

District 22 (Area 93) Committee Meeting Minutes

3/10/2024 – Hybrid

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

**ATTENDEES**

|    |            |   |
|----|------------|---|
| 1  | Jeff L.    | District 22 DCM   |
| 2  | Elisa M.   | District 22 Secretary                                     |
| 3  | Judy G.    | District 22 Technology Chair / GSR Women's 12 x 12 (Zoom) |
| 4  | Leonard L. | District 22 Archives Chair                                |
| 5  | Paul L.    | District 22 CPC / PI Chair                                |
| 6  | Jon K.     | Central Office Liaison / GSR Noon Park Meeting            |
| 7  | Kyley M.   | SLOYPAA Liaison   |
| 8  | Bert B.    | Convention 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 Spiritual Living                                      |
| 13 | Lisa T.    | GSR Back to Basics  |
| 14 | Joe R.     | GSR Melody Group  |
| 15 | Amy M.     | GSR in training Melody Group                              |
| 16 | Helga B.   | GSR Sobriety Sisters                                      |
| 17 | Brianna P. | GSR Open Door   |
| 18 | Ellen N.   | GSR Saturday Women's Group                                |
| 19 | Sonia S.   | GSR Sunday Morning Coming Down                            |
| 20 | Rick L.    | GSR ABC Group   |
| 21 | Ally B.    | Alt. GSR ABC Group  |
| 22 | Jillian P. | GSR Serenity Sisters                                      |
| 23 | Debbie P.  | GSR Women's Big Book Study (Tuesdays)                     |
| 24 | Theresa D. | GSR Attitude Adjustment                                   |
| 25 | Anna P.    | GSR Mesa Group  |
| 26 | Julia R.   | GSR Early Risers Zoomsters                                |
| 27 | Bonnie N.  | Area 93 Grapevine Chair                                   |
| 28 | Rudy       | Area 93 Chairman  |

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

**Introduction of new GSRs and visitors:** Welcome new GSRs Anna and Julia, and visitors Bonnie and Rudy. Thank you all for your service.

**REPORTS**

**DCM, Jeff L.**

- Area 93 Registrar Danielle still needs updated information for groups. The data integrity project resulted in 270 unknown groups in our region. Need to know what groups are active or inactive.

Need an email address plus correct street address to receive a GSR kit, and only new GSRs can receive the kits.

- Pablo Area 93 Delegate to GSO report: Talked about Grapevine budget. Shared that PRAASA is a way to understand how AA operates to ensure ongoing sustainability.
- Rudy Area 93 Chairman talked about contributions and how that was still very important.
- Our District PI/PCP Chair Paul was elected PI Chair for Area 93, congratulations.
- Hybrid meetings are still an ongoing debate. What are the guidelines for the meetings, how do people raise their hand and get heard on Zoom? Zoom allows for easy access and increased attendance at meetings. Voting for hybrid assemblies to take place at future assemblies.
- Information from PRAASA (Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly) – lots of information on how AA works with our legacy, unity recovery, service. Requires sacrifice of time and finances, traveling and attendance, etc. Overall, most are pro-service. Being all inclusive and welcoming all to our meetings. Must give it away to keep what you have.
- [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.**

**Treasure Report, Sheryl G. (ABSENT) – Reported by Jeff**

- **Checking:** \$12,583.16 / **Savings:** \$3,000.10 / **Total:** \$15,583.26 as of the end of February 2024.
- February financials: **Contributions:** \$981.34 / **Expenditures:** \$649.64 / **Total:** \$331.72.
- Year to date total contributions at end of February 2024: \$1,196.62.
- **Theresa moved to approve the financials, Paul 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.**

**Secretary, Elisa M.**

- Thank you, Debbie, for taking and providing the minutes for last month's meeting.
- Learned a lot of valuable information and suggestions as a recording secretary at PRAASA.
- Meeting minutes will be provided before next month's meeting.
- Thank you for emailing or typing up reports, makes getting the minutes done go much faster.
- If there are any corrections to prior months minutes, corrections will be noted here in current minutes. Will not be revising prior minutes as they have already been submitted.
- **Allly moved to approve the minutes, Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.**

