

District 22 (Area 93) Committee Meeting Minutes

5/12/2024 – Hybrid

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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	Sheryl G.	District 22 Treasurer
5	Paul L.	District 22 CPC / PI Chair
6	Leonard	Archives Chair
7	Bonnie N.	Area 93 Grapevine Chair
8	Matt L.	GSR Pioneer Group
9	Wayne N.	GSR Five Cities Group
10	Jim L.	GSR Sunday Evening RAP - LGBT
11	Lisa T.	GSR Back to Basics
12	Helga B.	GSR Sobriety Sisters
12	Sonia	GSR Sunday Morning Coming Down
14	Theresa D.	GSR Attitude Adjustment (Thursday)
15	Debbie P.	GSR Women's Big Book Study (Tuesdays)
16	Anna P.	GSR Mesa Group / GSR Serenity Group

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

Introduction of new GSRs and visitors: None.

REPORTS

DCM, Jeff L.

- Area 93 May 19th Assembly is all ready to go for next weekend. Lisa will provide a further report on that later.
- Rudy contacted and asked if lunch could be moved earlier to 11:20 so delegate Pablo can give GSO report after lunch.
- A Pacific Regional forum in July in Las Vegas, no fee for registration. Being asked if this is something to get reimbursed for.
- Lisa volunteers to be alternate DCM.

Sheryl moves to nominate Lisa as Atl. DCM, Judy seconds, unanimously approved.

Alternate DCM, – Lisa T.

- Been great to connect with D22 and impressed with the work the GSRs do in this district. Want to be able to help out with plans and events that come up with everyone.
- **Area 93 Assembly May 19th, 2024, at Morro Bay Vet's Hall:** On the final countdown for area assembly. Everything is looking great. We have volunteers signed up for various activities. No

information from the city about AV equipment but know Wi-Fi is available. People for set up showing up between 630 and 7. Again, caution everybody regarding the iron man event, which may affect finding parking. The highway between Cambria and MB will be one lane in the morning, so give yourself time for delays in travel if coming in that direction/area. Will scope out area regarding parking if able as the event gets closer. Assembly starts at 8 am. Light breakfast with fruit, bagels and coffee cake. Coffee committee dedicated to the whole day (Ally and Rick, with their own help). Lunch is breaking a little early and will be set up at 1120 and right after lunch will be the business meetings. Teresa is overlooking the desert table, available in the afternoon. People will serve themselves. Canopies to be set up in the front for some of the committee meetings. Presenting committees will have tables in the main room where we meet. Stage for the panel to meet up on and an interpreter table in the back. Tends to wrap up 430 or 5 but have facility until 6 for cleanup. 4-430 clean-up crew shows up, will take down outside stuff, etc. while the meeting is finishing up. Suggest that we don't let people serve themselves. Have volunteers to help people serve themselves. Rudy will be bringing some extra coffee as well. Judy will volunteer to help serve lunch and Sheryl volunteers for whatever. Currently have spent \$124 and am working to keep it at \$300 or less. Currently at \$2,810 total just for the event space and the food. The area will reimburse a total of \$2,200.

Secretary, Elisa M.

- I thought I emailed the minutes for April but instead, they have been sitting in the draft box of my email since 5/3. My deepest apologies.
- Minutes have just been sent.
- Approval of April's minutes to be deferred until next month.

Treasure Report, Sheryl G.

- **Checking:** \$7,466.60/ **Savings:** \$3,000.15 / **Total:** \$10,466.75 as of the end of April 2024.
- April financials: **Contributions:** \$444.14 / **Expenditures:** \$1,443.52 / **Total:** -\$999.38.
- Year to date total contributions at end of April 2024: \$1,815.76.
- Not that far behind our budget. Just picked up some \$ for May already, so we may be getting back on track.
- Expenses mostly for area assembly and PRAASA travel and \$2,200 of area assembly will be reimbursed.
- What about passing the basket during the district meeting, used to do it before. At the time it stopped, there was a surplus in the accounts and the people that were contributing were disturbed they were being asked to contribute when there was that much \$ going around. And we're putting \$ in our individual meetings, so asked to double serve.

Judy motions to revive 7th tradition at this meeting, Teresa 2nd, 1 abstention. Motion passes. Voluntary, do not have to contribute if don't want to.

Judy moved to approve the treasurer's report, Paul 2nd, unanimously approved.

