

District 5
Monthly General Service Meeting
MINUTES of September 12th, 2024
Church of the Foothills
19211 Dodge Ave. Santa Ana, CA 92705
<https://District5msca09.com>

ZOOM INFO: 895 3968 0732 / PASSWORD: 06101935

Opening

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

GSR Preamble read by: Jim L.

District 5 Statement of Purpose read by: John R.

Rules read by: Vicki R., DCMC

Introduction of new GSRs and Alt-GSRs: N/A

Tradition 9: Mitchell B.

Volunteer for Tradition 10: Will G.

Concept 9: Tyson H.

Volunteer for Concept 10: Jim L.

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

Visitors: Diedre ?

Total Attendance: 16 Total (14 In-Person / 2 Virtual)

Celebrate Birthdays - September: Mitchell B. - 15 years, Will G. - 17 years, Matt D. - 3 years

OFFICER REPORTS:

DCMC (Vicki R.): Good evening, everyone. My name is Vicki R., and I am an alcoholic, and your District 5 DCMC. I'm grateful to be surrounded by all of you sober being of service alcoholics. I'd like to thank the 6 D5 members who showed up and were a hosting service and participated in the area 9 ASA on Sunday. Those members are; Arrielle T, Lisa H, Steve C, Jim L, Will G and Ryan H. There will be more information about the event itself in the New Business portion of the meeting. Since our last meeting I did attend the area ASC in August. I also attended the Concept Workshop and the Committee Meeting Session. I also participated online with the Archives Committee Meeting. Again, it's been a little busy. That's my report for now. Thank you for allowing me to be of service! It's one of the reasons why I'm still sober today.

Alternate DCMC (Arrielle T.): (Absent) No Report

Treasurer (Greg A.): August 2024 Financials

○ Beg. Balance:	\$ 2,585.26
○ Total Contributions:	\$ 348.13
○ Reimbursement:	\$ 0.00
○ Total Expenses:	\$ 110.37
○ End. Balance with Prudent Reserve:	\$ 2,832.02
○ End. Balance without \$1,500.00 Prudent Reserve:	\$ 1,323.02

Registrar (Kyle B.): Kyle was absent but had Greg A cover for him and that Kyle stated that he has caught up on all the new groups and got them registered with the area. For tonight's meeting, there were 14 in attendance and 2 on Zoom.

Secretary (Ryan P.): (Absent) No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Archives (Mitchell B.): Mitchell mentioned that September of this year is the celebration of 65 years of Area 05. The official formation date is September 7th, 1958. Directly from the recording from Mitchell, "Let me give you a little bit of the history. On September 7th, 1958, the Area 05 Service Assembly in Santa Ana elected a new delegate area. So, it was carved out of what was then known as California Southern Area. So, prior to Area 9, Southern California Area was everything from the Kern County line down the Pacific to the San Diego County border, and then from the Pacific all the way to mostly Arizona, Bakersfield, Blythe, San Bernardino, Riverside County, Los Angeles County, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and all of that was Southern California Area but it started in 1958 then grew to what it is today. The new delegates areas terms start on even years. So, delegates are elected one year from half the area then the second half are elected on even years. And, since the original Southern California was an odd year, our area agreed to be an odd year because San Diego was also an odd year. This gave California area 5 delegates. Now we have 6 because we've added additional. The new area, officially, was designated Southern Coastal California. The nickname was panel 2 because we were like a little brother to Los Angeles. Just prior to this split, the entire Southern California organization was divided into 33 districts, approximately 266 groups. Again, this was 1958. Ten of those districts, like districts 20 through 29 of what was Southern California groups would become this new area which is roughly the geographic area that we have now. There's been a lot of changes in the boundaries over the years. In the very 1st roster in 1958 there were 90 registered groups in our area, and in less than a year that had grown to 105 registered groups, and every registered group had a GSR, and that trend would continue until the 1960's. An important thing to remember is Area 05 was formed because GSRs in these 10 groups came together on September 5th, 1958, and voted to form a new area. The work had begun in 1956, not to get approval from General Service Office, but for General Service Office to say, if the area understands the role of service and you're willing to support a general service structure. Whatever the vote is, they would support it. So, originally it was 105 groups. Actually, to be exact, 90 groups. Those GSRs who showed up and voted, formed a new area, and then out of that they elected a delegate, who was also the chair. They elected a secretary, who was also the treasurer. So, there was only 2 or 3 people in service, very small organization in 58. We didn't officially begin as an area until January 1959. Again, we elected our service members. We began. So technically, this is the 65th year. Now, I realize that's a lot of detail, but I have handouts on the table, and I would recommend taking this back to your groups. Because if you're interested, there's a pamphlet on how AA Came to California. That's the story that we tell. We've got 65 years of Area 9. That's back to the beginning, including a much longer description of this. The 1st meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous on the West Coast. That's a great trivia question. Where was that held? And the answer is not Los Angeles. The last one is 1951. When the General Service Conference was about to begin in the next year. There was an election held in Los Angeles, and it's the history of that 1st election. And if you're a history buff, you'll recognize a lot of names. The people who are early AA in Southern California were there. And it's the whole story about how they elected a delegate. And if people ask the question like, oh, these things were all predestined. Nope. Did everybody agree on the outcomes? Nope. Were people happy about forming the conference? No. But we took an action. We followed through with it. And the results change people's minds. So, take that back to your groups. Because if you're not happy with the way things are now could be, we just need a little bit of time to see how they work themselves out, and if it was a bad idea, you can always change, go a different direction. But our history has shown that people took some risks early. I'll call us anonymous, and that's how we form the structure. If you're interested, those materials are also available off the archive's website. But thanks."

