

District 22 (Area 93) Committee Meeting Minutes

7/14/2024 – Hybrid

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

ATTENDEES

1	Jeff L.	District 22 DCM
2	Lisa T.	Alt. DCM / GSR Back to Basics
3	Elisa M.	District 22 Secretary
4	Sheryl G.	District 22 Treasurer
5	Judy	District 22 Tech Chair / GSR Women's 12 x 12 (Zoom)
6	Leonard L.	District 22 Archives Chair
7	Jon K.	Central Office Liaison
8	Bert	Convention Liaison
9	Brianna P.	GSR Open Door
10	Debbie P.	GSR Women's Big Book Study (Tuesdays)
11	Julia R.	GSR Early Risers Zoomsters
12	Matt L.	GSR Pioneer Group
13	Sonia	GSR Sunday AM Coming Down
14	Sandra G.	GSR Frederick's Fellowship Speaker Meeting
15	Jillian	GSR Serenity Sisters
16	Nancy	GSR Los Osos Women's Group
17	Rosie	GSR Surrender to Win
18	Kevin D.	Alt. GSR Surrender to Win
19	Rick L.	GSR ABC Group
20	Ally B.	Alt. GSR ABC Group

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

Introduction of new GSRs and visitors: Nancy, Los Osos Women's Meeting.

REPORTS

DCM, Jeff L.

- The Member Services Desk and GSO have embarked on a new project. Cleaning up the group database at GSO. Now, as GSO keeps track of every group, past and present, active or not, this is a rather large undertaking. It is called the Data Integrity Project, or DIP for short.
- Without going into too much detail, most of which will fall to the DCMs, groups without a GSR or current mail contact, will be moved from Unknown status to Inactive status, even if they are currently still meeting as a group.
- The logic behind this at the General Service Office and Member services Desk is that if a group chooses not to have a GSR or mail contact, they have already made the decision to remove themselves from the General Service Structure.
- Inactive Groups can still avail themselves from all that GSO offers, but with no way to contact them by mail or email, it has been decided that GSO can no longer spend 7th Tradition money only to have things consistently returned to sender.

- Inactive Groups can still send money to GSO via mail or the website.
- If they choose to send money via the aa.org website, they must use the new Group ID, as the old 6-digit FNV number will no longer work.
- Jeff emailed a list of the Unknown Groups in our district.
- What we need to know is:
 - Is this group still in existence?
 - Do they have a GSR? If not,
 - Do they have a mail contact?
 - Sign them up for a GSR or mail contact if you can.
- If they elect a new GSR or someone volunteers to be the mail contact, their group will be moved to the Active Group list once we have their contact information.
- If they choose to have neither, they will be moved to the Inactive Group list.

Alt. DCM, Lisa T.

- We will be planning a district service event in early November.
- Ask of GSRs:
 - 1) Would like feedback as to what you think would be interesting as a main topic to focus speakers and questions on. What interests our district the most? For example, 12 concepts of services, service sponsors, what is service, individual roles, etc.? Good opportunity for people to come and give a good idea for what goes on in service for district 22 and improve on that or expand on what we already got.
 - 2) Events have usually been in Morro Bay since travel to that location seems to be easy for all those areas. Not opposed to having it in north or south county. If you think we should rotate the location, let us know. Find other locations to see where we can have this event.
- This is an event to share with all members of the district, not just GSRs.
- Our opportunity to invite and educate our members of AA.
- Email will be sent.
- Great opportunity to collaborate and network.
- Did extensive reading into the service manual, especially around positions. Looking for how many times can a position be done? Nothing specifically written or found. Asked service sponsor and “is not a specified answer”.
- Goes by what is reasonable for our group and district.
- Needs to be a rotation that fits our numbers of people.
- Don’t shy away from service work just because you have done it before.
- Do need to rotate but lots of positions to be filled, so rotate to different positions.

Secretary, Elisa M.

- **Sheryl moves to approve May minutes, Debbie 2nd, unanimously approved.**
- **Sheryl moves to approve June minutes, Debbie 2nd, unanimously approved.**

Treasure Report, Sheryl G.

- **Checking:** \$6,907.95 / **Savings:** \$3,000.20 / **Total:** \$9,908.15 as of the end of June 2024.
- June financials: **Contributions:** \$ 279.10 / **Expenditures:** \$628.49 (area assembly) / **Total:** \$-349.37.
- Year to date total contributions at end of June 2024: \$2,763.36.

- Mid-Year budget vs actual for update on where we are currently at.
- None of this reflects the money we should be reimbursed from Area 93. At least \$2,200 returned that will be added when received.
- Short on our contributions for this year, but only budgeted \$7,000 for contributions. Short of our goal, and not spending what we budgeted as well. So, we should be fine.
- *******Anybody who is attending the Vegas Assembly must provide receipts by the next meeting because will split the remainder of the PRAASA money between them. No receipts by then, they won't be included in the split of money.**
- Hoping that groups are now going to donate to district instead of GSO.
- Next month, Sheryl will have been treasurer for 3 years. Will keep doing it but would like to pass it along as well. Pretty easy position to do.
- **Rick moves to approve the financials, Brianna 2nd, unanimously approved.**

