

**DISTRICT 12 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, May 5, 2021**

- Call to order by Bob at 7:30
- Serenity prayer
- GSR Preamble read by Heidi
  
- **New GSR Introductions** (with service sponsors)
  - Janice (Gretchen), Rodrigo (Summer), Darren (Tom S), AJ (Johnny)
  
- **Tradition 5 Workshop Recap: Tom S**
  - Short form: “Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.”
  - Long form: “Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose—that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.”
  
- **Concept 5 Workshop Recap: Bob M**
  - Concept 6: “Throughout our world service structure, a traditional “Right of Appeal” ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered.”
  - Principle: Democracy
  
- **Panel Reports:**
  - DCMC – Bob
    - Shared about last month’s pre-conference workshop
    - From the steering committee. Brought up topics discussed including providing snacks and refreshments for the monthly business meetings and the possibility of having a joint share back in June.
    - Candace made a motion to include drinks and snacks at our monthly business meetings moving forward. Monroe seconded the motion and the body passed the motion unanimously.
    - Should be expecting a joint share back with District 6 from our Area 09 delegate in June, we will be sending out an email with updates.
  - Alternate DCMC – Tommy
    - Area 09 Delegate Share Back - Sunday, May 15th, 9 am - 3 pm  
In-person at West Torrance High School:  
20401 Victor St, Torrance, CA 90503 (in the school cafeteria)  
Or on Zoom at:  
ID - 835 0804 4336, password - service
    - Area 09 Service Workshop - Thursday, May 19th, 7 pm - 8 pm  
On Zoom at:  
ID - 873 6607 8505, password - Area09p72

Can't make it this month? The service workshop happens virtually on the third Thursday of every month!  
Be sure to visit [msca09aa.org](http://msca09aa.org) to stay up to date on all the events going on in our area!
  - Treasurer – Mike
    - April Transactions  
Opening balance: \$26,511.40  
Income: \$2,186.80

Expenses: \$463.09

Closing Balance: \$28,253.11

- Secretary – Dom (Tommy filled in)
  - There being no corrections, the April minutes as previously distributed are approved.
  - We have decided not to switch to Gmail and will be staying on Mailchimp for District 12 correspondence.
  - Please email Dom if you are not receiving District 12 emails, and to update your phone list information – mscadistrict12@gmail.com
- Registrar – Lenore (Romy filled in)
  - Please complete the sign-in sheets when attending the District 12 Business Meetings! Romy will be passing along any questions or comments to Lenore.
  - You can reach Lenore at d12registrar.lg@gmail.com if you have any changes or updates to your meeting or contact info.

• **New business**

- Dark Meetings
  - Bob addressed the meetings in our district that are not represented in general service and asked for the body to think of ideas to motivate and talk with these groups. To be discussed in sub-district breakouts
- Budget
  - Bob explained that we have an excess of funds and need to do something with them! Encouraged committee chairs to think about possible uses for our money that are related to their committees. Also, think of events, services, materials, literature, and anything we can do for our district (like the Labor Day picnic, Sponsorship workshop, Traditions Day, ) donations? (GSO, H&I, Grapevine) Contact any of the board members with ideas! You may also talk with your groups and see if they have ideas.

• **Sub District Breakouts - Dark meetings**

- Sub District A - DCM Heidi

Looked at the dark list, went online to look at the directory, and spotted differences in the meetings listed and what meetings are listed.

People were assigned different meetings to visit and talk with them about the importance of being represented in general service.

- Sub District B - DCM Tara

Looked at the list of dark meetings and people volunteered to visit groups and talk with them about general service. Thought about taking GSR pamphlets to pass out and provide information. Asked if any online dark meetings are listed? Suggested sobriety requirement for GSRs 2 years. Asked about the possibility of hybrid business meetings?

- Sub District C - DCM Betty

Looked at the list of dark meetings. People volunteered to visit the meetings. Bob spoke with them and talked about possible ways to talk about general service with groups. Betty asked if someone can be a GSR for multiple groups? It was discussed and mentioned that we cannot have a vote for multiple groups but can share information from our Business Meetings and what is going on at the district level. Encouraged people to talk with their regular meetings and have people spread the word about general service.

• **GSR Recap** — Robin

• **Birthdays for April**

- Lily - 4 years

- Monroe - 5 years
- Romy - 12 years
- Candace - 25 years
- Tara - 28 years

• **Close with Responsibility Pledge:**

- “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.”

*\*\*\* For corrections or changes to the minutes, please email [mscadistrict12@gmail.com](mailto:mscadistrict12@gmail.com) \*\*\**