

District 22 (Area 93) Committee Meeting Minutes

6/9/2024 – Hybrid

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ATTENDEES

1	Jeff L.	District 22 DCM
2	Elisa M.	District 22 Secretary
3	Sheryl G.	District 22 Treasurer
4	Paul L.	District 22 CPC / PI Chair
5	Jon K.	Central Office Liaison
6	Anna P.	GSR Mesa Group
7	Julia R.	GSR Early Risers Zoomsters
8	Matt L.	GSR Pioneer Group
9	Sonia	GSR Sunday AM Coming Down
10	Jim L.	GSR Sunday Evening RAP - LGBT
11	Lisa T.	GSR Back to Basics
12	Helga B.	GSR Sobriety Sisters
13	Rosie	GSR Surrender to Win
14	Kevin D.	Alt. GSR Surrender to Win
15	Rick L.	GSR ABC Group
16	Ally B.	Alt. GSR ABC Group
17	Wayne	GSR Five Cities Group
18	Theresa D.	GSR Attitude Adjustment (Thursday)

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

Introduction of new GSRs and visitors: Rosie, new GSR for Surrender to win. Kevin D., Alt. GSR for Surrender to Win. Welcome! Glad to have you with us.

REPORTS

DCM, Jeff L.

- Thanks to everyone involved in hosting the assembly. Great job, everything went smoothly. Had a bit of an issue initially with the number of chairs but we got it figured out.

Assembly May 19th, 2024

- Pablo, Area 93 Delegate’s report from GSO: 2025 International AA Convention “Language of the Heart” in Vancouver, BC July 3-6, 2025.
- Supporting the Grapevine, please promote the Grapevine throughout AA.
- Plain language Big Book has been approved, only in English. This book is to be used as a guide for the Big Book only, it is not replacing the Big Book.
- Agenda for the 2025 conference is “Working Together to Increase Trust”.
- Improved GSO conference to decrease cost of conference by having more online meetings and fewer meals.
- PI: Some videos being discontinued; other videos being started.

- Improving meeting guide at www.AA.org.
- Archives: minor changes to archives workbook.
- International Convention Anonymity measures approved.
- Closing prayer: Lord's Prayer has been voted out. Going to use the Serenity prayer, Responsibility statement, or 3rd step prayer, but no longer the Lord's prayer at the International Convention.
- Pablo (Area 93 Delegate) term ends in November. All people at Area 93 board, service terms end in November.
- Delegates serve in the conference committee: how to improve our fellowship, redesigning of the service manual. 100 edits to the service manual.
- 5-year plan to increase revenue for the Grapevine and La Vinia.
- Changes coming to the Grapevine board.
- Updating Bridging the Gap was approved.
- Updating the mental health pamphlets for next year.
- www.AA.org domain was not owned by AA. Now AA does own the domain.
- Registrar: 968 actual groups in area 93, 62 virtual, 272 unknown groups in Area 93. Discussion: how do we find a list of the unknown groups so we can make sure the meetings in our district are correct? Get a hold of Danielle, the area registrar.
- Hybrid issues are always discussed at the end of the assemblies and then everyone leaves mad.

Alternate DCM, – Lisa T.

- Rick, Ally, Matt, rockstars for the assembly. Thank you for your service. 1216 hot beverages consumed. Coffee covered.
- Parking went well. Had a plan B. Matt helped redirect to the community center, brought back in the van. Only 5 people were redirected.
- Ironman was not an issue for the assembly.
- Meals went well, moved through no problem. Pasta meal was enjoyed and there was enough food for everyone.
- All deserts consumed by midafternoon.
- Rick took care of a plumbing issue in the bathroom.
- Lupe and crew had the kitchen spotless at the end of day.
- Hybrid meetings, motion to put them permanently into police and guidelines into the area. Difficult for the area to make policies around the type of meetings. More to look at down the line.

Secretary, Elisa M.

- District meeting minutes can be long, but I also just keep some basic information on them from month to month so that new GSRs can access information about other positions or committees that don't change, and they might not otherwise know.
- Moving forward, I will put this redundant information in a different font color so you can more easily glance past it.
- **Paul moved to approve April minutes, Kevin 2nd, unanimously approved.**
- Minutes were intended to be emailed on Friday, but the wrong attachment was sent. Let the email list know the correct minutes would be sent as soon as possible. Correct minutes were sent yesterday, Saturday, before noon.
- **Jeff moves to delay approval of May minutes until next month, Sheryl 2nd, 2 oppose.** Oppose because there was plenty of time to review the minutes and people knew they were coming

before the meeting. Opposing opinion changes votes, revote taken. 10 in favor of motion, 6 opposed. **Approval of May minutes delayed until next month.**

Treasure Report, Sheryl G.