- **Pacific Regional Forum Reimbursement Discussion:** Traditionally the district does not cover travel for this event. Usually the groups pay for it, unsure what groups have the capacity to help with that. We have \$2,034 left in our PRAASA budget that is unspent. Was going to propose that we split up that remainder for those that want to go to this regional forum. Propose we split up the remaining PRAASA budget evenly amongst all those that are going to go with, maximum of

\$300 for travel and \$170 per night for the hotel, up until we run out of money in that budget. If more want to go and can't each get the \$470, then we just split it up evenly. If we do this, we are setting a precedent for the future. Service manuals say each group is responsible for reimbursement, but individual finances should not be a barrier to service. All the GSRs should be asking the meetings to help with any finances whenever needed. Suggest we cover this as a 1 time offering since we had extra in our budget left over from PRAASA, a similar symposium. Reminder that this is not technically a service event, even though it is put on by general service. The DCM and Alt DCM should be fully covered by the district only. The GSRs should be talking with their groups about this event and other issues regardless and trying to find \$ from their groups first. Just suggesting that since we have the budget now, we do it this one time. Leads to further discussion about amending our budgets, etc. Agreed that for this event and all other service events, per the service manual, GSRs should be asking their group for financial assistance.

Sheryl motions to split the remaining PRAASA budget by whatever the mileage is for each person who ends up attending, and hotel budget cost Jeff adds to include maximizing it at \$300, Anna 2nds, 1 opposes. Opposition opinion: Have not met budget this year. Don't think we use up just because we have it to spend. Alaska is the next PRAASA, then Hawaii, with some big expenses there for that travel. **Anyone want to change vote?** 9 in favor, 6 opposed, motion passes.

Registrar, (VACANT) – Please spread the word we need this position filled. Jeff has been adding the new GSRs to mailing list and website list.

GSR REPORTS

- **Wayne N. – GSR 5 Cities Group, Arroyo Grande:** Doing OK, and will ask for \$ to go to Las Vegas. Have a member who puts on monthly events for everyone to enjoy themselves. Potluck and speakers at 7 for the speaker meetings, 2nd Friday of the month.
- **Anna P. – GSR Mesa Group, Arroyo Grande & Serenity Group:** Mesa Group: Meetings are flowing good, went dark on a couple. New meetings Saturdays 3:00 pm As We See As Bill Sees It, on website for Sat. **Save the date** – Founders Day June 9th, 12:00 pm with a potluck and Don H. speaker at 1:00, for history and memorabilia on AA. Open to all. Come up and hang out with us at the Mesa Group. Serenity: Groups are doing fine, attendance is good. Their secretary is working on her secretaries' list to get all secretaries' information, email and phone numbers, and to reach out to them a week before business meetings. Has been successful, get a heads up if not meeting and some communication.
- **Debbie P. – GSR Women's Big Book Study (Tuesdays):** AG Women's meeting Tues afternoons. Thanks to Lisa and the crew for the Area Assembly. Still recovering from surgery and will bring this information back to the group. Hearing meeting is going great, now outside due to nice weather. Good attendance.
- **Sonia – GSR Sunday Morning Coming Down, Atascadero:** Attendance is going well, new secretary to be voted in at business meeting later this month.
- **Judy G. – GSR Women's 12 x 12, Zoom:** Nothing to report.
- **Lisa T. – GSR Back to Basics:** Back to basics. Still hybrid. Small but having awesome visitors coming through Cambria. Great to meet new folks. Finishing Emotional Sobriety. Come check us out.
- **Jim L. – GSR Sunday Eve Rap Group, SLO (Hybrid):** Large meeting last Sunday, lost 2 of our members due to this disease so people showed up for that. Evenly hybrid/in person. Doing quite well.

