

District 6 Business Meeting Notes 14 September 2020

In **attendance**: Natalie DCM D6, Guest Marc – interim Chair of Grapevine Committee, Annie GSR Thursday Step Study, Mark K. GSR & Jeffery D. outgoing GSR North Park Mens Meeting, Maire GSR, John GSR 4077 MASH, Lynn GSR FNG, Corey Alt GSR FNG, Gary GSR & John H. Alt GSR Designs for Living meeting, Maire H. GSR Mission Hills Beginner Meeting

Open: Serenity Prayer and General Service Representative Statement, read by Natalie

Presentation of August minutes. Minutes reviewed, accepted and approved.

Treasurer Report presented by Lynn. August starting balance: \$3314.97 / 7th Tradition contributions received: \$88.30 / 7th Tradition contribution of \$200 to AA San Diego Central Office in August / August closing balance: \$3203.35. Treasurer report accepted and approved.

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Guest Report: Marc, interim chair of the Grapevine Committee gave a report on service in district 6 / 19 before they were separate districts. These districts support of the New Years Eve Alkathon is a legacy of D6 & D19's past history of close service involvement with each other. Grapevine Committee chair in past, and has recently stepped up to help revive the Grapevine Committee, which recently has shrunk in committee membership recently, to the point the committee was at risk of folding. Grapevine committee is excellent, very active. Lynne E. the GSR for FNG is the newly elected Grapevine Committee Chair. I was in Navy when I became sober, I remember bringing Grapevine magazines on ship during deployments. The Grapevine (<https://www.aagrapevine.org/>) is known as meeting in print, it was initially a magazine for service members overseas who were unable to attend meetings. The Grapevine provided a "meeting in print" for these service members. June of 1966 first issue of LaViña published, originated from a Spanish language issue of Grapevine. LaViña is financially supported differently than the Grapevine, LaViña (is supported only by subscriptions, does not have the structure and support of the World Services, Inc. and Grapevine, Inc. Grapevine -/ LaViña Catalog offers variety of subscription options. There is an archive subscription that allows you to search archival publications of Grapevine / LaViña. Besides magazine subscriptions there are stories of specific aspects of recovery that are compiled in books, comics, etc. The Grapevine / LaViña Writers Workshop will be held 10 October 2020. There will be discussion of Grapevine / LaViña stories, assistance with how to submit stories, how to write a story for Grapevine / LaViña, proofreading. There will be Spanish and American Sign Language Interpretation during the workshop. **History regarding name The Grapevine**: Addressing your question about the word choice of the title, per the official AA Grapevine website, under the "HISTORY OF THE AA GRAPEVINE" section, is stated the following: "The Grapevine was created by six AA members in the New York area — four women and two men. "With the blessings of AA's co-founder Bill W., they published the first issue in June 1944, just nine years after the founding of AA.

"A copy of that first issue was sent to every AA group — about 300 at the time — and to all known AA members in the armed services overseas.

Old Business: 7th Traditions contribution made to AA San Diego Central Office.

New Business: D6 and D19 are planning the New Years Eve Alkathon. Adhoc committee meetings on Saturday afternoons, 1:30pm to 3:30pm to plan. GSRs ask your groups if they would like to participate in the NYE Alkathon, to host a meeting for one hour during the alkathon. There will be a “meeting time” lottery draw near the end of November. There is also a need for tech-savvy members who are willing to do service as “alkathon zoom monitors” to prevent meeting disruptors. The tech-savvy “alkathon zoom monitor” service will be 4 hour service time during the alkathon. Next NYE Alkathon Adhoc Committee meeting is Saturday, September 19th at 1: Zoom Meeting ID: 830 0494 3790 Passcode: ALLnightER Area 8 has \$16,000 in unspent 7th Tradition funds. Area 8 would like to know from the groups what type of 12th Step Work needs to be done in their group / district.

GSR Reports: John GSR MASH – meeting is considering meeting outdoors on the church grounds where the meeting had been convening prior to COVID19.

Jeffery D. outgoing GSR for North Park Mens group introduced Mark K., the incoming GSR – meeting is doing well, usually between 30 and 40 men at each meeting. A committee was formed to discuss and investigate how / when to reopen in-person meetings. Group conscience taken on committee’s findings last week.

Gary GSR Design for Living – meeting weekly, shortened meeting from 90 minutes to 1 hour. Between 35 and 45 members each week. Welcomed John as incoming Alternate GSR. John Alt GSR Designs for Living introduced himself, Designs for Living was my first AA home group. Learning as I go, this is my first commitment at this level.

Lynn GSR Friday Night Gratitude – still asking for volunteers to stand as Alternate GSR, but no volunteers yet. I recently accepted service position as Chair of Grapevine Committee. The meeting is going well, many newcomers attending the meeting.

Maire – GSR Mission Hills Beginner meeting attendance between 30 and 35 members, there is not discussion right not about returning to in person meetings, we are waiting. We have steady home group member attendance and newcomers and recovery center participation. My time in service as GSR is coming to a finish in December, I am announcing to members that our group will need 2 volunteers willing to accept service positions as GSR and Alternate GSR.

Concept 9: Read by Natalie. Next meeting is October 12th. Natalie thanked everyone for her service. Meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge and virtual hugs.

Submitted respectfully,
Maire H. GSR Mission Hills Beginner Meeting