

DRAFT Minutes January 18, 2023

ZOOM MEETING: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81358831671>

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General Service Area 09, District 08

Corona, Jurupa Valley, Mentone, Moreno Valley, Norco, Redlands, Riverside, Yucaipa

and participation with meetings in District 11 boundary

Big Bear, Bloomington, Blue Jay, Colton, Crestline, Fontana, Grand Terrace, Highland, Lake Arrowhead, Loma Linda, Rialto, Running Springs, San Bernardino

Call to Order with Serenity Prayer by Jerry S. at 7:03 pm.

GSR Preamble- Dave T.

Welcome and Introduction of Visitors: Gary D., Honor the Mountain, Big Bear Lake (hopes to be voted in as GSR by the next meeting.)

Mark S. PRAASA 2023 outreach chair here to discuss PRAASA location at the LAX Marriot on March 3-5, 2023. Registration is open online at PRAASA.org and there is still space available with rooms and parking- bring parking slip in to PRAASA for validation and \$18 per day rate. Rooms are filling up fast! If you have questions, contact Mark-info in chat or Jerry to get Mark's contact info.

New GSR's: Diane S. Sunday Night Think, Think, Think, Corona

Kathy B. Mon night St. Mel's Church Norco (signed in as new)

Missy L. Corona Serenity Umbrella Group (signed in as new)

Total Attendance – 33 (On site 15 + Zoom 18) Please remember to sign in on Zoom or in person!

Happy Birthdays  none this meeting.

Traditions : Tradition 1 : Cindy V.

Next Month: Tradition 2: Bob H.

Concepts: Concept 1: George G.

Next Month: Concept 2: Dave T.

GSR Report: We're here for you! Any questions, comments, or concerns for your District? **None at this time.**

Officer Reports

DCMC: Jerry S. DCMC (per submitted written report)

- Agenda items coming up for the General Service Conference: Are we ready for it! January 27 - 30 General Service Board Weekend. April 23 – 29 General Service Conference.
- Attended Dec ASC DCM - school upcoming release of final agenda items Feb 16th!
- Discussed adding an additional DCM School monthly meeting.
- Scholarships to attend PRAASA are available from our Area and District. Hotel rooms are still available at a huge discount on the praasa.org website!
- The Area 09 Pre-Conference assembly has been moved to April 15th
- Service opportunities: Our District Service committees are modeled after our Area 09 Service Committees which are modeled after the General Service Conference committees. All offer Service Manuals, workbooks and loads of resources.
- Spreading the word at meetings new service opportunities in the mountain areas and Fontana to Highland.
call for PRAASA volunteers! volunteer@praasa.org

Alternate DCMC: Cindy V. (per submitted written and verbal report)

Attended Jan ASC; Preconference background info scheduled to be available on area website by 2/16/2023; Actively looking for new district meeting location and has one possibility at this time.

- I will share on Tradition One: Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity. **A.A. Traditions Booklet, Forward by Bill Wilson, 1955**
 "...if as a movement, we remain a spiritual entity concerned only with carrying our message to fellow sufferers without charge or obligation; then only can we most effectively complete our mission...Unity is so vital to us AA's that we cannot risk those attitudes and practices which have sometimes demoralized other forms of human society." (These questions * were originally published in Grapevine in conjunction with a series of articles on the Twelve Traditions. Traditions that ran from November 1969 to September 1971.)
 When I ask myself these questions, I can say unequivocally that there is personal room for growth and I will be mindful of that growth in 2023!
 1. Am I in my group a healing, mending, integrating person? Am I sometimes divisive? Do I ever gossip or take another member's inventory?
 2. Am I a peacemaker? Or do I foster arguments with statements such as "just for the sake of discussion"?
 3. Am I gentle with those who rub me the wrong way, or am I sometimes abrasive?
 4. Do I make competitive AA remarks, such as comparing one group with another or contrasting AA in one place with AA in another?
 5. Do I ever put down some AA activities for not participating in this or that aspect of AA?
 6. Am I informed about AA as a whole? Do I support AA as a whole in every way I can, or just the parts that I understand and approve of?
 7. Am I as considerate of AA members as I want them to be of me
 8. Do I spout platitudes about love while indulging in and secretly justifying behavior that bristles with hostility?
- Let's have an outstanding 2023 and make some amazing progress of reaching the alcoholic who still suffers! Happy New Year Everyone! Oh, and yes, my report will be shorter next month!!!

