

## Mid-Southern California Area 09 Districts 1&3

Via Hybrid:

Kiwanis Club - 2515 Valley Dr, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

And on Zoom

Meeting ID: 929 014 8764 Password: panel72 (all lowercase)

6:30pm-6:45pm Setup

7:00pm-7:25pm Fellowship

7:00pm-7:25pm New GSR Orientation

7:30pm-9:00pm Districts 1 & 3 Committee Meeting

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### MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order 7:32pm | Serenity Prayer Ramon | Zoom meeting conduct**
- II. **Declaration of Unity Matt/ General Service Representatives Preamble Charles**
- III. **Tradition and Concept Two – Frank**  
**Next Month Tradition and Concept Three - Jane**
- IV. **Roll Call – 35 Total: 13 on zoom and 22 in person. New GSRs none Guest Jonathan rep for SoBay H&I**
- V. **“Service Sponsorship Announcement.” Ramon**
- VI. **February Anniversaries – Aubrey 2 yrs 2/7, Erin 10 yrs 2/2, Angie 7 yrs 2/15, Mark 4 yrs 2/24, Matt 4 yrs. 2/18**
- VII. **Secretary - Approval of January Minutes. Motioned: Michael 2nd: Charles - All in favor- Yes and none Opposed.**
- VIII. **Executive Committee Reports**

<b>a. Treasurer D3</b>	I have \$15 from the district 3 donations today. (report emailed 2/21)
<b>b. ALT-DCMC</b>	Welcome, alt DCMC in district 1/3 and GSR for Monday night woman's meeting at 630pm "new beginnings" on Zoom. Reminding all GSRs to inform groups of upcoming PRAASA on the first weekend in March 2023. Please spell out PRAASA as the Pacific Regional AA Service Assembly. Pls inform groups PRAASA is open to anyone that wants learn general service. There will be workshops and panels describing positions in general service from west coast areas in AA. Members will share their experiences and ways they are of service. Pacific region consists of CA, NV, Or, Wash, Az, NM, Co, Ut, Alaska and HI. Conference will be held at LAX Marriott in area 9. We would like to be represented with the most people so we encourage all GSRs to inform their groups to come out and support area 9. (report emailed)
<b>c. Registrar</b>	I attended the Executive committee meeting on the 1/28/23 also attended the San Fernando Valley Alcoholic Anonymous Convention and continuing work on the fellowship connection website Have A Great Night On Purpose. AlwaysLoveBigHugs (report emailed)
<b>d. Treasurer D1</b>	Checking: Starting- 6,371.91 Income- 589.43 Credits- 872.11 Closing- 6,089.23 Savings:1,699.40-1,699.41 PayPal: 61.94 (report emailed)
<b>e. Secretary</b>	I sent out January unapproved minutes out to all D1&3 GSR's registered with our email list. If

