

Mid-Southern California Area 09 (MSCA)
District 1 – Committee Meeting
Minutes from November 12, 2020

Zoom ID 929 014 8764; PW panel70

6:00 - 7:25 pm Concept 9 "Leadership in AA, Ever a Vital Need"
w/ Billy N - Past AAWS Trustee and Chicago Delegate of 1999 [Panel 40]
7:00 - 7:25 pm GSR Orientation - Breakout Room #1
7:30 - 9:00 pm District 1 Committee Meeting *<words in italics are written submissions>*

- 1) Call to Order
7:30 pm Meeting Called to Order – Alex W (Serenity Prayer) __7:31__ pm
w/ opening with remarks on how the Zoom meeting will be conducted
Declaration of Unity read by __Danielle____:
"This we owe to AA's future; To place our common welfare first; To keep our Fellowship United.
For on AA unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come."
- 2) General Service Representatives Preamble, (screen share) read by __Richard B____
- 3) Tradition and Concept of the Month ~ this month, Trad 11 and Con 11, to be presented by _____ Erin W
[Ask for volunteer for Tradition and Concept of the next month]
Next month: _____volunteers for December's Trad 12 and Con 12.
Note: we are planning a Holiday Party in lieu of our regular business CM [tbd] therefore
We may not be presenting December's Trad 12 and Con 12, depending on Motion (pending)
Volunteer for December or January 2021: Kirsten PJ
- 4) Attendance – Zoom Participants – up to (__28__) counted at __8:00__ pm
(15) Names introduced themselves / copied from chat notes:
Jim B, D1 Treasurer and Website Committee Chair
Danielle G, no nonsense group
Holly, There is a solution
Robert M, Torrance Fellowship
Dylan R, accessibilities chair
Kirsten PJ, Tuesday Night Winning Women's Manhattan Beach
Beki H, Monday Night 6:30 PM New Beginnings @ TLC
Kevin, Happy Endings Sunday morning meeting (Hermosa Beach Alano Club)
Ronney, VA Gardena Group
Brandon, San Pedro Friday night newcomer mtg 730 pm at St. Peter's church. 9th st. district 3
Ramon R, "shut up and cross talk" Tuesday evenings at 8:00 PM located at Torrance TLAC
Ed L, Panel 70, Area 09 delegate
Romy, DCMC District 12. So happy to be here!
Charles A, district 1 Registrar 310 857 0957 larenceayersjr@gmail.com
Deborah, DCMC District 8 Awesome to be visiting with you
Introduction of all members (new GSRs, visitors and guests) – __tbd____, new GSRs
Visiting from District 3: Erin W, Leslie, Brandon
Visiting from District 8: Deborah - DCMC
Visiting from District 12: Romy
Visiting from Area 09: Ed L – A09 Delegate, Mitchell B – A09 Chair
- 5) November Birthdays – Congratulations
Danielle G = Nov. 18 (3 years)
Jeff L = 11/19/2011 (9 years)
Stryker = Nov. 21 (20 years)

6) Approval of Minutes from our previous CM October 8, 2020
Ref.: filename (5pp) = 2020.10.08 D1 CM Minutes Rev-A_Unapproved.docx
__Charles__ 1st, __Ronney__ 2nd, discussion? Comments? (none): Minutes are approved as presented in unanimity.

7) Executive Reports: 2 minutes
DCMC - Alex W

Welcome home, we are so happy you are here, big welcome to any new gsr. We are working together as a unified district and we are so grateful to be of service to each and every one of you. If you do not have a service sponsor, we strongly encourage you to obtain one. If you are willing and able please raise your hand, using the feature. On Saturday we will be having a servathon, if you want to know more please attend. The information to attend is attached and is also on the website. I attended the last ASC, and one motion in regard to the gap committee was tabled two floor motions were made in regards to finances, I will make them available once I have a hard copy of them from the Area. The Area is in search of a new Registrar if you are able and willing please attend the next Area meeting or inform our Area chair that you are able and willing to stand. At the Area there is a GSR APP in English and Spanish I have included these in the chat feature, please feel free to download. I will take on any questions after the meeting to help anyone who has any trouble with navigation. This month was the last month before the December cut off to submit an Agenda item to GSO, we do have one item on the table from Surf and Sand we will go over during New Business. Please keep announcing where we are at your home groups, as the General service office has currently 7.8 months left of operating expenses in the prudent reserve. GSO is looking for a new General service manager and is currently taking applications. On Monday, November 2, 2020 the Board approved, with 100% unanimity, the following motion regarding the 71st General Service Conference: Following a motion and second, the Board approved a recommendation that the 71st General Service Conference be conducted during the scheduled time period of April 18-24, 2021 via remote meeting technology. Sessions of the 71st Conference will be conducted on a digital platform. I have attached the letters from GSO in the chat they are also on the email, and MSCA website We are still in search for an Ad Hoc chair and Guidelines Chair. If you are able and willing please let me know before or after the meeting. We appointed a new Registrar Thank you Charles A. As a reminder we will be voting in a new Finance chair in January, per the bylaws. For all motions passed during this panel, please refer to the book of resolutions. Each motion that was passed is categorized by month and year. I attend different meetings daily and am always encouraging those that do not have a GSR please encourage any meetings that do not have a GSR the importance of a GSR and to please come. Our website is a great source of information. As a reminder we meet starting at 6:00pm for concepts and a mini workshop at 7:00pmish. Please know all the guests were carefully chosen and have an extreme amount of General service knowledge to share with us that we have the opportunity to garnish. We send out emails on the first and third Thursday of every month, If you are not receiving this email please let me know in the chat. I also send out text reminders, if you would like to be included please advise me as well. I want to thank you all for my sobriety, and for allowing me to serve this district. It is such an honor and privilege. Happy Holidays I love you all.