Secretary: Sharon S. Thank you to those who've already sent your written information to me and please continue to send your monthly Officer and Committee chair reports for the minutes, thank you! Very helpful! Presented the December 21, 2022, minutes. Cindy V. made a motion to accept the minutes as written and Olivia P. 2nd; all are in favor and minutes are approved as written.

Attended the December Area 09 meeting, good info and lots of agenda items coming. Also, I am grateful to have attended the memorial this week for my grand sponsor who passed with 56 years of continuous sobriety. Through her and through my sponsor, the hand of AA was there for me and others. I get to pass it on to the alcoholic who still suffers. She was very active in AA until her passing, the last 5 years she was homebound, and we carried monthly meetings to her. She never complained, despite her health problems, and expressed gratitude for each meeting and her sobriety, one day at a time, no matter what-Kathy F. is a beautiful example of how this program works if you work it.

Treasurer: Ron W. (per submitted written report) Ron W. reviewed attached Final 2022 and January 2023 financial reports and current bank statement. We paid out about \$1499 of the approved \$1500 for the purchase of AA books for the local libraries by the Public Information Committee, and \$273.87 was paid out for the Heritage Days activities which was fully reimbursed by Area 9. Currently we are \$17,000 over prudent reserve at this point. Please send him copies of receipts -email is best - and he will mail out necessary reimbursement.

Registrar: Olivia P. Please continue to register zoom attendance using the link in the chat; and use in person sign in rosters so Olivia has the current attendance. Olivia will check in with new people. Please sign in and reach out to Jerry if you're not receiving notifications. She attended the last assembly-nice event. Starting to work on agenda items on Area 09 website. New people also need to register on MSCA 09 website and the email chimp service and with the district to receive all info. Important to go to the Area meetings for the votes coming up.

DCM Sub-District Reports:

- A- Redlands, Yucaipa, Mentone Phil L.** continues traveling to different meetings, promoting participation in General Service. Sharing information on PRASSA and upcoming bootcamp, agenda items, etc.
- B- Riverside, Rubidoux, Mira Loma *Open* Service opportunity available!!**
- C- Moreno Valley *Open* Service opportunity available!!**
- D- Corona/Norco – Deborah A.** no report tonight.

E- Fontana, Bloomington, Rialto, Colton, Grand Terrace, Sam Bernardino, Highland, Loma Linda

***Open* Service opportunity available!!**

F- San Bernardino Mountains area ***Open* Service opportunity available!!**

Joseph H. expresses concern about the size of the new subdistricts, E and F, and motions to break these down into smaller subdistricts. David P. 2nds. Discussion and Don S. recommends tabling the motion so Joseph and Phil can work together on this idea. Joseph 2nds the table and motion is tabled.

Old Business:

1. **AA needs YOU! Available Service Opportunities in District 8/11:** DCM's for Sub Dist. B, C, E & F Committee chair for Accessibilities, H & I, CPC. Please raise your hand if interested. Please announce at your meetings

2. **GSR groups report back on informed group conscience to consider the motion to make a \$5000.00 one-time contribution to AAWS.** Much discussion pros and cons, including:

- **Cindy V.** shared pursuant to our last meeting, I brought to my regular meeting the item of donating \$5,000.00 to GSO as a one-time District Contribution pursuant to the proposed motion. The meeting had approximately 30 attendees, many of whom are long-time AA members. There was a discussion from a member whom I personally have never seen at a District meeting who told the whole room that this money has been sitting at the District for a very long time and that the District has wanted to do some "pretty dumb things" with it "such as putting up a billboard" and "other things". The meeting held a group conscience and voted unanimously to move forward with the disbursement. There was none opposed. I remember a question about GSO and this possible contribution at our last District meeting, therefore I am including a [Fact Sheet from GSO](https://1drv.ms/b/s!AgfWnVMGo85-qyw0QZ4PCfh9W9bK?e=nTbpbG) on their handling of our 7th Tradition monies, just as an FYI. <https://1drv.ms/b/s!AgfWnVMGo85-qyw0QZ4PCfh9W9bK?e=nTbpbG>
- **Ron W.** suggests putting off this item until the end of the year since money may be needed for other items that are budgeted.
- **Joe S.**, states his group, the Blue Jay Alano group, unanimously supports this motion.
- **Aran B.** states she is not the GSR and her GSR is new, but her group said no on the basis of several things, power of the purse, where groups have power over finances, and this could set a precedent. She said Sharon K., after speaking to her service sponsor said \$ should be spent in the District and that GSO is not asking for \$ and has provisions to take care of any shortfalls.
- **David P.** states his meeting, Grateful to be Alive 7:30 am, voted unanimously to support the motion and group has also restructured the groups' contributions.
- **Sharon S.** shared her meeting, Redlands T, Th, Sat 7 am Book study, voted unanimously to support the motion and also to restructure contributions. GSO does do a lot to serve AA members in our district area with podcasts, website information, zoom assist during lockdown, digital literature at no cost to members. They continued to have to pay bills, whereas we did not during lockdown.
- Also discussed was the fact that the budget may need to be discussed before this motion proceeds further. Considering this, **Sharon S.** motions to table the motion until after the budget discussion and **Cindy V.** 2nd and tabling motion to discuss after budget discussion.