	<p>you are not getting our emails, please go to our website and subscribe there. Website is <a href="http://aainthesouthbay.org">aainthesouthbay.org</a>. Or email me at <a href="mailto:district1area09.secretary@gmail.com">district1area09.secretary@gmail.com</a>. I attended the ECM January 24. Added new GSRs to email list. Reminder to please send me your reports. this will ensure accuracy. Also, to those attending in person and online please be sure to speak clearly, slowly and loudly enough for me to record accurately. Thank you</p>
<p><b>f. DCMC</b></p>	<p>I'm going to start from the most recent thing I did which was ACYPAA (All California Young People of Alcoholic Anonymous) and it was fun. I attended one day, Saturday. I attended three different panels. The panelists who got sober in the 80s which was a great panel to hear their experience. I also attended the history of Alcoholics Anonymous which ended up being how ACYPAA started, what happen and how they finally got back to their primary purpose. I attended an LGBT panel which is great to hear their stories and their experience. I encourage everyone to attend next year. It'll be in San Diego, and I will plan better because I do want to stay for the whole convention. I also attended the ECM meeting. We ironed out a few things just about our technology equipment. Eric will get us update on that. We also talked about the agenda items. We put together the agenda. We talked about the process which we're going to talk about a little bit later, but I have a quick question for Dominic I keep forgetting what is the DCMC budget for PRASSA? Dominic: the approved DCMC PRASSA budget is \$1215 which was voted on and passed last meeting. The DCMC personal budget is \$300 for the year.</p> <p>I do want to read what's going to happen at the service assembly this Sunday. I encourage all to attend and do your homework. Really read about the motions that are on the floor. All attending are able to vote. You can attend via zoo. You can register. The agenda is available. Typically, the new business is taken care of first and the latter half of the day which is after 12 PM will be about the motions that are on the floor which will be to approve the communications committee guidelines with pros and cons over the many communications which have been going on and a motion to hold area assemblies and area service committee meetings in person only. That's also a very hot controversial motion and they have been trying to change. It's a motion to hold area assemblies and area service committee meetings in person only. To get rid of zoom. Basically, to not be hybrid. In my opinion I don't think it's fantastic. A lot of people like me must drive 1-2 hours to attend an area meeting. That's a lot of money for gas. Go to the area website for more info on Area 9 Assembly meeting this Sunday. One other thing that I failed to do was send out the conference agenda items. First draft of the conference material for 2023. I will do that so you guys can review what agenda items are being proposed for this conference. So, you are prepared to bring the proposals to your groups. I know it sounds like a lot but I'm going to try my best because it's my second year doing this. We're having a pre-conference bootcamp at an area level and we're also having mock conference at an area level which I attended last year, and it was very informative. It helped me to inform our district about the agenda items that are being proposed. Another goal that I have is to bring a mock conference at a district level just something very simple and easy just so you guys can get an idea of how a conference is ran but also so you guys can know what agenda items are important and whether there are changes to our literature or anything like that such as budgets finances. Questions and comments continued: Getting the agenda item information to his group last year was difficult. Another member responded: so right now, there's 187 agenda items and we wouldn't expect you to bring back so eventually as we get closer to the conference they get narrowed down and that's what you would bring back to the group. Ramon continued: my goal is to help you guys feel confident and bringing back these items to your groups. Say I go to a young people's meeting and there's something specifically happening with young people's Alcoholics Anonymous. You'd bring that back to the meeting so it's up to you guys to know your group. Question from member: once we have group conscience then what? Ramon responds: yes bring it here and then I go to the area level conference and then that's when the delegate will take down our consciences. Member offered other way to transfer agenda item info: one way is that there are some people that are really interested in the agenda items. Give them area website link under the conference page and show them where they can see all items where they could research it themselves another way is that could say find the ones that more this interest you. There's really not a wrong way to do it but just do the work the footwork of getting it out there. Once you do your part in getting info out there then there will be back and forth. Some agenda items have been ongoing for several years so hopefully you guys have a better understanding if not feel free to call me and we can meet up in person I can explain better I can go to your guys' home group and talk about it if they're interested. I want to e-mail it to everyone to the body. you guys can do the footwork yourselves and go to <a href="http://msa09aa.org">msa09aa.org</a> and then if you look under General service office and then it'll</p>

say conference material. Questions and comments continued: 95% of these agenda items are not contentious. it's important that we understand exactly what the proposal item means and what it will look like. Ramon: we can reach out to Area 9 Delegate Mitchell and see if he would be up for visiting any group beforehand and going over it. You can subscribe to the area e-mail list, and they'll send you information but there is a pre-conference bootcamp to inform us better it's typically in March and then the mock conference in April so the pre-conference will take place in Newport Beach. Karen: I wanted to just let people know this process can be made most simple for you and for your groups if you choose a reasonable number of questions somewhere between 5 to 8 questions. What I do was just copy the question and then the background material. The background can be 1000 pages. I originally used to meet in room with my groups and then I changed it to zoom because I could vote on zoom which made it a lot easier to do your voting. I can write up a process if you'd like me to write the process and you could distribute it to people possible. Yes, that would be helpful because it's very confusing when somebody's in new GSR.

#### IX. Committee Reports

- a. Technology - our technology is being of service to area 9. Simply put we're loaning our technology equipment to the area for HI panels and other things like that. There was miscommunication and we didn't have the technology to be able to service this district meeting right last month. If you were here, you probably observed we couldn't facilitate the online portion for those wanting to join virtually. I'm working through this. Also, the equipment is coming back broken such as broken cables and cables are missing. it's hard to keep track of everything. I'm leaning towards not loaning out this equipment to the area. our guidelines say that I'm responsible for this technology so I'm going to treat it as if this were our kid. Will there be a motion to be presented on the floor. I'm going to send a Google sheet with Amazon links to the area to give us the stuff that broke. DCMC Ramon: so we discussed this at our EC meeting we have decided not to lend out our equipment to the area. I did find another Eric who will be here to support us next March, but you can also let your groups know that we need volunteers for technology support so please announce that we need help on a technology level for district 1 & 3 please. Alt DCMC Erin: I had a question can we get like insurance for our equipment like Allstate Eric: I could just put some items on my Amazon account it's not a lot. Insurance is a good idea but not necessary.
- b. Website - Please remember we have district website that's a resource you can go to [ainthesouthbay.org](http://ainthesouthbay.org) and on the district page they're minutes from past years. I will be posting item information as I get it won't be anything on that page but there is a contact us link. if you click on that e-mail goes directly to me and I'll make sure your question whatever it is. it's open to volunteers who want to serve on the committee thank you. Ramon DCMC: for GSRs please bring to your meetings - we have a website committee if you guys want to get involved please come to our district meeting
- c. New GSR Service Chair – No new GSRs today for orientation but I did want to bring up that some people were saying that when you register you're supposed to get a toolkit from GSA and a lot of people aren't receiving them so I just wanted to remind you all that there is a GSR toolkit on MSC district word download anything that is in those packets in the meantime but I am going to find out why we're not receiving them by mail but there is also on that same website a link to download a PDF of the GSR kit. any questions thank you very much thanks so great bye.
- d. Public Information – not present. Report emailed.