- **Matt L. – GSR Pioneer Group, SLO:** The Pioneer Group has approximately \$11,200 total funds as of March 2024. The group is planning to support district 22 hosting the May 2024 Area 93 Assembly with volunteers to help with the event. We are planning a celebration for AA's Founders' Day Sunday June 9th starting at 12:00. There will be several speakers and a buffet of food. Also, the pioneer group is celebrating 70 years since its inception in 1954. The group began after some controversy in the then Melody group caused some members to start a new meeting. Following founders' day, the next large event will be the Fourth of July picnic held every year at Cuesta Canyon Park in San Luis Obispo. There will be a barbecue and possibly entertainment. The rest of the food is done potluck style with a suggested donation of \$5.00. This is a 22nd district wide event. All AA Members and family are invited to attend. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer to help please contact Matt D at 347-852-8093 or Matt L at 805-710-4370. Meeting Attendance is good. Meetings are every day at 7:30, 12:00 and 5:30 with an average of 40 people or more at most 12:00 and 5:30 meetings. Lately some of the 5:30 meetings have been at full room capacity. Always lots of newcomers at meetings, which means there is a need and opportunity for sponsorship. Birthday meeting is the last Thursday of each month at 5:30.
- **Helga B. – GSR Sobriety Sisters, Paso Robles:** Group is well attended and going well. Nothing to report.
- **Theresa D. – GSR Attitude Adjustment, Cambria:** Filling in for Tuesday GSR and for Thursday, hybrid. Finally got everyone together for a business meeting on April 18th. Still didn't get a treasurer's report though. Discussed entities that we donate to. The new treasurer knows nothing about who to donate to. Only to area 93 and general services. Discussed Area Assembly. Discussed setting up a Venmo due to being hybrid and lots of online attendance. Need to change the address for meeting secretary because a lot of stuff is going to the previous secretary's email. Found out that when we had to move during Covid in 2020, the box with all the \$ and literature was left there and the church kept contacting the treasurer, but the guy never went back to pick up the box. Decided to confess and amend to the group that the box is gone now and got tired of not hearing back from anyone. Probably a lot of \$ gone. Next meeting (quarterly) is August 15th.

VISITING AREA 93 OFFICER – None present

STANDING COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS

Archives Chair, Leonard L. – Nothing to report.

CPC/PI Chair, Paul L.

- Post card flyers for the groups with QR codes for our intergroup newsletter, meeting schedules and AA meeting guide app and tells you how to use it. Useful to distribute at doctors' offices and libraries, etc. Thank you so much for your help, Judy.
- Monday May 20th, 10am - Noon: Health Fair at Central Coast Tech High in Nipomo, table will be set up. Interacting with students and staff. If people are interested, would love extra help.
- ***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, Bonnie N. volunteered, appointed by Jeff. Wants to do this because this is her home district and would like our district to be more involved with the Grapevine. SLOYPAA is interested in putting on a Grapevine writing workshop for the young people. Well attended workshops. AA Grapevine Story Writing Zoom Workshop hosted by the Area 93 Grapevine Committee, Saturday June 8th, 2024 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. Flyers will be emailed.

Technology Chair, Judy G.

- D22AA.org website for things happening in our district, please check it out.
- Place on front page where we are starting to provide a summary of each district meeting. Please check it out under “What’s New” section.
- Please let me know and if you have any other comments, please send me a note at the “Contact” button.
- If interested in being on the Tech Committee please email Judy at jbarnesgabriel@gmail.com, would LOVE to have some help. Entails doing this hybrid meeting and taking care of the D22AA.org website, currently a team of 1, sometimes 2 (thank you Sheryl).

Intergroup Liaison, Jon K. – ABSENT

- ***Still need volunteers!!***
- COR meeting the second Sunday of the Month at 8:45 am only on Zoom, meeting information for this meeting is online.
- 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. “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. - ABSENT

- ***Annual SLOYPAA Campout: August 16th-18th 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 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 – Report given by Jeff from email provided by Bert.

- Out of the 32 activities that need to be chaired, we only have 1 left to be filled: On-site Registration chair.
- The Convention theme is “Insist on Enjoying Life” pg132 “We are not a glum lot”.
- If you have an entry into the chili cook-off you will receive 2 BBQ tickers and the winner will receive 2 convention registrations.
- Registration is still \$30 for pre-registration and \$35 onsite.
- **The registration is now live at MYD22.org.**
- There will be a “Taco Bar” theme for Friday night speaker dinner at Quality Suites.
- The finances are in good shape, but we need more volunteers.
- Convention committee meeting only in person at Noon at the Melody group on service Sunday (second Sunday of each month). Attending in person is encouraged since can’t run a true hybrid meeting but ID is 388-987-2642.
- We’d like to remind all that AA’s International Convention in 2025 will be in Vancouver, Canada July 3-6.
- I’m sending the updated flyer about our District convention separately and we’d like you to post them at your local meetings.
- The next convention will be held August 23rd – August 25th, 2024.

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

- **Monthly Meetings “Bridging the Gap” 3rd Tuesdays of the month @ 6:30pm at the Alano Club (sort of Hybrid).**
- Can contact Jon K. at (805) 471-7173 for more information.
- 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.

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Adjournment: Sheryl moved to close, July 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, June 9th, 2024, 10:15a – 11:30a at the SLO Alano Club, 3075 Broad St. or Zoom ID: **88279258044** / Password: **D22GSR**.