3. As discussed last meeting: Do we want to go forward with funding for:

A. Developing a District website - exploring costs? Much discussion about this idea pros and cons.

Jerry S. will send out email blast to form ad-hoc committee to explore this idea and its feasibility for District 8/11.

B. Having an annual Heritage Day sponsored by District 8/11 and other District 8/11 workshop opportunities? Group education opportunities i.e., District "Bootcamp" prior to voting on GSO amendments.

Bob H. expresses interest in these activities and thinks it would be a service to our district and the archives. He states this could be accomplished, along with other workshops, for about \$400. Jerry S. will send out eblast for an ad hoc committee to facilitate educational and heritage workshops.

New Business:

1. Clarify PRASSA budget - Treasurer would like to know who is going, how much reimbursement District 8 will provide, and would requests for funding be in advance or reimburse event receipts? This item was discussed before the Old Business item #4 per treasurer, **Ron W.'s** request. **Ron W.** suggests making a \$600 reimbursement up to \$6000 for those that want to go. **Aran P. motions to increase the PRASSA budget to \$8000 with a max of \$600 per person. Ron W. 2nd the motion.** Much discussion on this topic. During discussion it is clarified per **Bob H.** that reimbursement would be divided equally among all who request it. It is also clarified that those eligible for reimbursement are District 8/11 members including, GSR's, District officers and Committee members who wish to attend. The DCMC is already budgeted at \$1200 to attend PRASSA, in addition to the \$8000 in the motion. **Motion passes after much discussion and minority opinion heard.**
2. (Old Business- item 4) 2023 Budget discussion to accept as stated in minutes: This discussion held after New Business, item #1. **Ron W. presents 2023 budget with some discussion and clarifications. Cindy V. motions to accept with Richard B. 2nd and motion passes.**
3. **Motion to make a \$5000.00 one-time contribution to AAWS now off the table and discussion resumes with much discussion continuing. Motion fails at vote.**
4. **Don S.** shares the situation with making the 2022 grapevine subscriptions deadline and the delays he has experienced in making the orders due to Grapevine offices being offline. **Don S. motions to extend the deadline for Grapevine subscriptions to the end of February 2023 and Ron W. 2nd.** After discussion motion is passed.

Committee Reports: No verbal reports given tonight because of going overtime. Submitted written reports included.

* **Accessibilities: *Open Service opportunity available!!***

* **Archives: Joseph H. (per submitted written report attached)**

* **Coffee: Bob H.**

* **Convention Liaison: Olivia P.**

* **Cooperation with the Elder Community (CEC): Grant T.**

* **Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC): *Open Service opportunity available!!**

* **Corrections: Teri M.**

* **Grapevine (GV): Don S.**

* **GSR School: Don S. - GSR "Zoom" School every third Wednesday prior to meeting @ 6:30 pm Zoom ID: 838 0920 4726 Password: 497578 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83809204726> OR contact GSR School Chair: Don S. tiledon@aol.com to arrange.**

* **(H&I) Liaison: *Open Service opportunity available!**

* **Intergroup Liaison: Grant T.**

* **Literature: Aran B.**

* **Public Information (PI): Sharon K**

* **Technology: Teri M.**

Volunteer for a 1 min. GSR Report: none

Service Sponsor Volunteers show of hands- thank you!

Meeting closed by Jerry S., with the Serenity Prayer, at 8:50 pm

**** Next Meeting: February 15, 2023, 7pm – 8:30 pm****

ATTACHED: District 8 Financial Report January 2023.

District 8 2023 proposed Budget.

ATTACHED: Joseph Heron's Archive's Report for January 2023.

