

September 6, 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:

We had no new GSRs (one visitor attended GSR School though)

Visitors:

-Kathy

-Patty V.

Traditions presentation by : Tom S.

Tradition 9

Short Form:

A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

Long Form:

Each A.A. group needs the least possible organization. Rotating leadership is the best. The small group may elect its secretary, the large group its rotating committee, and the groups of a large metropolitan area their central or intergroup committee, which often employs a full-time secretary. The trustees of the General Service Board are, in effect, our A.A. General Service Committee. They are the custodians of our A.A. Tradition and the receivers of voluntary A.A. contributions by which we maintain our A.A. General Service Office at New York. They are authorized by the groups to handle our overall public relations and they guarantee the integrity of our principal newspaper, the A.A. Grapevine. All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in A.A. are but trusted and experienced servants of the whole. They derive no real authority from their titles; they do not govern. Universal respect is the key to their usefulness.

Principal: Spirit of Service

Concepts presentation by: David C.

Concept 9

Short Form:

Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.

Principal: Vision

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,

-Jim S motioned to adopt someone seconded, none objected, so they were adopted as sent out.

Board Reports

DCMC: Bob (BobMontgomery@att.net)

-Bob had discussed the Area Service Committee District 12 hosted at Tesoro High School last month

-He mentioned those that came from other districts had nice things to say, but feedback was the chairs were uncomfortable

-Bob had also discussed how he is part of an ad hawk committee at the Area level that is focused on making the Area meetings more accessible/ comfortable; said only 2 places in OC/ LA to be able to hold area meetings

-Bob said that possibly changing the format of the area meetings to make it easier to attend area meetings is being considered

-Bob talked about the Area Service Assembly and had explained the difference between the ASCs & an ASA; GSRs get to vote on motions that come out of the committee discussions during the ASCs

-bob said only motions up for vote is the guidelines stuff for committees at the ASA the upcoming weekend

-Bob mentioned that another good reason to come to area meetings is that to vote in elections in October a GSR needs to have attended at least one area meeting; going to vote for new Delegate & Alt. Delegate

-He said the MSCA09 website has a flyer that has all the info to join the ASA

-Bob also discussed how the district board elections will be held next month & people need to attend the business meeting in oct to be able to get one of those service positions

-We will be having an outside person come in & officiate the elections

-Bob printed the job descriptions out and had them on the table in the back for people to go over the roles/ duties for the various positions & that the roles/ duties will be included with the minutes for September's meeting

-Bob mentioned how Romey did a great job updating the guidelines so jobs are clearly explained

-Bob mentioned the International AA convention will be in Vancouver & anyone with a record that needs to be cleaned up & you are planning on attending then you should start getting it taken care of now

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

Tara mentioned the following events:

*Mid So Cal Area Service Assembly (Hybrid)

Date & Time: Sunday September 10, 9am to 3pm

In-person Location:

Jurupa Area Recreation and Park District

4810 Pedley Road, Jurupa Valley, CA 92509

Zoom Info: ID: 885 4560 8278, Passcode: ASA

Hosted by District 23; Food will be served; Registration begins at 8:30am

*12 Concepts Workshop (Virtual)

Date & Time: Sunday September 17, 3pm to 4pm

Zoom Info: 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

*Service Sponsorship (Virtual)

Date & Time: Thursday September 21, 7pm to 8pm

Zoom Info: ID: 873 6607 8505, Passcode: Area09p72

Led by Jimmy D. Former Class B Trustee

*12 Concepts Workshop (Virtual)

Date & Time: Sunday October 1, 3pm to 4pm

Zoom Info: 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

*Mid So Cal Area 09 Panel 74 (2024-2025) Elections (Hybrid)

Date & Time: Sunday October 8, 9am to 3pm

In-person Location:

Rio Vista Elementary School

310 N. Rio Vista Street – Anaheim, CA 92806

Zoom Info: ID: 884 8686 4249, Passcode: 654591

Hosted by Area 5

*Secretary Commitment Workshop (In-person)

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

Location:

United Methodist Church

24442 Moulton Parkway, Laguna Woods, CA

*12 Concepts Workshop (Virtual)

Date & Time: Sunday October 15, 3pm to 4pm

Zoom Info: 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

*Servant, Leader, or Both (Virtual)

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

Zoom Info: ID: 873 6607 8505, Passcode: Area09p72

Led by Debbie D. from Concord, CA

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

- mike said he will have a breakdown next month about the labor day picnic expenses

-Mike also reported the following numbers:

opening balance \$20,019.36

expenses \$5,976.96

income \$1,625.96

closing checking balance \$15,677.40

Prudent reserve \$ 3602.00

total closing \$19,279.40

Secretary: Dominick (mscadistrict12@gmail.com)

-Dominick had said all District emails are going out through Mail Chimp and if anyone is not getting them to please contact him so he can get that taken care of by adding them to the mailing list

Registrar: Lenore (d12registrar@gmail.com):

-Lenore reminded people to sign in & check the information on sheets to make sure it is correct

-She said if a GSR is not on the sign in sheets get in touch with her to make sure u get the emails

Old Business

Labor Day Picnic

-Bob thanked everyone that had been of service & said that other Districts were envious of how much participation we were able to get

-Beth also thanked all those that were of service & volunteered, apologized for her attitude last month when getting volunteers

-Beth asked for any suggestions how to improve the picnic & welcomed the feedback

Secretary Commitment Workshop

-Heidi mentioned how the workshop will be at the church on Moulton Parkway October 14, 10am to noon

-Heidi said the workshop will consist of:

panel of 4 speakers that have been secretaries, treasures, etc.; a Q&A; Breakouts/ roundtables to discuss various topics

-She had a flyer for folks to take a picture of to take to their meetings

New Business

Traditions Day

- Will be in November
- Rodrigo will be at the Business Meeting next month to tell us about it
- It was mentioned how we need to secure the canyon club meeting room,

Committee Reports

*Intergroup

- Dolly brought new lifelines to the meeting
- She mentioned how the AA area convention is coming up
- She explained how the intergroup office is across parking lot from where the District Business Meetings are held
- Dolly talked about soft & hard cover big books & hard cover has nice new jackets
- Dolly has been helping announce events by getting them on lifeline, area website, & the intergroup website
- She discussed an announcement from GSO, how the Daily Reflections are now in audio format
- She discussed Grapevine is separate corporation & how we contribute to Grapevine by purchasing subscriptions
- She explained Carry the message project for Grapevine; the website walks you through how to donate subscriptions to various places that register for subscriptions & groups can donate through the website

*Archives

- Jim S. talked about how the interviews that have been done are up on the website
- Jim S. also talked about the importance regarding the spirit of rotation & a new Archivist is needed to take the position from him
- Jim S. explained how starting to interview old timers is necessary & how there are 25 questions that are asked how the interviews are recorded
- Jim S. said he will still be available to help the new Archivist to fulfill the roles of the service position

*Treatment

- A workshop had been held near the Archives on August 20, workshop had been on Bridging the Gap

-The recording of the workshop is up on the Area 09 website

***Public Information**

-Danny said he has 2 high schools that need AA's to speak at to Carry the Message

- San Juan Hills High needs speakers on October 5 & 6, 8:30am to 12:15pm

- Aliso High needs speakers for October 26 & 27, there will be 2 classes in the morning on those day

-GSR recap by Danny

Birthdays for the month of August

Marie with 15 years

Trish with 32 years

Jim S with 45 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.mscaadistrict12.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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