

District 5
Monthly General Service Meeting
MINUTES of May 12th 2022
Church of the Foothills
19211 Dodge Ave. Santa Ana, CA 92705

Zoom Info: <https://zoom.us/j/8970371755?pwd=WFdCdWFBVvtCNzVpckROU2h6N0xKQT09>
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Opening

Hybrid Meeting called to order by Isaac M., DCMC at 7:03 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer.

GSR Preamble read by: Ryan P.

District 5 Statement of Purpose read by: Melissa A.

Rules read by: Isaac M.

Introduction of new GSRs and Alt-GSRs: Chet K. 5:30 pm, Thursday, Friendship Club

Tradition 5: Tami C.

Volunteer for Tradition 6: Matt D.

Concept 5: Steve C.

Volunteer for Concept 6: Ryan H.

Introductions of all in attendance – GSRs, District Officers and Visitors

- **Visitor(s)/Guest(s):** None

- **Total Attendance: (11 In-Person / 8 on Zoom)**

Celebration of May Birthdays: Gina H. 5 years

Questions, Concerns, Suggestions or Problems reported by Attendees:

Tami C is looking forward to learning about the agenda items that Mitchell B will be reporting on at the Area meeting Sunday.

REPORTS

OFFICER REPORTS:

- **DCMC/Isaac M.:** The next Area meeting is this Sunday, stay tuned for more information. I attended the Intergroup special events meeting. I also met with the district's board officers for our Steering Committee as well. We created the agenda, went over the Minutes for tonight's meeting, and putting together the Program for tonight. As always everyone is welcomed. The log in information is also the same as the Monthly Meeting. It is a great place to bring up any items you would like to put on the agenda. I will be attending the Area meeting on

Sunday to hear from Mitchell B, our Delegate, on his Report Back. I will be also following up on the previously discussed motion that got tabled. This is to follow up on the request from the Spanish group from District 20.

- **Alternate DCMC/Greg A.:** I failed to make the Steering Committee and basically do not have a report for this month, and I do apologize.

- **Treasurer/Vicki R.:**
Treasurer's Report
 - Beg. Balance: \$ 2,083.14
 - Total Contributions: \$ 242.42
 - Total Expenses: \$ 231.11
 - End. Balance with Prudent Reserve: \$ 4,204.96
 - End. Balance without \$1,500.00 Prudent Reserve: \$ 2,704.96

- **Registrar: Isaac M:** Rob S is going to be stepping down as the Committee Chair. **Rob S:** Unfortunately, it was too much and was causing me some stress and it is good for me at this time to step down.

- **Secretary Ryan H.:** As always super grateful to be of service as District 5's Secretary. It's month 5, and just chugging along. The copy of the minutes was email mailed out and also available in person. "Any questions on the minute as written?" With no questions. Thank you very much. **Isaac M** entertained a motion for acceptance. **Melisa A.** made a motion and **Tami C.** seconded. Motion Passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Archives (Rachel Y.):** Unfortunately, I didn't make the Steering Meeting too. No report tonight. I do also look forward to the Shareback on Sunday.

Grapevine (Roger F): "It is the Meeting in Print." It has been in continued printing since 1946. Here is a portion of the May issues. A portion called "Into Action" From page 52, it reminded me of what happened last month. With the young lady from the Spanish speaking that came to us for assistance. "We walk together. The body comes up with the plane to send the Grapevine and La Vina` in the jail library during the Pandemic." "I live in Massachusetts and a bilingual member comes up a plan when COVID-19 hit. Most AA meetings in jails and prisons were suspended. Inmates were confined to their cells up to 20 hours a day. They would mail the Liberian the La Vina` and Grapevine wrapped in plastic and dated. And they would set them aside for 2 weeks so there would be no way a transmission of the virus. Then they were put into the library and the inmates could take them to their cells and read them. The jail has received 9 subscriptions of La Vina` and 4 of the Grapevine. And 130 used Grapevines and 10 of La Vina`. But there are thousands of jails across the country, but this is just a story of one in a small state. If members are interested, expectably bilingual, can contact jail Liberians and establish the same programs. It's not hard, but it just takes a little work. "When we walk together, we walk farther and journey is a lot more fun". Also subscribe on www.aagrapevine.org also has an Instagram account.

