

Approved District 8 Business Meeting Minutes August 16, 2023

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

IN-PERSON: Riverside Center for Spiritual Living – UPSTAIRS (across from Fairmont Park)
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General Service Area 09, District 08

Corona, Jurupa Valley, Mentone, Moreno Valley, Norco, Redlands, Riverside, Yucaipa
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 7:02 pm.

GSR Preamble- Eddie P.

Welcome and Introduction of New GSR's: no one identified

Visitors: Dave B. Area 09 CEC- was in Area 5 and brought info tonight to share. He's also had some H&I experience and encourages and invites everyone to participate in service commitments, especially CEC. Here to support districts in carrying the message and reaching elder alcoholics.

Total Attendance – 34 (On site 24 + Zoom 10)

Happy Birthdays  none tonight

Traditions : Tradition 8 : George G.

Next Month: Tradition 9: Teri M.

Concepts: Concept 8: Olivia P.

Next Month: Concept 9: Deborah A.

GSR Report: We're here for you! Any questions, comments, or concerns for your District?

Kris C. asked if new meeting place needs to be ratified by membership and **Olivia P.** states it is not necessary because the board, as trusted servants, accepted the recommendation of the Ad Hoc committee in choosing the new location.

Nick W. states he is secretary for a small meeting and 2 guys were fighting-he would like any info and experience for this situation. **Elsworth** states the safety card is sometimes read at every meeting; also calling the authorities does not go against traditions if circumstances warrant.

Aran describes herself as a passionate person and not angry. She does not want GSRs and District 8 members to think this is a place we fight, verbally or physically. She also states there are different versions of safety cards on aa.org website.

Officer Reports:

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

- Attended August ASC at Tesoro High School.
- Area DCM School Meeting reviewing Final Version of the DCM School Guidelines and **Jay R.s'** DCM Workbook
- Participating with District 18 ad hoc committee to explore merging districts.
- Serving on the Big Bear Mountain Conference Committee - Coming up this weekend!
- 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 Manuals, workbooks and loads of resources.

Area Motions: GSR's and all district and Area officers will be voting on the following motions at the September ASC. GSR's must have attended at least one Area meeting in person or online this year to be eligible to vote or an Alt. GSR filling in for absent GSR

PROCESS OF THESE MOTIONS

1. JUNE ASC - Introduced to ASC members, questions are asked and answered.
2. AUGUST ASC - Motion is discussed by ASC members. A vote is taken to determine if it will proceed to the ASA.
3. SEPT ASA - Motion will be introduced by chair, timed discussion for the GSRS followed by a vote of the ASA members. Motions will either pass by substantial unanimity (2/3rds) or by simple majority. The

chair will determine this.

MOTIONS:

Motion A: (Tabled till Nov.) On behalf of the Literature Committee, I respectfully request that the attached [proposed] Literature Committee Guidelines be approved. - Submitted by Literature Committee

Motion B: (Motion withdrawn) I make a motion to approve the Technology Committee guidelines that were revised on March 23rd and reviewed by GAP Committee. Submitted by Technology Committee

***Motion C:** The area board would like to recommend the updated bylaws and guidelines for the area to approve - Submitted by the executive board

***Motion D:** Change the current preamble on the Area 9 site to the GSR Preamble. Submitted by District 15

Motion E: (Motion failed) Districts 1&3 move to make the Area Delegate Share-back a stand-alone event rather than it be a part of the area business meeting.

***Motion F:** Approve the 2024 calendar per the Guidelines

***Motion G:** On behalf of District 8, I make the following motion that:

A. Area 09 accepts the District 8 Guidelines, as revised in March 2023.

B. Area 09 requested the General Service Office revise Fellowship Connection, the General Service Office database, accordingly.

***Motion H:** I move to have a biannual (every other year) area inventory to be completed in February of all new panels beginning with the 2024 Area Board. -Submitted by **Rozanne T** DCMC School Chair.

Upcoming Area and District board members elections. Who can stand for position?

All GSRs all former officers - no current officers "Spirit of Rotation" attended 1 Area meeting.