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

### **GSR REPORTS**

- **Matt L. GSR Pioneer Group, SLO:** (ABSENT, report emailed) The Pioneer Group has approximately \$11,000 total funds as of Feb. 2024. The Pioneer group is planning to support district 22 hosting the May 2024 Area 93 Assembly with volunteers to help with the event. Group Attendance is good. Meetings are every day at 7:30, 12:00 and 5:30 with an average of 30 people or more at most 5:30 meetings. Birthday meeting is the last Thursday of each month at 5:30.
- **Debbie P. – GSR Women's Big Book Study (Tuesdays), Arroyo Grande:** Going well, lots of great women. The Steering Committee meeting decided to donate 2 quarters of donations to GSO. \$570 this quarter to GSO, then back to regular donations.

- **Wayne N. – GSR 5 Cities Group, Arroyo Grande:** Have a group potluck BBQ 3/22/2024 get together. Trying to plan that for every other month or every 3 months. Using these BBQs to get more fellowship/unity going between the 22 meetings the group has.
- **Sonia – GSR Sunday Morning Coming Down, Atascadero:** Continues to have good attendance weekly. Not much to report.
- **Jillian P. – GSR for Serenity Sisters ABC, Zoom:** Welcoming newcomers regularly. Positions just changed over, and everyone is adjusting to their new roles.
- **Jon K. – Acting GSR Noon Park Meeting, San Luis Obispo:** Mon-Fri at Noon at Meadow Park in SLO. Sparsely attended lately. Bring a chair and come join us. Near corner of Woodbridge and Meadow St.
- **Ellen N. - GSR Saturday Women’s Group, Morro Bay:** Nothing to report.
- **Judy G. – GSR Women’s 12 x 12, Zoom:** Contributed full donations pot last month and will vote next week if going to do it again for 1 more month.
- **Anna P. – New GSR Mesa Group, Arroyo Grande:** People are not rotating their positions. Trying to stay afloat. We are talking about temporarily going dark for some meetings due to lack of attendance and participation. Regroup on working with steering committee of Serenity to come across ideas to encourage secretaries to be more active in their meetings. Want to get an active list of secretaries’ information. Trying to bring back more structured traditions in the groups and sharing information with the next incoming secretary.
- **Julia R. - GSR Early Risers Zoomsters:** Celebrating 4 years on St. Patrick’s Day. Meeting at Sylvester’s at 2:00pm for Celebration of Creation, all are welcome. Doing great with attendance for people from all over the world.
- **Brianna P. – GSR Open Door, Los Osos:** Working on rallying AA for service work, showing its attractiveness. Don’t have set business meetings but working on creating those for the meeting. Doing my best as a new GSR and excited to communicate information to and from the group. Looking forward to the Pre-Conference event in April.
- **Theresa D. – GSR Attitude Adjustment, Cambria:** Moved by PRAASA. The group is apathetic and uninterested in service and GSR reports, even when the reports are kept short and sweet. Will have a business meeting in 2 or 3 weeks, no date set yet. Haven’t heard a treasury report in a while, requested that report. Have business meetings “as needed”. Amends to the District for offering to be Registrar and then backing out. PRAASA taught me that saying no to an AA request can be spiritual if you aren’t available and unable to do the commitment to the best of your ability.
- **Jim L. – GSR Sunday Eve Rap Group, SLO (Hybrid):** All is well. GSR packet was finally received, 1 year and 2 months after becoming a GSR. Required constant email reminders. The current Area Registrar is in action, don’t give up. Anna new GSR got her packet 3 weeks after signing up.
- **Lisa T. – GSR Back to Basics, Cambria (Hybrid):** Time changed from 10:30am – 11:30am. Continue to attract newcomers and visitors, although remain a small group. Maybe at the next district meeting can give more notes from PRAASA.
- **Sandra G. – GSR Frederick’s Fellowship Speaker Meeting, SLO:** Attended first PRAASA, was amazing and very interesting and how many people are so involved in this. Spoke about the role of GSR, had a business meeting and decided on where money would be distributed. The group is growing fast and doing well.
- **Rick L. and Ally B. – GSR/Alt. GSR ABC Group, Paso Robles:** Have meetings 3 times/day, 7 days/week. New Friday Young People meeting at 8:00pm needs some support. Money is about the same, attendance fluctuates. The steering committee meeting changed to every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:00pm and really starting to push the request that secretaries need to attend.