- **Public Information (Open):** No Report
- **Convention Liaison (Manny A.):** I had missed the last month meeting; I was doing the Convention Chairman Dinner. And then a fantastic weekend with the convention for months now people were just ready to get back to the convention. As we know the OC Convention was last month, and it was a hit. I did see some of you there. And thanks for saying "Hi". It was one of the highest attended conventions. As the last two were cancelled. A lot of different and great sobriety. The Marathon Meetings were great, and the Movie Room was

fantastic. The speakers were great. The dances were fantastic, It was 3 years in the making. Just want to thank everyone who attended. Going to take a little break and start again in August. Next years Chair will be last year's Vice Chair, which will Denyse R. from Garden Grove. She has appointed some Committee members already. But if you want to get involved. They will be the regular business meeting the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Garden Grove Alano Club. Thank you everyone. **Roger F** had asked if Manny A had access to the speaker recordings. He had mention that Sound Solution has the recordings.

- **H&I Liaison (Scott B.):** (Absent)
- **Accessibilities (Open):** No Report
- **C.P.C. (Open)** No Report
- **Intergroup Liaison (Gina H.):** I also attend the Convention and saw a lot of you there. But the topic of the Prudent Reserve vote was tabled again in April. The discussion was explained how it would be a 3-month process. And does need to be submitted by a member in written and not from the Board. It needs to be brought up for discussion and then brought up for a vote. So, someone had volunteered to write it up, but I guess it's already written and ready to go. The Treasures report was great. And the Literature has been updated. And always check the website and make sure your meeting information is up to date. And H & I they meet the 2nd Sunday of the month at the Garden Grove Alano Club. Some statistics I heard, they use to have like 300 people involved and now it's down to like a 150 people. To bring meetings into hospitals and institution. The O.C. Fair is coming up. More information will be coming. The Tech Committee is looking for help with the Computing Machines.
- **Newsletter (Vicki R.):** Hopefully everyone got the copy of the latest Newsletter. Some are available in Person, but not in color. I have not had a chance to see if the Area has posted the Newsletter to their website. Hopefully you got my email, and always looking for submission.
- **GSR School (Rob S.):** We had 1 new GSR tonight. Chet H., 5:30 pm, Thursday Rush Hour at the Friendship club.
- **Literature (Steve C.):** Thanks to Vicki R for going through some of the old literature and letting me know we need some updates. I will be going to Central Office and getting new and updated literature.
- **Cooperation with Professional Community / CPC (Open):**

- **DCM East Orange (Steve C.):** No Report
- **DCM West Orange (Greg A.):** It seems like I need some help from some GSRs. Its hard to plead to a GSR, that isn't being a GSR. As some meetings have gone dark or meeting virtually. Please just share how much fun we have. Please encourage them to attend. Please let them know to come and let their meeting be represented.
- **DCM Santa Ana Alano (Open):** No Report
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- **DCM Women's Day and Evening (Open):** No Report
- **DCM Men's Groups (Open):** No Report
- **DCM North and South Tustin (Chris Wh.):** Absent
- **DCM Friendship Club AM (Open):** No Report
- **DCM Friendship Club PM (David "Jr" L.):** Absent

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **District 5 involvement in the Intergroup Picnic Recap: Isaac M** I did attend the Special Events Committee Meeting before the regular meeting. We discussed District 5's involvement, it's still in the Planning Stage. They are still working on a place and time. I will be attending the next meeting as well. More information to be coming. They will be figuring out the details. The picnic will be held on June 18th, 2022. Please ask your group if they want to help. **Matt D.** Isn't the Special Event Committee we established last meeting; wouldn't they be handling that? **Isaac M**, they are involved in the District 5 Special Event's coming up to be held by District 5.

