

February 2, 2023, business Meeting for MSCA Area 09 / District 12

-Meeting called to order & opened with the Serenity Prayer

-GSR Preamble read by Janet

New GSRs & their service sponsors:

GSR: Becky Service Sponsor: Marie

GSR: Monica Service Sponsor: Romey

GSR: Patty Service Sponsor: Heidi

Visitors:

Tim

Traditions recap:

discussion facilitated by Bob about Tradition 2

Short Form-

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern.

Long Form-

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience.

Principal- Identification

Concepts recap:

David C. had presented Concept 2

Short Form-

The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole society in its world affairs.

Principal- Reliance

Minutes Approval- Secretary- Dominick

Dom had asked if there were any changes/ adjustments that were needed for the January minutes that were sent out last month. No changes were noted and after Val made a motion to adopt the minutes as they had been sent out which was seconded by John H., the minutes were adopted.

Board Reports

DCMC: Bob (BobMontgomery@att.net)

-Bob had brought Service Manuals to pass out to those that wanted/ needed them

-Bob discussed how he had attended the Area Assembly last month and explained the difference between the Area Service Committee Meetings & an Area Assembly Meeting

-Bob mentioned the following 4 actions that had been voted on at the Area Assembly:

1. Change Area 09 Preconference Meeting to Saturday April 15th from Sunday the 16th; the motion passed 41 to 26, but had been controversial issue with lots of discussion
2. New structure of Communication Committee, passed with not much discussion
3. Designate time at Area Meetings for people to bring up issues and make remarks and ask questions to the board; motion passed 34 to 32; this too had been a controversial topic with lots of discussion
4. Budget for Area 09; item was tabled until February 11th & will be voted on at the Area Service Committee Meeting

-bob recommended GSRs visit the area 09 website (listed at the bottom of minutes) because it has lists of events, actions from Area meetings, & important things going on in Area 09

-He also mentioned we have money budgeted for registration fees for PRAASA for GSRs that are going to attend, & to talk to Mike about this to turn in their receipts for reimbursement

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

-Tara had made copies of upcoming events to pass out, and the events she mentioned were as follows:

***Area Service Committee (In-person)**

Date & Time: **February 12** 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

Hosted by District 19

Location:

Hesperia Unified School District

15576 Main Street – Hesperia, California

***MSCA 09 Service Workshop (virtual)**

Date & Time: February 16 7pm-8pm

Meeting ID: 873 6607 8505, Password: Area09p72

Speakers:

-Concept 4 – Patrick C, AA staff

-Concept 5 – Troy D, AA staff

-Concept 6 – Vera F, Trustee

***PRAASA (Pacific Region AA Service Assembly) (In-person)**

Dates: March 3-5, 2023

Hosted by Southern California Area 05

Location:

LAX Marriott Hotel

5855 W. Century Boulevard – Los Angeles, California

To register and for more information visit

www.PRAASA.org.

***Area Service Committee (In-person)**

Hosted by District 7

Date & Time: **March 12** 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

Location TBD

***MSCA 09 Service WORKSHOP (Virtual)**

Date & Time: March 16 7pm to 8pm

Meeting ID: 873 6607 8505, Password: Area09p72

Speakers:

-Concept 7 – Rick W., Texas Delegate

-Concept 8 – Joel, Past Trustee

-Concept 9 – Carolyn, Trustee Canada

***Pre-Conference Boot Camp (In-person)**

Hosted by Districts 12, 6 and 18

Date & Time: **March 25** TBD

Location:

Walton Intermediate School

12181 Buaro St.

Garden Grove, CA 92840

***MSCA 09 PRE-CONFERENCE**

Hosted by District 18

Date & Time: **April 15** 8am – 3 pm

Location TBD

***MSCA 09 Area Assembly – Delegate Shareback**

Hosted by District 14

Date & Time: **May 21** 9 am – 3 pm

Location TBD

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

-Mike had passed out copies of the proposed budget for 2023, which also had the District's expenditures from 2022

-Mike had also mentioned that a budget item was for milage reimbursement for GSRs that attend events outside of District 12; recorded milage can be submitted to Mike for reimbursement of \$0.20 per mile

-Mike said he had upped the budget for the picnic for 2023 since we were over budget in 2022

-Mentioned how money for H & I is not factored in the budget, but we can adjust for that if the District makes another contribution to H & I in 2023

-Brian had made a motion to adopt the budget and it was seconded by Jared and budget passed and the budget is attached to the email

-It had also been mentioned how the budget is not set in stone and adjustments can be made through a Group Conscience vote

-Mike had also reported the following numbers for the month of January:

Opening balance \$23,024.34

Expenses \$671.26

Income \$859.24

Closing checking balance \$23,212.32

Prudent reserve \$3,601.37

All accounts total \$26,813.69

Secretary: Dominick (mscadistrict12@gmail.com)

