

District 5
Monthly General Service Meeting
MINUTES of July 13th, 2023
Church of the Foothills
19211 Dodge Ave. Santa Ana, CA 92705
<https://District5msca09.com>
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Opening

Hybrid Meeting called to order by Isaac M., DCMC at 7:00 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer.

GSR Preamble read by: Ryan P,

District 5 Statement of Purpose read by: Matt D.

Rules read by: Isaac M.

Introduction of new GSRs and Alt-GSRs: Chris D. Sobriety First in Tustin, Isaak F. Saturday Night Visitors Speakers Group.

Tradition 7: Isaac M.

Volunteer for Tradition 8: Arrielle T.

Concept 7: Curt B.

Volunteer for Concept 8: Tami C.

Introductions of all in attendance – GSRs, District Officers and Visitors: Chris We., Visitor

Total Attendance: (18 In-Person / 3 on Virtual)

Celebration July Birthdays: Chris D. 1 year.

Questions, Concerns, Suggestions or Problems reported by Attendees: Tami C., at our steering committee meeting. The St. Francis prayer will match the 12 and 12. How does your steering committee work? How do you get your vote to counter. Matt D., his experience that steering committees, usually happens at the end of the meeting. Taking the group conscious is important. And if you don't attend, do complain about what gets voted on. Greg A. shared "informed AA conscious."

OFFICER REPORTS:

- **DCMC (Isaac M.):** The FORO happened, unfortunately I was unable to attend. I heard it was great. The next Area Event in August is an ASC, and the motion will be discussed again. So please take the Motion Background information back to your group so you can be well informed for the vote coming up in the Area's meeting in September. We will be discussing these topics. I do believe the background material was emailed out as well. Please sign up for the Area's emails by subscribing on the website, under the sign-up link. Bridging The Gap flyers still need volunteers.
- **Alternate DCMC (Greg A.):** No report at this time.

- **Treasurer (Vicki R.):**

○ Beg. Balance:	\$ 3,429.67
○ Total Contributions:	\$ 260.95
○ Reimbursement	\$.00
○ Total Expenses:	\$ 153.95
○ End. Balance with Prudent Reserve:	\$ 3,536.67
○ End. Balance without \$1,500.00 Prudent Reserve:	\$ 2,036.67

- **Registrar (Matt F.): Absent, filled by Vicki R.** In-Person tonight is 14 and 3 people on Virtually (Zoom).
- **Secretary (Ryan H.):** As always super grateful to be of service as District 5 Secretary. A copy of the minutes was emailed out and available in person and those on the District 5 contact list. No correction noted. The vote to accept was taken. Arrielle T. made a motion to accept and seconded by Matt D. Vote was taken and motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Archives (Rachel Y.):** Absent
- **Grapevine (Roger F.):** Absent
- **Public Information (Open):** No Report
- **Convention Liaison (Matt D.):** I attended the last Area meeting and attended the Convention Liaison Roundtable. Unfortunately, the attendance in the Roundtable was empty. As properly the committee was properly at The Desert Round-Up.
- **H&I Liaison (Lana W.)** I apologize for missing last month as I lost my phone and could not join on Zoom. But don't worry, they fix it! I attended the H & I meeting was the last Sunday. We are always looking for volunteers. If you want to become a member, it's easy. One orientation meeting, and then three more meetings. And once you complete the three meetings you are an official member. They will assign you to a meeting. There will be a background check to go into the prison. And we only have 40 people that are cleared. Out of 200 people, only 21 were participating in it. If you are work in rehab. Please let me know if you need us to bring a meeting to your facility. Just let me know. We do pass the H & I can for contribution. They are greatly appreciated as we have a lot of expenses. As we have to ship material into the jails. The website is up and running. So, our printing charges have gone to \$13.00, which is crazy. There is a waiver to be signed to go into the jails. The state has a sexual assault waiver. Question: Is the printed directory going to be reprinted? Chris We. The General Manger for Central Office has stated no printed in the near future. (Question) Are there receipts sent out when the cans are turned in. (Answer) Yes, the money is counted, and receipts are given out.
- **Accessibilities (Open):** No report

- **C.P.C. (Open):** No report
- **Intergroup Liaison (Gina H.):** We met last night. The highlights, we are having our annual picnic at Twinkle Park on August 27th. The literature prices did go. And we were selling our current inventory at the old prices. When we sell out, our pricing will match World Service pricing. We are also updating our POS systems. There will be an expense on their budget. H & I South County will be having their annual Chili Cook-Off in October. And if your meeting wants to participate, start getting ready. Women to Women San Diego will be having their event 49th annual Conference, will be on September 15th-17th. In San Diego.
- **Newsletter (Vicki R.):** We are finalizing the next issues, I am shooting for it to be finished by the first, so I can get it uploaded to the Website and ready for us for our next meeting.
- **Website: (Vicki R.)** I am constantly updating our website, so be sure to check it out frequently for any new information. Thank you for allowing me to be of service!
- **GSR School (Ryan P.):** We had 2 new GSRs tonight. Chris D. Sobriety First. Isaak F. Visitor Speaking Meeting.
- **Literature (Steve C.):** Absent
- **Cooperation with Professional Community / CPC (Open):** No report
- **DCM East Orange (Steve C.):** Absent
- **DCM West Orange (Greg A.):** No report
- **DCM Santa Ana Alano (Open):** No Report
- **DCM Santa Ana (Open):** No Report
- **DCM Women's Evening (Open.):** No report
- **DCM Men's Groups (Open):** No Report
- **DCM North and South Tustin (Open):** No report
- **DCM Friendship Club AM (Open):** No Report
- **DCM Friendship Club PM (Open):** No Report