2. **District 5 Event Update. Vicki R.** I apologize for not keeping up with this commitment. I have had some personal things come up But with Melissa A's help we are back on track. We will be doing the Movie w/ food. The first meeting will be on May 26th @ 6pm, Via Zoom. The volunteers that signed up were, Isaac M, Jasper C, Junior L, Helen K., Gina H. All you are getting an evite. I will be checking with the church on room rental cost and availability for a Saturday event. We are looking at July. Or Maybe June. Also, the budget is only \$200 dollar. So, we will need to check the cost and maybe have to make any adjustments as needed. We are looking at a 4-hour room rental. The food will also need to be considered. **Roger F** asked how much Sushi would that buy? **Vicki R**, not much, (ha-ha) **Matt D.**, as we voted to increase the Prudent Reserve Budget to \$350 dollars, where is this money coming from, if not from the Special Event budget? **Vicki R.**, the Prudent Reserve line, is separate from everything else. It doesn't have to do with any other line item on the budget. **Roger F** now we have to spend \$350 dollars less somewhere else, right? **Vicki R.**, "Well, yes" We had approximate \$450 dollars left over in the Financial Forecast. And the money will come from there. **Matt D.**, ok, thanks. **Steve C.** the Movie Night is a great idea. But how are we going to show it? We are working out all the detail, so stay tuned, **Melissa A**, thank you Vicki for your service and look forward to helping out for the event.
3. **Tabled Discussion on District 20, Spanish Woman Meeting, joining District 5. Isaac M** last meeting we had a conversation about helping out. We plan on attending the Area Event and getting some more information that may be helpful. We will make another report next month with our findings.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Registrar Open: Vicki R.**, gave a recap of the position and its duties. Isaac M asked for any volunteers for the position. No volunteer's at this time. It will be Tabled until next month.

PROGRAM: Group Check In. "What's new with your group?" **Jasper C, Forever NON-Professional at the Friendship Club**, Wednesday night 7:30pm meeting. Regularly about 60 people in attendance. It a structured meeting and its good for me. It gives me a great experience about how to be of service. **Chet K., Thursday Night Meeting at the Friendship Club, @ 5:30pm. Rush Hour.** About 45-60 people in attendance on Thursday. It has taken me out of my comfort zone. **Tami C., 6am Modification Meeting**, it averages 45-60 people, depending on the day of the week. Sundays are usually smaller, but we meet in the Sanctuary, and that's pretty cool. I haven't been a GSR until the 90's. so it's pretty cool. **Melissa A., Tuesday Night Book Study.** 20-30 in attendance. It's a solid Big Book study. We read the first 164 pages and also Bill's Story. Read each paragraph and take questions. It a Long Timer Meeting, so there is a Long Times sobriety. So not too many newcomers. We have just started to have a Timer in the meeting. Because some people can be long winded. We are thinking about changing the format to maybe include 10 -15 minutes if check in at the end of the meeting. **Ryan P., Wednesday Night Name in the Hat @ 7 pm.** It's a closed meeting. It's a simple meeting. Everyone throws their name in the hat and then they start picking. We get 20-50 people at the meeting. We are located at Walnut & Tustin. We are having elections soon, and the current GSR will be stepping down and I will be taking over. **Vicki R.**, not a GSR, and her Home Group has disbanded and has no GSR. **Matt D., Early Birds Zoom Only @ 7am, 7 days a week**, mixed meeting, Open Meeting. But we ask if you share you have a desire to stop drinking. Zoom attendance with down to 20, from 30. Over a year later, we decided to go back to in person. So, we split and know have one in person and one on Zoom. And the in-person meeting went down to 5 people. So, we had to go back to Zoom Only. **Roger F., Hart Park Club House Newcomer Meeting**, there is long term sobriety there. Anywhere from 39 minutes to 39 years. **Rachel Y., Women Participation experience Strength and Hope**, Zoom Only. Monday 7pm. About 40 women who participate. There's a lot of sobriety, some 35 years. And newcomer that are fresh. Some rehab comes, so a good range of sobriety. **Ashley Y, The Ladies Night Book Study**, Thursday @ 6:30pm. It started at her sponsor house. They meet at a clubhouse, now they meet at the OC Church, but the rent was high, so me meet at Taft Ave. Church in Orange. We go thru the book in a year. 12 & 12 and Big Book.

Volunteer GSR Report: Matt D.

Tami C, has volunteered for next month.

Motion to Adjourn: Melissa A.

- **Seconded by:** Tami C.
- **Motion Passes**

Meeting closed out with Responsibility Prayer.

“I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that, I am responsible.”

Please visit www.msca09aa.org for additional information on upcoming events.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – AREA 09

MSCA Area 09 Service Workshop

Next Workshop is May 19, 2022 7:00 pm- 8 pm

Third Thursday of Every Month Meeting ID: 873 6607 8505 Passcode: Area09p72

MSCA09 Assembly – Delegate Shareback

Mid-Southern California Area 09 Area Assembly - Delegate Shareback Hosted by 1&3 on May 15th, 2022 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

ZOOM: 8:30 am - 2:30 pm Register in advance. www.msca09aa.org

Zoom Code: 835 0804 4336

Password: service

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Respectfully Submitted by Ryan H., District 5 Secretary