- **Helga B. - GSR Sobriety Sisters, Paso Robles:** The meeting is well attended, nothing to report.
- **Sadie C. – Monday Night Spiritual Living, Templeton:** Group is doing well. Steady attendance lately. We've had a newcomer attending the last few weeks.
- **Joe R. / Amy – GSR/Alt. Melody Group, SLO:** 67 people at 9am Sunday morning last week. It's a big meeting with mixed sobriety. 'Mayflower Hotel' LGBT+ friendly and secular. Saturday nights, has a newer meeting that could use support. The steering committee meeting will meet next month on April 7 @ 10:15am.

### VISITING AREA 93 OFFICER

#### **Area 93 Chairman – Rudy**

- There is a lot of responsibility as a chairman. In charge of all the assemblies (ACM), get agendas out on time, provide \$ to the hosting district. Here to provide what the district needs to host the assemblies.
- Need to ensure there is enough parking for the assembly we are hosting, affordable? Iron man festival changed to the same day of the assembly but was ensured and reiterated this shouldn't provide driving or parking challenges.
- Suggest providing a list of places for visitors to stay.
- The hosting district provides coffee and breakfast spread. Makes sure there is a lot of coffee. Do we have everything under control? Rudy has coffee pots and anything else we may need to host the assembly. What do we need Rudy to provide for us? Will check his stock of cups, plates for lunch, etc. We should have our own stuff to get started at least, like for coffee.
- Hopefully a large venue with a kitchen and 4 different breakout rooms? The venue is the Veteran's memorial building in Morro Bay. Has a main assembly hall and a meeting room, and a lobby and outdoor BBQ space that we can use for breakout rooms. Might be a little snug but we should be able to make it work. Not actual separate breakout rooms, but other spaces are separate from the main hall.
- Main hall could be for past delegate to talk to GSRs. Lobby for DCMs. Need more space for Spanish GSRs. Could we put up a pop-up tent and chairs outside? Will need to get creative to create spaces for all groups.
- Usually have a rule to have breakout rooms but making exceptions so different districts could host an assembly.
- Start setting up at 7:00am, lunch will be 12-1.
- 9:00am - 10:30am break out into 4 different spaces, 5 including the main assembly room. 10:30am-12:00pm go to different committees in large area. At 1:00pm – 5:00pm the assembly really starts, with discussions and voting. Will be discussing and voting on hybrid assemblies, guidelines, and financials, etc.
- Rudy will provide cups and plates, but the district will be ready to provide coffee for everyone. Will need ice and coolers for drinks.
- The district paid for its own event insurance to reserve the venue spot, but the Area has its own insurance for these events. Jeff will investigate getting our insurance refunded and using the Area's insurance instead.

#### **Area 93 Grapevine Chair – Bonnie N.**

- Encourages our district to have their own Grapevine Chair. GSRs can also be the Chair. Christine is no longer able to be the district Grapevine Chair.