Grapevine (Chris D.): *(Submitted in writing)* This Month marks 1 year anniversary of the Grapevine and LA Vina APP. We currently have over 13,000 subscribers, please remind all your meetings to download the app. You can make purchases for subscription's, Gift subscriptions, access the Grapevine store, shop, grab gifts for sober friends/family/sponsee's at a very low cost. AAgrapevine.org is where you can download the app on your phone, tablet, laptop, It's free! You have the option for basic app or if you choose to purchase anything follow the prompts... It is very easy to navigate and install. It does not take up a lot of storage on your device. Please consider contributing to the 'Carry the Message Project'. Purchase a Grapevine Subscription for a facility that can use the monthly meeting in print. Please contact me for more details. (714) 561-8169. 2025 International Convention Registration is now open, many have already secured their spots for this. Remember to plan in advance for this great international experience. That is all for this month, thank you for allowing to be your Rep, God Bless!

Public Information (Open): No Report

Convention Liaison (Matt D.): My name's Matt, and I'm your Convention Liaison. I went 2 weeks ago to the South Bay Roundup, which is a convention that is not in District 5, but it is in Area 9. Area 9 is huge. And I got to sit at the area 9 table and talk about general service with people. I was able to get away for a few meetings and presentations, and it was really

good stuff. So, conventions are good. I recommend them. Not just because I'm Convention Liaison. but based on my experiences that I've had there. the OC Convention, which is held every year in Costa Mesa, is going to be May 2nd, 3rd, and 4th next year. You can get more information ocac.org. I was just on that site, and it says registration is closed. I have a feeling. It means it's online. Online registration is closed. You can register in person on May 2nd next year. I think it's probably because they just haven't opened it yet, because it's so far in the future. I will confirm that when I go to the planning meeting next week next, if you want to. If you want to be involved in volunteering, or just find out more information about it. The planning meetings are every 3rd Wednesday at 7:30 pm at the Garden Grove Alano Club. Except for December. It's the 2nd Wednesday. You can also go onto that website and put your name in as a volunteer, and then they'll contact you, and you can choose what area you want to volunteer in, and they'll hook you up with the committee chair for that particular committee. Or reach out to you if you want more information on that. Registration is now open for the International Convention in Vancouver next year. July 4th weekend. I forgot the dates. Go to aa.org. And right on the homepage there, there's a link to go register, get a room.

