

District 22 (Area 93) Committee Meeting Minutes

7/9/2023 – Hybrid

Zoom ID: **88279258044** / Password: **D22GSR**

**ATTENDEES**

1	Jeff L.	District 22 DCM	
2	Elisa M.	District 22 Secretary	
3	Sheryl G.	D22 Treasurer/GSR Mesa Group	
4	Paul L.	D22 CPC/PI Chair	
5	Christine S.	D22 Grapevine Chair/GSR Serenity Group	
6	Judy G.	D22 Tech Chair/GSR Women's 12x12	
7	Jon K.	Intergroup Liaison/Central Office	
8	Connor G.	SLOYPAA Liaison	
9	Bert B.	Convention Liaison	
10	Debbie P.	GSR Women's Big Book Study	
11	Jim L.	GSR Sunday Eve Rap Group	
12	Lisa T.	GSR Back to Basics	
13	Matt L.	GSR Pioneer Group	
14	Sadie C.	GSR Templeton Mon PM Spiritual	
15	Eli T.	GSR Sun AM Coming Down	
16	Wayne N.	GSR 5 Cities Group	
17	Bryan Y.	GSR Monday Nite Group	
18	Ellen N.	GSR Sat. Women's Group	
19	Michelle	GSR Serenity Sisters ABC	
20	Steve R.	GSR Early Risers Step Study	
21	Jeremy S.	Visitor – looking for a service position	

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

Concept 7 (short version) read by Jeff: The Conference recognizes that the Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments: That the Trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document: That it relies instead upon the force of tradition and the power of the AA purse for its final effectiveness.

**Introduction of new GSRs and visitors:** Jeremy, visiting for exploration into service opportunities.

**REPORTS**

**DCM, Jeff L.**

- Helen Rodriguez, Treatment Chairperson for Area 93 is supposed to join us today.
- Had contact with the Veteran's Administration Hall in SLO (overseen by the County of SLO Central Services) and they are not available to help us for a location for the Area Assembly in May 2024.

- **Paul** - In the packet of information he previously provided to Jeff, there is a breakdown of cost and other information for the Morro Bay Vet's Hall, which is run by the city and not the County. Jeff will look further into this possible venue location.
- **Debbie** - Pismo Beach Vet's Hall is large enough but doesn't have any breakout rooms. Jeff will also investigate this location.
- **Lisa** – Cambria High School has a large gym/cafeteria combo and classrooms for breakout rooms. Person to talk to was out last week, will reach out to them this week and discuss the possibility of using this venue for the Area Assembly.
- **Ellen** – New place available in Morro Bay off Quintana Road, The Benedict Center. Could easily accommodate needs and will inquire about that location.
- DCM can autonomously make decisions about what venue will be used. The Area has been told District 22 would like to host this assembly, but it is not yet official as we still need a chosen venue to officially submit our BID.
- Forwarded 2 emails right before the meeting:
  1. The reserve fund to cover the full expenses of *The Grapevine*, as subscriptions don't cover all the cost, is being depleted due to inflation of all costs for production. The cost of a subscription is 1/3 of the cost to produce. See email from Jeff for more information.
  2. Proposed agenda items submission form for general service conference on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. People who can contribute to the conference and submit ideas to discuss are individual AA members, groups, delegates, trustees, Area Assemblies, Area Committee Members, directors and staff members of AA World Service and *The Grapevine*. **Ask your group if there is anything they would like to see discussed at this conference.** See email forwarded from Jeff for more information.
- **Next month, the District Committee Meeting will be replaced with the GSR orientation, online via Zoom Sunday August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 10:00am-12:00pm.**
- **All GSRs are to attend!** Flyer included in email of minutes.
- **[www.D22AA.org](http://www.D22AA.org) has description of all available positions for the District Committee.**

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

**Secretary, Elisa M.**

- Requests permission to voice record meetings for purpose of the minutes, granted.
- Makes amends to the group for recording last month's meeting without prior approval.
- Due to other adulting responsibilities, it is often difficult to get the minutes typed and submitted by the time GSRs may need/want to pass along the meeting's information.
- Kindly and highly suggests that if GSRs need the District Committee Meeting information sooner than she can get the minutes completed, **please:**
  1. **Attend the monthly meeting.**
  2. **Take your own notes.**
- I assure you all that I am doing my best to get them done ASAP! (I am literally at mental unrest until they are completed.)
- Suggestions on shortening the minutes provided. (Thank you! I promise I will do my best.)
- **Jeff moved to approve the minutes, Paul 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.**

**Treasurer, Sheryl G.**

- **Checking: \$11,665.65 / Savings: \$3,002.24 / Total: \$14,667.89** as of the end of June.

