

District 5
Monthly General Service Meeting
MINUTES of October 10, 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: Scott P.

District 5 Statement of Purpose read by: Lien L.

Rules read by: Vicki R.

Introduction of new GSRs and Alt-GSRs: Anne K. 902 Meeting in Villa Park

Tradition 10: Will G.

Volunteer for Tradition 11: Matt D.

Concept 10: Jim L.

Volunteer for Concept 11: Lien L.

Introductions of all in attendance – GSRs, District Officers and Visitors: Visitors; Mark ? (Area 05 / District 3 Committee Chair for ?), and Bert ?. (Area 05 / District 3 GSR from Pasadena for the Rainbow Room)

Total Attendance: 23 Total (19 In-Person / 4 Virtual)

Celebrate Birthdays - October: Greg A. 39 yrs

OFFICER REPORTS:

DCMC (Vicki R.): Good evening, everyone! My name is Vicki R., I am your alcoholic District 5 DCMC. And I'm grateful to be surrounded by all of you sober 'being of service' alcoholics. I'm happy to report that the District 5 Inventory questionnaire was approved during our Monday night Steering Committee meeting, that it has now been finalized, and that it is now the "Program" portion of tonight's meeting. Based on the latter, I'll move onto the following portion of my report.

- 1. 74TH GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE – FINAL REPORT:** An order of 5 hard copies was placed with Mitchell B. right after the ending of our Sept. 12th meeting. I'll have him give you an update as to when they may be received.
- 2. AREA NEWS:** The next Area meeting is an ASC and is this Sunday, Oct. 13th, at the Long Beach City College - Bldg. "T" / Rm "T-1200" – located at 4901 E. Carson Ave., Long Beach. This meeting is the "Q&A" opportunity for any applicable motions that were submitted and made part of the meeting's agenda. Their November meeting is their "Servathon" and is being held on Saturday, Nov. 17th at the Norma Hertzog Community Center in Costa Mesa. This is a great opportunity to learn what the Area's "being of service" looks like with a whole lot of fun thrown in. Event flyers have been provided.
- 3. AAWS NEWS:** It was recommended by the AAWS Publishing Committee that the initial print run of the "Plain Language Big Book: A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous" be 70,000 copies with a list price of \$11.00. They also recommended that the e-book version be listed at the price of \$11.99.
- 4. HALLOWEEN EVENTS:** For those who may be looking for sober Halloween events to attend, be sure to check out Orange County Central Office's events webpage (<https://www.oc-aa.org/events/>) as there are several listed.

On that 'ghostly' note, along with continuing to be of service as the Area's Communications Committee Chair, this is

what my 'Being of Service' calendar looked like since our Sept. 12th meeting:

- Sept. 19th (Virtually): MSCA09 Service Manual Workshop and Committee Sharing Session - The virtual workshop was, once again, very informative. Scott H., our Class B General Service Board Chair, spoke about "Chapter 8: The General Service Board". Unfortunately, Billy N., one of our Past General Service Conference Trustees, who was scheduled to speak about "Chapter 9 – The Board's Operating Corporations" was unable to due to his flight being delayed. For those interested, a recording of Scott's report will be available on Area 09's website (<https://msca09aa.org/>) at a later date.
- Sept. 21st (Virtually): MSCA09 Archives Committee Meeting – I presume our District 5 Archivist Chair, Mitchell B., will be reporting about this meeting during his report.
- Oct. 7th (Virtually): District 5 Steering Committee Meeting - Chaired meeting. 5 were in attendance. We discussed and decided upon old business, new business, and a program topic for tonight's meeting agenda.

Are there any questions? If not, thank you for allowing me to be of service. As always...it's one of the reasons why I'm still sober today!

Alternate DCMC (Arrielle T.): No Report

Treasurer (Greg A.):

- Beg. Balance: \$ 2,823.02
- Total Contributions: \$ 216.34
- Reimbursement \$ 1,791.34
- Total Expenses: \$ 1,899.20
- End. Balance with Prudent Reserve: \$ 2,931.50
- End. Balance without \$1,500.00 Prudent Reserve: \$ 1,431.50

Registrar (Kyle B.): (Absent) Greg A. filled in for Kyle B. There were 19 people in attendance and 4 virtual for a total of 23 people.

