

District 5
Monthly General Service “Hybrid” Meeting
MINUTES of September 8th, 2022
Church of the Foothills
19211 Dodge Ave. Santa Ana, CA 92705
Website: <http://District5msca09.com>
Zoom Link: [MEETING ID: 897 0371 755](#)
PASSWORD: 06101935

OPENING

Hybrid Meeting called to order by Greg A., Alt-DCMC at 7:01 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer.

GSR Preamble read by: Benjamin B.

District 5 Statement of Purpose read by: Matt D.

Rules read by: Greg A.

Introduction of new GSRs and Alt-GSRs: None

Tradition 9: Melissa A.

Volunteer for Tradition 10: Matt D.

Concept 9: Joey P.

Volunteer for Concept 10: Ryan H.

Introductions of all in attendance – GSRs, District Officers and Visitors: Chris W., Guest

○ **Total Attendance: (15 In-Person / 5 on Virtual)**

Celebration of September Birthdays: Will G.-15 years, Ashley Y.-8 years, Joey P.-28 years, and Matt D.-1 year – for a total of 52 years!!

Questions, Concerns, Suggestions or Problems reported by Attendees:

- **Vicki R.:** Contact List Update - There are a couple of errors and some corrections on the list. And if you do not want your last name reflected on the Contact List, please see me and we will get it straighten out.

REPORTS

OFFICER REPORTS:

- **DCMC/Isaac M.:** Absent
- **Alternate DCMC/Greg A.:** Both Isaac and I went to the ASA Meeting. We also went to the Four Area Sharing Secession; they had an Agenda and Riley K. Panel 72 Trustee shared and was very good and enjoyed her as a guest speaker. Section One, we had different questions, and we shared our concepts. We had questions like, “how do we best use literature to carry the message”, “Where can we do better”, “Where is it problem with solution and finding meeting post COVID”, “Navigating modern listing technology and who do I call if a meeting isn’t listed?”. Session Two, “addressing the frustration over and the misinformation about the changes in AA”, “the resources and guidance to support GSR reporting back to their group”, success in the elder state person to keep the communities connected”. Session 3, “What are benefits of representative of meeting to communicate the groups conscience”, “how successful is Online Agenda Items response approach”. “How do we present the agenda”. It was very informative and every time I go, I learn something new. Then the following day, Isaac, Ryan, and I went the Area Service Meeting. Again, I had learned something new. Mitchell gave me some additional information, He was talking about misinformation about last year’s Conference, it was nice to know what was changed and why

they were changed. It was very informative. I would encourage everyone to jump on Zoom and attend these meetings. As I have been sober for 36 years, as I always get something out of them.

Treasurer/Vicki R.:

Treasurer's Report

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| • Beg. Balance: | \$ 3,964.24 |
| • Total Contributions: | \$ 329.09 |
| • Total Expenses: | \$ 223.46 |
| • End. Balance with Prudent Reserve: | \$ 4,069.87 |
| • End. Balance without \$1,500.00 Prudent Reserve: | \$ 2,569.87 |

No questions at this time.

- **Registrar/Ashley Y.:** I have not got together with Vicki yet regarding taking over, as I had things come up. I did do attendance tonight, the people on Zoom. There were some audio issues and did not get everyone in-person. That's all I have for now. **Vicki R.**, "I have taken down the names and will email them to you."
- **Secretary Ryan H.:** As always super grateful to be of service as District 5 Secretary. The copy of the minutes and the Treasury report on the table is available in person. And emailed out. "Any questions on the minutes as written?". **Matt D.** correction on Celebration in "July". Correct the to "September". Greg has called for a motion for acceptance. Matt D. and Ben B., seconded. Motion Passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Archives (Rachel Y.):** I was unable to attend the Steering Committee Meeting, I have a few things come up. I was able to log into the monthly Archives Meeting. Where we discussed the budget. We decided to buy more Pioneer Women of A.A. book. So, you guys need some or additional; information, please let me know. And that's all I have.
- **Grapevine (Roger F):** Absent
- **Public Information (Open):** No Report
- **Convention Liaison (Open):** No Report
- **H&I Liaison (John R.):** Absent
- **Accessibilities (Open):** No Report
- **C.P.C. (Open):** No Report
- **Intergroup Liaison (Gina H.):** No report this month because the regular meeting is next week, so "I'll be doubling double next month."
- **Newsletter (Vicki R.):** The current 3rd quarter issue is available for viewing, and for printing off of copies, on our District 5 website. The 4th quarter newsletter is a 'work in progress' and should be available by our November 10th meeting. Which means, there's still plenty of time for you all to submit something to have included in it. Such as: As your meeting group's GSR, perhaps you'd like to let other fellowship members know when, where, and how your meeting group meets (in-person / hybrid / virtually), your meeting group has chairs that need to be filled, or you / a meeting group member has a story of Experience, Strength, and Hope that may help another alcoholic stay sober. Any questions / comments / suggestion?
Tami A., how would they share their stories, would they email them to you?
Vicki R., just email them to me at district5treasurer@district5msca09.com. If you have any suggestions, please let me know. The Newsletter also on the district website: <https://district5msca09.com>.
- **Website (Vicki R.):** If there are times when you have a question or need information that is related to District 5, Area 09, A.A. General Service, etc., check out our website. Because it's constantly being updated so that any and all available current information is included, you may find the answers / information you're looking for. Also, be sure to share the website link with your meeting groups and other fellowship members, as they too may have a question or need information. Lastly, all 'suggestions' in regard to our website are welcome. Your suggestion(s) may be the one(s) that help me think outside of my 'website box'. Any questions / comments / suggestions?
- **GSR School (Joey P.):** I had one and a half attendees at the GSR school. I was able to get information to them. GSR School meets at 6:30pm at Church of the Foothills or virtually. I did talk to Rob and he handed

it off to Vicki and the board fell apart and made it into the trash. A new board literature will need to be bought. A budget was mentioned.

