

February 14, 2021
CEC Minutes
Area Service Committee (ASC) Area 9

Attendance: Michael M. Past Area 9 CEC Chair, Grant T. Area 9 CEC Alternate Chair, Jerry S. Area 9 CEC Chair, JD GSR District 8 (11) and CEC member, Bob O. DCMC District 19 and CEC Co-Chair, Debbie R. GSR District 7, Caroline P. District 8 CEC Chair, Sharon S. Area 9 CEC Secretary

Jerry called meeting to order at 9:40 am with Serenity prayer, introductions and welcome to committee attendees.

Sharon- reviewed minutes from 1/27/21 meeting. JD motioned and Michael 2nd and group accepts minutes as written. Jerry will post minutes on the Area 9 website.

Old Business:

1. Michael gave kudos to the committee for revitalization of CEC efforts and outreach!
2. Jerry shared he has received inquiries from as far away as Northern Illinois Area 20. Locally I had a call from an isolated elder with a flip phone and was able to guide him into the virtual world of A.A. - he then proceeded to join a Zoom meeting in New York!
3. Jerry shared that the [revised Committee Guidelines](#) were submitted for review to Area Service Committee (ASC) and are on this ASC agenda for discussion and approval.
4. Jerry thanked Sharon, Grant, J.D. Cindy, Michael, Elizabeth and Judy and he has sent our [Senior Center outreach letter](#) to 105 + Senior centers in our Area. If you have not completed contacting and gathering contact info please let Jerry know and he will follow-up! We have received several responses expressing interest! Bob would like Jerry to email him with outreach information and he will follow-up with Barstow, a senior center close to him.
5. On February 1st Jerry met with Electronic Media Subcommittee to discuss the feasibility of submission of an [Elder Page](#) in the Area 9 website. They agreed that this should be developed. What was stressed was singleness of purpose and focus on A.A. related content, staying within A.A. traditions. Discussion and committee agreed that singleness of purpose and carrying the AA message is important. Other social activities for seniors, although valuable, would not be appropriate content for Area webpage.

New Business:

1. Jerry recommended that when members attend meetings, they check for accessibilities for seniors and notify Central Offices of findings to update directories appropriately. Group agrees.
2. Debbie shared that CEC distributed pamphlets and other AA literature to Senior facilities in the past and this worked well. Michael shared that the Senior Center in her area is open in a limited capacity and she will check with them re: willingness to accept literature at this time. Discussed the full and partial closure of many Senior Centers, due to Covid-19, and reason for offering digital links to literature at this time. Our outreach letter did offer information on requesting "hard copies" of literature, in addition to digital links.
3. Sharon suggested carrying outreach efforts to nursing homes and assisted living homes within our Area and is willing to begin investigation of these facilities. Michael states there may be a list available and she will look into this and let Sharon know. Group agrees to this effort.
4. Jerry mentioned that he was invited to be the scribe for the CEC breakout during the upcoming PRASSA on March 5-7 2021. Jerry will send PRASSA information to CEC members to sign up, cost is \$15 for the weekend, and Area 9 is willing to reimburse GSR members who would like to attend and receive financial assistance.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 am. Next meeting will be held after PRASSA and Jerry will CEC members with date and time.

Yours in Service,

Sharon S. CEC Secretary