- **Checking:** \$7,071.10/ **Savings:** \$3,000.15 / **Total:** \$10,071.25 as of the end of May 2024.
- May financials: **Contributions:** \$668.50 / **Expenditures:** \$1,064.00 / **Total:** -\$395.50..
- Year to date total contributions at the end of May 2024: \$2,484.26.
- **Rick moves to approve the financials, Paul 2nd, unanimously approved.**

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

GSR REPORTS

- **Rosie - GSR Surrender to Win:** New, nothing to report, learning job description.
- **Kevin - Alt. GSR Surrender to Win:** Average of 9 people that attend, financially stable. Been in the same room for 40 years. Made contributions to all the entities, but not yet the district because we feel you have too much cash on hand anyway. Get a lot of newcomers starting at this meeting but they don't usually stick around. Sort of a hard meeting for people to get to as it's late (8:00 pm), in Atascadero.
- **Jim - GSR Sunday Evening Rap Group:** Hybrid meeting. Usual attendance is 15-20, evenly divided between Zoom and in person. Don't contribute as much as use to the district because it seems to have enough \$. The group itself is doing quite well despite having 2 memorial celebrations last week.
- **Rick - GSR ABC Group:** Good day to be sober. Thanks for everyone's support in everything. The ABC group has 3 meetings a day except for Saturday night, which is the Easy Does It group. 2nd annual good day to be sober BBQ at Sherwood Park Saturday July 13th 12-5. Meat provided, potluck type of event. Meeting attendance is good. Approved a donation last month at a steering meeting for the district, received by the district.
- **Ally - Alt. GSR ABC Group:** The group has lots of newcomers in and out and relapsers in and out.
- **Matt - GSR Pioneer Group:** Nothing new from last report. Founders' day is today. Speakers here at Noon, this room will be packed. BBQ at 1:30 pm. Next event is 4th of July, an annual event, sponsored by the Pioneer group. All are welcome, \$5 for a meal. Not sure about entertainment at the moment. Meeting before the event starts. Currently the group has \$11,400 in reserves. Give enough \$ each month to the entities. Meetings are super well attended, especially the 5:30 pm. Lots of new people and sponsorship opportunities. Need old-timers for sponsorship. Last Thursday of each month is the birthday meeting. 70 years of the group being around.
- **Helga - GSR Serenity Sisters:** 5:30 pm Thursday meeting. Very well attended. Nothing else to report.
- **Sonia - GSR Sunday Morning Coming Down:** 10:00 am Sunday, Atascadero. Good attendance, big bright lively room. Great leads coming in. New Secretary was appointed and started today. Newcomers coming in together and coming in strong.
- **Lisa - GSR Back to Basics:** Going well.
- **Julia - GSR Early Risers Zoomsters:** Apologize for not being here last month. First business meeting for the zoomsters with 2 main agenda items. Finances discussed and how they were tied to in person meetings. Collectively have now donated to the district. Have a timer in the meeting now. Average 30-35 people daily. 20 people came to the business meeting. Decided to do a timer, brought to the group, a bit of an adjustment to the process. 3 changes of secretaries, new positions filled. Great group. In the directory, come check it out.

- **Wayne N. – GSR 5 Cities Group:** Hybrid meetings, so now the group has a QR code to help with \$ coming in from the online group attendees. Founders' day today at Noon potluck, 1 speaker on AA history. 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month at 7pm are 2 speaker meetings and 2 birthday meetings.
- **Theresa D. – GSR Attitude Adjustment:** Happy Founders Day to us all. Would like to extend an invitation to Lisa and treasurer Sheryl to Thursday 6pm hybrid meeting next business meeting on August 15th at 7pm to give spiel about finances and general service. Gave report at meeting, no lord's prayer at convention, group wants to revisit this. Will take a group conscious to see and bring it back to the district.
- **Anna P. – GSR Mesa Group & Serenity Group: Mesa Group:** is having a Founders' day event at Mesa Group, Don H. will be speaking, with AA history and memorabilia. Selling first edition big books for \$3. The appearance and coziness of the meeting room has been updated. 2 new meetings: Women's 12x12 on Monday at 5:30 pm doing wonderful and averaging about 20 people, which in turn decreased the popularity of Serenity's 5:30 pm Monday; & As We See It as Bill Sees It on Saturday at 3:00pm. After reading the AA group pamphlet, change in the steering committee to do an AA group inventory to make sure the group is doing the best it can do. Grateful for the information from the assembly, i.e. the plain language book is not a new book, it is a tool to use for the big book and it helps keep people from freaking out about it. Knowledge is power and valuable information to share with others. As secretaries of secretaries, developing rapport to encourage group members and include everybody. **Serenity:** Secretaries being worked with, going to each meeting to make sure everyone is on the same page to review things, etc. Make sure information on responsibilities aren't getting watered down. Ebb and flow attendance.

