

District 5
Monthly General Service Meeting
MINUTES of February 8th, 2024
Church of the Foothills
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Opening

Hybrid Meeting called to order by Vicki R., DCMC at 7:02 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer.

GSR Preamble read by: Greg A.

District 5 Statement of Purpose read by: Joey P.

Rules read by: Vicki R.

Introduction of new GSRs and Alt-GSRs: Scott P. (Attitude Modification @ 6AM)

Tradition 2: Jim L.

Volunteer for Tradition 3: John R.

Concept 2: Greg A.

Volunteer for Concept 3: Matt D.

Introductions of all in attendance – GSRs, District Officers and Visitors: Visitors; Paul, Isaac M.

Total Attendance: 22 Total (19 In-Person / 3 on Virtual)

Celebrate Birthdays: Isaac M. (February 27, 2015, for 9 YRS) Glenda R. (February 6, 2013, for 11 YRS)

OFFICER REPORTS:

- **DCMC (Vicki R.):** Hi, my name is Vicki R., your District 5 alcoholic DCMC. As you all know, I emailed various documents received from MSCA09 to you, our District 5 members, along with various other D5 documents. I apologize if I overloaded your in-box, Panel 74 has started the new year off with an abundance of information. In fact, based on your email provider, you may want to check your ‘Junk’ or ‘Bulk’ boxes. On Jan. 14th, I attended in-person Area09’s ASA held in Laguna Niguel which was hosted by D12. During the meeting, I had the opportunity to vote on the following item and motions: Area’s “Panel 74 - 2024 Budget”, the DCM School Committee’s “2023 Revised Guidelines” Motion, and the “Literature Committee Guidelines” Motion. All passed. I also had the opportunity to stand for the Area’s Panel 74 “Communication Committee Chair” position. A show of “approval / acceptance” vote was taken, and I am now grateful ‘to be of service’ as the Communications Committee Chair. For those who may not know, this committee is responsible for the Spanish translations of any English documents that the Area provides to its members. On Jan. 18th, I attended Area09’s Monthly Service meeting, which is held virtually on the 3rd Thurs. of every month from 6pm-7pm, and is hosted by our Panel 74 Delegate, Alex and Alt-Delegate, Manya. This month’s meeting was on Traditions 1 thru 3. And the speakers were, Tradition 1: Ross P. / Southbay H&I Board Member, Tradition 2: Tim S. / Southbay Central Office Board Member, and Tradition 3: Ramon R. / District 1 Past Delegate. Next month’s meeting will be Traditions 4 thru 6. The speakers will be Traditions 4 / Julie S. (Area 24 Panel 73 Delegate), Tradition 5 / Kade (Area 18 Panel 74 Delegate), and Tradition 6 / David R. (Area 69 Panel 73 Delegate). I encourage all to

virtually attend. Following the Monthly Service Meeting, I virtually attended the Area09 Monthly Committee Sharing Session, which is held right after the Monthly Service Meeting from 7:15pm-8:15pm. On Jan. 20th, I virtually attended the Area's Archives monthly meeting. Along with the agenda's Old Business discussion, and under New Business they discussed and set dates for their "Archivist Workshop" (**Sat., Feb. 24th**), and "Open House" (**Sat., May 11th**) events. I volunteered to create the applicable flyers and/or program for these events. Their Heritage Day event will be held in either November or December. They will be putting in a bid to host the National A.A. Archives Workshop (NAAAW) in 2027. If you haven't done so already, check out their website at <https://msca09aa-archives.org/>. It's filled with an abundance of history of our Area, districts within our Area, and AA itself. I, personally, have spent hours on their website. And am extremely grateful to those who have spent hours and hours researching, documenting, scanning, and uploading all of it to the website. One of those being our very own D5 Panel 74 Archives Chair / Past Panel 72 MSCA09 Delegate, Mitchell B. Thank you, Mitchell! I did my last 'being of service' as the Area's Panel 72 Communications Committee's Secretary. And I now look forward to my Panel 74 "Communications Committee Chair" position. If any of our D5 members are looking to be of 'Area' service, our committee needs a secretary. If interested in learning more about the committee and/or position, please see me after the meeting. I virtually attended a couple of online "Service Manual" Workshops. Always a great learning experience! On Feb. 1st, I virtually attended a "74th GSC Agenda Items" meeting hosted by our delegate. As the agenda items will be discussed during the "New Business" portion of tonight's meeting, I will share what I know to date at that time. Lastly, I will be attending in-person Area 09's March 10th ASC at Long Beach College in Long Beach, which is being hosted by District 9. Thank you for allowing me to be of service, and still sober because of it.