Alt. DCMC – Marie, discussion on Holiday Party, planning

Secretary – Jeff, announcement on status of Minutes and their distribution to the group

Treasurer - Jim B (D1) *Treasurers Report 11/12/2020*

Virtual meetings I attended were the District 1 Committee Meeting on October 8th, the Area Service Committee meeting on October 11th, the District 1 Executive Committee meeting on October 22nd, and the District 1 Website Committee meeting on November 5th.

Our beginning checking account balance was \$1685.60. We had deposits totaling \$153.64. We had \$16.37 in debits to the account. Our ending checking account balance was \$1822.87. Our savings account/prudent reserve beginning balance was \$1601.12. We earned \$.01 in interest. The bank made a credit adjustment in our favor of \$.01. Our ending balance was \$1601.14. There is no change in the purple bag balance.

Contributions: Before fees, \$11.04 of our total was contributed online. Please encourage your groups to use the online contribution portal on our District website. The contributor should use the Memo field to list the group number or the group name and meeting time and city to insure proper credit to the group.

Expenses: Bank and Squarespace fees totaled \$16.37. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

*In Service,
Jim B.
MSCA 01 District 1 Panel 70 Treasurer*

Treasurer - Scott M (D3) [running late]

Registrar - Charles A

District 3 Liaison – Erin, mentions ad hoc committee, no Chair yet, nor clear description of their role

8) Standing Committee reports: 2 Minutes

Literature – Elvis, spoke about New GSR Kit

Grapevine – Stryker, suggest Holiday gift for GV, especially for someone “stuck” at home

Public Information (PI) - Vacant

Cooperation with The Professional Community (CPC) - Christina W [absent]

Accessibilities – Dylan, no report

Website - Jim B *Website Committee Chair Report 11/12/2020*

The District 1 Website Committee met on November 12, 2020. There were three members in attendance. Minutes of the meeting are available on request. Topics under discussion were the upload requests received, the flyers and events to be posted on the website, and a change to move the events carousel lower on the home page (that change has since been completed).

The committee also discussed integrating District 3 information into the website.

The committee has three members who check the website on a rotating basis for a week at a time. We would like to offer a fourth spot on the committee to a GSR from District 3 who is willing and able to provide information and perspective to the committee on how best to reflect District 3s' participation on the website. For instance, on the District Information / About Us page, there is a history of District 1. The committee feels that a comparable District 3 information page should include a history of District 3 written by someone from District 3.

The next Website Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 3, 2020.

In Service,

Jim B.

MSCA 09 District 1 Website Committee Chair (Panel 70)

Service Positions Reports: 2 Minutes

Cyber / Internet Liaison - Vacant

Hospitals & Institutions (H&I) Liaison – Michelle [absent]

Central Office Liaison - Robert

Newcomer Orientation – Javad [absent]

9) Old Business:

None

10) New Business:

a) Motion A – In lieu of the December Committee District Meeting, we will have a virtual Holiday party Chaired by Alt DCMC Marie.

Background:

We have traditionally had a holiday party at the district level for the last decade or so.

Submitted In love and service by:

Marie D District 1 Alt DCMC & Jeff L District 1 Secretary

Motion A – Amendment – by Marie D: Holiday Party (add) to be Hybrid, i.e. both on Zoom AND “in-person” at the SBAC Alano Club in Hermosa Beach.

Amended Motion, 2nded by Charles, discussion N/A, POLL (vote administered) by Alex:

Results: 16 yes (78%), 5 no (22%), 1 abstain

Simple majority; Motion A (with amendment) PASSES

b) GSC Motion by Cindy (Surf and Sands Group) Re.: "Safety Issue" - Rough Draft

Motion

GSB to create a Safety in AA Quickstart in Three Parts:

- 1) Q&A for Traditions & Safety Decisions (3), e.g. When does meeting safety rise to the level of impacting AA as a whole? What reputational risks to AA are there given related outside issues and events? How does Tradition Three impact group decisions on whether to ban a member?
- 2) Provide examples (3) that illustrate a range of solutions within the bounds of AA Traditions, e.g. Coiled Snake Poster 13th Step = Sexual Predation. 13th Steppers are Predators. Stay Away.
- 3) What is a crime? Provide a list of illustrative examples. eg, sending pornographic images to others without consent.