-Dom had mentioned how District emails are still going out via Mail Chimp and how there had been 3 emails sent out, 2 Meeting Reminders for the Business Meeting & one about an event announcement, the week of the Business Meeting

-Dom said if you are not getting the District emails to talk with him and he will get it taken care of by looking into it

Registrar: Lenore (d12registrar@gmail.com):

-Lenore had reminded GSRs to please sign in on the sign in sheets

-She had asked GSRs to confirm the information on the sign in sheets is correct and how items on the sign in sheets that are in yellow means there is some information that is needed

-Lenore had also stated that if GSRs have not gotten their GSR packets to talk with her so she can look into the issue

Old Business

*7th Tradition

-Motion to restart passing basket at District Meetings had been tabled at January Business Meeting and was revisited at this Business Meeting

-David C. had restated what the motion had been and discussed why it is important

District Discussion on this item:

-Brian had asked for clarification if the District Business Meeting is considered a group since the 7th Tradition states, "Every A.A group should be..." Bob had explained how the 7th Tradition

basket had started getting passed at the Business Meeting to purchase refreshments and that at Area Meetings there is a basket by refreshments, but not passed around as 7th Tradition

-Jared had asked about how we are classified as a non-profit and if there is an excess of funds it could change the reporting of finances; Bob had stated the number of funds would have to be over \$50,000 and this had never happened

-Another GSR had asked if the \$22,000+ the District has had come from 7th Tradition; Bob had some of it probably & Dom said some of it may have carried over from District Meetings from pre-Covid

-Another GSR had asked about how people could choose to not put anything in the basket if it was passed around for 7th Tradition; Bob had said yes, it was an optional thing

-Lisa had asked to make a friendly amendment to the motion, which was to place a basket next to refreshments for people to contribute if they want to; David C. had stated this would then make it not a 7th Tradition basket and chose not to make that amendment

-Walt had asked if we needed to collect enough with 7th Tradition to cover all costs (rent, refreshments, etc.); Bob explained how even when we had been passing the 7th Tradition all costs were never covered

-Vickie had asked where money is coming from to cover rent & refreshments now & said her group passes the basket to cover all their costs; Bob explained how money is contributed to the District from AA Groups & through online contributions

-Lance had stated that we are supporting ourselves already because our AA Groups are already sending money to the District

-Topher had said that the payment is getting to be here and that it didn't make sense to keep discussing buying refreshments and that passing the basket gives those that want to contribute a chance to do so and those that don't want to can choose to not put anything in the basket

-Motion was voted on, 44 in favor and 5 opposed; minority chose not to say anything and the motion to restart passing the 7th Tradition basket passed

*Ranking of District Event Ideas

-Last month GSRs were asked to rank the suggested events that had come out of December's Business Meeting and the rankings were as follows (only number 1 will take place at this point):

1. Sponsorship Workshop
2. Summer Beach Party
3. Comedy Show
4. Alcolthon with food

-Regarding the Sponsorship Workshop , Beth had said the Jim is trying to secure a location, which is the church in Laguna Woods where the Do It Sober Group has their meetings & tentative date is May 13

-Jared had asked about the idea of using excess District funds to make literature cheaper and Bob had said that could be an agenda item that can be discussed and voted on after the logistics are looked at and what the cost may look like

*Pre-conference Boot Camp

-Bob said that The Preconference Boot Camp will be held at Walton Middle School

-Bob had explained how 4 GSRs will give a 5 minute presentation on one agenda item each from the General Service Conference agenda items at the Pre-conference Boot Camp

-GSRs would study the background material for the agenda item they would be presenting to give understanding of where the agenda item(s) came from

-The GSRs would only be presenting the agenda items not expressing opinion on it & would need to submit their report in writing so it can be accessed by other GSRs; the purpose of Pre-conference Boot Camp is to help GSRs be prepared to present agenda items to their groups

-Bob had sign up sheets for those interested in volunteering; volunteers to present the agenda items & people to set up and clean up are needed for this event

Committee Reports

Intergroup

-Dolly said that the Intergroup meetings are back in-person in Costa Mesa

-Dolly had mentioned how if your AA Group does not have an Intergroup rep, to get one

-Dolly had also explained how Lifelines are available at Intergroup Meetings; Lifeline is the news letter that is put by Orange County AA & AA members are invited to submit ideas for articles and stories for the Lifeline

-She had also discussed how a push for Public Information is happening by Intergroup offering Groups the chance to pay \$15 filling Plexiglas pamphlet holders that will be placed in senior living homes, doctor's offices, sober livings, etc. & the Group sponsoring it can choose the pamphlets that go in it

-GSR recap by David C.

Birthdays for the month of January

Chris (didn't get number of years)

Joyce (didn't get number of years)

Walt 28 years

Patty 12 years

Caroline 9 years

Jared 4 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

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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