H&I Liaison (Lana W.):

1. Treasures report, \$14,150 balance / 2. Facilities report, email George for clearance packages for OC Sheriffs panels. / 3. Youth guidance / 4. CIM, juvenile meeting are not participation / 5. CIW / 6. Norco, we are guest M-Th nights. New sponsor program coming thru visitation. 1 x per month to meet with inmate to sponsor. / 7. Literature, 8. Literature is for hospital panel not recovery homes. / 9. Open panel report IRC Thursday 6:30-7:30. CIM Chino mens 1st and 3rd Thursdays, must be cleared for Chino. Both panels pivot covered. / 10. Break / 11. Comments or complaints / 12. Director's report. Board meeting today. Literature. Need people to cover panel's especially institutions / 13. Need accurate email addresses in mailing list / 14. Intergroup report. No report / 15. So-Cal HI / 16. GSR report. / 17. OC Intergroup / 18. Facilities report news to be sent. / 19. Birthdays / 20. Adjourned / Hope everyone has a wonderful and safe weekend!!!

Accessibilities (Open): No Report

C.P.C. (Open): No Report

Intergroup Liaison (Loren V.): No Report

Newsletter (Open / Vicki "Sub"): No Report

Website (Open / Vicki "Sub"): No Report

GSR School (Kyle B.): No Report

Literature (Steve C.): Steve went over some pamphlets on the table and also went over the 'group history' form Mitchell left in the same area. He explained the form as a way of showing your groups history. Let the group know that he picked up some Central Office meeting directories and requested that everyone only take one.

- Vicki R. suggested that the meeting directory be given to a newcomer.

Cooperation with Professional Community / CPC (Open): No Report

Technology (Ryan P.): No Report

DCM – Sub District Reports

DCM East Orange (Steve C.): No Report

DCM West Orange (Open): No Report

DCM Santa Ana Alano (Open): No Report

DCM Santa Ana (Open): No Report

DCM Women's Groups (Chris D.): No Report

DCM Men's Groups (Mitchell B.): Mitchell went over went over the Final Conference Report that has been released. He stated how he wanted more copies for GSRs to take back to their groups. He explained that the trustees' inventories are in the book as requested. He made a point that this would be a good reference guide for groups to take their own inventories. Or better, 'How to Take an Inventory'. He goes over a few other exciting facts from the book like the delegates page and how AA works in different parts of the country and world.

DCM North Tustin (Tyson H.): No Report

DCM Tustin (Matt D.): No Report

DCM Friendship Club – AM & PM (Chris D.) – Submitted electronically / Vicki read Chris' electronic version: The remodel is about 95% complete. The club is open for all scheduled meetings. It's absolutely beautiful inside, please come by and check out. We will be having a remodel Grand opening Sunday, October 6, 2024, from 1-4 pm. We will be having a Potluck, and vendors. If you are interested in being a vendor for this event, please contact me and we will share details, there is no cost to have a booth. We are always looking to add members at FC, the cost is \$55.00 a year, we accept cash, checks or

Venmo for yearly membership. We have blocks you can purchase with your sobriety date and artwork for a one-time cost of \$45.00. After my hip surgery I plan to continue speaking to all secretaries about GSR donations on a regular basis. This is a lot of work, as we have so many meetings. But my goal is to help educate the secretaries of the importance of regular donations to GSR. Thank you for allowing me to be your Friendship Club DCM.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Continuance of Standing Committee and DCM “Open” positions. (Vicki R., DCMC)

2. Purchase of T-Shirts for D5 Hosted Event Volunteers – Update (Vicki R., DCMC)

- Vicki R. let members know that there was not enough time to order them for MSCA09 September ASA, and has not had the time to check further into the cost of the t-shirts. Mitchell B. likes the “D5” logo and thinks the t-shirts are a good idea. Matt D. has one of the original t-shirts, but did not buy it. Vicki R. explained the scenario regarding the original order of t-shirts for volunteers and that those volunteers had the opportunity to purchase theirs. If volunteer chose not to, they were to return it to D5 after the event. Going forward, if D5 t-shirts are ordered and members want to keep one, they would have the opportunity to purchase it. Otherwise, volunteer t-shirts would need to be returned.
- As of this meeting, D5 has no upcoming events. Therefore, the quantity, design, and ordering of t-shirts is a task to be completed at a future date.