	2023	TOTAL	JANUARY					2022	TOTAL	DECEMBER	DECEMBER
OPENING CHECKING BALANCE		20517.75	20517.75					OPENING CHECKING BALANCE	15766.07	18504.6	22016.91
INCOME								INCOME			
MEETING CONTRIBUTIONS		258.25	258.25					MEETING CONTRIBUTIONS	10757.55	1617.77	
REIMBURSEMENTS		0						REIMBURSEMENTS	2643.87	2250	273.87
UNCASHED CHECKS		0						UNCASHED CHECKS	0		
INTEREST		0.84	0.84					INTEREST	9.11	0.76	
TOTAL INCOME		259.09	259.09					TOTAL INCOME	13410.53	3868.53	273.87
DISBURSEMENTS								DISBURSEMENTS			
Fee		0						Fee	61.57	3.57	
RENT		0						RENT	375		
SUPPLIES		0						SUPPLIES	702.53		
PRINTING		0						PRINTING	155.41	16.32	
INSURANCE		0						INSURANCE	315		
GRAPEVINE		0						GRAPEVINE	0		
POST OFFICE BOX		0						POST OFFICE BOX	216		
POSTAGE		0						POSTAGE	240		
REFRESHMENTS		13.98	13.98					REFRESHMENTS	289.75	12.58	
OFFICERS		0						OFFICERS	0		
COMMITTEES		412.16	412.16					COMMITTEES	1656.1	29.42	1499.16
PRAASA		0						PRAASA	202.8		
AREA 9 HOSTING		0						AREA 9 HOSTING	3097.5	234.33	273.87
DISTRICT EVENTS		0						DISTRICT EVENTS	253.27		
VERIZON		60	60					VERIZON	866.54	60	
ZOOM		0						ZOOM	227.38		
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		486.14	486.14					TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	8658.85	356.22	1773.03
RESERVE		3000	3000					RESERVE	3000	3000	3000
ENDING BALANCE								ENDING BALANCE	17517.75	19016.91	17481.75
OUTSTANDING CHECKS								OUTSTANDING CHECKS			
UNDEPOSITED FUNDS								UNDEPOSITED FUNDS			
ENDING STMT BALANCE		20290.7	20290.7					ENDING STMT BALANCE	20517.75	22016.91	20517.75

DISTRICT 8					
2023 Budget JANUARY 18 2023					
Description	2022	2023 Proposed	Spent		
Opening Checking Balance	15348.04	20517.75			
INCOME:					
Group Contributions	10000	10000			258.25
AREA: Meeting Hosting (ASC)					
AREA: Servathon 2022, Foro2023	1600	1600			
Interest Inc., Reimb & Adjustments		10			0.84
Total Anticipated Income	11600	11670			
2022 Total Actual Income	13410.53				
EXPENSES:					
Business:					
verizon		720			60
Zoom	180	150			
Rent	900	1800			
Insurance	315	315			
Post Office Box Rental	176	180			
Postage	100	120			
Printing	50	250			
Office Supplies	15	100			
Refreshments	150	150			13.98
Officers:					
DCMC	50	50			
Alternate DCMC	50	50			
Registrar	75	125			
Secretary	50	50			
Treasurer	50	50			
Sub Districts A,B,C,D, E, F	200	300			
			\$50 each A, B, C, D, E, F		
Committees:					
Accessibilities	300	300			
Archives	150	250			
Coffee	100	150			
Cooperation with the Elder Comm	250	300			
Corrections	500	500			
Cooperation W Professional Comm	350	350			
Grapevine/La Vina	200	200			
GSR School/Orientation	500	500			
Literature	300	300			
Technology	500	1000			412.16
Public Information	750	1000			
	3900				
Other:					
PRAASA for DCMC	1200	1200			
PRAASA for District	5000	5000			
Hosting Area Meeting	0	0			
HostinForo	1600	1600			
District Events	600	1800			
Grapevine - Carry the Message	0	0			
Prudent Reserve	3000	3000			
Total Projected Expenses	17661	21860			

District 8/ Archives Chair/Archivist Report

January 2023:

- 1) Attended the Jan 8th, 2023, Pacific Regional Archivist Workshop.
- 2) Attended the January 8th, 2023, Area Assembly.
- 3) Attended the District 8/11 Business meeting. On January 18th, 2023.
- 4) Attended the January 21st, 2023, MSCA 09 Archives Committee meeting. Discussion on upcoming events like “The 2023 Archives Open House,” and The 26th (2023) National Alcoholics Anonymous Archives Workshop being hosted by Area 84 (Sudbury – Ontario, Canada. Theme for Archives Workshop “Looking BackLooking Forward.” Date: September 7th – 10th, 2023.
- 5) Registered for PRAASA 2023, being held by Area 05 (Los Angeles, CA.)

Joseph Herron

District 8/Archives Chair-Archivist