

April 6, 2023 business Meeting for MSCA Area 09 / District 12

Meeting called to order & opened with the Serenity Prayer

GSR Preamble read by Suzan

New GSRs & their service sponsors:

GSR: Jessica Service Sponsor: Angela

GSR: Jeff Service Sponsor: David C.

GSR: Patty Service Sponsor: Dolly

GSR Vasare Service Sponsor: Brian

GSR: Sherry Service Sponsor: Heidi

Visitors:

Tim

Traditions discussion by Rodrigo

Tradition 4

Short Form-

Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.

Long Form-

With respect to its own affairs, each A.A. group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect A.A. as a whole without conferring with the trustees of the General Service Board. On such issues our common welfare is paramount.

Principal- Autonomy

Concepts discussion by David C.

Concept 4

Short Form-

At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional “Right of Participation,” allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

Principal- Participation

Minutes Approval- Secretary- Dominick

Dominick had asked for any corrections that needed to be made to the minutes that were sent out last month. No corrections were mentioned and Jim S. made a motion to adopt them as they were sent out and Rodrigo seconded, the minutes were adopted since no one opposed adopting them.

Board Reports

DCMC: Bob (BobMontgomery@att.net)

-Bob discussed going to PRAASA, he said it was challenging and interesting because of the number of committees & speakers

-He Discussed how pacific regional trustee put on a couple presentations,

- Bob mentioned that PRAASA will be in Anchorage in 2025

-Bob also talked about the preconference boot camp; mentioned how there were over 105 people that attended this event

-He discussed how multiple districts hosted the boot camp, & had lots of people from outside the hosting districts that attended the event

-Bob explained how the presentations were carried out for the boot camp

Bob said he attended the Area meeting on the second Sunday of march, had been motions to vote on at the meeting, which were to approve the Area Budget and make changes to the Communications Committee

Alt DCMC: Tara - (TaraFarry@iclud.com)

- Tara had discussed the following upcoming events:

*MSCA 09 Pre-conference Workshop (hybrid)

Date & Time: Saturday April 15 9am to 3pm

In-person Location:

Norma Hertzog Community Center

1845 Park Avenue

Costa Mesa, CA

Zoom info: **Meeting ID- 820 5769 0090, Password: Panel72**

***Chat with the Delegate (virtual)**

Mitchell, our Delegate will host zoom meetings as town halls and information sessions with Q&A and feedback on agenda items or information for GSRs to take back to their groups.

Date & Time: Sunday April 16 4pm to 5pm

Zoom info: **Meeting ID- 843 3240 7464, Password: service**

***Sponsorship Workshop (In-person)**

Date & time: Saturday May 13 1pm to 4pm

Location:

Laguna Country United Methodist Church

24442 Moulton Parkway

Laguna Woods, CA

***Area Delegate Shareback Dinner Event (hybrid)**

Date & Time: Saturday May 20 5:45pm to 9pm (Delegate sharing @ 6:45pm)

In-person Location:

Norma Hertzog Community Center

1845 Park Avenue

Costa Mesa, CA

For in-person participation: Space is limited to 120 people (dinner, shareback/Q&A with Delegate, concert)

To register go to:

<https://www.eventcreate.com/e/shareback>

Zoom Info: **Meeting ID- 858 8970 9797, Password- service**

***MSCA 09 Area Assembly Delegate Shareback (hybrid)**

Date & Time: Sunday May 21 9am to 3pm

In-person Location:

Banning Community Center

789 N. San Geronia Avenue

Banning, CA

Zoom: To attend via Zoom register in advance, info can be found on Area 09 website

*MSCA 09 Area Service Committee (hybrid)

Date & Time: Sunday June 11 8:30am to 2:30pm

In-person Location: To Be Determined

Treasurer: Mike (mike.palencia@ameritech.net)

-Mike had reported the following numbers for March:

Opening Balance- \$23,102.21

Expenses- \$673.90

Income- \$1,283.03

Closing Checking Balance- \$23,711.34

Prudent Reserve- \$3,501.40

Total Closing\$27,312.34

Secretary: Dominick (mscadistrict12@gmail.com)

-Dominick stated all emails such as minutes from the Business Meetings, meeting reminders, and announcements are going out via Mail Chimp, and if anyone is not getting the emails to talk to him so the issue can get resolved.

