

October 5, 2023, business Meeting for MSCA Area 09 / District 12

-Meeting called to order & opened with the Serenity Prayer

GSR Preamble read by Lenore

New GSRs & their service sponsors:

GSR: Hannah Service Sponsor: Carla

Visitors:

-We had no visitors this month

Traditions presentation by : Rodreigo

Tradition 10

Short form:

Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

Long form:

No A.A. group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate A.A., express any opinion on outside controversial issues — particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The Alcoholics Anonymous groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters they can express no views whatever.

Principal: Outside Issues

-Concepts presentation by: David C.

Concept 10

Short form:

Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.

Principal: Clarity

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.

-No corrections were mentioned, Jim motioned to adopt the minutes as sent out and Rodreigo seconded, none were opposed and the minutes were adopted.

Board Reports

DCMC: Bob (BobMontgomery@att.net)

-Bob had mentioned the list of events Tara had put together and said he had brought copies

-Bob had discussed how there will be a Servathon on November 18 that will be held on the USS Iowa in San Pedro and will be Carnival theme

-Bob said there will be food & a band at the Servathon, as well as Area Committees will have tables set up explaining what each of the committees do; you can visit the Area 09 website for the event flyer

-Bob had discussed the Secretary Workshop and that Heidi has done a great job in organizing it

-He had also encouraged folks to bring people to the workshop so they can learn about commitments at the group level

-Bob had also discussed the Traditions Day Workshop that Rodreigo is organizing; there will be sandwiches & ice cream

-Bob talked about how he has been on a couple committees at the Area level & how one was concerning putting together guidelines for DCM Commitments

-The other committee Bob is on has been taking a look at making Area Meetings more accessible since getting to Area Meetings can be difficult

-Bob said discussion in the second committee was about having Area Meetings at the 4 corners of the Area, having Area Meetings in only 2 locations regularly, & having Area Meetings a couple times a month

-Bob brought up the Area 09 Elections on the coming up Sunday; mentioned how there were 9 people from District 12 that were eligible to vote & only 3 that were eligible to stand for a service position at the Area level; he had copies of the list of eligible people at the meeting

-Bob asked people that are eligible to vote to register for the meeting on Sunday & attend the meeting either on zoom or in person so our District is represented

-Bob talked about the Area Assembly Meeting & how guidelines were voted on and adopted, as well as how there had been a merger of District 8 & District 11

-He had also said that the Area had voted to have a biannual inventory & the first one will be in the second year of the incoming panel for the Area

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

Tara was not able to attend & Bob had mentioned the list of events she had put together; the events on the list were as follows:

*2nd Annual District 2 & District 4 Heritage Day (In-person)

Date & Time: Saturday October 7, 4pm to 7pm

Location:

Intercity Fellowship Hall

5881 Cherry Avenue – Long Beach, CA

Four AA members with 35+ years of sobriety will be interviewed and share; light snacks will be served.

*Mid SoCal Area 09- Panel 74 (2024-2025) elections (Hybrid)

Date & Time: Sunday October 8, 9am to 3pm (registration begins at 8:30am)

In-person location:

Valadez Middle School Academy

161 East La Jolla Street – Placentia, CA

Zoom info: Meeting ID- 884 8686 4249, Passcode- 654591

Hosted by Area 05

*Secretary Commitment Workshop (In-person)

Date & Time: Saturday October 14, 10am to 12pm

Location:

United Methodist Church

24442 Moulton Parkway, Laguna Woods, CA

Hosted by District 12; refreshments will be served.

*12 Concepts Workshop (Virtual)

Date & Time: Sunday October 15, 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 09 Area Service Workshop Servant, Leader, or Both? (Virtual)

Date & Time: Thursday October 19, 7pm to 8pm

Zoom info: Meeting ID- 873 6607 8505, Passcode- Area09p72

Led by Debbie D. from Concord, CA

- For more information or to print flyers for these events, visit the Mid-Southern California Area 09 website at <https://msca09aa.org/>

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

-Mike had talked about how the budget for the Labor Day picnic had been \$6,500, but the total cost had been over \$8,000; the reason was the cost of renting the park had gone up which we had not planned for

-Mike said the approximate budget for next year will be in the \$12,000 range & the proposed budget will be presented at the November Business Meeting

Mike reported the following numbers:

Opening balance- \$15,677.40

Expenses- \$4,211.46

Income- \$722.10

Closing checking- balance\$12,188.04

Prudent reserve- \$3,602.00

Total closing- \$15,790.04

Secretary: Dominick (mscadistrict12@gmail.com)

-Dominick had mentioned how the District emails (announcements, meeting reminders, and meeting minutes) are going out through Mail Chimp.

-He had also talked about if anyone is not getting the emails to connect with him to get this issue taken care of.

Registrar: Lenore (d12registrar@gmail.com):

-Lenore had reminded people to please remember to sign in using the sign in sheets & to double check the information to make sure it is correct

-Lenore mentioned how the District emailing list comes from the email information on the sign in sheets & people want to make sure they will be able to get the emails Dominick sends out

Old Business

-We had not discussed any old business this month

New Business

District Elections

-Bob had apologized for not getting someone from the Area to officiate the elections

-Bob mentioned how two-third vote is needed for someone to get elected to the board positions for the District; said if we need to take more then one vote for a position to get to two-thirds we will do so

-Bob had read off the roles/ responsibilities, as well as the suggested sober time for each of the board positions

*DCMC position

-Bob had mentioned how Tara was not able to attend the meeting, but she was standing for the position & Lenore had read off Tara's service resume she sent to Lenore

-No other person had stood for the service position & Tara had been voted the new DCMC with a unanimous vote (none were opposed)

*Alternate DCMC

-Rodreigo was the only one that had stood for the service position & was voted the new Alt. DCMC with a unanimous vote (none were opposed)

*Secretary

-Lisa R. had been the only one that stood for the service position and had discussed her service experience & other boards she is the secretary for; Lisa was voted into the service position with a unanimous vote (none were opposed)

*Treasurer

-Trish had been the only one that stood for the service position & had explained her service experience; she was voted into the service position with a unanimous vote (none were opposed)

*Registrar

-Alison had been the only one that had stood for the service position & she had explained her service experience; she was voted into the service position with a unanimous vote (none were opposed)

-After the elections Bob had mentioned that he needs to write up a resolution for the District 12 body to vote on for adopting the new board members to deal with the financial things for the banking accounts for the District

December Business Meeting

-Bob had talked about considering having the December meeting at the Canyon Club on a Saturday & making it a holiday party; would be a potluck

-Bob asked everyone if we would like to have the potluck meeting at the Canyon Club or have a regular Business Meeting; everyone was in favor of the potluck

- Bob expressed how great District 12 GSRs have been & how everyone had helped make his job a bit easier

First Area 09 Meeting in 2024

-Bob talked about how District 12 is responsible for hosting the first Area Meeting

-He mentioned how the Area Assembly Meeting our District hosted at Tesoro High School may be a good place & if it does not work out he will be looking into other high schools in the District

-Bob had also mentioned how he had put out a number of copies of the end of the year report from GSO; said it is confidential because it has some last names of people in it, but is great for getting an understanding of everything that went on this year; has financial reports

Committee Reports

*Secretary Workshop Chair

-Heidi was not able to attend the meeting, but Jim S. had discussed the upcoming workshop

-Jim S. mentioned how there will be refreshments, as well as how there will be a panel of 4 speakers talking about the different service commitments for an AA group

GSR recap

-We did not have a GSR recap this month

Birthdays for the month of September

Kyla 20

john 29

-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.msca12.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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