

Mid-Southern California Area 09 (MSCA)
District 1 – Committee Meeting
Approved Minutes from May 14, 2020

7:30 pm Meeting Called to Order – Alex W (opening with remarks on how the meeting will be conducted)

- I. Declaration of Unity – read by Stryker
- II. General Service Representatives Preamble – read by Karyn M
- III. Tradition and Concept of the Month ~ by Kirsten PJ
[Asking for volunteer for Tradition and Concept of the next month]
Stryker volunteers for May's T6 & C6
- IV. Introductions: ROLL CALL Introduction of all members (new GSRs, visitors and guests)
Eventually (26) Zoom Participants; see Anoosh for new GSRs he met with in Breakout Room #1 before our meeting
Erin - visitor, District 3 Chair
- V. May Birthdays – Marie: 5/8/2014 (6yrs)
- VI. Approval of Minutes (for April) see pp 5-6 of Agenda: (1) change = correct spelling for/is Ronney. The motion to approve passes.
- VII. Executive Reports: 2 Minutes
DCMC - Alex. W

This past Tuesday was the final day to get your group conscious on the final agenda items and send them to Ed our Delegate. The 70th General Service conference will commence this Saturday May 16-19th. All the information regarding the conference has been sent out via email since February. We were advised in late March that this conference will be for the first time in History held Virtually and I am grateful we get to be a part of History. At our next business meeting June 11th. we will be joined with District 3 to hear the Delegates share back.

I encourage any New GSR to get involved in a committee and please join us for the concepts study we host every month prior to this meeting at 6:00pm. We have GSR packets available upon request, however you may also find them in PDF format as well. This can also be found in the latest email sent out. We have a separate fund that has been created anonymously for anyone in need of a service manual or Pamphlets that is solely dedicated to this effort. If your meeting has moved online, please inform us so we may send that information to Central Office. You may currently make online contributions at every level of service. Area, District, Central office and GSO. It can all be found in the latest email I sent out.

Reminder regarding the importance and significance that all of our "District Trusted Servants" are to be in attendance on a regular basis - according to our District Guidelines policy - see for reference, Article III, D.2... it reads: "District Trusted Servants who have missed three consecutive District Committee meetings are considered inactive. They are automatically removed from the service position. They are ineligible to act as a District Trusted Servant unless reinstated by a vote of the District Committee. This action may be precluded by the incumbent Trusted Servant or the D.C.M.C. arranging for an alternate to assume the duties of the position on a temporary basis with the approval of the District Committee.

On Tuesday I sent out a letter from GSO advising the fellowship that the contributions were significantly lower than in the past and they have had to pull \$3,000,000 from the prudent reserve as well as lay off several employees. A breakdown of this information will be coming out of the conference this upcoming weekend. We are encouraging any committee chairs to please place orders for literature as you see fit.

Every Monday there is a service workshop that occurs going through the experience of every single position at the GSO office and Board. As always, the work happens in between the meetings. I encourage everyone who doesn't currently already have one to please find a service sponsor. For anyone who hasn't gone through their traditions to go through them and for everyone

to come and support your district at 6:00pm for a concepts study, where past delegates take us through a concept a month.

If you are not currently getting emails please send your name, group #, group name and email address to our registrar Anoosh and we will fwd. you all the previous emails.

I am grateful beyond words to everyone at this district who go above and beyond behind the scenes. When it comes to service, I can't do any of this alone. I need everyone here. Here is my rhyme for the month. District 1 is not for the boring and glum. Here we are always doing service for fun.

Alt. DCMC - Marie

- Feedback regarding changes to the District Guidelines is "low priority" because of Covid, while reminding us the pandemic issue is certainly missing.

Ken O: countering the above consensus with now IS the time. (If not now, when?)

Marie invites any interested members to contact her for guidelines revision

- "Finding Your Niche in AA" Workshop

Secretary - Jeff

- Planning to deactivate our old website tomorrow; downloaded approx. (65) files of old Minutes for Archival and in the future able to forward them to the Area and the next Panel.
- Jeff asks Zoom Participants to add notes in chat that may be pertinent for inclusion in the minutes
- Jeff asks Alex to possibly record next zoom Committee Meeting for enhancing accuracy

Treasurer - Jim B

A copy of this months' Treasurer's Report is available on request. Our checking and savings accounts balances were little changed from the previous month. Our expenses and contributions are well below budgeted due to in-person meetings being cancelled. Transfers to the prudent reserve are suspended pending a review of future financial requirements.

Registrar - Anoosh Y

Finance - Charles

VIII. Standing Committee Reports: 2 Minutes

Literature - Elvis {absent}

Grapevine - Stryker

Public Information (PI) - Charlie {absent}

Cooperation with The Professional Community (CPC) - Kristina {absent}

Accessibilities – Dylan

Website - Vacant - instead:

- Oscar gives a report on current development of new website hosted by Squarespace
Ken O (comments verbal and in chat) "nonprofits s/b *.org extension and decisions s/b made by committee. This is a BIG TOPIC, i.e. too much to discuss in a 2-minute recap."

IX. Service Positions Reports:

Cyber / Internet Liaison - Vacant

Hospitals & Institutions (H&I) Liaison - Michelle {absent}

Central Office Liaison - Burt M {absent}

Newcomer Orientation - Javad

X. Unfinished Business - Continuation of Elections

1) By Simple Majority

a) District Committee Members (DCM)

Men's Meetings ~ {still open}

Women's Meetings is now filled by Susan C (volunteering)

b) Standing Committee Chairpersons

Website is now filled By Jim B (volunteering)

c) District Meeting Service Commitments
Cyber & Internet Liaison ~ {still open}

- XI. New Business
 - A. Online Contributions - Jim B (reference given to last ECM - previous report)
 - B. Upcoming Workshop
 - 1) "Finding Your Niche in AA" - Presented by Marie
- XII. Sample GSR Report (GSR Packet Introduction) was to be presented by Elvis {absent}
Jeff gives examples: announcements, Delegate introduction, upside down triangle, GSR Kit
Karyn emphasizes (in chat) the need for contributions
- XIII. Announcements (see backside of Agenda for future events and status) copied here:
 - MSCA Area Assembly May 17th, 2020
(Login Opens at 8:30am) 9:00 AM - 2:00 p.m. <https://zoom.us/j/4697354040>
 - District 1 Executive Committee Meeting May 21, Thursday
7:00pm-8:00pm Via ZOOM - Join Manually see page 1 or 7
 - "In Love & Service" Seminar Presented by District 4 - June 6, 2020
4:00pm ZOOM ID: 857 4596 5468 ZOOM PASSWORD: XXXXXX
Contact District 4 for PASSWORD
 - Delegate Share Back of GS Conference - June 11, Committee Meeting
 - International Convention 2020, Cancelled
 - Pacific Regional Forum 2020, Cancelled

9:00 pm (Responsibility Pledge) Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted by:

Jeff L, Secretary