

August 3, 2023, business Meeting for MSCA Area 09 / District 12

-Meeting called to order & opened with the Serenity Prayer

GSR Preamble read by Brent

New GSRs & their service sponsors:

GSR: Kash Service Sponsor: Max

GSR: Michael (alt. GSR) Service Sponsor: Tyler

GSR: Scottie (alt. GSR) Service Sponsor: Brent

Visitors:

Tim

-Traditions presentation by : Tom S.

Tradition 8

Short Form-

**Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.**

**Long Form-**

**“Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional. We define professionalism as the occupation of counseling alcoholics for fees or hire. But we may employ alcoholics where they are going to perform those services for which we might otherwise have to engage nonalcoholic. Such special services may be well recompensed.**

**Principal- Non-Professional**

-Concepts presentation by: David C.

Concept 8

Short Form-

**“The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of over-all policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.**

**Principal- CONSISTENCY**

## Minutes Approval- Secretary- Dominick

-Dominick had said the minutes had been sent out for last month's Business Meeting & had asked if there were any corrections that were needed, none were suggested and Beth had motioned to adopt them as they were sent out and Patty seconded, and none were opposed, so the minutes were adopted.

## Board Reports

DCMC: Bob (BobMontgomery@att.net)

-Bob had thanked Patty for doing such a great job on the Beach Picnic and said there was a lot of positive feedback

-Bob discussed how he has been doing some work at the Area level and been working on the guidelines for DCMC school

-He had also stated that he has been part of an ad hawk committee about doing Area meetings more effectively since the Zoom component makes the meetings challenging

-Bob talked about how the Area Service Committee will be at Tesoro high school on August 13 & passed out sign up sheets for people to volunteer at the meeting, said he needs 10 to 12 volunteers

-Bob mentioned how there will be Area elections in October & in order to vote in the elections you have to have attended at least one Area meeting (In-person or on Zoom count)

-Bob had also discussed the 4-area sharing session, lots of people from all over Southern California & the 4 Areas are those Areas in South California

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

Tara had discussed the following events:

\*12 Concepts Workshop (Virtual)

Dates & Times: Sunday August 6 & Sunday August 20, 3pm to 4pm

Zoom Info: Meeting ID: 928 8170 4093 Password: 642408

Facilitated by Francine W., District 9 PI Chair; Come prepared with the current edition of the AA Service Manual

\*MSCA Area Service Committee (Hybrid)

Date & Time: Sunday August 13, 9am to 3pm

In-person Location:

Tesoro High School

1 Tesoro Creek Road

Las Flores, CA

Zoom Info: Meeting ID: 834 5213 0481, Passcode: August

Hosted by District 12; food will be served.

\*AA Around the World (Virtual)

Date & Time: Thursday August 17, 7pm to 8pm

Zoom Info: Meeting ID: 873 6607 8505, Passcode: Area09p72

\*Bridging the Gap (How It Works) Workshop () (In-person)

Date & Time: Sunday August 20, 9am to 1pm

Location:

6820 Airport Road, Suite C

Riverside, CA

Please register in advance at: [www.area9btg.org/events](http://www.area9btg.org/events)

*Workshop will provide knowledge, insight and ideas on Bridging the Gap and how it works from start to finish; food will be served.*

\*Plain Language Translation (Virtual)

Date & Time: Sunday August 20, 12pm to 3pm

Zoom Info: Meeting ID: 841 2499 3206, Passcode: 326186

\*4 Area DCM Sharing Session: Our Great Responsibility – The Future of AA (Hybrid)

Date & Time: Saturday August 26, 11am to 4pm

In-person Location:

Norma Hertzog Community Center

1845 Park Avenue

Costa Mesa, CA

Zoom Info: Meeting ID: 873 6607 8505, Passcode: Area09p72

Hosted by Areas 9, 8, 93 and 5; food will be served.

\*Labor Day Picnic (In-person)

Date & Time: Monday September 4, 10am to 3pm

Location:

Jim Johnson Memorial Sports Park

450 West Avenida Vista Hermosa

San Clemente, CA

Hosted by District 12; Food: burgers/hot dogs will be provided – please bring a dish to share: there will be an AA speaker, a band, & outdoor games. **To volunteer, please email Beth at [Beth.Noone@outlook.com](mailto:Beth.Noone@outlook.com)**

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

-Mike had mentioned how we had moved funds around in the budget to cover the food cost for the Beach Picnic and had only gone slightly over that amount.