3. District 5 Inventory (Vicki R., DCMC)

- Major discussion amongst members regarding inventory questionnaire. Based on discussion, comments, questions / answers, and suggestions, Vicki R. will create inventory questionnaire with two (2) questions (Pro and Con). It will be provided to members at the Oct. 10th meeting for the “Program” portion of the meeting. Members can decide whether to take it back to their group or not. If they choose to do so, requested it be turned back in by/for Nov. 14th.
 - ‘How is District 5 doing?’
 - Where do we, District 5, need to improve?’

NEW BUSINESS:

1. D5’s Hosting of MSCA09’s September 8th ASA Meeting Event (Recap) – Vicki R., DCMC

- Vicki R. let members know that except for a few glitches, all went great. Expressed that she would have liked more D5 representation there. Thanked those volunteers who showed up and helped. Gave report on approximate cost of event. Let members know that the district / area was not charged for tables and chairs, saving the district / area approximately \$300.00.

PROGRAM: 2024 Pacific Regional Forum Report Back – Vicki R., DCMC (Tabled from last month)

- No “Program” due to lack of meeting time. – *To be Tabled*

Questions, Concerns, Suggestions or Problems reported by Attendees:

- 1. Bob M:** What is the location of the Area’s ASC at Long Beach College – Vicki R. gave him Bldg. (“T”) & Rm. (“T-1200”) info.
- 2. Vicki R.:** Let group know that she was only able to get three (3) hard copies of the “74th GSC Final Report” at the Area’s Sept. ASA meeting, She asked how many others would like hard copies. Bob M., Diedra ?, and ?? want hard copies. She will add a couple additional ones, which will be part of the order that Mitchell B. will be ordering for his use. D5’s approximate cost: $5 \times \$3.50 = \17.50
- 3. Steve C.:** Will be out of town during D5’s Oct. 10th meeting. Requested coffee and cake volunteers. Mitchell B. volunteered to be coffee maker, and Vicki R. volunteered to bring cake.

GSR Report: No report due to lack of time.

Volunteer GSR Report (October): N/A

Motion to Adjourn: John R.

Seconded by: Loren V.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

DISTRICT 5 – OCTOBER:

- District 5 Steering CommitteeMon. 10-07-24 6:00pm
Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8970371755>
Meeting ID: 897 037 1755 // Passcode: 06101935
- District 5 GSR ‘Hybrid’ MeetingThurs. 10-10-24 7:00pm* - 8:30pm
*6:30pm New GSRs Orientation (In-Person Only)
In-Person: Church of the Foothills – 19211 Dodge Ave., Santa Ana (North Tustin) 92705
Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8970371755>
Meeting ID: 897 037 1755 // Passcode: 06101935

AREA 09 – SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER:

- MSCA09 Service Manual Workshop (Ch. 8 & 9).....Thurs. 09-19-24 6:00pm – 7:00pm
 - Chapter 8 / “The General Service Board” – Scott H., Class B GSB Chair
 - Chapter 9 / “The Board’s Operating Corporations” – Billy N., Past GSC Trustee
- MSCA09 Committee Sharing SessionThurs. 09-19-24 7:15pm – 8:15pm
Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87366078505>
Meeting ID: 873 6607 8505 // Passcode: Area09p74
- MSCA09 Area Service Committee (ASC) – Hosted by D21Sun. 10-13-24 9:00am – 3:00pm
Registration: 8:00am – 8:59am
In-Person: Long Beach City College (Building “T” / Room “T-1200”) - 4901 East Carson Avenue, Long Beach, CA
Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89661666203>
Meeting ID: 896 6166 6203 // Passcode: P74service

OTHER - September:

- OC INTERGROUP ANNUAL BBQ.....Sun. 09-22-24 12:00pm – 3:00pm
Location: Tewinkle Park (Shelter 1) - 970 Arlington Dr., Costa Mesa, CA 92626

For more info: <https://www.oc-aa.org/>

