

June 1, 2023, business Meeting for MSCA Area 09 / District 12

-Meeting called to order & opened with the Serenity Prayer

GSR Preamble read by Danny

New GSRs & their service sponsors:

GSR: Dani service Sponsor: Joyce

GSR: Shawn Service Sponsor: (missed it)

GSR: Julie service Sponsor: Dolly

GSR: Sarge service Sponsor: David

GSR: Jared service Sponsor: Jared

Visitors:

Tim

Annette

Lynn

Josh (out of town from Denver)

Traditions presentation by : Rodrigo

Tradition 6

Short Form:

**An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.**

Long Form:

**Problems of money, property, and authority may easily divert us from our primary spiritual aim. We think, therefore, that any considerable property of genuine use to A.A. should be separately incorporated and managed, thus dividing the material from the spiritual. An A.A. group, as such, should never go into business. Secondary aids to A.A., such as clubs or hospitals which require much property or administration, ought to be incorporated and so set apart that, if necessary, they can be freely discarded by the groups. Hence such facilities ought not to use the A.A. name. Their management should be the sole responsibility of those people who financially support them. For clubs, A.A. managers are**

**usually preferred. But hospitals, as well as other places of recuperation, ought to be well outside A.A.—and medically supervised. While an A.A. group may cooperate with anyone, such cooperation ought never to go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied. An A.A. group can bind itself to no one.**

Principal: Non-Affiliation

-Concepts presentation by: David

Concept 6

Short Form:

**The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.**

**Principal: Accountability**

Minutes Approval- Secretary- Dominick

Dom had asked if there had been any adjustments that were needed to the minutes that had been sent out last month, none were suggested. Roderigo had motioned to adopt the minutes as they were sent out & Tom seconded, no one opposed so the minutes were adopted.

Board Reports

DCMC: Bob (BobMontgomery@att.net)

-Bob had discussed how he attended the shareback event in Costa Mesa and that it had been a nice event

-He also stated he had attended the Area Meeting the next day after the event in Costa Mesa to hear the Delegate give his report again

-Bob had brought some copies of a document he put together outlining the actions taken by the conference to pass out

-He also brought copies of an exhaustive list of all the things the conference had done & this list can be found on the Area 09 website; it is password protected & the password is area09Panel72

-Bob had also mentioned how a recording of the shareback is up on the Area website, use same password

-Stated the most important things had been that the changes to the 12 & 12 have been deferred to next year's conference since some felt that the changes had not reflected the whole of AA

-Bob stated that the changes to the preamble had not come up during the conference & is not sure if this will come up again next year

-Stated changes to pamphlets that were agenda items were made

-Bob also discussed how the Service Manual will only be re-printed every 2 years, but since some editorial changes need to be made those will be made and it will be printed at that time

-He also discussed how an action taken by the conference was to have the Board of AAWS to take an inventory about communicating

-Lastly, regarding the GSC he mentioned how a new Board of Trustees was elected

-Bob stated that the Area Assembly meeting had voted on keeping the Area Meetings hybrid even though some felt the meeting should go back to in-person exclusively

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

-Tara was not able to be at the Business Meeting, so Bob filled in and announced the following upcoming events:

\*Concepts Workshop (1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month, Virtual)

Date & Time: Sunday June 4 & Sunday June 18 @ 3pm to 4pm

Zoom Info:

Meeting ID: 928 8170 4093, Password: 642408

Come prepared with the current edition of the AA Service Manual

\*MSCA Area 09 Area Service Committee (Hybrid)

Date & Time: Sunday June 11 @ 9am to 3pm

In-person Location:

Long Beach City College – Liberal Arts Campus

4901 East Carson Street

Long Beach, CA

Zoom Info:

Meeting ID: 893 4546 3165, Passcode: 516818

Hosted by District 4, Parking Included – Taco Meal (suggested contribution \$10)

\*MSCA 09 Workshop: The How, Why, & Joy of a Class A Trustee & Why We Keep Them Around (Virtual)

Date & Time: Thursday June 15 @ 6pm to 8pm

Timeline-

Committee Sharing Session: 6pm – 7pm

Service Manual Study: 7pm – 8pm

Zoom Info:

Meeting ID: 873 6607 8505, Passcode: Area09p72

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

-Mike stated we went a little over budget for the Sponsorship Workshop, but we had a good amount of money that came in last month to offset the expenses

-Mike had also said he will present where we are at on our expenses since we will be halfway through the year, but that we are overspent some areas, but underspent in others

-Mike reported the following numbers for the month of April:

Opening Balance- \$21,379.99

Expenses- \$1,620.81

Income- \$2,137.31

Closing Checking Balance- \$21,886.49

Prudent Reserve- \$3,601.52

Total Closing- \$25,498.01

Secretary: Dominick (mscadistrict12@gmail.com)

-Dominick stated the emails are going out through Mail Chimp, announcements, flyers, reminders, and minutes, and for those not getting the emails to get in touch with him so he can resolve the issue

Registrar: Lenore (d12registrar@gmail.com):

