

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

-Meeting called to order & opened with the Serenity Prayer

-GSR Preamble read by (Missed the name of this person)

New GSRs & their service sponsors:

GSR: Lisa (alt. GSR) Service Sponsor: Romey

GSR: Sarah Service Sponsor: Kyla

GSR: Kristi Service Sponsor: Dolly

GSR: Mathew Service Sponsor:

Visitors:

-Tim

-Genevieve

Traditions presented by Tom S.

Tradition 3-

Short Form:

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking.

Long Form:

Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation.

Principal: Membership

-Following the Tradition 3 presentation by Tom, Rodrigo had become the new Traditions Chair by volunteering for the position.

Concepts presented by David C.

Concept 3-

Short Form:

To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A.—the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional “Right of Decision.”

Principal: Trust

Minutes Approval- Secretary- Dominick

Dom had asked for any needed adjustments/ corrections to the minutes from February, none were stated. Jim S. had motioned to adopt the minutes & John had seconded the motion. There were no objections & the minutes were adopted as sent out last month.

Board Reports

DCMC: Bob (BobMontgomery@att.net)

-Bob had discussed how the Pre-conference Bootcamp was coming up and how we still needed volunteers to present some agenda items

-He passed around a sign up sheet for volunteering to present the agenda items at Bootcamp

-Bob had also mentioned how the second highest ranked event was an AA beach party & if everyone wanted to do it someone needed to volunteer to chair the Beach Party Committee, Patty had volunteered to take that commitment

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

Tara Mentioned the following events:

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

Date & Time: March 3-5, 2023

Location:

LAX Marriott Hotel

5855 W. Century Boulevard

Los Angeles, California

To register and for more information please visit:

www.PRAASA.org.

*Area Service Committee (Hybrid)

Date & Time: Sunday March 12 8:30am to 2:30pm

In-person Location:

Walton Intermediate School

12181 Buaro Street

Garden Grove, CA

To attend virtually please register in advance at:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/registration>

*MSCA 09 Service Workshop (Virtual)

Date & Time: Thursday March 16 7pm

Speakers:

Concept 7 – Rick W. Texas Delegate

Concept 8 – Joel, Past Trustee

Concept 9 – Carolyn, Trustee Canada

To join over Zoom:

Meeting ID: 873 6607 8505

Password: Area09p72

*Chat With The Delegate (Virtual)

Multiple Dates

April 2, 4pm to 5pm

April 9, 4pm to 5pm

April 16, 4pm to 5pm

To help reach AA members in addition to in-person and district meetings.

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.

*Pre-Conference Boot Camp (Hybrid)

Date & Time: Saturday March 25 9am to 1pm

Hosted by Districts 12, 6 and 18

In-person Location:

Walton Intermediate School

12181 Buaro Street

Garden Grove, CA

Zoom info to attend virtually:

Meeting ID: 833 8984 7473

Password: service

*MSCA 09 Pre-Conference (In-person)

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

Location:

Norma Hertzog Community Center

1845 Park Avenue

Costa Mesa, CA

*Sponsorship Workshop (In-person)

Date & Time: May 13 1pm-4pm

Location:

Methodist Church (In the auditorium)

24442 Moulton Pkwy.

Laguna Woods, CA 92637

*MSCA 09 Area Assembly- Delegate Shareback (TBD)

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

Location: TBD

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

Mike had reported the following numbers from February:

-Opening Balance: \$23,024.34

-Expenses: \$529.19

-Income: \$607.06

-Closing Checking Balance: \$23,102.21

-Prudent Reserve: \$3,501.40

-Total Closing: \$26,703.61

Secretary: Dominick (mscadistrict12@gmail.com)

-Dom had mentioned how there had been a handful of emails that had gone out via Mail Chimp this past week & said if anyone is not getting them to reach out to him so the issue can get resolved.

-He also mentioned how new GSRs will be added to the District mailing list after providing their emails to Lenore

Registrar: Lenore (d12registrar@gmail.com):

-Lenore had discussed how the sign in sheets are needed to keep track of attendance & asked GSRs to please remember to sign in

-She had also mentioned how Dom can get the emails to GSRs based on the emails she has on file

Old Business

*Sponsorship Workshop

-Jim S. had talked about how the workshop location had been secured at the Methodist church in Laguna Woods at the place where the Do It Sober Meeting is at

-He talked about how lunch will be provided (likely Jersey Mike's) & how there will be a panel of AA's talking about sponsorship

-Jim S. also said that after the panel there will be time for people to ask questions to the panel members

-Jim stated the timeline will be lunch from 1pm-2pm, then the panel from 2pm-3:15pm, followed by the Q&A portion

-He mentioned how volunteers will be needed to help set up/ clean up, as well as need people for trash patrol during the workshop

-Jim stated he wants everyone to market the workshop by printing out the flyer that Dom will send out after Jim & Beth get it to him, then take it to their meetings & pass them out

-He also discussed how General Service Manuals & AA pamphlet 15 (Questions & Answers on Sponsorship) will be available to give out to those that attend the workshop