- *Requires 2 years of sobriety and is a 2-year commitment. Communicates with AA representatives in our district's AA groups. Provides the Grapevine display at the Convention and assists Bonnie when needed.*
- There is an Area 93 Grapevine writing workshop in Thousand Oaks.
- Is hoping to provide in person writing workshops in our district. Has talked with SLOYPAA about hosting one in collaboration with and help from Bonnie. More to come.
- Chris, Grapevine General Manager has made clear that just because there is now an app, the rumors that printed versions of the Grapevine will no longer be provided is NOT true.
- Print versions on the Grapevine are exceptionally important for jails and institutions.
- This is the 1<sup>st</sup> price increase in 12 years due to increasing costs.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS**

### **Archives Chair, Leonard L.**

- During a 1995 Convention in San Diego, Susan Martin from New Mexico was given a photo of Lois Wilson from 1975. On the back of the photo the note said, "San Luis Obispo, CA A.A. Convention".
- Any information regarding this would be greatly appreciated.
- [leonardlenger@yahoo.com](mailto:leonardlenger@yahoo.com); (805) 489-1127

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

- PRAASA, lots of good information. Will be checking with Judy as far as some of the information and pricing it out. Will get back with more details.
- ***If there are people in the education, medical, or 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, VACANT**

- *Requires 2 years of sobriety and is a 2-year commitment. Communicates with AA representatives in our district's AA groups. Provides the Grapevine display at the Convention and assists Bonnie when needed.*

### **Technology Chair, Judy G.**

- Went to Tech Hybrid and Website roundtables at PRAASA and received a ton of information.
- Put on a new list for Areas all over the US called Area Tech Sessions. Been to one of their meetings and am now on their steering committee.
- Exploding with new information, more information later.

### **Intergroup Liaison, Jon K.**

- ***Still looking for a volunteer coordinator. Contact Dick at (805) 431-4164.***
- The 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. Jim, Member at Large, will also bring newcomer packets to your meeting if in need.
- 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.
- ***Suggested 1 year of recovery time to volunteer at Central Office.***

#### **SLOYPAA Liaison, Kyle M.**

- ***St. Patrick’s Day event: Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1:30-4:30 at Alano Club. \$10 suggested donation. Drinks provided, games and chances to win SLOYPAA Campout pre-registration, including an ice bath challenge as well.***
- ***Fellowship Bowling: Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>, Cal Poly Mustang Lanes. Meeting 1:30-2:30, registration/check in 2:30-3:00, bowling 3:00-4:30. Pre-registration \$15, \$20 at the door. Please spread the word at meetings. Flyers available.***
- ***Annual SLOYPAA Campout: August 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> at Morro Strand Campground. Space limited. Must register to reserve your spot. Pre-registration is \$25.***
- ***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.

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

- Out of the 32 activities that need to be chaired, there are 5 that are still needing to be filled:
  - Chili cook-off
  - Merchandise, T-shirts and mugs
  - Marathon Meetings
  - Onsite registration
  - Preregistration
- There was a decision to discuss with the group if an expense is to exceed \$500.
- The finances are in good shape, but we need more volunteers.
- The Convention theme is “Insist on Enjoying Life” pg132 “We are not a glum lot”.
- The next convention will be held August 23<sup>rd</sup> – August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- Convention committee meeting only in person at Noon at Melody on the second Sunday of each month. Can’t run a true hybrid meeting but ID is 388-987-2642.

#### **H & I Liaison, (VACANT) – *Please spread the word we need this position filled.*** – Report provided by Jon

- Is active and doing well.
- ***Monthly Meetings “Bridging the Gap” 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month @ 6:30pm at the Alano Club.***

- 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.
- **Monthly Meetings "Bridging the Gap" 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month @ 6:30pm at the Alano Club.**

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Area 93 Assembly:** Hosted by District 22 at the Vet's Hall in Morro Bay on Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 9:00am – 5:00pm. Volunteers needed for set-up, clean up and serving.
- **Contact Lisa at (805) 264-1715 to volunteer.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Adjournment:** Ally moved to close, Elisa 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 hybrid District 22 Meeting will be Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 10:15a – 11:30a at the SLO Alano Club, 3075 Broad St. or Zoom ID: **88279258044** / Password: **D22GSR**.