- **Literature (Steve C.):** On the table there are two racks that have literature. It has all types, New GSR Information, New sponsorship information, Mental deficiencies information, and all type of information you can give out to the radical people that are at your meeting. We have a few Big Books and 12 & 12 which are available at our cost. Let's say, if a GSR needs a Big Book for their meeting if they can't afford one, we will give it to them. But if they're loaded, they can make a donation at District 5 cost.
- **Cooperation with Professional Community / CPC (Open):** No Report
- **DCM East Orange (Steve C.):** I have been to a couple of meetings. The 902 meeting in Villa Park. It's a good meeting. We are hurting a little bit for fellow alcoholics, so we need some fellowship. I went to another meeting in East Orange. But their GSR hasn't been to their meeting in a couple of weeks. So, they are going to run a Steering Committee to decide what to do from there.
- **DCM West Orange (Greg A.):** I have been going to many meetings in Orange. It seems a little frustrating that some of the secretaries don't even know what a GSR is and didn't even know they should have one. I am trying to reeducate them. Not sure if tis a COVID thing, and there might be new volunteers leading the meetings and simply don't know any better. And it's a little disappointing but I am going to just keep plunging away at it.
- **DCM Santa Ana Alano (Open):** No Report
- **DCM Santa Ana (Open):** No Report
- **DCM Women's Day (Open):** No Report
- **DCM Women's Evening (Tami C.):** No Report
- **DCM Men's Groups (Al G.):** This month there is no report this month. But went on the website to find Stag meetings. Also waiting on a spreadsheet which will help identify the Men's Meetings. I will check to see what more I can do. **Vicki R.**, I am finishing up updating the list. I am sorry for letting it slip through the crack. **Matt D.**, if I know of a meeting that currently does not have a GSR, is there something I should let Al know? **Al G.**, absolutely.
- **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: Melissa A.

Intergroup 2022 Picnic Update: Hello!!! Here is a recap from the picnic. The OCAA intergroup Association hosted its annual picnic Saturday Aug 28th located at Twinkle Park in Costa Mesa. We had about 200 members from different groups in attendance. We had newcomers that had a few days attending their first sober outing, families who brought their kiddos that bounced around in the bounce house, long timers/ old timers/ short timers and everyone in between. Oh and a few furry friends joined as well.

There was plenty of food from hamburgers, hotdogs, homemade mac and cheese, homemade baked beans, potato salad, fruit, veggies, chips, and tons of baked goods, like cookies, cupcakes, key lime pie and Veronica's homemade lemon Bundt cake. (and if you don't know who Veronica is, she is the manager from Central office, and a wonderful baker)

We had games which consisted of a pie eating contest which was really fun to watch! We had potato sack races, and a water balloon fight for those who wanted to cool off from the heat. We also had a few raffles two were for gift cards to Starbucks and the main draw was the 50/50 raffle totaling \$318! One lucky member won \$159.

We had an amazing speaker, Pat Ochoa, who really carried a message of depth and weight even when our generator ran out of gas and cut the power off from the mic. He kept pushing and finished with a solid talk. Over all lots of fun was had by all. Thanks to those who participated, hopefully we can do it again next year!

Program: Area 09 General Service Representative Public Information Presentation (Stacey A.)

Here is the copy of Stacey's report.



Copy of PI Handout
9.8.2022 (Letter).pdf



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New Business: Greg A., we have a volunteer for the Woman's PM. Tami C. has volunteered for the position. Motion by Vicki R., seconded by Gina H.

VOLUNTEER GSR REPORT: Ryan H.

Tami C. has volunteered for next month.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Joey P.

- **Seconded by: Matt D.**
- **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.

IMPORTANT DATES – DISTRICT 5

- **District 5 Steering Committee** **Monday 10-10-22 6:00 PM**
Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/8970371755?pwd=WFdCdWFBVytCNzVpckROU2h6N0xKQT09>
Meeting ID: 897 037 1755 // Password: 06101935
- **District 5 GSR 'Hybrid' Meeting** **Thursday 10-13-22 7:00 PM* - 8:30 PM**
***6:30pm New GSRs Orientation!**

In-Person: Church of the Foothills – 19211 Dodge Ave., Santa Ana 92705

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/8970371755?pwd=WFdCdWFBVytCNzVpckROU2h6N0xKQT09>

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ANNOUNCEMENTS – AREA 09

Area Service Committee (Area Service Committee)

September 11th, 2022 @ 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Hosted by District 17

In-Person Location: Murrieta Community Center

41810 Juniper Steet, Murrieta, CA 90815 United States

Register in advanced on the Area's Website, if attending Virtually <https://msca09aa.org>

Respectfully Submitted by Ryan H., District 5 Secretary