OLD BUSINESS: None at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. **Open District 5 Position(s) Vacancies.**

Women's Evenings (DCM) Arrielle T. She shared her experience, strength, and hope. She shared her Service experience. The motion was made by Vicki R. and seconded by Angelica.

PROGRAM: 1. **Discuss Service Fair District 5 and assigning AD-hoc committee. Isaac M.**

We want to start getting people ready to stand for our upcoming District election. We would be discussing and growing interests in this position. We are looking to see if there is interest in having an event. Discussion was shared between the members in attendance. Vicki R. shared about the events. Discussion about bringing in outside members to spark interest and share their experience. A motion to go forward with the Service Fair was agreed to by Arrielle T. and seconded by Matt D. A vote was taken, and the Motion passed.

A planning committee was formed. Members who volunteered, Chris D., Lana W., Ryan H., Isaac M, Angelique Y., Arrielle T., Tami C. We will determine a day and time what works for everyone.

2. **District Members Check-In., Isaac M.,** Tabled until next month.

3. GSR Experience. Isaac M./Vicki R./Ryan H.

Vicki R. gave a great report. Thanking Arielle T. for this great topic. (Attached Report)



GSR

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Isaac M. gave another a great report. “What is the role of the GSR.”

From the AA Service Manual, Chapter 1.

The GSR is the link between the group and “A.A. as a whole.” This link becomes a channel through which news, information, opinions, and ideas can flow back and forth. Importantly, this also gives the group a voice in the affairs of the Fellowship. The GSR is that voice.

There is more than one way for GSRs to express their group’s thoughts and wishes — their conscience — in general service.

When the GSR is present at assemblies, the group’s voice is heard. The presence of a GSR says their group cares about what’s going on in the Fellowship and wants to learn and make its concerns and suggestions known.

When the GSR participates, the group’s voice is heard. It can be through a GSR sharing the group’s concerns across a conference table from other GSRs in a district meeting. It can be through questioning a budget item or proposing an idea important to the group at an area assembly. It can be through making an impassioned plea about an agenda item to the delegate on the eve of the annual General Service Conference meeting.

When the GSR votes, the group’s voice is heard. The GSR votes on the trusted servants to lead the district and the area as well as the delegate to represent the area at the annual General Service Conference meeting. The group’s voice is heard when the GSR votes on how best to use Seventh Tradition contributions to carry out Twelfth Step services.

What’s important is to participate. This manual is intended to help.

This was from our Service Manual and my experience in General Service. It’s making sure I carry our group’s conscience. It starts with the upside-down tringle. As it works its way down. One of my experiences as GSR and DCMC has been the most humbling experience. I am of service to you and the groups. And my opinion only goes for the group I represent, not my personal opinion. It keeps me right sized.

Ryan H. gave his experience, strength, and personal aspect of being a GSR. Also gave his experience as his duties at his Area Commitment. He stated the most important thing is to have fun.

Volunteer GSR Report: **Matt F.** has volunteered for next month.

Motion to Adjourn:

- **Seconded by:**
- **Motion Passes**

Meeting closed out with Responsibility Statement:

“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.district5msca09.com or www.msca09aa.org for additional information on upcoming events.

IMPORTANT DATES – DISTRICT 5

- **District 5 Steering Committee Monday 8-07-2023 6:00 PM**
Zoom Link:

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

- **District 5 GSR ‘Hybrid’ Meeting** **Thursday 8-10-2023**
7:00 PM* - 8:30 PM
***6:30pm New GSRs Orientation (In-Person Only)**

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

ZOOM: <https://zoom.us/j/8970371755?pwd=WFdCdWFbVytCNzVpckROU2h6N0xKQT09>

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ANNOUNCEMENTS – AREA 09

MSCA Area 09 Service Workshop ZOOM: Third Thursday of Every Month. August 17th, 2023. Is the next meeting.

Meeting ID: 873 6607 8505 Passcode: 2023309p72

Area Service Committee (ASC) When: August 13th, 2023 Time: 9 am- 3 pm.

Hosted by District 12 Area Service Committee Meeting -

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89345463165?pwd=SG80QmNxS2YxNDcwOFBjb29CY2E4UT09>. Meeting ID: 893 4546 3165 Passcode: 516818

12 Concepts Workshop

July 16th, 2023, 3:00pm-4:00pm.

Are you a tad bit confused by the 12 Concepts for World Service? If so, join our District 09 in-depth discussion facilitated by Francine W., D09 PI Chair. Come prepared with the current issue of the AA Service Manual.

Zoom Info: Meeting ID: 928 8170 4093. PW: 6424087