

### **10am - Meeting Opened**

An area officer presented the duties of his office. He said it takes from 19 to 45 hours a month to fulfill this position. His job is fun and he said his visit to the Districts are the best things ever! He was also very pleased that he got invited to a lot of other wonderful interdistrict and district events. This position truly was the Area position he wanted... and 50 times more!

### **Sharing Session Opened with the Serenity Prayer by Erica G**

Translation by Nicholas. Thank you for your service!

### **38 DCMs, GSRs and visitors attended. Erica G. facilitated.**

Welcome to one newcomer. Our meeting is open to everyone to learn and get ideas on the topic

### **Presentation – Using the Delegate’s Report to Inspire and Inform GSRs and Members – Jacqueline P., Dist. 10**

- The A.A. Service Manual directs us to inform our groups of the business of the General Service conference. On page S59, it notes that even most productive General Service Conference sessions are of little value unless the groups back home hear about it.
- Culling information from the Delegate and sharing it with GSRs and members is part of the circle of communication of the General Service process and it’s a spiritual challenge
- To fulfil Concept 9’s lofty goal to be a “good service leader” is to examine how seriously we are willing to commit the time and effort to inform and educate our GSRs, groups and members. Recall that Concept 9 states “good service leaders” are at all levels *indispensable for our future functioning and safety*. Talk about responsibility! We also have the responsibility to study and digest the information from the General Service Conference
- Informed members and groups are at the core of AA’s future growth. Our responsibility is often challenging due to apathy but the opposite of apathy is vision and passion. It’s our job to be in touch with ours.
- There is so much General Service info to share - the delegate’s report, the final conference report, 2019 conference theme and Pass-It-Ons to the next panel – that can provide material and inspiration for reports to our groups from now through December
- Keep your reports short, uplifting and fun, if you can manage it. And, as our delegate said, “always let the group know that THIS is where your Seventh Tradition is going” – to fuel our primary purpose.
- Purchase the Delegate CD. Make brief reports from it.
- Tie your reports to spiritual principles of the Steps, Tradition and Concepts
- Get the Final Conference report. Make a plan to have GSRs and DCMs reports on segments of the report, having them focus on how they relate to it, how it relates to AA as a whole and how it will help our fellowship grow and change
- Use the report’s statistics as a call for action, for example, a drive for members to donate \$7.40 on July 4 (yearly cost per member it takes to run GSO)

### **Members Share**

Round the table, sharing session-style

The chair reminded members that everyone has something valuable to share. If you have a question, it may be answered in the room or you could talk to someone after the meeting to help you find what you need

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- He finds the delegate's report powerful and tries to convey his passion for General Service to groups and members
- It's his experience that "the troops" (A.A. members) are apathetic but that it's personal experience of passion and action in General Service that can shift the apathy
- She related to "will this action help the still-suffering alcoholic?" She tries to pick something to tell the group that's controversial to spark interest in General Service
- She is inspired to let her group know "here's what your Seventh Tradition is doing" and she's going to try that passion and vision overcome apathy
- The report gave her a lot to think about. She has a lot of passion and she wants to use it to help the still-suffering alcoholic and her GSRs
- He's going to use the graphic to help educate his GSRs
- She makes sure to empower and to communicate to members how important their group conscience was key to make General Service actions happen and that their individual voices are incredibly important
- She makes it a practice, with all of our General Service information, to make an announcement at every meeting. She loved the \$7.40 per member cost to support the GSO per member – this seems like a way to help people understand where their money goes. Then, when it comes time for the Group Conscience, they can be more motivated to participate
- She was inspired to take the report and share a small, interesting tidbit with her district and which could help the GSRs and members understand what's going on in AAWS
- She's hopes to inspire her members with the report
- She's inspired to present General Service information "90 seconds at a time" and let us know how it worked!
- The ideas about passion, fun and people were riveting. It's a spiritual conviction.
- Preparation is the key to making General Service information fun. It's her responsibility to be prepared for what it looks like.
- She's attending "dark" meetings and found this report helpful in being able to talk about General service to these meetings. It'd definitely helpful to have a handout
- He likes the tactic of "Come for the cookies and listen to the delegate!" It's our job to let our membership know that General Service loves them and wants their energy
- He puts his passion into doing the absolute best he could. He'd taken to heart that idea that "even most productive General Service Conference sessions are of little value unless the groups back home hear about it." DCMs have the potential to make the greatest impact on their GSRs. He also fell into a group that held a full business meeting for one full meeting. His experience is that service is not something we do on the side. Service is part and parcel of our 12 Step work.
- He appreciated the delegate's report at the post conference assembly. He was a first-timer and the figures she presented got him to pay attention.
- When you hear the passion our delegate brings us and he takes it to groups, it sparks the enthusiasm
- He's grateful for the tools in the report to help his GSRs
- She likes to tell her group, "We took your voices and our delegate carried your voices to New York. Hear YOUR experience in New York."
- When I bring God in and take myself out, the message comes across in the language of the heart. God is a part of how we help facilitate one alcoholic working with another
- She's going to take a lot from the report back and use it with her group. She makes it a point to keep her General Service reports to one minute.
- He never heard the report-back of what happened at General Service conference, so when he became a GSR, he was committed to do a report-back and it lasted 30 minutes. And, the number of attendees at

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this meeting eventually increased. He had the experience of hearing a previous delegate talk about the cost per group, which motivated him to talk to his group about General Service

### **Next Month's Topic - How to Use the Concepts in Our Lives - Marisol, District 03**

- ALL - Please bring radios. We need everyone to have an opportunity to share.
- Thank you, Nicholas, for interpreting
- Meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM with the Responsibility Statement

Respectfully submitted,  
Jacqueline P., Recording Secretary