Secretary (Ryan P.): Ryan P. went over the August minutes for approval. The August minutes passed. Then he went over September minutes for approval. The minutes for September were approved. He went over July's minutes and explained the situation with them. He stated that his OneDrive kept deleting the saved minutes. He has to start them over but will have them available by the following month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Archives (Mitchell B.): Good evening. My name is Mitchell. I'm an alcoholic, District five archivist. I made some pamphlets at the table from last month. I brought in a lot of material last month, so I sort of apologize for the volume, but a lot of it is history of Area 09. One pamphlet in particular, actually originally from Area 05. They did the original printing in 1986, and we've been reprinting it. It is the origin of how Alcoholics Anonymous started in Los Angeles, which sounds a little bit like myth, except it's based on real people, and we can verify dates and times. It is an odd story, and it is an interesting thing to share with your groups. Having said that, I am working on the Servathon for next month with the area Alternate Delegate. We will have a room in the facility which we will share about the 1951 General Service Conference. An important feature about the first General Service Conference. It was the first time an A.A. conference was being held. We had a delegate from Los Angeles attend, part of one of the early areas to elect a Delegate, and one of 38 people who were part of the conference at that time. In numbers relative to today, there were 134 voting members at the 2024 74th GSC, so 1951 was much smaller. But the details that the conference established and the structures we recognize to this day started with the 1951 conference. There were only six agenda items for the very first and one of them was actually create a review for literature and then determine what literature would be published by General Service Office. Hence the phrase "conference approved literature" actually began in 1951. One of the very first considerations that they looked at and approved in 1952 was the printing of a project that Bill W. was working on, which turned out to be the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions book. So that was actually the first book approved for the General Service Conference. In 1951 they approved Bill's project. In 1952 delegates saw and reviewed the edition (manuscript), and it was approved for printing, and then it was released, distributed in 1953. You'll be able to see some of these original documents in photocopies from the conference. And I don't want to give away a surprise, but if you come, bring your camera, you'll be able to take a photograph of something that's A.A. specific. People will like it. I will stop at that point, because I do want to make it seem like a "cliffhanger", but people are going to like it. So, you know, please attend. The Servathon is meant to get an opportunity to understand how committees work for those who have general service works, and the Archives would be bringing histories of the area and the way we do services.

Grapevine (Chris D.): Hi, everybody! Chris. Alcoholic. Good to see you here. Good to be here. Good to be seen, not viewed. Alright. So, for this month, for our grapevine. Everybody knows what grapevine is. Right. It is a monthly worldwide magazine in print or in digital copy. If you do not already have the app then take out your smartphone and go to all lowercase, aagrapevine.org and download the app for grapevine, it's free. It will let you elect, if you would like to add things on for purchase, but the general app is free. You can access archived issues; Pam was a great example to talk

about that. She was able to access some old issues that she had written in. And speaking of, which grapevine is always looking for new stories to publish, we all have a different story, guys. None of us have the exact same story. I know for myself, I've had some downtime this past year and it ran through my mind a lot, but I didn't push the button yet, but I think that we should all start considering getting our stories on paper and get it into grapevine, because we never know who whose lives we can affect or touch. So, there are stories in here, tons of them. You could take your step work and turn it into your story that way. You're not forced to write a long story, just a suggestion. That's what I want anyways, moving forward. That is also where you could locate the address. The site to upload your story is at aagrapevine.org, and it will navigate you through. If you have any issues, questions, or concerns, I'm happy to be of assistance. Grapevine has a workbook for grapevine reps and meetings. I'm a district grapevine rep, but there's a workbook for a meeting level and district level that could help you navigate with resources, reaching out suggestions and just everyday tools that you could be using to keep your meetings in touch with, and all the good news that's going on. Grapevine app has a link for the International Convention, so you could do all your booking through your grapevine app. 1st International Convention is not for free, but the link is free to get you to the International Convention. I can't push enough, but I know I mention this monthly, and we are nearing the end of the year. There is a Carry the Message Project through grapevine, and it is gifting a grapevine subscription, either digital or in print, to a facility of your choice. It will be a tax write off for you. They'll get a receipt to where you could claim that on your taxes as a donation to the facility. So, you know, take into consideration when we're out there shopping or unsure what to do with all our extra money now that we're sober. They're great holiday gifts as well. All right, that's all for this month. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Public Information (Chris W.): No report.