Registrar: Lenore (d12registrar)gmail.com):

-Lenore had thanked everyone for signing in and asked for GSRs to make sure the details for their meeting is correct

-Lenore stated for the new GSRS, their meetings will be on the sign-in sheets next month with them listed as the GSR

Old Business

*Beach Picnic

- She had discussed how she talked to people at Doheny Beach about securing a spot for the picnic
- Patty had mentioned how the projected cost will be \$1,150 (for the spot & food/ beverages)
- Bob had stated we need to select a date so we can get the spot secured asap
- We discussed how Saturdays or Sundays will be the best day to pick & how July will be the best month to have the picnic on
- Bob asked Patty to check with Doheny about the open weekends in July
- Mike brought up how this picnic was not originally in the budget, but since there was less money spent on PRAASA & the AA convention we have the money

*Sponsorship Workshop

- Jim S gave details of date & time of the workshop (said is at the same location where the Do It Sober group meets)
- Jim S. stated we will have room for 200 people & that we will have a couple speakers
- Food will be sandwiches from Jersey Mike's
- He also said that pamphlet P15, will be the basis of the workshop
- Jim mentioned how his PRAASA job several years ago was running/ cleaning trash during it so he set up a Trash chair for the Sponsorship workshop
- Volunteers are needed to set up and clean up
- Cold beverage crew will be headed by Rodrigo & the coffee crew & trash volunteers are already taken care of, stated by Jim S.

*Labor Day Picnic

- Beth said she filled out the application for the park we used last year
- Beth said she will be asking for volunteers next month
- She also said she welcomes ideas for games/ things to do at the picnic, so if you have them contact Beth

*General Service Conference Agenda Items

- Bob had asked who had brought up agenda items to their groups to get a group conscience already
- Kim said she had brought up the plain language Big Book and the discussion from her group was about how this seems so far off since AA has been talking about this topic for a long time
- Dolly had chosen the agenda item about how to close the big meetings at the International Convention, discussion was about using the Responsibility Declaration or the Unity Declaration & about how the Lord's Prayer was too religious, and how screens in the background of the person chairing could have these things up for those that didn't know them
- Heidi had brought up the plain language Big Book and her group was interested to find out how far along it is; also interested in the study guides for the Big Book & the 12 & 12 since sponsors do things different, & her group wants to see what those would look like since there are lots of work books already out there, but not from AA
- Bob mentioned how the first 6 chapters are already done for the plain language Big Book & that Delegates at the General Service Conference will be able to go into a room to look it over, but not take cell phones/ cameras to keep the progress private
- A brief discussion about the Lord's Prayer started regarding the International Conference, and how it was used by Bill W. & Dr. Bob
- Lisa had mentioned how her friends in Europe in AA say that the Lord's Prayer is almost never used & how using the Lord's Prayer was adopted from the Oxford Group
- Beth mentioned how she brought the plain language Big Book to her group, as well as suggesting topics for next year's General Service Conference
- Bob had explained how to find the Google Form to submit Group Consciences, Go to Delegate on area website & click tab then click confidential information & enter password: area09Panel72
- Bob said you fill out the form with the group information so it can get passed on to Mitchell & that Mitchell needs it before he goes to the conference & getting it submitted by April 17 would be a good date to shoot for

New Business

*Cards for Central Office

- Bob had brought a lot of cards that have a spot for AA's to write their phone number on to give out at meetings
- Also mentioned how there is a QR code on the other side of the card that will take you to the Central Office website/ meetings page

*Pre-Conference Workshop

- Bob talked about how the event will be in Costa Mesa & that it will be a mock conference
- There will be tables set up with pretend delegates that will discuss the agenda items for that “committee”
- He also said that if you are interested to show up because there will be lots of stuff covered & that there will be lunch provided

Committee Reports

- The committee reports were given during other parts of the Business Meeting

- GSR recap by Lisa

Birthdays for the month of March

Kristy (number of years was missed)

Sarah 4 years

Bob 37 years

- Check out the websites for the District, Area, OC Central Office (Intergroup), and GSO! (listed below)

- For online contributions to the District: Use Venmo @district12contributions

- Meeting was then closed with the Responsibility Declaration

I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.

Helpful Resources:

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE! www.mscaadistrict12.org

NEW AND IMPROVED AREA 09 WEBSITE for information and links: www.msca09aa.org

O.C. Central Office (Intergroup) website for information and directory: www.oc-aa.org

G.S.O. (General Service Office in NY) website for information and links: www.aa.org

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