

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

**Zoom Info: <https://zoom.us/j/8970371755?pwd=WFdCdWFBVvtCNzVpckROU2h6N0xKOT09>**  
**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:** Curt B.

**Rules read by:** Vicki R.

**Introduction of new GSRs and Alt-GSRs:** Mike H. Sunday Morning 902 in Villa Park

**Tradition 12:** Steve C.

**Next Month's Volunteer for Tradition 1:** Chris D.

**Concept 12:** Vicki R.

**Next Month's Volunteer for Concept 1:** Matt D.

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

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

**Celebrate Birthdays - December:** Ryan P., 5 Yrs 12/1/19

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

**DCMC (Vicki R.):** Good evening, everyone! My name is Vicki R., and I am your alcoholic District 5 DCMC. I am grateful to be surrounded by all of you sober 'being of service' alcoholics. Happy "Holidays" to all! Because a lot of the information and action items that I could share during my DCMC report are a part of tonight's agenda, I will wait until we address them to share and add my 'voice'. That will help keep my DCMC report as short and brief as possible. There are two items that are not on our agenda tonight, which are:

**1.** MSCA09's Nov. 17th Servathon held at the Norma Hertzog Community Center in Costa Mesa - Because it was such great, fun, and a 'whole lot going on' event, I won't share it all. However, I will share that lots of members within Area 09 showed up in-person, and in 50's style outfits, to be a part of it. Of those, five were D5 members – Jim L., Chris & Lili W., Matt D., and me.

· The two main speakers' shares were wonderful. And I'm so glad I had the opportunity to hear them.

· A map was provided, which the attendee would take to each of the Area committee's tables to learn what that committee does, and then have their map stamped afterwards. Those that had their map completely stamped received a raffle ticket to be entered in a 50/51 drawing.

· Two of our own D5 members (Chris W. and Matt D.) were "Scratch-Off" ticket winners, which my Area 09 "Communications Committee" commitment had as our Servathon game. And...just in case you're wondering, they had to pick their own ticket. Our own D5 member, Mitchell B., was kind enough to donate various archival books, DVDs, etc., that the Area's Archives had additional non-needed copies of as my committee's game prizes. Winners got to choose which archival item they wanted to have, which caused a few a whole lot of decision-making time because there were so many great choices.

· One of the most impressive Area committee displays was the "Archives" room. WOW! Between all the various display tables within the room, they even had cardboard stand-ups of Bill W. and Dr. Bob for a photo opportunity. Hopefully, Mitchell B., D5's Archives Chair and Area 09's Archivist will share more about the Archives display.

· Lastly, because it was such a busy non-stop kind of day, I was exhausted by the time I got home and couldn't get out of my 50's outfit, black wig included, fast enough and into my comfy pjs. But I am so glad I didn't miss it.

**2.** MSCA09 Dec. 8th ASC held at the Lake Community Center in Lake Elsinore

This is what my 'Being of Service' calendar looked like since our Nov. 14th meeting:

- Nov. 17th (In-Person): MSCA09 "Servathon" / Costa Mesa
- Nov. 23rd (Virtually): MSCA09 Archives Committee Meeting
- Dec. 8th (In-Person): MSCA 09 ASC Meeting / Lake Elsinore
- Dec. 9th (Virtually): District 5 Steering Committee Meeting

In addition to the participation of the above meetings, I updated D5's website, worked with our treasurer on D5's 2025 Financial Forecast and 2024 Actuals, and updated the copy that I have of D5's GSR & Meeting Group database to be as current as possible. That's my report for now. An electronic version will be emailed out with the other provided District 5 reports. 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.):** Arrielle mentioned that she will have to step down from her position as Alt. DCMC. She is moving away and can no longer keep the commitment. She sent her apologies.

**Treasurer (Greg A.): November 2024 Financials**

o Beg. Balance:	\$3,172.34
o Total Contributions:	\$ 454.09
o Reimbursement:	\$ -0-
o Total Expenses:	\$ 526.76
o End. Balance with Prudent Reserve:	\$3,099.67
o End. Balance without \$1,500.00 Prudent Reserve:	\$1,599.67

**Registrar (Open) Greg A. filled in.** 21 in person and 4 on Zoom for a total of 25 in attendance. Among those, we had 1 new GSR named Mike H.

