

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:

\*2<sup>nd</sup> 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.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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