- **Alternate DCMC (Arrielle T.):** Arrielle, alcoholic & Alt. DCMC for District 5. Totally forgot. I did want to mention at the last area meeting I heard something and received an e-mail saying that AA literature sales have gone down and, all in all, for funding for the area and trickling above. There are some areas like ours, as well, that are going into our reserve a bit. So just encourage and remind our groups of the contributions. Let's all keep AA going for the future alcoholic. Thanks.
- **Treasurer (Greg A.):**
 - Beg. Balance: \$ 4,478.98
 - Total Contributions: \$ 265.17
 - Reimbursement \$ -
 - Total Expenses: \$ 1,038.32
 - End. Balance with Prudent Reserve: \$ 3,440.66
 - End. Balance without \$1,500.00 Prudent Reserve: \$ 1,940.66
- **Registrar (Kyle B.):** We have a new GSR, Scott, welcome, Scott. We had 19 people in person and 3 on Zoom. So, we have a total of 22 in attendance today. We have a visitor, Todd. Welcome Todd. We have Lily M. as a new GSR online. We got Chris West, a new GSR; I thought we did that last month. OK, I'll add you to the list. Thank you for letting me be of service. (Kyle B. was unable to provide the report due to an emergency so Greg A. filled in)
- **Secretary (Ryan P.):** Ryan P, alcoholic. Grateful to be here and grateful to be sober. Let's see. So I sent out the minutes, uh, Monday night, to everybody that was on the contact list. I sent a few other documents on there as well. There're also physical copies which everybody has and there are staples this time. So, is there any corrections that need to be updated? Anything anybody sees before we approve the minutes? I'm a little thorough. So, it gives nobody time to read through everything. I'm kidding, OK, I entertain a motion to accept the minutes as is? Jim L. made a motion. Matt F. seconds the motion. 11 in favor. None opposed. Awesome. Thank you.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Archives (Mitchell B.):** Absent.
- **Grapevine (Chris D.):** Hi everybody, Chris alcoholic. I am your Grapevine rep for GSR. I was off to a rocky start after the election, and I did get an opportunity to speak with a couple of people and go on to the Grapevine website to find some cool information out. So, I just want to make you guys aware. If you aren't already aware, I'd like you guys to spread this word to your meetings in your report, hopefully tomorrow or your next meeting that you attend and see me after the meeting for more information. Did you guys know that Grapevine now has

a catalog? Grapevine offers a catalog and all you must do is visit www.grapevine.org and the catalog comes up. As I was exploring the catalog, I was surprised at how many different books there are. I noticed, I go to a 12 & 12 women's book study, but they have another 12 & 12 that I didn't know about, I was never introduced too. That's a great thing if we are in book studies and looking to maybe try to implement some new suggested ideas and you know, furthering our own education, which is great. I found that very interesting. They have on their website; they have little novelties as well. And there's some small gifts, you know, like all of our slogans. 'Easy does it', 'live and let live'. They're like a 5X7, almost looks like a postcard. And they're very nicely scripted. So they would be nice to, you know, if you're going to host something at your house like an AA function, you know they're only \$6 for the pack. I just found it so interesting what great things Grapevine is doing and you know that shows that they're succeeding in their business because of the subscriptions and everything that we're able to offer. I also noticed that there were some books, you know we have relationships in AA, boy meets girl. I have one book that stuck out to me that I thought would be a good idea. Another book that stuck out to me was on how to make proper amends. Because our sponsors can only teach us so much about how they were taught. But there may be better ways and we should always be open to new ideas. I know when I was a Rep for the Wall Street meeting or the Main Street meeting, 6:00 AM, I was able to encourage a lot of people to send Grapevine Subscriptions. What's great also is they offer English and Spanish. There was some talk on the website that they could go on to other languages as well. So that's always great. Anyways, I look forward to being of service and finding more information out. Please approach me after the meeting and I'll be happy to share the information that I have on my phone. Thank you for letting me be of service.