**Secretary (Ryan P.):** Ryan P. went over the minutes for November and asked the people for any corrections needed. With no corrections needed, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes as is. Chris D. made the motion and Matt D. seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as is.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Archives (Mitchell B.):** Good evening. My name is Mitchell. I am an alcoholic. District 05 archivist, I brought handouts about the history of printing Big Books. As we move into 2025, we will have the opportunity to get new editions for both the English and the Spanish Big Books - fifth edition English Big Book and a fourth edition Spanish. The deadline or the anticipation date of that is still open. My understanding is general service would really like the opportunity to distribute copies of the new books during the 2025 International Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia in July. The date for publication release for most major literatures is usually around October or November of the year. There could be copies available in July, and then more copies in October. This is an important time to perhaps remind the members of your group how to earlier big books came about, how long between editions there was the text. The history of printing has been different depending on the addition. So, planning for a fifth edition began as a request from a member in 2018 but that motion was not included as a preliminary agenda item; it was not included in the formal agenda. The Trustees Literature committee at the time thought it was a little premature to start talking about the edition. That same request was resubmitted in 2019, and it was added to the Trustee's agenda that was considered. Work began in 2022 and was a call for stories. And now the committee that is working on the English Big Book and is in the end part of that evaluation process. The numbers are still a little large, but they receive something on the order of either 2500 or almost 5000 individual stories for consideration for the new book, and they have to reduce that down to a final number of 20. The Trustee's committee is also considering which stories in the current big book might be removed to include new stories. And so, the big question that your members might ask, "Can I see a copy of the draft?" Unfortunately, no. The Trustee's committee is working on that. Even the delegates will not have a chance to see this year's conference, but they will vote to approve or return to Trustee's Committee, if it's close to being published, and whether to bring it forward for publication. Question: "Can I vote on which stories are we going to be added?" Unfortunately, no. The Trustees committee makes those decisions with input from members and delegates and prior work. Members want to know, "Are we going to be able to vote on whether or not we accept the book and the conference approves that?" No. It is the delegates for the trustees' committees that are working with this. I think the literature committee may have access to a draft they may be looking through the draft. A really important thing to remember, to share with your groups - the first 164 pages, Dr Bob's nightmare, Bill's story, doctor's opinion, and the original forwards and preface from the first fourth edition. Those are going to remain identical to the fourth edition. There are no changes in that text. There will be a new preface because the book has changed, and that is what a preface does. It explains what is different about this book. There is going to be a new forward for the fifth edition. In the Fifth Edition Big Book the first 164 is going to be the same. It is the stories that follow that may change. So, we shall see what the changes will be. See "A Brief History of the Big Book" (F-166) (<https://www.aa.org/brief-history-big-book>)

**Grapevine (Chris D.):**

- 1- There are multiple subscriptions available: US, Canada, International - Print, & online
- 2- Great gifts for holidays, sponsees, sponsors, Dr's offices,
- 3- The Grapevine shop is offering free shipping thru 12/31. Visit the shop and pick up some great sobriety products
- 4- La Vina subscriptions will increase January 1, 2025 - Please see me for increase amounts.
- 5- Please take time to listen to Audio Stories from Young People in AA.

There are American Sign Language videos available for the hearing impaired.

If you have any questions about Grapevine, please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you for letting me be of service.

**Public Information (Chris W.):** Hello, my name is Chris W., and it is a privilege to serve on the District Five Public Information Committee. You have flyers for our Monthly "PI Connection Call." Staying PI Ready, and on the back is the QR code to join the District 5 PI WhatsApp Private group to get all the updated information: Reports, Agenda, Minutes, "PI Connection call" topics and Speaker's, PI workshops scheduled and more. Please Join.

**The purpose of the Public Information committee is to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the still suffering alcoholic. We achieve this by making our presence known to the individuals, community groups and interested parties affected by alcoholism. We also have the task of keeping our own Fellowship members informed and up to date on events and activities**

### **servicing AA Public Information locally.**

We meet each month 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 5pm PST on zoom. Called “The PI Connection call” Opportunity to discuss and plan our efforts and celebrate PI Victories and challenges. On each call we will have a guest speaker to share their PI experience and or facilitate a workshop. We can choose a variety of PI Topics that the committee is most interested in. There are open positions in the Committee. This is where we need your involvement and commitment. We are hoping for this to grow organically.

Last Month we had seven people in attendance on the “PI Connection Call” Our guest speaker was Kimberley C from Toronto Canada sharing her PI experience. This month next Thursday’s “PI Connection Call” we have Christina from Berkley formally from Temecula to share her PI Journey specifically with the High School Panels. She and I had a great in-depth conversation this week. She changes my conception on many key points. I felt very inspired by Christina. That is the recurring experience I keep having with many others regarding PI. I meet informally with two on the OC Alanon board members PI Chair and H&I Chair for conversation about High School panels and other PI opportunities. All agreeing this is something good for the schools to have let's continue the conversation. Also attended the OC Alanon Intergroup Business meeting. Brief mention of the High School panels and conversation we had. Well received. Reached out to the Area 09 PI Chair Ernesto M. Good talk with Ernesto although he is stepping down. I will reach out to His replacement to invite to our next PI Connection call. Talked to David B former PI Chair for OCAA Intergroup. He first introduced me to the High School Panels years ago. He is very well informed and shared documents to help us. I Went to District 15 monthly business mtg to share about District 5 PI. One of the AA Panel speakers on the most recent High School panel was there. Very serendipitous. Their PI position is Open. I shared with them I would be able to help them as much or as little as they like to get a PI Committee up and running for District 15 and of course I invited them to Dist. 5 “PI Connection Call.”

