



DISTRICT 04  
MID SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA 09 PANEL #70  
BUSINESS MEETING  
October 7, 2020

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**Notice of Meeting:** *Notice of the regularly scheduled monthly business meeting was distributed via e-mail on October 5, 2020 to all members for whom the Secretary has e-mail addresses. The agenda and notice that District 04 meetings are regularly held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month also appears on the District 4 website.*

**MINUTES**

The monthly business meeting for District 04, Mid Southern California Area 09 was held virtually, via Zoom beginning at 7:00 p.m. on October 7, 2020.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**Attendees (34):** Alfonso H., Andrew H., Angela B., Barbara H., Billy M., Brian L., Bryce T., Cynthia F., Daniel W., Debra L., Ed L., Francis H., Frank L., Gerry W., Gregory J., Jake R., Jim D., Jim P., John P., Joy M., Karen F., Lei M., Linnea M., Maryka d., Michael C., Mitchell B., Michele K., Patrick O., Raj C., Richard D., Roman O., Rosa P., Sarah S., Terry P., Wilson C.

1. **Call to Order and Welcome:** District Committee Member Chair (DCMC) Michele K. called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Opening Prayer/Readings:** DCMC Michele opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer; readings included the GSR Preamble, Tradition 10 from the Twelve Traditions Checklist, and Concept X, from the Twelve Concepts Checklist.
3. **Introduction of New GSRs:** Alternate DCMC Maryka d. welcomed new GSRs to the District:
  - a. Alfonso H. representing the Tuesday Night Men's Stag Group @ MWA
  - b. Karen F. representing the Wednesday Night Under the Bridge Group
4. **Review and approval of September business meeting minutes:** DCMC Michele K. called for review and a motion for approval of the minutes of the September 2, 2020 District 04 meeting.
  - **MOTION:** A motion was duly made by Gregory J. and seconded by Maryka d to approve the minutes of the District 04, MSCA 09 business meeting held on September 2, 2020 as written.
  - **DISCUSSION:** None
  - **RECOMMENDED CHANGES:** None
  - **VOTE:** The motion passed by simple majority vote
5. **Officer Reports**
  - a. **DCMC:** Michele K. reported that District 04 is currently paying rent to the church/landlord at which the meeting has been held for many years, based upon the request from the landlord. She stated that given the conditions at present, District 04 business meetings will be held virtually through year end and that the officers would revisit future meeting protocol in early January 2021.
  - b. **Alternate DCMC:** Maryka d. recapped the virtual MSCA Area 09 Heritage Day hosted by District 04 held on September 27 @ 2:00 p.m. and reported that she had participated in a Committees Workshop on October 3, 2020 hosted by District 18 MSCA Area 09. To view MSCA 09 Delegate Ed L.'s presentation prepared for that workshop, click on the following

link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/r22yi526i71qmck/Committee%20Workshop%20Power%20Point.Final.pdf?dl=0>

- c. **Secretary:** Cynthia asked that members continue to reply to e-mails in order to maintain contact information and assure GSR's receive all relevant correspondence.
- d. **Registrar:** Wilson C. spoke about continuing to distribute the new group registration numbers and the importance of the group's using those new id numbers when making contributions to the service areas. He also welcomed new GSRs and will follow up with each of them to complete GSO Group Registration forms which will notify the Area and General Service Office of their GSR roles with their groups.
- e. **Treasurer:** Roman O. provided the September 2020 budget reporting total contributions of **\$759.02 for September 2020**, \$56.15 of which was received via the District's PayPal account, **\$110** in expenses for September 2020. This resulted in a monthly operating income of **\$640.02** for September 2020. He reported the **District's current account balance at September 30, 2020 of \$7,222.32**. A breakdown of Marina Pacifica group contributions was displayed. Secretary Cynthia F. called attention to the old group registration numbers provided and Registrar Wilson C. indicated he would follow up with MP DCM Jim P. to assist with identifying new group registration numbers.

#### 6. Committee Reports

- a. **GSR School:** Maryka d reported that GSR school had met during the month and is typically meeting on Monday evening prior to the monthly business meeting for new GSRs via ZOOM. DCMC Michele K. reported that she would either mail or deliver District 04 GSR Welcome Packets to each of the new GSRs.
- b. **Public Information:** Joy M. stated she is working with Debra L. on actions for the committee which include producing information cards and letters to be distributed to the agencies suggested in GSO's PI workbook, and is recruiting committee members to help contact local libraries to assure they have Big Books and 12 x 12 books (in various languages).
- c. **Archives:** Gerry W. reported on the successful 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Heritage Day, thanking committee members (Maryka d, Anthony, Cynthia F. and MSCA Area 09 Chair Mitchel B., stated that the audio recordings of the interviews with 6 long-timers from the Long Beach A.A. community would be available and uploaded onto the various service entities' websites. An inquiry was made about the availability of additional copies of the *Women Pioneers of Alcoholic Anonymous*, a publication by MSCA Area 09 Archives. Mitchel stated that more copies were available and that he would work with Gerry to make those available to District 04 members.
- d. **Literature:** Sarah S. reported that many of the literature agenda items that were on the 70<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference agenda had been forwarded to the next conference. She stated that the Treatment and Accessibilities Committee has reviewed the progress of the update of the "AA for the Older Alcoholic" pamphlet. Based upon their findings, they have issued a call to action: they would like stories reflecting more diversity which could include lifestyle diversity, Vietnam Veteran stories, various spiritual pathways, ethnic, cultural and LBGTQ based stories and those suffering from dementia, Alzheimer or other mental health issues.  
**For further information on how to submit stories or ideas,**  
[https://www.dropbox.com/s/t0uvp2jq5cdisfx/Call for Stories Final English.August%202020.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/t0uvp2jq5cdisfx/Call%20for%20Stories%20Final%20English.August%202020.pdf?dl=0)  
The deadline for submissions is December 15.

