



DISTRICT 04
MID SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA 09 PANEL #70
BUSINESS MEETING
June 2, 2021
Minutes

Notice of the regularly scheduled monthly business meeting was distributed via e-mail to all members for whom the Secretary has e-mail addresses. The agenda and notice that District 04 meetings are regularly held on the 1st Wednesday of each month also appears on the District 4 website, along with the materials for the meeting.

Attendees (32):

Alan C, Came to Believe, **Angela B**, Willing to Grow, **Billy M**, Friday Night Men's Intimacy in Recovery, **Cathy W**, Women's Tues 12/12, **Cris**, Crack the Big Book, **Cynthia F**, Secretary/Winners' Circle, **Debra L**, Belmont Height Women's SS, **Gerry W**, Archive Chair, **Heather F**, MP Sat 7:00 a.m., **Ginny**, Surrender is Freedom, **Jim Dohn**, Corrections, **Jim P**, DCM MP, **John P**, Tuesday 7 a.m., **Joy M.**, Karen F, UTB Wednesday Night Book Study, **Linnea M**, Tuesday Women's, **Maryka d**, Alt DCMC, **Matthew L**, Web Cochair/No BS Atlantic Alano Club, **Mercedelei M**, DCM LGBTQ, **Mike P**, 10+ Group, **Mike R**, Bowling Green, **Michael W**, Faith in Action, **Mitchell B**, Area 09 Chair, **Morgan B.**, Alt GSR Crackin the Big Book, **Nancy S**, Attitude Adjustment Atlantic Alano Club, **Nik**, Sober Gender Non Conformists, **Patrick O'**, Webmaster, **Raj C**, Wednesday Night Big Book Study, **Rick J.**, Naples Men's Stag ZOOM Group, **Roman O**. Treasurer, **Sarah S**, Literature Chair, **Wilson C**. Registrar

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order and Welcome:** Following the Serenity Prayer, District Committee Member Chair (ALT DCMC) Maryka d. called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees.
2. **Opening Prayer/Readings:** Readings included the GSR Preamble read by Debra L. Tradition Six from the Twelve Traditions Checklist read by Raj and Concept VI, from the Twelve Concepts Checklist read by Chris C.
3. **Introduction of New GSRs:** Two visitors were attending in place of GSRs: Ginny representing Surrender is Freedom and Cathy W. for Women's Tuesday 12 x 12
4. **Review and approval of April business meeting minutes:** Maryka called for review and a motion for approval of the minutes of the May 5 business meeting.
 - **MOTION:** A motion was duly made by Linnea M. and seconded by Angela B. to approve the minutes of the District 04 business meeting held on May 5, 2021 as written.
 - **DISCUSSION:** None
 - **VOTE:** The motion passed
5. **Officer Reports**
 - a) **Alternate DCMC:** **Maryka** reported on the upcoming Southwest Area Conference for Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous scheduled for September 16 – 19, 2021. There is a flyer posted on the District 04 website [here](#). Maryka also shared that she is participating on the Planning Committee for the Area 09 Four Area DCM Sharing Session, which is scheduled for July 31st, and is an opportunity for DCMs in Areas 05, 07, 09 and 93 to interact with one

