

District 22 (Area 93) Committee Meeting Minutes

12/10/2023 – Hybrid

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

ATTENDEES

1	Jeff L.	District 22 DCM
2	Elisa M.	District 22 Secretary
3	Sheryl G.	District 22 Treasurer / GSR Mesa Group
4	Judy G.	District 22 Technology Chair / GSR Women's 12 x 12 (Zoom)
5	Leonard L.	District 22 Archives Chair
6	Paul L.	District 22 CPC / PI Chair
7	Christine S.	District 22 Grapevine Chair / GSR Serenity Group
8	Jon K.	District 22 Intergroup Liaison
9	Wayne N.	GSR Five Cities Group
10	Jim L.	GSR Sunday Evening RAP - LGBT
11	Sandra G.	GSR Frederick's Fellowship Speaker Meeting
12	Sadie C.	GSR Templeton Mon PM Spiritual
13	Lisa T.	GSR Back to Basics
14	Bryan Y.	GSR Monday Nite Group
15	Ally B.	Alt. GSR ABC Group
16	Rick L.	GSR ABC Group
17	Helga B.	GSR Sobriety Sisters
18	Joe R.	GSR Melody Group
19	Michelle	GSR Serenity Sisters ABC Online
20	Gillian	Visitor from the Village Group

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

Introduction of new GSRs and visitors: Welcome Gillian!

REPORTS

DCM, Jeff L.

Area 93 Assembly 11/19/2023, Santa Barbara:

- Attended the DCM sharing meeting at the Assembly first. Danielle the AREA 93 Registrar presented the Info box that has a file for every District. She encouraged us to check our District file at every Assembly. This way she can pass on Information that pertains to each district. She will be setting up a Zoom Meeting to discuss unknown groups before the next Area Committee meeting. One of the questions that will be discussed is what groups are in existence that do not have a General Service Representative. She shared any group that does not have a GSR will need an email contact person. Group Information that is registered with Danielle is forwarded to the General Service Office. She is asking that GSR Information for the District be updated. Danielle states that groups need Accountability and Responsibility. She shared that people need to know what their positions entail. A DCM workshop is scheduled for January 20, 2024.

- Attended the Standing Committee Meeting Seniors in Sobriety where easy access to meetings was covered. The Live and Zoom meeting should provide easy access to Seniors who have physical disabilities. The Central Offices should provide Information In their directories how they can accommodate disabled alcoholics. Area 93 will help with hosting districts with Old Timer Events. Old Timers are Alcoholics who have over 30 years of Sobriety.
- Area 93 Officers shared what districts they have visited to provide Information on the current Issues in Area 93 and provided education and support.
- The 4th quarter financials were approved at the Assembly for Area 93.
- The Area 93 Grapevine Chair reported that GSO is offering 10% discounts on Big Books and 12x12's.
- The Pros and Cons of Hybrid meetings generated a lot of discussion without a definite outcome at this time.
- Proposed Changes to Guidelines were not discussed due to time constraints. This will be discussed later at Area 93 Committee Meeting.
- 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.

- Thank you for emailing or typing up reports, makes getting the minutes done go much faster.
- Has 4 years of sobriety today!
- **Sheryl moved to approve the minutes, July 2nd, unanimously approved.**

Treasure Report, Sheryl G.

- **Checking:** \$13,710.73/ **Savings:** \$3,004.12 / **Total:** \$16,714.85 as of the end of November.
- November financials: **Contributions:** \$518.20 / **Expenditures:** \$200.31 / **Total:** \$318.26.
- Year to date total contributions at end of November: \$7,753.42.
- **Paul moved to approve the financials, Elisa 2nd, unanimously approved.**

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

GSR REPORTS

- **Joe R. – GSR Melody Group, SLO:** Melody Group Quarterly Steering Committee Meeting will be held on January 7th, 2024. There are 25 AA meetings that occur weekly at Melody.
- **Rick L. / Ally B – GSR / Alt. GSR ABC Group, Paso Robles:** ABC group will be hosting New Year's Eve to New Year's Day marathon meetings. They will start December 31st, 2023, at 7:00 pm and continue until January 1st, 2024, at 7:00 pm. There will be 50-minute meetings. People are welcome to bring snacks to share. There will be a sign-up sheet at ABC Group 1916 Creston Rd. Paso Robles, for those interested in signing up for a meeting to secretary. We look forward to a great turnout and to seeing some new faces.
- **Christine S. – GSR Serenity Group, Grover Beach:** Thanksgiving meal was good with lots of stuff brought by people.
- **Bryan Y. – GSR Monday Nite Group, Atascadero:** Not much to report currently. Attendance is about 18 people, maybe bring in \$1/person, just enough to cover rent. Last time at this meeting as GSR for this group.