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

- **Judy G. – GSR Women's 12 x 12 (Zoom):** Also, now the treasurer, and has set up a Venmo so hoping to increase contributions to the group.
- **Debbie P. – GSR Women's Big Book Study (Tuesdays):** Meeting going well. Meeting outside in the courtyard with the roses. Group conscious to donate to GSO previously but that will be ending so will be back to donating to old entities. Will be voting on a new secretary this Tuesday.
- **Brianna D. – GSR Open Door:** Done 1 very brief announcement on a highlight of the conference for our group. Do not have business meetings. Will be putting together a summarized highlights of the conference to go over and handout a clip board around the room. Group doing great and fine.
- **Rosie D. – GSR Surrender to win:** Nothing much to report. Everything going smoothly.
- **Nancy – GSR Los Osos Women's Group:** Nothing to report.
- **Jillian – GSR Serenity Sisters:** New format, using The Grapevine.
- **Sonia – GSR Sunday Morning Coming Down:** Currently electing a new secretary now. All good, nothing new to report.
- **Matt L. – GSR Pioneer Group:** Appreciate everyone for their service to this meeting. June 2024. Annual 4th of July picnic, 375 dinners served. Thank you to all volunteers who made it a success. Lots of newcomers so lots of need and opportunity for sponsorship. Last meeting on Thursday at 5:30 for birthdays.
- **Sandra G. – GSR Friday Frederick's Fellowship Meeting:** Recently switched 1 of the secretaries over. Chips every Friday, for months and annuals (ding dongs).
- **Ally B. – Alt. GSR ABC Group:** Doing OK, average attendance. Lots of newcomers. Annual BBQ in the park was good, lots of fun, good turnout. Lower temperatures. Going well, nothing new coming up for a while.
- **Rick L. – GSR ABC Group:** Missed you guys for our BBQ. Turned out well, and grateful for a cloud cover and breeze. Had a DJ with lots of dancing. Huge success. We are not a glum lot up there, even with the heat. Come and check us out every now and then up there.
- **Julia R. – Early Risers Zoomsters:** Hard to attend every meeting 7 days a week. 1 secretary change recently. Great group on Sunday mornings with people out of the country, other side of the pond. Great group. Lots of old-timers. Sweet when newcomers come in. Reminder of why we do this. 30 – 40 people at that meeting every day.

- **Lisa T. – GSR Back to Basics:** Vineyard church, hybrid. Small meetings but with several newcomers the past few months.

VISITING AREA 93 OFFICER – None present

STANDING COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS

Archives Chair, Leonard L.

- My objective is to have a meeting/event for history, past and present, within our District 22, displayed on our District 22 website.
- The archives section is in progress but can viewed at d22aa.org, suggest going on and checking out this section.
- Unfortunately, I don't possess the knowledge to organize, post, and manipulate the data on the website.
- Looking for someone who could help organize the archives section of the website, has an interest in AA history looking for a service opportunity to assist in this project.
- Can reach Leonard at (805) 489-1127 or leonardlenger@yahoo.com if interested or know of anyone available.

CPC/PI Chair, Paul L. - ABSENT

- *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 (email)

Technology Chair, Judy G.

- Web servant as well. Can use some help.
- Required to know Word Press, which is the program the website uses for documents.
- Putting a GSR report on the website every month after this meeting. On GSR Page and What's New page.
- Provides a great summary of what occurred at this meeting.

Intergroup Liaison, Jon K.

- Staffed by volunteers. Shift are covered now. But always looking for more volunteers.
- Can always use back up volunteers, just in case.
- Board members will be rotating out as well and will need new members.
- Website with lots of information on it. Only useful if you provide updates.
- Treasury is holding steady. A bit down from last year but prudent reserve is holding us up.
- Plenty of books. Call first to be sure it is staffed and opened.
- ***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 Central Office about updates regarding meetings. The website is only as good as what information is provided.

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

- ***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.

- Cook-Off report to follow.
- Kicks off with Golf tournament.
- **The registration is now live at MYD22.org.**
- Registration is still \$30 for pre-registration and \$35 onsite.
- 187 registered now, usually have over 400. Slower registration than we would like for now.
- Al-Anon luncheon has 101 registered already. Last year was 120 max, don’t know current max for this year.
- Marathon sessions going on. Only 12/39 filled, need lots of meetings here filled.
- The Convention theme is “Insist on Enjoying Life” pg132 “We are not a glum lot”.
- 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).**
- Approved to go back into county mental health facilities. Weekday evenings around 7 for 30-minute meetings. No sobriety time requirement but background check will be done. Easy commitment to get involved in.
- 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

Pacific Regional Forum: Happening now

NEW BUSINESS

Hybrid Area Committee meeting, July 21, 2024, in Aqua Dulce (half day): Different than assemblies and only a half day event. DCM will be watching on Zoom. DCMs report on groups. Assemblies really require in person attendance. When attended assemblies on Zoom, miss morning part of the assembly, which has the new GSR orientation, which is very valuable for new GSRs. Assemblies are the ones GSRs are expected to go to 4 times a year, along with a pre-conference meeting once a year. Not a lot of GSRs from our district go to these assemblies. Very important to be there and go back and report to your groups what’s going on and to share at the assemblies what your groups think of certain issues. It’s been observed and noted that many districts have their own GSR orientation. Maybe our district could start doing that because it’s a bit of a hassle to get to some assemblies in our Area due to far away locations. Especially since not sure if assemblies will remain hybrid either. In the past, our district’s GSRs would meet 30 mins before this monthly meeting to converse with other district GSRs. Information at and from the Area Assemblies is helpful but not as much as meeting with local GSRs from the same district. Was again suggested to read the service manual and get a service sponsor as well.

Adjournment: Judy 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, August 11th, 2024, 10:15a – 11:30a at the SLO Alano Club, 3075 Broad St. or Zoom ID: **88279258044** / Password: **D22GSR**.