- another. Maryka referred to the event flyer (in both English and Spanish) which is posted on the District 04 website [here](#).
- b) **Treasurer: Roman O.** provided a treasurer's report for May 2021 stating a monthly income of **\$467.69** which included a deposit of \$155.17 from the District's PayPal account, and \$116.00 in expenses for May. The report provided a list of contributions identified with groups and/or individuals. He reported the District's current account balance at May 31 2021 of **\$7,690.42**. The full reports, as well as the record of Marina Pacific contributions by group can be accessed in the Archives page on the website post meeting.
 - c) **Registrar: Wilson C** referred new GSRs to the website to complete the NEW GSR form which is available on the District's website [here](#).
 - d) **Secretary: Cynthia F.** Cynthia remarked that the District 04 password for confidential materials should be recorded by GSR's so that it need not be repeated in electronic correspondence. That password is District04Area09. She also alerted GSR's to encourage their group secretaries to notify the intergroup of any changes in status (going back to in person vs. virtual) of meetings. Emails should be sent to info@hacoaa.org. She also stated that directories will no longer be published/printed by Harbor Area Central Office, which is consistent with the direction of G.S.O. Changes and updates to meeting information that are submitted to Harbor Area Central Office will be automatically transmitted to the Meeting App which appears on the AA.org website where meeting information for all of United States and Canada are now maintained.
6. **Committee Reports & Co-Coordinating Committees:** Committee Chairs and Coordinating Committee Liaisons were asked to report on any activities their committees had participated in during the first quarter of 2021:
- a) **Literature Committee:** Sarah S. shared that she and Lei M. are working on updating/changing/enhancing literature for LGBTQ A.A. members and they welcome participation at their meetings which are on Sundays @ 10:30 a.m. at Steelcraft in Bellflower.
 - b) **Corrections Committee:** Jim D. asked that if members who knew of persons in custody could ask them what access they have to A.A. meetings and let him know.
 - c) **Archives:** Gerry W. encouraged members to fill out (and ask their groups) the questionnaire on the District 04 website to record their experience with A.A. during the pandemic. He also reported on an upcoming Stepping Stones event: [Virtual 70th Annual Stepping Stones Lois' Family Groups Picnic](#), Saturday, June 5, 2021, 1:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. (Eastern – U.S. & Canada) Free with Advance Registration to get the Zoom login the day before.
 - d) **Website Committee:** Cynthia F./Matthew L. reported that the Website Committee was meeting every other month, or as needed, now that the bulk of the work getting the District 04 website up and running and content uploaded had been completed. She also reported on new items recently added to the website, including a link to a G.S.O. video about the A.A. general service structure, the questionnaire regarding A.A. during the pandemic and the listing of advisory actions from the 71st General Service Conference.
7. **Mid Southern California Area 09 Meeting Highlights:** Maryka provided a recap of the MSCA 09 pre-Assembly held on May 16 which included approval of the appointment of the new Area 09 Secretary (Kris C), approval of the Remote Communities and Technology Committees as new Standing

Committees and approval of new guidelines for the Area's DCM School. The MSCA 09 Delegate provided his Area 09 shareback on the 71st General Service Conference.

8. **Old Business:** District members were asked to share any feedback they had on the Delegate's shareback at the District's May meeting. Comments included the recognition of the level of effort put forth by the MSCA 09 Delegate in preparing for, attending, and preparing a comprehensive report to share with the area and district on the conference.
9. **New Business:**
 - a) **LGBTQ Standing Committee:** Mercedelei M. shared slides related to the determination that a new standing committee might be needed to better serve the LGBTQ population.
MOTION: Approve the new LGBTQ Committee as a District 04 Standing Committee
Discussion: Discussion included inquiry as to whether or not G.S.O had been contacted for any guidance on the issues/concerns identified, and the concern that the matter was not consistent with the singleness of purpose, and the difference between the existing LGBTQ Subdistrict and the new standing committee.
Vote: The motion passed with 1 opposed
Minority Opinion: A member was provided an opportunity to share their position which related to not having had a chance to get input on the matter from their group. Hearing that position, no members wished to change their vote.
 - b) **Recap and highlights of Spotlight on Service – Standing Committees Workshop** Maryka and Linnea M., both of whom served on the planning committee for the workshop, shared slides and comments highlighting points provided by the speakers at the workshop, as well as suggestions for District 04 members who may wish to stand for a committee chair position for the next panel. Linnea encouraged members to research the available resources on the District's website, to reach out to the Alt DCMC or any officer or past committee chair, and to recruit committee members to join them.
10. **GSR Concerns:** Rick J. raised a concern about the balance of funds in the District's account, stating that there was no reference to a prudent reserve in the existing guidelines. Maryka stated that the Finance Chair was stepping down, but would provide her with the updated budget. She stated that she recalled a prudent reserve had been agreed upon some time ago and would inquire about that. She asked that members think about creative ways to draw down that balance and bring those ideas to the July meeting. Debra L. inquired about a request for a receipt for a contribution from her group to the District in the amount of \$225.00. The request was forwarded to the treasurer Roman O.
11. **A. A. Birthdays since last meeting:** Rick J. 43 years
12. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned following the recitation of the A. A. Responsibility Statement at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Cynthia F.
District 04 MSCA 09 Secretary

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Next MSCA Area 09 ASC: Sunday, June 13
Next District 04 Meeting: Wednesday, July 7 @ 7:00 p.m.
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