VISITING AREA 93 OFFICER – None present

STANDING COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS

Archives Chair, Leonard L.

- In need of someone with the ability to organize the Archives section of our website.
- Can reach Leonard at (805) 489-1127 or leonardlenger@yahoo.com if interested or know of anyone available.

CPC/PI Chair, Paul L.

- May 20th, 2024 did a Health Fair at Central Coast New Tech HS in Nipomo with a table set up, which was well received. Most identified that their parents were alcoholic. Provided lots of information and interacted with the kids.
- Letter received yesterday from the GSO office and received word that misinformation was being passed around about hotel rooms being sold out for the international convention in 2025. Housing and registration will open up on September 10th and there is plenty of housing and it will be cheap. Will be stonewalled if you try to get a room earlier than that.
- *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. - ABSENT

Technology Chair, Judy G. - ABSENT

Intergroup Liaison, Jon K.

- Really need volunteers, especially during the weekdays.
- Will need new board members coming up as well.
- ***Suggested 1 year of recovery time to volunteer at Central Office.***
- 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 the Central Office about updates regarding meetings. The website is only as good as what information is provided.

SLOPYPAA Liaison, Kyle M. – ABSENT – Report Provided by Elisa

- ***Sponsorship Luncheon Workshop: June 22nd, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm at North County Connection (8600 Atascadero Ave. Atascadero). Have lunch and a panel on sponsorship in AA. Bring your sponsor, sponsee, or just yourself and come learn what sponsorship is all about. \$5 suggested donation at the door.***
- ***Annual SLOPYPAA Campout: August 16th-18th at Morro Strand Campground. Space limited. Must register to reserve your spot. Pre-registration is \$25, \$30 day of.***
- Meeting every Thursday evenings at 7:00pm via Zoom. Can call Elisa at (831) 595-9219 if interested in attending on Zoom.
- 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 – 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. Contact Bob Revel for information about this position at (818) 439-7723.
- 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 tickets and the winner will receive 2 convention registrations. Please promote this and challenge your group to have an entry.

- The golf tournament will be on Friday August 23rd at the Black Lake Golf course in Nipomo. \$59 with a cart and tee times start at 8 am. Form your own group or sign up as a single and they will place you in a group.
- 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 we 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, 2025.
- Post updated flyers at your meeting locations.
- 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).**
- **Juvenile hall also needs some volunteers.**
- Alive and well and need new commitments filled.
- Openings and would like some help.
- 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

Area 93 Assembly review - See Lisa's report at beginning of meeting.

June 8th AA Grapevine workshop - no one here attended.

Pacific Regional Forum: July 12th-14th, 2024 in Las Vegas, flyers sent out. No registration fee. Hotel that you can check in at.

Jeff has a Box of AA 3 legacy books, welcome to take one. Also have some service manuals left if anyone needs one. Also have 1 GSR kit, hard to come by. Let Jeff know if you need one.

NEW BUSINESS

Lisa: D22 looking at November for a service event. Start generating thoughts. Lots of feedback from folks at assembly to have some kind of gathering to go over service information, report back from committees, and really give an idea of what general service is going on in our district and how that relates out to our other AA entities like Area and GSO. Would love to know where to do it. Usually it is done in Morro Bay because getting facilities there is easy. More limited in SLO. Open to ideas for now. More final details starting in July. Suggestion: avoid the 3rd weekend of November because that is area

assembly elections. Prior to covid, D22 put on 2 service events a year. One of which was a service luncheon, where members from different AA service groups would come and give a pitch of who they are and what they do. Usually invited people from HI, District, Area, all service entities present. In November was the traditions workshop. Run by alt DCM and CSO liaison to get all material from CSO as contributions.

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