Convention Liaison (Matt D.): The next convention is coming up on November 8th, 9th and 10th at the Pacific Palms Resort in the City of Industry. You can go to aasocal.com to register and get more information. Next, on May 2nd, 3rd and 4th is the Orange County Convention. The website is now up, and you can go online to register and get tickets for the banquet. You can also sign up to volunteer and book a room. The rooms are \$149 at the Costa Mesa Hilton. The website is OCAAC.org. July is the International Convention in Vancouver, BC, CA. It's through the 2nd to the 10th. You can go to AA.org to register and get more information.

H&I Liaison (Lana W.): Lana stated that her monthly meeting was coming up and that she would have a report for us next month.

Accessibilities (Open): No report.

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

Intergroup Liaison (Loren V.): I'm Loren. I'm an alcoholic and your Intergroup Liaison. So, as I missed this meeting, I also missed the last Intergroup. But, good news, there was no old business, and there's almost no new business so that's not so bad. What we were working on, though, is a bunch of new nomination for board members. I'm not going to bore you with the new names and the new positions or the people that have been volunteered, or their name for the positions for next month. New board nominations will come out anyways. The book sales are strong. However, as we know, a lot of money isn't made on the books we basically charge, you know our price. So, I learned that contributions were down a little bit as far as for Intergroup, and in general, and I think what they were saying is that, like only 1/7th of the registered meetings are donating to Central Office, which for me is mind blowing because I just figured that it would be more. So, as always, Central Office needs volunteers and 3-hour shifts Monday through Friday. I guess AA's Facebook page is hard to find is what I've been told. If you guys are looking for it, and you guys cannot find it, I have a QR code here. Once again on the lifeline deal. They're always taking artwork stories and any kind of creative artwork poems and any of that stuff. They'd love to hear our stories. They would love for us to submit them. And actual birthdays, too, we can put birthdays in there as well. So, if you want to put your birthday, someone else's birthday. This kind of brings more of us into Lifeline for everybody. I guess the convention is no longer at the end of April, on Easter. It is on May 2nd, 3rd and 4th which is good news, but also with that is, they're suspecting that because it's no longer on Easter, there's going to be so many more people that are going to be available to go. That means tables, rooms, everything. They're expected to get snatched up quick. They say, do not wait like we typically do for the last minute. Get on it. Get your rooms, get your tables. Getting your registrations in on time is of the essence. There's a lot going on April 26th. There's a Dj and dancing. Districts 4 and 18 are having a Halloween costume party on 10/26, 6pm to 11pm. All these events are going to have food costing prices. District 12 presents Traditions Day, Saturday, November 9th, 2024, from 11am to 2 pm. Thank you. Again, Loren.

Newsletter (Open): Vicki is working on the current edition to keep the newsletter going. This commitment is open.

Website: (Open) Vicki is constantly updating the website, so be sure to check it out frequently for any new information. This position is open.

GSR School (Kyle B. Greg A.- Sub): We had 2 new GSR's. Lilly D and Anna. This commitment is open.

Literature (Steve C.): Absent

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.): As you guys all know I've had a crazy year, and I feel like I'm struggling with this commitment. So, if any ladies in the room are interested and have the time to maybe assist in this position. I would love some help as I, you know, navigate through some transitions that I'm going through. That's all I have for now. Thank you.

DCM Men’s Groups (Mitchell B.): No report.