Public Information Report District 1&3  
Area09 2/9/2023

New PI committee meeting on zoom.

Will be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Start time at 7:30pm.

All are welcome to join in the effort to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

#### *Suggested P.I. Committee Goals*

1. Be sure every public library has at least one Conference- 8 approved book, e.g. the Big Book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions or Living Sober.

2. Let the Fellowship know how to reach out to the hearing impaired.
3. Place a literature rack in every high school, college, police station, library and hospital in the district and keep the rack stocked with appropriate literature and meeting schedules.
4. Send a letter to high schools, offering A.A. literature and A.A. Videos for Young People and/or a presentation on A.A. — what we do and what we do not do. (See Guide Letters in this Workbook.)
5. Send a letter to convalescent homes, rest homes and senior centers in the district offering A.A. literature and/or a presentation on A.A.
6. Place Public Service Announcements with radio and television stations.

We stick to what we know best — personal recovery and Twelfth-Step work. We are not authorities on the whole field of alcoholism. We share our recovery program, but we are not professionals. I do apologize for not having formed a committee alot sooner. Thank you all.

- e. Grapevine – not present, no report submitted
- f. Literature- not present, no report submitted
- g. Cooperation with Professional Community – not present, no report submitted
- h. Hospital and Institutions – Jonathan was a guest who shared up to date information on H&I in the south bay. He established that H&I is stable with a new website and donation link that is ready to accept donations. H&I website is southbayHI.com. There is a PayPal link to donate on website. The PayPal account username is @southbayHandI. PO Box is the same as it has always been PO Box 463 and Hermosa Beach CA. Some topics Jonathan mentioned were needing support at this time. Their executive committee turned over in November in response to elections. They took December off as many of our local groups do and at the beginning of the year they put together a list of strategic initiatives some of which focus on financial controls, internal controls and finances for example two people being assigned to the bank account and there being someone that reconciles bank statements with treasurer reports being an example registering South Bay HI as an incorporated associations that we have an EIN number so that our bank account is associated with an entity and not anyone individual is another thing that we've established a Finance Committee. we are still amending and massaging the policies for that Finance Committee. That's under construction at the moment and then a number of other strategic initiatives relate to reestablishing trust from the South Bay community. Thankfully it seems that many people did not lose trust or did not maintain distrust of South Bay HI for very long because we very quickly received a lot of financial support from the community which was extremely helpful and extremely supportive and very encouraging however we do need support still if you are aware of meetings that maybe stopped contributing then we would we would humbly ask you to consider beginning to donate again or contribute again if you are not in a position to contribute we also need support in the form of people that are willing to take on panels or people that are willing to engage treatment centers in potentially hosting panels. our list of facilities that are currently receiving panels has shrunk dramatically since the beginning of COVID. we want to operate with the highest level of transparency possible so if you have any questions at all I'm happy to talk to you at length about anything and everything that has occurred and everything that we have planned for 2023 so thank you.  
Comments and questions for Jonathan from attendees continued.

- i. Central office liaison – not present, no report submitted.

X. Old business - NONE

XI. New Business –

- a. Finance Committee – Karen stated she's 24 years sober and I've been a GSR for I think somewhere between four and five years in the past and CPC chair before so I'm happy to take the finance chair for this term. Will schedule Finance Committee meetings for the calendar year and requested that any request for increase in budget to submit proposals so we can address them in our first committee meeting I'd appreciate that.

- b. PRAASA planning – Ramon discussed what budget for PRAASA: I purchased my room and my ticket and the meals for the weekend and I also put in \$100 for random expenses that I may need so that's \$600 out of the \$1215 that I've already used so I think the discussion was anything leftover would be discussed and how that would be dispersed or divvied with scholarships I think we talked about registration scholarships. Conversation ensued. Some topics were: having GSRs who were present at meeting ask their homegroup to sponsor them. There was discussion about itemized expenses that attendees would incur such as daily parking rates and meals. There was a motion to take the remaining balance of PRAASA budget and send 8 GSRs to attend all 3 days with a budget of \$70 each. Charlie 1<sup>st</sup> motion and Erin 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Attendees who raised their hand were Charlie, Teri, Angie, Eric, Erin, Karen, Kurt and Frank.

There was a motion to extend meeting to 9:15pm by Jim. Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> motion.

- c. District Guidelines committee – tabled for next month.

XII. Announcements

Adjourn meeting at 9:15 PM

I am responsible, when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there, and for that I am responsible.