She also reported that she had visited Harbor Area Central Office to purchase a copy of *Our Great Responsibility* but that it was sold out (which is good news! AND the office has additional copies on back order.) MSCA Area 09 Delegate Ed L. reported in the chat that 100,000 copies of the book were published by A.A. World Services and only 35,000 sold by May 2020, so District members/GSR's might mention/promote the book. She also referred to the importance having an ample supply of literature at each meeting and that group level literature representatives should continue to purchase literature even while meetings are virtual, as it serves as a key source of income for Alcoholic Anonymous. Sarah also commented that, in the A.A. spirit of reaching out to marginalized populations and alcoholics everywhere, World Services is aiming to reduce the use of staples in all published materials so that they can be accessible to incarcerated populations. Lastly, Sarah reported that the Harbor Area Central Office is open for customers (inside) and is operating with sanitization and social distancing protocols in place. They do request that customers call in advance so that these protocols can be practiced. Harbor Area Central Office: (562) 98-7697.

- e. **Finance:** *Anthony A.* reported that the monthly report is near completion and that it will be distributed separately (and posted on the longbeachaa.org website). Anthony also stated that the 2021 District 04 budget would be presented at the November meeting for discussion and approval.
- f. **Corrections:** *Jim D.* reported that prisons are not allowing panels (nor virtual ZOOM panels) to bring the A.A. message inside during the pandemic, but that fundraising to purchase masks for the Terminal Island Federal Prison had occurred.

#### 7. Co-Coordinate Committees

- a. **Harbor Area H&I:** *John P.* explained how the Harbor Area H&I committee works – stating that they are always looking for panel leaders (who must have a minimum of 6 months of sobriety) and panel participants (no minimum). The H&I Committee meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday and will be holding their first hybrid (face to face at the American Legion @5938 Parkcrest St, Long Beach, CA 90808 and via ZOOM) on October 21 @ 7:30 p.m. For a list of available panels, click here.
  - b. **Harbor Area Service Committee:** *Rosa P.* reported that elections for service positions on the Harbor Area Service Committee would be held on October 14, 2020 at their meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. and encouraged participation.
8. **GSR Concerns:** Treasurer Roman O. inquired about whether or not the rent should be paid to the church at which the meeting is typically held, despite us not being able to meet there and the decision that meetings would remain virtual through the end of the year. DCMC Michele stated that the landlord has requested rent payment; that the commitment was incorporated within a long-ago executed agreement. An inquiry was made as to how we might get a copy of said agreement. Michele agreed to pursue clarify with the landlord and that the officers would discuss at their next meeting.
- #### 9. New Business
- a. Alt. DCMC Markya d. presented a bit of history on the website and the Website Committee stating that the original creation of the website by the original committee members had been designed by a member who has moved away and had focused primarily on the posting of AA meetings based within the District. With new committee membership, the decision was made to move towards a website that would be content-rich with information and tools for the District 04 members and GSRs and would leave meeting listings to the intergroups

(with links to those groups for members of the public). The webmaster (Matthew L.) has provided an incredible amount of support to the development and maintenance of the original website, but had limitations on his time to redesign the site according to the vision of the committee. Thus, the committee reached out to engage a special worker and the committee appointed Patrick O. as the new webmaster. The newly designed website was previewed by Cynthia F.

b. Website Committee request for funding allocation

**Motion:** Maryka d moved to approve the allocation of \$400 from the District 04 budget for professional services rendered to by Patrick O to redesign and maintain the new District 04 website through year end.

**Discussion:** An inquiry as to how much the MSCA Area 09 webmaster was paid monthly to maintain the area website was made. MSCA Area 09 Delegate Ed L. stated that it was \$200. A concern was raised by a member that the amount to be paid by the District to the webmaster for ongoing management of the site was low, and the Website Committee agreed to revisit the webmaster's compensation at their next meeting.

**Vote:** The motion passed by majority vote of participants

Maryka also shared that the committee had reorganized to share responsibilities as follows: Matthew L. and Cynthia F. as Co-chairs, Marky d as Recording Secretary, Gregory J as Submission Secretary, and Patrick O. as webmaster.

The site is located at [www.longbeachaa.org](http://www.longbeachaa.org) and the password for protected/confidential documents is **District04Area09**.

10. **A. A. Birthdays since last District 04 meeting:** Michele K. celebrated 6 years; Mitchell B. celebrated 11 years and Terry P. celebrated 24years.

11. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned following the shared recitation of the A. A. Responsibility Statement at 8:25 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted by:*

Cynthia F.

*District 04 MSCA 09 Secretary*

*For questions about these minutes, please contact the District 04 Secretary @ [district4msca09secretary@gmail.com](mailto:district4msca09secretary@gmail.com)*

**Next Mid Southern California Area 09 ASC**

**Sunday, October 11, 2020**

**9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

ZOOM conference call:

<http://zoom.us/j/9740141835>

Password: service

**NEXT DISTRICT 04 MEETING:**

**Wednesday, November 4 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Via ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86041310659?pwd=eVRmZFBVeTFoVWp0clhpeE56Q1A3UT09>

Password: District04