- **Public Information (Open):** No report.
- **Convention Liaison (Matt D.):** I'm an alcoholic, my names Matt. Couple conventions coming up, one soon, one not so soon that I'm going to talk about. One is the OC convention, March 29th, 30th, 31st. You can register by going to ocaac.org. You can also look on there for the different, all the different events and things like that. I'm also if you are planning on going to the to the OC convention at the end of March we were looking for volunteers to help man the Area 09 General Service table to just sit down with a bunch of maps and literature and stuff and spread the gospel of general service to others walking by Fellowshiping. So I'm going to pass around a sign up sheet if you just happen to be here and planning on being there and we're willing to donate an hour or two to sit at the table. Then I would put your info down on the sheet I pass around. If anyone on Zoom is in that situation would like to volunteer to to man the Area 09 table at the OC convention. I'm logged in on the Zoom so just send me a chat with your info and we'll get back to you when I get with the Area 09 convention liaison and we figure out a schedule for the for the table and then the only other thing was it's our it's 2024 so next year is the big international AA convention which is in Vancouver, Canada. It'll be 10 years between conventions because of something that happened in 2020. So don't miss this opportunity. It could be your last to go to an International Convention. Well, that's pretty bad. Or it could be the first of many chances for you to go to an International Convention. But just for today, you know, who knows? That's all I got. Thanks.
- **H&I Liaison (Lana W.):** Absent.
- **Accessibilities (Open):** No report.
- **C.P.C. (Open):** No report.
- **Intergroup Liaison (Loren V.):** Loren V. alcoholic, Intergroup liaison. No report, but I look forward to giving one next month. Thank you.
- **Newsletter (Open):** No report.
- **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 (Kyle B.):** No report.
- **Literature (Steve C.):** Good evening. I'm Steve. You're District 5 literature representative. I've got good news and bad news. The good news is that I've got the literature safely locked away in the storage cabinet. The bad news is that we don't have the key. So we're working on that. I promise somehow we'll have literature next month for your meetings, if you need any. So good news. All the same news. But anyways, thanks for letting me be a service.
- **Cooperation with Professional Community / CPC (Open):** No report

DCM – Sub District Reports:

- **DCM East Orange (Open):** Hey, I'm Steve. District Committee member for East Orange and I attended a meeting on Tuesday night at 7:00 PM at the First Christian Church in Orange on Walnut. They need some support right now. There are probably about six or seven members, currently. They said we would get a GSR, but we just don't have enough people attending our meeting. So, I said, hey, no worries, I'm going to go to District 5 and encourage our GSRs there to report back to their meetings that the Tuesday night Discussion Group of Tustin, in Orange, needs some support and we'd like to see you there. It's kind of become a regular meeting for me. It's a mixed, closed meeting. So that's my report and thanks for letting me be of service.
- **DCM West Orange (Open):** No report.
- **DCM Santa Ana Alano (Open):** No report.
- **DCM Santa Ana (Open):** No report.
- **DCM Women's Evening (Arrielle T.):** Ariel, alcoholic, I'm sorry for that mix up. There is, I know I mentioned last month as well, a woman's meeting in Tustin called New Beginnings Woman's Topic Discussion Meeting. It's from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. It's on Irvine Blvd. I have a cute little flyer. If you are interested in that meeting, come see me after this meeting or shoot me a message in the chat. I'm active on the Zoom chat. And, I could send you the flyer. Come support. You got a sponsee and/or newcomer who needs a woman's meeting on a Monday night? Let me know; maybe I could pick them up and take them. Thank you.
- **DCM Men's Groups (Mitchell B.):** Absent.
- **DCM North Tustin (Tyson H.):** No report.
- **DCM South Tustin (Matt D.):** I'm an alcoholic. My name is Matt. I am in conjunction with Ty. I'm in the process of deciding what the border of North Tustin and South Tustin is and Vicki may have some old maps and Steve may know this. I'm also hoping to coordinate soon with the registrar for a list of meetings that fall in those areas and then between myself and Ty, we will get a get those meetings taken care of. If in the meantime, you guys, anyone knows of any meeting in Tustin that either don't have GSR representation or have some other kind of issue that may need district guidance on whether it's possible tradition violation or something like that. Please let me know and we will investigate it and give whatever support that we can. Thank you.
- **DCM Friendship Club AM (Chris D.):** No report.
- **DCM Friendship Club PM (Open):** No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Continuing with the open positions from the Elections (Vicki R.)** Vicki talked about the open positions. She started with Friendship Club AM as Chris D asked if she could be the DCM for Friendship Club AM. Everyone voted yes and passed. Chris D is the DCM for Friendship Club AM. Vickie continued reading off the open positions from both the sub-committee positions and standing committee positions.
 - Loren V stated an interest in Public Information, and we had a discussion based on whether he could hold two standing committee positions. Matt D. made a motion for Loren V. to stand for both positions. The motion passed and Loren V is now the Public Information representative.
 - Ryan P. stated interest in the Technologies position. Everyone voted. Motion passed. Ryan P. is the Technology chair now. No other positions were filled.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **The 74th GSC & Agenda Items (Vicki R.)** Vicki went over the GSC also known as a General Service Conference. She explained what the GSC is and what the purpose of it is. She went over the way that AA works through General Service and the different conferences. She explained the agenda items, not individually but generally regarding the GSC.
2. Chris D. stated that she spoke with Darren Poole, the President of the Friendship Club, and he stated that they were very satisfied with the Servathon and stated that District 5 can use the Friendship Club to host events anytime it's needed.

PROGRAM:

1. **The 74th General Service Conference (Vicki R.)** Vicki went over the agenda items, in general. She stated that

they had not been released at the time and she is hoping that they will be released soon. She stated that they should be released between the 15th and the 22nd. Once the agenda items have been translated into 3 languages then the agenda items will be released. On the 15th, depending on how many agenda items are translated, the agenda items that are translated will be released. She went over how the information will go back to our Delegate and then the information will go into a new program called ‘Survey Monkey’.

Questions, Concerns, Suggestions or Problems reported by Attendees: (Vicki R.)

1. Scott P. questioned how to bring the agenda items back to his group. How would you know what agenda items to discuss with your group? Jim L. answered his question by stating that he needs to find out what is important to his group. What his group finds important in the agenda items. Matt D. shared that he brings the agenda items to his group and he puts it out with the literature. He tells everyone to help themselves to the information. Joey P. was called to speak on this subject as well. He stated that he likes to take the agenda items into the meetings steering committee for his group and review the information with them. Greg A. answered stating the same information as Joey P.

Volunteer GSR Report: Isaac M.

Volunteer GSR Report (March): N/A

Motion to Adjourn: Isaac M.

- **Seconded by:** Matt D.
- **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 03-11-2024 6:00 PM**
Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/8970371755?pwd=WFdCdWFBVytCNzVpckROU2h6N0xKQT09>
- **District 5 GSR ‘Hybrid’ Meeting** **Thursday 03-14-2024 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://us02web.zoom.us/j/89539680732?pwd=a0hNQjRNaxl3M01rVXRqNEErV2hUz09>

Meeting ID: 895 3968 0732 // Password: 697774

ANNOUNCEMENTS – AREA 09

Area Service Committee (ASC)

March 10th, 2024. Registration opens at 8:00am. Meeting runs between 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Hosted by District 4 @ Long Beach Collage in Long Beach, CA

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87869569698?pwd=WEVLREQvd2d4N09DbUhjZjE0dFU0dz09>

Meeting ID: 878 6956 9698 Passcode: ASA

Additional information on the Area’s website. www.msca09aa.org