-He had also said that our expenses this month were higher because of the Area Service Committee we are hosting, but some of the funds will be paid back by the Area after the event

-Mike reported the following numbers:

Opening Balance: \$21,195.72

Expenses: \$2,812.81

Income: \$1,636.55

Closing Checking Balance: \$20,019.46

Prudent Reserve: \$3,601.52

Total Closing: \$23,620.98

Secretary: Dominick (mscadistrict12@gmail.com)

-Dominick had mentioned how the District emails are going out via Mail Chimp & if anyone is not getting them to talk with him so that can get resolved

-Dominick had also stated that if anyone has an event or anything they would want to share with the District to email him and he can get those things sent out

Registrar: Lenore (d12registrar)gmail.com):

-Lenore had reminded GSRs to make sure to sign in so the meeting they represent do not get moved to the dark meetings list

-Lenore had also asked people to make sure the details regarding their meeting & contact information is correct

-She said a couple meetings had been moved to the dark list & if anyone was interested to know which ones so they could reach out to the meetings, to contact her about that information

Old Business

Labor Day Picnic

-Beth said the picnic will be at the same park as last year & on September 4

-Beth had passed around a paper so those that want a copy of the flyer they can put down their information

-Beth talked about how there will be a cotton candy & popcorn machine & we had briefly discussed having a snow cone machine; everyone liked the idea, so we will also have one of those

-Beth also mentioned how having cookies instead of cake since it is easier, all like the idea, so we will have cookies & brownies for dessert

-There will also be a bounce house at the picnic

-Beth will be ordering more burgers & hot dogs since last year we had run out & more had to go get purchased during the picnic

-The band will be The Chancers (Irish Rock style band )

-Beth said she needs lots of volunteers

-BBQ grillers that volunteered were: Tim @ 11 to 12; John; Patty; Vickie @ 2pm

-Volunteers to pick up food from smart & final @ 730am volunteers, 1 truck/ SUVs, Tom S. Jeff

-Patty said she could be the Food Chairperson

-Volunteer to keep food area clean was Julia

-Volunteers to bring burger toppings (lettuce, tomatoes, onions): Mike, Vickie, & Julia

-Volunteer to get cookies & brownie bites from Costco: Lenore

- Volunteer to bring watermelon: David C.
- Volunteers for cooler: Heidi, Vickie, & Sarge
- Volunteers for facepainting: still need volunteers (no experience needed)
- Beth said that girls from the sober livings were going to run the games area
- Volunteers to clean up: David C. & company
- Volunteers for setting up: Beth said if those already volunteering in a specific area could show up early to set up that section that would be best & if anyone else is able to show up early, to just show up & help set things up

### Secretary Commitment Workshop

- Heidi had said the workshop will be on October 14 at the United Methodist Church
- Heidi had brought flyers for people to take to their meetings & post at clubs that allow it
- The workshop will be going over literature, Treasurer, & secretary commitments to provide information about how to take on these commitments; mentioned the autonomy of a group is still going to be respected, but looking at the roles in a general way
- Heidi said there will be some refreshments provided & if you want to volunteer to reach out to her
- Bob said there are still a couple District Business meetings before this event, so we have time to get more volunteers

### New Business

#### Elections for Next Panel

- Bob had said there will be elections in October for Board Assignments & Committees
- Bob said he will bring a copy of the positions & what the roles consist of
- Bob had also said that there are service positions available at the Area level & if anyone wants to get involved he can bring job descriptions for the roles

### Pressing Matters Convention

- Kristene mentioned that the Southern California convention will be @ pacific palms hotel
- She said the dates for the event are September 29 to October 3 & you can register online

## Committee Reports

### \*area 9 convention liaison

-Tim mentioned the south bay Round up on labor day weekend & the address for the event is:

300 N. Harbor Dr.

Redondo Beach, CA 90277

-He stated it is a young people event, there will be speakers, and said the website for the event is:

<https://rcs.squaredroot.net/convention/view/1>

### \*Treatments

-Sabrina was filling in for Brian & had mentioned the Bridging the Gap Workshop

-She had stated the event will be on August 20 & will be hybrid

-Sabrina stated that people are needed to support the event

### \*Intergroup

-Dolly had announced how there will be an Intergroup picnic on August 20

-She said the time for the picnic will be 12pm to 3pm

-For additional details please reach out to Dolly

-GSR recap by Dolly

Birthdays for the month of July:

Michael with 1 year

Scottie with 2 years

Stephanie with 3 years

Dominick with 6 years

Carol with 14 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.msca09aa.org](http://www.msca09aa.org)

NEW AND IMPROVED AREA 09 WEBSITE for information and links: [www.msca09aa.org](http://www.msca09aa.org)

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

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

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