- **Michelle – GSR Serenity Sisters ABC, Paso Robles:** Group needs to be donating. Next business meeting is the last Wednesday of January, will be mentioning the need to be donating at this meeting.
- **Judy G. – GSR Women’s 12 x 12, Zoom:** Listed in the meeting guide and at www.SLOAA.org. Read the 12x12 and do 1 tradition per month and the rest of the time talk about the steps.
- **Sheryl G. – GSR Mesa Group, Arroyo Grande:** Will be having marathon meetings for Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve. December 24th at 5:30 pm – December 25th at noon, and December 31st at 5:30 pm – January 1st, 2024, at noon. Will have a sign-up sheet soon. Can contact Kathy T. at (805) 440-4253 if you would like to sign up for a slot.
- **Jim L. – GSR Sunday Eve Rap Group, San Luis Obispo (Hybrid):** Active group, going well and ALL are welcome!
- **Wayne N. – GSR 5 Cities Group, Arroyo Grande:** On New Year’s Day at the trailer, will be having football and a potluck gathering. Will start around 10:00 am, when the first NFL game of the day starts.
- **Helga B. – GSR Sobriety Sisters, Paso Robles:** Great attendance, not much else to report.
- **Sadie C. – Monday Night Spiritual Living, Templeton:** Good and consistent attendance, everything going well.
- **Sandra G. – GSR Frederick’s Fellowship Speaker Meeting, San Luis Obispo:** Live and active, not much else to report.
- **Lisa T. – GSR Back to Basics, Cambria:** Signed up for PRAASA already. Has a room and would like to share with another female. Also has a van that can transport 6 people if anyone is interested in carpooling. This group is excited about hosting the Area 93 Assembly in May.
- **Matt – GSR Pioneer Group, San Luis Obispo:** (Emailed and presented by Jeff) The Pioneer Group has \$10,655.47 total funds as of November 24th, 2023. Donations of \$250 each were given to H&I and World Services. The Pioneer Group is planning to support D22 hosting the Area 93 Assembly in May with volunteers to help with the event. Group attendance is good. Meetings are every day at 7:30 am, 12:00 pm, and 5:30 pm with an average of 30 people or more at most 5:30 pm meetings. Birthday meeting is the last Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm. The Pioneer Group will be hosting the annual New Year’s Eve Gala at the now Grange (formerly the Guild Hall) on Broad Street in SLO. Tickets for dinner can be purchased at the venue for \$20. Talent show, live music, and 50/50 raffle is free.

VISITING AREA 93 OFFICER – None Present

STANDING COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS

Archives Chair, Leonard L.

- Just received a collection of 13 “Golden Books” from the estate of Ruth M. of Savannah, Georgia. Ruth died with 54 years of sobriety on August 10th, 2022.
- The books are from a collection of talks at AA meetings and retreats by Father John Doe. They are “topic oriented”.
- Father John was born Ralph S. Pfau and believed to be the first Roman Catholic Priest to become a member of AA (1942).
- This donation was made by Daphne S.
- In a few weeks, they will be displayed at the Central Office where they can be read in our Reading Room.
- The series was first published starting in 1951. Ours are from a 4th printing in the 1970’s.
- leonardlenger@yahoo.com; (805) 489-1127

CPC/PI Chair, Paul L.

- On 11/30/23, along with David P. from H&I, met with the head Psychiatrist and 4 social workers of French Hospital.
- What they wanted was not in line with how or what we provide in AA. They wanted a direct line to the nurses' station for help anytime.
- Provided them with the number to Central Office.
- Gave them lots of literature and Big Books.
- Not particularly appreciative but very enthusiastic.
- David P., as an individual member of AA and in no other AA affiliated capacity, has volunteered to be a contact person for them if or when needed.
- Currently is drafting an email response to them regarding the meeting.
- ***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 Grapevine Chair Bonnie N. is working on putting together another Area Grapevine workshop.

Technology Chair, Judy G.

- Area 93 new website is still not up just yet but will be replaced sometime soon.
- Area having discussion regarding Hybrid Assemblies and Meetings:
 - Pro - for only live meetings: Area 93 Tech committee is asking for a lot of equipment and a lot of \$ to support Hybrid.
 - Con - Accessibilities Chair: There are lots of people willing and able to be of service but are not able to attend in person so hybrid should be an available option.

Intergroup Liaison, Jon K.

- Will be closed 12/25/23 and 1/1/24 but calls will still be forwarded to volunteers.
- ***Dick needs back-up / help for Volunteer Coordinator. Contact Dick at (805) 431-4164.***
- Currently a tad ahead of budget.
- Have a new Literature Chair.
- May have a new Nameless Newsletter person.
- Contact the Central Office if you would like Jim, a member at large, to come to your meeting to bring meeting schedules, *Nameless Newsletters*, newcomer packets, and information about the Central Office.
- Central office in Los Osos is 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. “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.
- Currently all positions are filled but 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.

- ***Suggested 1 year of recovery time to volunteer at Central Office.***

SLOPYPAA Liaison, Connor G. – ABSENT – Elisa M.

- 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!
- *Mission Statement:* The purpose of SLOPYPAA 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.

Convention Liaison, Bert B. - ABSENT

- The next convention will be held August 23rd – August 25th, 2024.
- Convention committee will now meet Hybrid at Melody or on Zoom at 388-987-2742, second Sunday of each month at Noon.

H & I Liaison, (VACANT) – *Please spread the word we need this position filled.* Report from Jon K. from June

- H&I is active and taking meetings every week into the 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” 3rd 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

- **PRAASA:** For this event only, District voted to pay up to \$250 / night max for hotel expenses. This is only for the 2 nights the event is being held. Any other night or time spent there will be out of pocket. D22 will also cover the cost of registration only for the event. Additional expenses for the dinners or buffets will be out of pocket. \$.48 / mile will also be paid for mileage. Please be sure to share a room and carpool to keep costs with the District at a minimum. Attending dinners or buffets is a good way to meet others in service. Can ask individual groups for financial assistance for this type of GSR activities.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Area 93 Assembly – May 2024:** Lisa and Sandra attended the Area Assembly in Santa Barbara in November and created a listing of things to keep in mind for when we host the Assembly in May. Lisa visited the Vets Hall in MB where we will be hosting our Assembly, and the parking is so much better than it was in SB. Has good spaces for breakout rooms and meetings. Sandra and Lisa will be forming committees for volunteers and have signed up lists of volunteers to refer to for help and opportunities to be of service. (Thanks for steering this committee ladies!)

Adjournment: Elisa moved to close, Sheryl 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, January 14th, 2024, 10:15a – 11:30a at the SLO Alano Club, 3075 Broad St. or Zoom ID: **88279258044** / Password: **D22GSR**.