- June financials: **Contributions:** \$328.80 / **Expenditures:** \$544.15 (mostly for travel to Area Assembly) / **Total:** \$ -215.35.
- Year to date total is good at \$4,428.95.
- **Wayne moved to approve the financials, Paul 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.**

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

### GSR REPORTS

- **Judy G. – GSR Women’s 12 & 12 Online Group TGIF:** Remain diligent in the study of the 12 & 12. Donated a while ago to the different entities, but probably won’t be able to again since the meeting is very small.
- **Sheryl G. – GSR Mesa Group, Arroyo Grande:** Speaker meeting second Saturday of the month at 7:00 pm with a just desserts potluck at 6:30, come for sweets! Birthday meeting last Saturday of the month at 7:00pm. Anyone welcome, great celebration and lots of birthdays every month.
- **Lisa T. – GSR Back to Basics, Cambria:** Getting ready to make a quarterly contribution to the entities. The group is still reading through *Emotional Sobriety*.
- **Jim L. – Sunday Eve Rap Group, San Luis Obispo (Hybrid):** LGBTQ Group at the Gala Center on Palm, opposite the courthouse, all are welcome! Still Hybrid and evenly divided between online and in person with about 15-20 people each week.
- **Wayne N. – GSR 5 Cities Group, Arroyo Grande:** Have 22 meetings a week, 18 are Hybrid, 4 in person only. Have a speaker on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at 7:00pm and a Birthday Meeting on the last Friday of the month at 7:00pm, have 12 birthdays this month. 2023 National AA Technology Workshop (hybrid) September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 5:00pm Eastern time – September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 mid-afternoon. Check registration for online workshop, cost is \$45 for all events and info. Website: [www.naatw.org/2023-naatw-workshop](http://www.naatw.org/2023-naatw-workshop). Can email the NAATW Chair @ [eddym@naatw.org](mailto:eddym@naatw.org). Flyer included in email of minutes.
- **Christine S. – GSR Serenity Group, Grover Beach:** Friday at noon have a birthday meeting where the chip recipients tell how they stay sober then pick on others to share. 551 S 13<sup>th</sup> St. in Grover Beach at the Anglican Church.
- **Eli T. – GSR Sunday Morning Coming Down, Atascadero:** Now have a Venmo account in hopes of increasing the group donations.
- **Debbie P. – GSR Women’s Big Book Study, Arroyo Grande:** All going well, will inquire and check in about contributions.
- **Bryan Y. – GSR Monday Nite Group, Atascadero:** At the Grange Hall, have grown to over 20 people in the past few weeks. The suggestion of donating has been brought up often but no response yet.
- **Sadie C. – Monday Night Spiritual Living, Templeton:** Treasurer has allocated \$200 for donations to different entities. Secretary is needing to give up position, opportunity to be of service available soon.
- **Steve R. – GSR Early Risers Step Study, Los Osos:** Mon – Sat at 7:00 am, 10-15 people during the week, weekends a bit more attendees. Early Risers Zoomsters online only.
- **Michelle – GSR Serenity Sisters ABC, Paso Robles:** Tues-Fri at Noon, going strong and is a birthday meeting. Will check with treasurer about donations.
- **Ellen N. – GSR Sat. Women’s Group, Morro Bay:** Birthdays celebrated at the end of the month. Ellen records the MB speaker meeting speakers and moving away from CDs to an online streaming format. If anyone else has a speaker meeting, and they would like to consider online streaming, please let Ellen know.

- **Matt L. – GSR Pioneer Group, San Luis Obispo:** Have about \$10,000 in account and donate \$500-\$1,000 / month. Great attendance with lots of newcomers and in need of sponsors! Founder's Day even went great, over 100 people and lots of old timers sharing ESH. Group donated enough \$ for the Convention to support 13 scholarships, contact Pioneer Group to see if there are any scholarships available for those who are unable to afford the \$30 registration.

**VISITING AREA 93 OFFICER – Helen Rodriguez, Area 93 Treatment Chairperson - ABSENT**

**STANDING COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS**

**Archives Chair, Leonard L. - ABSENT**

**CPC/PI Chair, Paul L.**

- Nothing to report.
- ***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.**

- Area 93 Chair Bonnie N. held Grapevine workshop on July 6<sup>th</sup> on Zoom and got reacquainted with the *Grapevine* guidelines.
- Charlie E. elected as Alternate Chair. Has someone in mind who has already published with the *Grapevine* and provides another source for answering questions.
- Keep writing through the month of August and will have next workshop on September 30<sup>th</sup> and if choose to, can read stories to the whole group, and get feedback.
- Got a run down on recent *La Vina* writer's workshop Bonnie attended. Translations went well and valuable experience to have gone through.
- Grapevine board will be set up at the D22 Convention.
- Will be holding a Zoom workshop for just District 22, date to be determined later.