-Lenore had reminded GSRs to please sign in using the sign in sheets & to make sure all info is correct

-She also stated that some details that are highlighted on the sign in sheets is regarding info that she needs or needs to be corrected/ updated

-She also asked new GSRs to please write neatly so she can input the info correctly into her records

## Old Business

### \*Beach Party

-Patty had brought flyers for the event so people could take them to meetings to pass out & asked for people to pass them out at meetings they go to other than the meeting they are representing

-Patty said she need some volunteers, specifically volunteers to help Tom work the grill

-Other volunteers would be a couple folks to help by getting to the event at 10:30am to help set up tables & organize some things

-Patty also said game suggestions are welcomed (we got one person to commit to bringing a cornhole game)

-She stated she needs coolers, but Bob said we have 10 tubs that are owned by the District that we can use

-Patty had also said if people that have organized events before could get with her so she could plan to get the right amount of food & plan accordingly

### \*Area Service Committee Meeting in August

-Bob mentioned how District 12 will be hosting the ASC on August 13

-Said he is looking into Laguna Hills to secure for the location & will be reaching out to city hall of Laguna Hills; asked if anyone was a resident of that city so we could get a discount, David said he was

-We are responsible for getting food, get the room, set up, & clean up & will be reimbursed by the Area

-Bob had also said he is going to an Area event at the Long Beach College & if that location would work well we may host the ASC there

## New Business

### \*General Sharing Session

-Lisa had asked about the preamble issue since she mentioned how she thought it was already changed & meetings had already updated it that she attends

-Bob had stated that the preamble had already been changed & that some meetings updated it while others had not since each meeting is free to do what they want

-Dominick had mentioned how the change to the preamble is already being published in the Grapevine

-Jim had stated that the Sponsorship Workshop was effective & that we should consider having it a couple times a year, but not as elaborate since the one we just had was a little over the top

-Bob had stated that we are looking into having a Secretary Workshop along with the Sponsorship Workshop each year & collaborating with a couple other Districts since the feeling is that many in service could benefit from such a workshop

-Another person had suggested calling it a Commitments Workshop since other commitments could benefit from learning more about those roles

-Jessica had said she was looking for suggestions since the meeting she is GSR for is in the small room at the Canyon Club & when they reach capacity, the sign they put up encouraging people to attend another meeting is ignored & the room gets packed & becomes a fire hazard

-Tim had suggested putting something in the suggestion box at the Canyon Club so it can get to the Board of the club since mentioning it to someone at the coffee bar may not get to the board

-Someone had suggested to have someone volunteer to be outside the meeting to direct people to other meetings

-Dominick had suggested making an announcement at start or at the break if there is one, that the meeting could be at jeopardy of losing its meeting place & then no one would be able to go to it

-Jared had asked if anyone had heard of a way for literature to be made cheaper in our District by us contributing some of our excess funds; he said he wants to find out if Central Office could assist with this issue

-Stephanie had said that when meetings went to Zoom she ended up with extra literature & has it to donate

-Walt had said that since many meetings went to Zoom, meetings do not use as much literature

-David had mentioned how the Literature Chair is in charge of literature problems & Lisa (our Literature Chair) needs to know what she needs to do to work on problems

-Some mentioned how Intergroup satellite office has a place for literature to be donated for people that need it & that could be a good place to donate extra books people have

-Lenore had asked for clarification to Jared about if he meant Big Books specifically or all AA approved literature; Jared said mostly the fundamentals of Big Books & 12 & 12s

-Dolly had said that the literature price increase has not gone into effect yet in Orange County, but that it will in July

-Trish had discussed how the Friendship Center has a used library of books for a book share situation & maybe meetings could do something like this

-Bob had said we could look into purchasing Big Books to pass out to GSRs at the Business Meeting that could be taken back to our perspective meetings to contribute literature that way since trying to work with Central Office for literature discount for our specific District would be really hard to figure out, if it could be at all

-Mike said he could look into this & bring back some numbers when he presents the numbers & where we are at financially next month

## Committee Reports

### \*Intergroup

-Dolly said that the guy that is current Public Information Chair will be moving to the Treasurer, so Intergroup needs a new PI Chair

-She stated that the Lifeline has all the names & contact info for the Board of Intergroup for anyone that is interested in a commitment with Intergroup

-Intergroup will have a table at the Orange County Fair, and volunteers are needed to talk to visitors to the fair; said Skip's contact can be found in the Lifeline since he is the person to talk to about volunteering at the fair

-Dolly said those that volunteer at the Intergroup table at the fair get free admission to the fair

-Dolly had also said there will be a Big Book Weekend Workshop in Paramount on July 8 & 9

### \*Area Events Chair

-Tim had made an announcement about the Desert Roundup; said was formerly Pow Wow

-He said the event starts on Wednesday June 7 and goes through Sunday June 11

## GSR recap by Lisa

### Birthdays for the month of May

Vickie with 4 years

Julie with 5 years

Mike with 7 years

David with 32 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](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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