*Preconference Boot Camp Volunteers

-Bob had mentioned how people that signed up to present agenda items were not at the business meeting & how after the sign in sheet had gone around we still needed more volunteers

-Bob had discussed how the agenda items this year were not as controversial as they were last year & will be much easier to present compared to last year

-He discussed how the presenter needs to come up with a 10 minute (maximum) presentation, show up at Bootcamp & make the presentation, then answer any questions people ask

-The presentations are to help GSRs know how to talk about agenda items they are bringing to their groups for a Group Conscience

-GSRs that volunteered were Brian, Mike P., Rodrigo, & Dolly

New Business

*Final General Service Conference Agenda Items Breakouts

-The different tables had breakout sessions to go over the copy of the final agenda items that Bob had printed out & discuss which items they felt were important

-Table 1 had noted the most important agenda items were the review of the progress report about the translation of the Big Book into plain & simple language, and the idea of a Big Book & 12 & 12 Study Guide

-Table 2 had noted the most important agenda items were the progress report about the plain & simple language Big Book translation, as well as the study guide for the Big Book & 12 & 12, plus they mentioned the agenda item about the public service announcements

-Table 3 noted the most important agenda items were the plain & simple language Big Book progress report,, the progress report about the 5th edition of the Big Book, and the item about cost effective media as an alternative to the pamphlet about young people in AA

-Table 4 had noted the most important agenda items are the study guide for the Big Book and the 12 & 12, the public service announcement agenda item, the item about the conference having 21

non-AA speakers participate at the 2025 International Convention at AA's expense, as well as the item about discussing how to close the big meetings at the International Convention since table 4 mentioned it was controversial to close with the Lord's Prayer or not

-Table 5 noted the most important agenda items are the item about AA World Services developing an Instagram account (voiced confusion about promoting i.e. how this goes with Tradition 11, but expressed how this would be a good way to reach young people since they said young people do not read the pamphlets), the item about Reviewing/ updating the pamphlet about Bridging the Gap, as well as the item about

-Table 6 noted the most important agenda items are the one about the footnotes to the 12 & 12 regarding gender neutral language, as well as the item about the workbooks. It had been expressed how the agenda item was not going to be looked at by the conference since there is "no interest," but the table noted how there had been a lot of interest at the business meeting for the workbook/ study guide. Also, stated bringing this up to the deleget would be worthwhile since people use Hazelton workbooks, and if AA could create the workbooks that were conference approved AA could bring in that money.

-Table 7 had not discussed the list of agenda items since there were not more lists left for them to review.

-Table 8 had noted that important agenda items are Literature Items H, N, & P. Plus, Public Information Items N & R.

-Table 9 had noted the most important agenda items are the item about the progress report for the plain & simple language Big Book, the proposed agenda items regarding the 12 & 12, the item about the cost effective media options as alternatives to the young people pamphlet, and the item about accessibility to those that are remote or have other challenges.

-Bob had then talked about the Google Form to submit Group Consciences that GSRs get about their selected agenda items, and how he had print out of the instructions about how to submit those to our deleget Mitchell through the MSCA website.

-Bob stated that submitting through this form automatically added the Group Consciences into a spreadsheet for Mitchell so he will have thousands of groups expressed opinions in a consolidated place instead of individual emails.

Committee Reports

*Inter Group

-Dolly had talked about how Central Office in Santa Ana is looking for volunteers for the following days & times: Monday 12 to 3, Thursday 9 to 12, and Thursday 12 to 3

-She had also mentioned how the Technology Chair who updates the OC AA website, to go into the meeting directory and verify their meeting info (location, time, type of meeting, hybrid, virtual, or in-person) because it feeds directly into the Meeting Guide App

-Dolly had also answered Lenore's question about if a meeting is not noted on the directory, and said to email the manager at manager@occ-aa.org for any corrections/ to add a meeting to the directory

-Dolly had also discussed the literature rack that groups can purchase for \$15 and fill it with pamphlets of its choice & choose where to place the rack (doctor's offices, recovery homes, etc.); rack is a 4 pamphlet plexiglass literature holder

-She stated the rack can be a service commitment for the group since someone will need to go check the rack & replenish it when the pamphlets are taken by people with pamphlets purchased by the group

-Dolly also discussed the Lifeline & how artwork, stories, and poems can be submitted for that stuff to get put into the newsletter, as well as AA birthday announcements; stuff needs to be submitted by the 15th of the month prior to the next publication of the newsletter on the following month

-Dolly had also stated a printer was needed, but Genevieve had clarified that that may no longer be needed and that will be discussed at the Intergroup meeting next week

*Area 09 Convention Liaison

-Tim had mentioned how the 38th Orange County AA Convention April 7, 8, and 9 & will be in Costa Mesa Hilton Orange County Hotel

-Tim said he is looking for volunteers to staff the Area 09 table at the convention & those that volunteer will get a really cool T-shirt, plus that there are lots of opportunities to be of service at the convention & to reach out to him for details

GSR recap: We didn't have a GSR recap this month.

Birthdays for the month of February:

Tim 21 years

Dolly 14 years

Brent 10 years

Rodrigo 5 years

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

-Next Area Meeting:

-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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