sunday Get-downs the first Sunday of each month at Meadow Park in SLO 1:00p – 4:00p. Come join us for sports, fellowship, fun in the sun, and a meeting 3:00p – 4:00p. Bring food to share with others, but it is not mandatory for participation. ALL are welcome, family, friends, and well-behaved dogs too!
- **Annual SLOYPAA Campout at Lopez Lake August 18th-20th, registration now open! \$25 until July 15th, \$30 until day August 18th, \$35 at the door. Lots of great recovery, fun, and fellowship. Venmo ID: @sloypaa 805 or contact a SLOYPAA member to register.**
- **Mission Statement:** The purpose of SLOYPAA is to strengthen the unity between AA members and AA groups in San Luis Obispo and surrounding areas. We hope to share the enthusiasm in our spirit of service to our area by bidding for YPAA conventions. We will achieve this by showing that we absolutely insist on having fun, to the growing number of young alcoholics, through attraction rather than promotion, by practicing the 12 Steps in our lives, the 12 Traditions in our groups, and carrying the message in and outside our meetings and events.
- Bi-Monthly Committee meetings 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm at Melody, 265 South Street, Suite F in SLO.
- All ages are welcome and encouraged to join. Elder statesmen in high demand for experience and suggestions.

- Talk to current members about being invited to Slack, an online business application for members, or to be invited to our Facebook group.
- Email address is slopyfunds@gmail.com.

Convention Liaison, Bert B.

- Nominated by Jeff to be the Liaison, introduction to the group, and qualifications for position established.
- Went to the convention last year and has been attending Convention Committee meetings and has other service commitments.
- **Sheryl moved to have Bert as liaison, Elisa 2nd, unanimously approved.**
- **Registration now open at www.myD22.org**
- For more convention information, send email to info@district22convention.org or call the message line at (805) 619-0462.
- Will be in person at the Vets Hall in SLO August 25th – 27th.
- This year's theme is Sharing Experience, Strength, and Hope.
- Convention Committee meets the second Sunday of each month at noon on Zoom: Meeting ID: 435 033 231 Password: 000000 (6 zeros). Service commitments are still available!
- Convention Chair Inette L. (805) 264-5074.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

- Need ideas about venues to host the May 2024 Area Assembly in our District.

NEW BUSINESS

- 7/9/2023: District 22 GSR Meeting
- 8/20/2023: Area 93 Assembly, Reseda CA.

Adjournment: Elisa moved to close, Judy 2nd, unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 11:30a with the Responsibility Statement: 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 hybrid District 22 Meeting will be Sunday July 9th, 2023, 10:15a – 11:30a at the SLO Alano Club, 3075 Broad St. or Zoom ID: **88279258044** / Password: **D22GSR**.