

AA MSCA 09, District 1 General Service Executive Committee Meeting
Hermosa Beach Kiwanis Club [Closed until further notice]
Zoom Meeting * [Instead] Hosted by Alex W
April 23, 2020 Minutes

7:00 pm – * Zoom Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer.

I In Attendance, we started with (10), (3) joined later

From District 1 or Visiting

from MSCA / Area 09

Alex W (DCMC)

Ed L (Delegate, Panel 70)

Marie D (DCMC Alt)

Jose A (Area 09 Treasurer, A/P)

Jim B (Treasurer)

Jeff L (Secretary)

Karyn M (Secretary Alt)

Karen H

Stryker

M McS

Katie F

LG A

Ronny M <visiting>

II District 1 BOD Reports

A Marie - suggest we review our District Guidelines and if necessary, make amendment(s) A/R or to account for safer at home rules that may be affecting our ability to provide service now and in the future.

B Jeff - D1 Minutes are corrected and available for Jan, Feb and March General Business Mtg's and for the March ECM. The other ECM Minutes, corrections, are pending.

Jeff asks for participants to put important comments in Chat, that such Notes may be added to the Minutes and can also be more typographically correct.

C Jim - Jim and Alex are now both on signature card at the bank:

\$1,100.00 in checking

\$1,600.00 in savings

Re.: electronic / online 7th Tradition contributions - currently our expenses are low, but the need is both now, during and after suspension of in-person AA meetings. Our BOD did not vote on this tonight and Jim suggests we take it to the D1 full body in May for final decision as it pertains to the Traditions in general. Alex will put it on the Agenda.

Jim's research says to include both Zelle and Google Pay (PayPal) Apps as the two best options. Note: Oscar and Alex are already working on a webpage for the new website [See Section III below] that will accept digital contributions in the future.

D Alex - corresponding with Area Registrar re.: question of how many registered groups do we actually have in our district?

Alex will email Ed L who will forward the question to Emily.

III Website

Oscar is not present. We had planned to vote as a committee [Agenda Item: Vote for Oscar] to formally elect him to act as official webmaster and general online and website content designer. We still do not have a permanent D1 Website Committee Chairperson. In the meantime, and per the D1 Website Guidelines, Alex and Marie will be managing. Website Committee business is and has been a behind-the-scenes collaboration between Alex directing and Oscar consulting on a new prototype website including a new webhost, namely Squarespace.com. Squarespace competes with other Hosts like Wix and Weebly for an easier yet simpler web design experience. Our new website <https://chihuahua-dog-n9zp.squarespace.com/> is password protected and not yet ready for "primetime" review but Alex showed us a few new pages on her Zoom screen via screen share.

During the previous Panel 68, Jeff registered a separate domain name for development, test and web content / creation: <https://mscadistrict1.org> which is currently being hosted by Siteground.com. Jeff will give rights to D1 for this domain if we want the domain, and/or otherwise take it over. Also:

Our previous domain <https://aainthesouthbay.org> currently being hosted by Bluehost and is up for annual renewal week of May 4 while domain name registration expires May 15. There is no need to pay for renewals if we decide to migrate away in the near term. Ordinarily a new domain name will be determined and agreed upon i.e. voted on by committee

IV DCMC Planning Agenda Items in Upcoming GSR Meetings and ECM per previous DCMC's approach:

A Alex is asking if we want to add any agenda items similar to ones found in our previous DCMC Ethan's approach, including the structure of the Agenda's outline in general. Ethan had been including several bullet points such as e.g.:

- after reports,
- break,
- old business,
- new business,
- sample GSR report back to the group.

Consensus is that Alex is in charge. Any of these are fine but mostly it's up to Alex.

B Alex is working on an upcoming Workshop (via Zoom) called: "Finding your Niche in AA" and presented us an outline with lots of service positions. Main point is that each member has a different passion or strength and that collectively we're more effective as a whole whenever all or the most of our individuals get up and get involved. Not just a theory, it's the Plan.

C Q&A for Committees of 1. Let us consider taking last ½ hour of regular business meeting, assuming all chairs show up, we will reassemble in breakout rooms for those interested, seeking more info, e.g.

- Website
- DCM / Secretary/Registrar/Treasurer
- District 1 Liaisons
- H&I
- CPC / PI
- Literature
- Newcomer Orientation/Service Sponsor
- Grapevine - e.g. Stryker could lead a discussion

D Vision
Grapevine, CPC
Access / on Monday Nights there is a Workshop
Class A, B trustees
GSO

V South Bay Roundup - needs GSR representation via panel and/or Panel and/or Booth
Jim mentions Ryan is A09 liaison to South Bay Round Up who assigns the time slots.
We need a preferred time slot.

VI Area Reports

A Ed L, our Delegate, will give his GSC Report Back June 11th to both D1 and D3, combined
He will send this schedule to Emily (see II.D above)

B Ed met with 13 districts; Spanish requires support. D1 is proactive - D1 is in the top (3)
Ed went to Alex's weekly Monday Night General Service Workshop – attendance is recommended.

C Sunday at 3pm Ed is making himself available for questions via Zoom Meeting (info emailed)

D Church trespass issue; in a letter from Ed L:

"In a business meeting with District 5 on the evening of April 9th, someone shared that one of their group secretaries ignored the instructions from their hosting church to cancel an AA meeting, entered the church as usual for the meeting, and the pastor had to confiscate the keys to prevent future meetings, which then became a trespass issue."

Caution - please tell your groups to stay home, if not otherwise staying safe or not following their landlords' rules. We don't want this sort of situation to look bad on AA as a whole, or for someone to get sick! "Honor our Host!"

E Re.: Ed's GSC focus is on Literature

Ryan invitation Sunday Zoom

a week ago, Monday met w/ 8-delegates on Lit. Committee

working on "agenda item reduction" Conference begins with 96 items, while 56 are "active"

want to boil it down the most essential by May 12th deadline

So far has input from 48 Groups, only 5 are Spanish

VII Central Office - short on staff

Per Jim B - there is a serious concern that C.O. needs help. Real problem is potentially with any newcomer's ability to find certain South Bay Groups. Although our remote phones are active, phone banks are still taking calls, our operators can't easily direct someone who suffers to the next most convenient AA meeting after a call.

The C.O. 's website and recent makeover looks good on appearance and/or in general, navigation is good, but the Meetings page contains many errors and it seems that either no one is working at C.O., i.e. short staff or no one is available to work on any related updates and corrections to the meetings database.

This also becomes a major concern in that our website meetings & referrals [link] depends on C.O. record keeping and we depend on them being accurate.

Before the C.O. website makeover, accuracy was not an issue.

Bert M is our District 1 Liaison to Central Office.

8:20 pm - Meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Pledge

Respectfully submitted by,
Jeff L, Secretary Panel 70