**There is still much work ahead.** Like processing the 52 Questions from the last set of Panels. I rather do that collectively than just by myself to get a better range of answers. Schedule more schools, Train more Panel Moderators and fill open positions on the PI Committee. Looking at the several different school board meetings in District 5 to begin presenting our PI resources for them. This will probably be something for the new year. I have not attended any yet. Let’s see what service opportunities 2025 bring. My Service Sponsor has directed me to update my service resume. See where I can be most useful.

**Convention Liaison (Matt D.):** Conventions coming up:

- Inland Empire Alcoholic Convention April 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> @ the Soboba Hotel & Casino
- OCAAC – You, AA Member, can go online to OCAAC.org and find out all the information you need to know like how to book a room and how to register for the banquet.
- International AA Convention July 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> in Vancouver, BC, Canada. You can go to AA.org and find out all the information you will need to know like how to register and how to get across the border with past convictions.

**H&I Liaison (Lana W.):** Absent - **Chris W.** stepped in and stated that they need more attendance and stated that the meeting starts at 6:30 for orientation.

**Accessibilities (Open):** No report.

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

**Intergroup Liaison (Loren V.):** No report.

**Newsletter (Open):** No report.

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

**GSR School (Open):** **Chris W. filled in:** We had 1 new GSR - Mike H. w/ 902 Group in Villa Park. GSR School commitment is open.

**Literature (Steve C.):** Steve went over a few of the items available to those at the meeting.

**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.

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**DCM Women’s Groups (Pam D.):** Absent – No report.

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

**DCM North Tustin (Tyson H.):** No report.

**DCM Tustin (Matt D.):** Matt stated that there is a committee for South Tustin. If you would like to be a part of the committee, then follow up with Matt D.

**DCM Friendship Club – AM & PM (Chris D.):** No report.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Continuance of Open Positions & Purchase of D5 T-Shirts (Vicki R.)** – *Tabled until next meeting.*

2. **Purchase of T-Shirts for D5 Hosted Event Volunteers (Vicki R.)** – *Tabled until future meeting.*

3. **District 5 Inventory (Vicki R.):** Vicki let attendees know that 11 questionnaires were returned. Based on those returned, she went over in detail the “2024 District 5 Inventory Compilation of (11) Returned Questionnaires” document, including the “Likert” scale portion of it, that she had created and provided via electronic and hard copies of. She explained what we can do to better as a whole in those areas where the scale was low and asked for other’s comments and suggestions. Comments and suggestions were made by others.

- District 5 “2025” Financial Forecast (Vicki R. and Greg A.):** Vicki and Greg went over the Financial Forecast for 2024. Answered numerous questions about the past year’s budget and where the money has come from and gone too. They then had a motion to pass the Financial Forecast and had a second on that motion. The motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- District 5 Officer Positions (Vicki R.):** Vicki notified group that, due to work and other commitments, Kyle B. has stepped down from the Registrar position. She went over the 2 officer’s positions now available because of losing our Alt. DCMC and our Registrar. No one took either position. It was tabled till the following month. Also discussed how to get the items back from the prior Registrar and GSR School.
- Church of the Foothills “2025” Rent Increase (Vicki R.):** Church of the Foothills is raising the monthly rental rate. Starting January 1<sup>st</sup>, we are going from \$76 a month to \$90 per month. The last increase was the prior year and was \$10. There was a motion made by Scott P. and Seconded by Paty R.O. The motion passed by simple majority.
- 75<sup>th</sup> (2025) GSC Agenda Items (Vicki R.):** Due to lack of time, tabled until next month.
- MSCA09’s Monthly Meetings (Vicki R.):** Due to lack of time and, also, lack of information from Area 09, Vicki was only able to give limited information regarding the new hosting scenario of Area09’s 2025 monthly meetings and that District 5 was noted as being one of the co-hosts of the Area’s Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> ASA meeting. She will provide more information at next month’s meeting.

**PROGRAM:**

- No Program due to Time (Vicki R.)

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

**Volunteer GSR Report:** No Time

Volunteer GSR Report (December): No Time

**Motion to Adjourn:** Ryan P.

**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.”**

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**IMPORTANT DATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DISTRICT 5 – JANUARY 2025:**

- District 5 Steering Committee.....** Mon. 01-06-25 6:00pm  
Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8970371755>  
Meeting ID: 897 037 1755 // Passcode: 06101935
- District 5 GSR ‘Hybrid’ Meeting .....** Thurs. 01-09-25 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 – JANUARY 2025:**

- MSCA09 Area Service Assembly (ASA) - Hosted by D5-8-10-15-24** Sun. 01-12-25 9:00am – 3:00pm  
8:00am: Registration and Continental Breakfast  
In-Person: YLCC / More info to follow  
Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89661666203?pwd=WQAQbswqxDwlCmbiMI852nxfbUJBA.1>  
Meeting ID: 89661666203 // Passcode: P74service