

**Mid Southern California Area 09
Alcoholics Anonymous District 09 Committee Meeting Minutes (Zoom Meeting)
February 19, 2023
4:00pm - 5:00pm - Meeting**

Meeting Opened at: 4:00 pm.

- Attendance: (13) Michael W., Francine W., Jodi B., Larry B., Eli W., Loren A., Dave W., Eve W., Rebecca E., Toni K., Brian W., Jeffrey D., Dan K.
- Serenity Prayer Read
- GSR Preamble Read
- Concept 2 Read
- Approval January, 2023 minutes (with two changes)
Motion: Loren A.
Second: Francine W.
Approved: Yes
- Treasury Report: Approved last month's treasury announcement

Reports:

Secretary Report - Attended the zoom morning session of the MSCA 09 Area Service Committee (ASC-1) -- Sunday, February 12, 2023. She will attend PRAASA.

DCMC Report - Attended the zoom session of the MSCA 09 Area Service Committee (ASC-1) -- Sunday, February 12, 2023. There was discussion regarding making future MSCA Area 09 meetings in person, but it is still hybrid for now.

Alternate DCMC Report - Attended part of the zoom session of the MSCA 09 Area Service Committee (ASC-1) -- Sunday, February 12, 2023. He has visited more than half of the meetings in Desert Hot Springs in an attempt to generate interest in General Service. To date, there has not been much enthusiasm. He will keep up those visits.

Intergroup Report -The office is operating at a huge loss. Year to date, it is \$3,000 below because contributions from groups are down. They are making their money from literature and individual private donations. GSRs are asked to remind their groups to make contributions at the regular ratio, The Gratitude Dinner will be held at the Palm Springs Air Museum and they need people for that committee. H and I panels also need people. David will continue holding workshops for group Secretaries and Treasurers. The workshops will be hybrid and those attending in person will be invited to a potluck. The office is changing bylaws for the Director's position. The new bylaws will be in the "Desert Lifeline" or a digital copy is available through the office.

Public Information - Francine W. is planning a weekly "12 Concepts for World Service" Workshop to begin Friday, April 21st from 8am - 9:30am. She will also conduct a "12 Concepts for World Service Workshop" two Sundays a month from 3pm to 4pm. That workshop will begin on April 1st and April 16th. The workshops will be via zoom. Francine will create a flier to

distribute. It is important that everyone has a current "AA Service Manual combined with Twelve Concept for World Service" book and we are encouraged to purchase those rather than use a digital copy.

Registrar - She received an email from a GSR who had received her GSR Tool Kit in the mail. Hopefully other GSRs are receiving theirs too. She is seeing some interest in volunteers for GSRs but no commitments yet. She will attend PRAASA.

DCCYPAA -They are participating in panels on Mondays and Wednesdays. They are also looking at Fridays and/or Sundays. They are planning an event for the first week of April.

H and I - They meet the first Wednesday of every month from 5:30pm to 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. They are looking for people to be on panels. She attended a DCCYPAA meeting and took someone on a panel. She will send a copy of the current panels to the D09 Recording Secretary.

GSRs -

- Rebecca E. participated in the business meeting for her Stay Connected group. They will create an alternate GSR position and request that she email final agenda topics to the group so that they can provide individual feedback. She will not be sponsored for PRAASA this year.
- Eve W. participated in the business meeting for her Step Sister group. The group reimbursed Eve for her PRAASA expenses. They have planned three discussion sessions in March regarding pertinent agenda topics.

Old Business:

Hybrid Meetings: Hybrid meetings will start in March. We will include the address to Fellowship Hall on future agendas and will continue to use the existing zoom account. It is a simple process. Francine W. volunteered to handle the host on zoom. Dave W. will need a back up at Fellowship Hall and Michael W. will need a secretary key.

PRAASA:

Rebecca moved that District 09 contribute funding to those GSRs and people doing service at district meetings, who show regular attendance at the meetings.

2nd: Loren A. Passed: Yes

Loren moved that we amend the first motion to include the words "at a cap of \$900, per person".

2nd: Francine W. Passed: Yes

New Business:

Bridging the Gap

- Brian W. and Jeffery D. explained how Area 09 “Bridging the Gap” works. It is 12th step work at its most original form. We help people leaving treatment to get connected to people in AA. They have a website, literature and contact request cards. They want to give this information to local GSRs and District 09 committee members to see if we are interested. We need volunteers in District 09 as we currently do not have any. Jodi B. was able to fill a recent request.
- Discussion followed regarding involving groups and having a District 09 Treatment Facility Chairperson. The Area 09 committee is very strong and will guide that person every step of the way.
- Contact Information:
 - Brian W. , Treatment Facilities Chair
MSCA Bridging the Gap
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Responsibility pledge read and meeting closed at 5:18 pm