DCM North Tustin (Tyson H.): Absent.

DCM Tustin (Matt D.): No report.

DCM Friendship Club – AM & PM (Chris D.): Chris alcoholic. I'm the District Committee member for the Orange Friendship Club, AM and PM. To those of you that have never joined in there. I did the math and counted up that we have a hundred 6 meetings that are held every week at the Orange Friendship Club. That's a lot of meetings. And you know we were trying to find coverage and help, and we just went through a remodel, and we had an event last Sunday. It was awesome. They smoked, I think, 40 or 45 pounds of tri-tip. There were all kinds of fun, yummy sides and an ungodly amount of desserts. There were tons of people there, the camaraderie, the fellowship. It was amazing. We had some cool vendors there. Moving forward on November 3rd we are having our annual Chili Cook Off if you guys are interested in becoming a contestant then just speak to the coffee bar at the Orange Friendship Club. Everybody like my shirt? One of our vendors made me this shirt that she shows up to all the events there. She sells a lot of cool sobriety swag and anything that you kind of need to put in slack, which is great. This month is a reminder to get your checkups, folks. But hiccup on December 8th at the Orange Friendship Club. We are going to have what we call, or we're calling a holiday bazaar and it's going to be a potluck style again. Bring your favorite sides or holiday cookies. We're going to be selling a lot of gift novelties. So, if you have to do any shopping for the holidays. That will be a great place to do it. We'll have jewelry again. Our T-shirt, sales, mugs, water bottles, swag, whatever you need. Then we, the Friendship Club, can sell you a brick. It's a you know, good size brick for \$45. You choose your design. Your name, 1st and last name, and your sobriety date goes up on it. So, it's visible for everybody to see and it's you know, like I call it the pre-tattoo brick, you know. We put the brick up rather than consider putting the sobriety dates on our bodies in a tattoo form. That's a great place to start with the bricks, and they're only \$45, and those are available for sale at the club's coffee bar. That's all I have for you guys. Thanks again.

OLD BUSINESS: (Vicki R.)

1. Continuance of Open Positions

- Public Information (P.I.): Chris W. stepped up and offered to take the Standing Committee position of P.I. (Public Information). There was a vote with simple majority and Chris W. was approved.
- Women’s Groups: Pam D. volunteered for the DCM position of Women's Groups. There was a vote with simple majority being the ruling and Pam D. was approved.

2. Purchase of T-Shirts for D5 Hosted Event Volunteers – *Tabled to a future D5 meeting.*

3. District 5 Inventory – *Moved to “Program” portion of the meeting.*

4. 2024 Pacific Regional Forum Report Back (Vicki R.)

- Based on forum’s “July” event date, no verbal report was given. Report is located on D5 website. An electronic version is available upon request.

NEW BUSINESS:

- No New Business

PROGRAM: District 5 Inventory Questionnaire (Vicki R.)

- Vicki went over the District 5 Inventory Questionnaire with everyone present at the meeting. She explained how our 'Zoomers' can access the document electronically and how our 'Zoomers' can turn it in. She gave hard copies to those present, and 15 minutes to review and answer. Those on Zoom are given the choice to either send a copy by email to dmc@district5msca09.com or they can mail it to PO Box 3374, Tustin, CA 92781. Vicki let everyone know that we, District 5 Board Members, will have reviewed the questionnaires and will have a final resolution by our December 12th monthly business meeting.

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

John R. made an announcement stating that the Tustin Rush Hour meeting will now be held 7 days a week at Church of the Foothills in Santa Ana in the man hall. The reason he came up and made this announcement is because the Tustin Rush Hour was held at the Ugly Mug in Orange off Glassell every Saturday and Sunday. Monday through Friday it was held at Church of the Foothills. He mentioned that there will still be an Ugly Mug meeting held on Saturday and Sunday for those who like going to the Ugly Mug.

Volunteer GSR Report: Pam T.

Volunteer GSR Report (November): Chris W.

Motion to Adjourn: Scott P.

Seconded by: Chris 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.