Purpose

Provide quick, concise guidance on safety to meetings that may not have experienced members, leadership, and sponsorship.

Background

Pornographic photos were sent to members by a circuit speaker, who is the brother of a celebrity. He used his informal authority, power, and influence, and AA's governance structure, to prey on meetings with mostly newcomers. Consequences were delayed while the meeting debated what could and should be done. One member at those meetings shared about the divisive experience during a group study of Traditions at Hermosa Beach Surf 'n Sand Sunday night.

Surf 'n Sand Sunday night is the sponsor of this motion. The meeting will begin testing a new format to contribute to a culture of safety within AA. The meeting believes that AA's safety resources need to be more readily accessible to the most vulnerable members.

Lengthy discussion with questions and comments ensued. We need more time or advance notice next time even though the deadline for comments and vote by District 1 and District 3 to proceed is in December.

Unfortunately, we ran out of time. Cindy spent a lot of time on this.

(STOP) Motion to Extend Meeting after 9:00pm – Motion fails_9:04__ (Responsibility Pledge) Meeting Adjourned
Respectfully submitted by:
Jeff L, Secretary

District 1 and 3, Committee Meeting ends...

2020.11.12 D1 CM Internet links submitted in chat notes [FYI]

Holly C's link – re.: District 1 Toolkit found on Area 09 website (for any new GSRs interested)

http://www.msca09aa.org/documents/D1/District_1_Tool_Kit_2020rev1.pdf

Ed L's link – re.: From Ed L, A09, 70 delegate: I received the following information yesterday, which is so new I have not even studied it. These are 20 preliminary Agenda Items for the 71st Conference in 2021. You are the first District to see this:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/psu417ezbjctbe/71st%20GSC%20Proposed%20Agenda%20Items%20%282020-11-11%2C%20English%29.pdf?dl=0>

Danielle's link – re.: CDC and Coronavirus (event planners)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/event-planners-and-attendees-faq.html>

Mitchell's link – re.: From Mitchell B. Area 09 Chair: 2017 Safety and AA Workshop - MSCA 09 website

<http://msca09aa.org/documents/Reports/Safetyand%20AA.pdf>

<<< UNFINISHED BUSINESS – TO BE CONTINUED NEXT CM, January 10, 2021 >>>
Refer to Agenda Items XI) through XIII), which are ongoing as of this time.

Unfinished business items, several significant written reports, including the Upcoming Events *<note: words in italics are submitted to the Secretary or previously made available from the Agenda.>* other open items follow in the remainder of the Unofficial Minutes, also A/R may or may not need to be approved at our next District 1 and 3 GSR CM on January 10, 2021:

- 11) Q & A Session for GSRs (as time permits____)
- 12) Continuation of Elections – by Simple Majority
 - a) District Committee Members
 - DCM Men’s Meetings (none – tabled till next month) _____
 - DCM Women’s Meetings (none – tabled till next month) _____
 - DCM Torrance (none – tabled till next month) _____
 - DCM Redondo Beach (none – tabled till next month) _____
 - b) District Standing Committee:
 - Public Information (PI) (none – tabled till next month) _____
 - c) District Meeting Service Commitments
 - Cyber & Internet Liaison (none – tabled till next month) _____

- 13) Announcements (refer to Item § 13 above)

UPCOMING EVENTS – *The following EVENT items are copied from the Agenda:*

Service Workshop		2nd and 4th Monday of every month
5:00 - 6:00pm	Zoom Meeting ID:320-861-4908	Password: 925644
Traditions Day - From Unity to Anonymity, Hosted by District 12		November 8th, Sunday
2:00 - 5:00pm	Zoom Meeting ID: 83640184162	Password: 176423
MSCA Servathon		November 14, Saturday
8:30am - 2:00pm	Zoom Meeting ID: 985 5746 3742	Password: service
District 1 Executive Committee Meeting		November 19th, Thursday
7:00 -8:00pm	Zoom Meeting ID: 929 014 8764	Password: panel70 (all lowercase)
A Day of A.A. Hosted by District 9		December 5th, Sunday
12:00 - 6:00pm	Zoom Meeting ID: 984 5436 6602	Password: 165508

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alex W – Executive, Standing and Service Position / Chairs: please send Jeff L any supplemental or written report(s) by Friday, November 13, 2020 (by the day after) for addition to the Minutes:

Jeff L, District1 Secretary, district1area09.secretary@gmail.com