**Technology Chair, Judy G.**

- Attended another Area 93 Tech Committee meeting, but left notes at home.
- Going to another one Thursday night.
- Got a new webmaster, who is currently working as webmaster right now but will hold an official vote on Thursday. This guy is a young member of AA and doing well at this position.
- Will be asking the Finance Committee if there could be money budgeted for this position.
- Created a bid for breakout room hybrid equipment for their committee meetings and assemblies.
- Won't be here for the meeting in September so Jeff will be running the Zoom part of the meeting with his equipment for that meeting.

**Intergroup Liaison, Jon K.**

- ***Volunteers greatly needed! Spread the word, please! Barely getting by on volunteers right now.***
- ***Suggested 1 year of recovery time in order to volunteer at CSO.***
- Budget is OK, donations trickling in at an OK rate.
- Currently running low on stock of Big Books, but they have been ordered.

- Contact the Central Office if you would like Jim, a member at large, to come to your to bring meeting schedules, *Nameless Newsletters*, newcomer packets, and information about the Central Office.
- Central office in Los Osos and open Mon – Fri 12:00pm– 6:00pm and Sat 1:00pm – 4:00pm.
- Have books and literature available as well as newcomer packets and printed meeting schedules.
- Meeting schedules and the *Nameless Newsletters* can also be accessed and printed online at [www.SLOAA.org](http://www.SLOAA.org). “News and Events” link has a link to have the *Nameless Newsletter* sent right to your email.
- 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, fellowshipping, 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 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, registration now open! \$30 until August 18<sup>th</sup>, \$35 at the door. Lots of great recovery, fun, and fellowship. Venmo ID: @sloypaa 805 or contact Elisa M. @ 831-595-9219 to register.***
- ***Register in order to secure your place on SLOYPAA’s group site.***
- ***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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:slopyfunds@gmail.com).

#### **Convention Liaison, Bert B.**

- ***No one will be turned away! Scholarships are available if you can’t afford registration.***
- ***Registration now open at [www.myD22.org](http://www.myD22.org). Please promote registration at your meetings.***
- For more convention information, send email to [info@district22convention.org](mailto:info@district22convention.org) or call the message line at (805) 619-0462.
- Will be in person at the Vets Hall in SLO August 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

- 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.** Report from Jon K.

- H&I is active and taking meetings every week into men's jail, women's jail, juvenile hall, CMC, and starting back up at Atascadero State Hospital.
- Also bring in literature to these places.
- Rely on donations from all the groups, can send a donation for the literature to the Central Office c/o H&I.
- Will have a table set-up at the Convention.
- **Monthly Meetings "Bridging the Gap" 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month @ 6:40 pm via Zoom ID: 547 256 8644 PW: 123456**

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Area 93 for May 2024. In need of venue location, will investigate suggested locations.
- Email Jeff with any more ideas or suggestions at [district22dcm@gmail.com](mailto:district22dcm@gmail.com)

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Area 93 Committee Meeting July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 33201 Aqua Dulce Canyon Rd. Aqua Dulce, CA 91390, or Zoom ID: **828 0382 9577 PW: Panel73**
- August 13<sup>th</sup>, there is no District meeting but will be attending the Area 93 GSR orientation 10:00 am – 12:00pm on Zoom ID: **828 0382 9577 PW: Panel73**
- Area 93 Assembly August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 33201 Aqua Dulce Canyon Rd. Aqua Dulce, CA 91390, or Zoom ID: **828 0382 9577 PW: Panel73**
- PRAASA in 2024 will be in San Francisco!
- Traditions luncheon in November? Talking about doing something different, like having our Area 93 Delegate Pablo come up and give a talk. Might be a workshop but on a different subject, instead of the traditions, and may not be in November either.
- Pablo's information from visit to the General Service Office conference is available on the Area 93 website @ [www.Area93.org](http://www.Area93.org)

**Adjournment:** Sheryl moved to close, Wanye 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 month's meeting replaced with the Area 93 Panel 73 GSR Zoom Workshop Sunday August 13, 2023, 10:00am – 12:00pm. ID: 828 0382 9577 Password: Panel73**

Next hybrid District 22 Meeting will be Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 10:15a – 11:30a at the SLO Alano Club, 3075 Broad St. or Zoom ID: **88279258044** / Password: **D22GSR**.

