

Area 8 District 4 Meeting

6:30 PM Wednesday September 1, 2021

Church, 4761 Cass St. 92109 [in-person meetings temporarily suspended]

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87587629081?pwd=dHNsZS9qYlVaSmJNWVJNN28zQUc3QT09>

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Notes

- I. **Call to order and Serenity Prayer** *opened at 1832*
Attendance: Maureen, Wheeler, Ray, Kat, Mona, Gene, Carolyn
- II. **Tradition IX (Long Form)** *Read by Ray* – Each A.A. group needs the least possible organization. Rotating leadership is the best. The small group may elect its secretary, the large group its rotating committee, and the groups of a large metropolitan area their central or intergroup committee, which often employs a full-time secretary. The trustees of the General Service Board are, in effect, our A.A. General Service Committee. They are the custodians of our A.A. Tradition and the receivers of voluntary A.A. contributions by which we maintain our A.A. General Service Office at New York. They are authorized by the groups to handle our overall public relations and they guarantee the integrity of our principal newspaper, the A.A. Grapevine. All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in A.A. are but trusted and experienced servants of the whole. They derive no real authority from their titles; they do not govern. Universal respect is the key to their usefulness.
- III. **GSR Preamble – Read by Wheeler** We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the world of A.A. We realize the ultimate authority is a loving God as he may express Himself in our Group Conscience. As trusted servants, our job is to bring information to our groups in order that they can reach an informed group conscience. In passing along this group conscience, we are helping to maintain the unity and strength so vital to our fellowship. Let us, therefore, have the patience and tolerance to listen while others share, the courage to speak up when we have something to share, and the wisdom to do what is right for our group and A.A. as a whole.
- IV. **Introductions and A.A. Birthdays** *Kat, Wheeler and Carolyn had a birthday in August*
- V. **Guest Presentation from Armed Services Committee (Tiffany)** *Moved to next month.*
- VI. **Acceptance of August 2021 meeting notes (Wheeler)** *Minutes accepted.*
- VII. **Treasurer Report (Ray)** *Balance starting and ending \$3962.80 with no contributions. Prudent reserve is \$120. How is it decided this money gets spent? The District Group 4 decides this based upon input from members/groups.*
- VIII. **Registrar Report (Adam)** *Adam did not attend. Several new GSRs did contact him to work out some meetings and GSR details.*
- IX. **DCM Report (Maureen)** *Maureen was unable to make the last Area Committee meeting due to family commitments. She was able to review all the reports on the Area website. She visited that website to show the group these resources and discuss recent Area*

activities. There was an effort/campaign to get members to donate \$7.34 to GSO for every member on 7/31. The other main topic discussed was the proposed Area Spending Plan. It was developed early due to some complaints that there wasn't enough time to ponder the proposals as they came forward. As a result, there has been a lot of input and discussion about the spending plan. Maureen gave an overview of what typically happens at Area Committee meetings.

- A. Area Committee Meeting August 19, 2021
 - Draft Spending Plan

X. **Standing Committees** (GSRs) *Maureen was unable to attend her Literature Committee, no other reports*

XI. **Group Check-ins** (GSRs) *No group check-ins*

XII. **Old Business**

- A. District 4 Outreach to Unrepresented Groups
We got a complete list of the groups in District 4 last month. There are 73 meetings registered. We are going to develop a one-page pitch for folks to go to meetings along with identifying a few relevant flyers.

XIII. **New Business**

- A. District Spending Plan – *Maureen shared the most recent District 4 spending plan from 2019 with the group. The concern then was the reserve was overly high and needs to be spent down. Ray will develop an up to date report on budget/income/spending over the last five years. We will need to update the prudent reserve since expenses have increased. We need to review mandatory expenses and then review expenses that have been a standing commitment. This will help us determine where and how much to spend for 2022 since 2021 is already passing by.*

XIV. **Announcements/Upcoming Events** – Check [Area 8 Calendar](#) for current info!

- A. Camp Spirit Fire Sept 3-5, 2021 Idyllwild, CA www.campspiritfire.org
- B. Area Committee Meeting September 16, 2021
Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/91206902733>
Meeting ID: 912 0690 2733
Passcode: iluvacms
- C. NAATW September 17-19, 2021 (National AA Technology Workshop)
<https://naatw.org/>
- D. Step 11 Workshop September 19, 2021 @ 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
WHERE: South Park Alano Club, 1944 30th Street
- E. Election Assembly - Saturday September 25, 2021 – 10 positions to be filled
 - GSR Orientation 8:00-8:55
 - Assembly 9AM-4PM
- F. Unity Day 2.0 Saturday, October 2, 2021 at Camino Ruiz Park in Mira Mesa
<https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/2021-Unity-Day-Picnic.pdf>

XV. **Concept IX** (Long Form) *Read by Mona* Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership once exercised by the

founders of A.A. must necessarily be assumed by the Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

XVI. Closing/Declaration Of Unity: *Closed meeting at 1949*

This we owe to AA's future:

To place our common welfare first.

To keep our fellowship united.

For on A.A. unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come.