Mid Southern California Area 09 has a Job Listing for WEB SERVANT. If you or anyone you know is interested contact **Alex Wheatley** at msca09chair@gmail.com (954) 654-3149

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

- 1) revitalized the ad hoc committee for the treasurer/ treasury draft guidelines, and did some work on that which will be discussed later this evening. I thank those of you who participated with your thoughts.
- 2) I attended the ASC via zoom. Have a question that I will address later with **Don** who did an excellent job, presenting our district interest in consolidating geographic boundaries
- 3) completed the 2021 area 09 audit and have begun the 2022 audit pending receipt of additional information which has been difficult to obtain
- 4) attended DCMC guideline committee and completed some work there
- 5) I submitted a requested report to the ad hoc committee in area nine who are looking into the dynamics of the meeting locations as well as the meeting operations for the ASC's, which is the Area Service Committee meeting and the ASA's which is the Area Service Assembly meetings where District business is consolidated at the Area level to keep this description as brief as possible. I've been invited to attend the DCM and Committee Sharing session this Thursday if I can find the information I
The calendar for these meetings can be found on the area website: MSCA09AA.org and new GSR's save yourselves a lot of grief and spend some time on this website. Even 15 minutes of it and you will be well informed.

Having said that, I invite any standing GSR, alternate GSR, steering committee member and anyone else interested in submitting to me personally information as to why you either attend these meetings or don't attend these meetings. We will be spending a lot of time trying to make this part of the service structure more beneficial to the membership. You can email me a clvcv1@gmail.com and I'll ask **Terry** to put that in chat. Your comments shall remain anonymous if you so desire but please do give me your feedback so I can forward that on for you. You matter, service matters and carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers is paramount. Please take a moment and give me your input.

Lastly, I have endeavored to read our service manual. I want to thank **Deborah** for providing me with my latest version. Sadly, I've never really done this except for many, many, many years ago. what I'm finding there today is quite informative and actually quite fascinating.

- 6) Next, I will be assisting our DCMC, **Jerry**, who I might add, has done an excellent job during his tenure, with the upcoming elections to whatever extent, I am allowed to do that. I would ask that the voting procedures be made available to the body.

Thank you, all for being here. It's so very important that you are. Thank you again to **Eddie** and **Olivia** for finding our new location and everyone who participated in making today's event available here. Good Job.

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!

- Submitted July 19, 2023 minutes and **David P.** motions with **Sharon K.** 2nd; all in favor and July minutes are approved as written.
- Attended the Area meeting where **Mitchell** gave a report on the Trustees meeting that can be found on the Area website at msca09aa.org GSO financials are better but they are still hurting and contributions, especially in the summer months, are down. Also, this reflects the increasing costs related to inflation.
- Attending the Area 09 Service Meeting on zoom on the 3rd Thursdays at 7pm- very informative.

Treasurer: Ron W.

- States filed tax return for last year per IRS request.
- Working on the Treasurer/Treasury Ad Hoc committee.
- **Ron W.** reviewed the attached August 2023 financial reports and current bank and PayPal statements. He also reviewed the closing of old account and opening the new one, with Prudent Reserve now in a savings account.
- **Cindy V.** asks about income total listed for May at \$16,127.25 and **Ron** states this is a mistake and he will correct the information.
- **He** states he will cancel the hot spot with Verizon since we now have Wi-Fi at our new location.
- **Mentioned the upcoming budget planning and appreciates budget requests by October to prepare next year's budget. States we may be \$8,000 over our prudent reserve.**
- **Please send him copies of receipts -email is best - and he will mail out necessary reimbursement.**
- **Bob H.** questions why payments are being made with PayPal as he thought this was only to be used for contributions and there is a fee for using PayPal. He suggests using the checking account to pay bills. **Ron** states he will check into this.

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.

- Welcomed new and returning GSRs. States there is one new GSR here tonight and that **Alex B.** will be taking over for **Lance** from "The Point Is" Riverside Men's meeting.
- Thanked everyone who assisted with moving and setting up at the new meeting location.
- New GSR's are encouraged to register on MSCA website and sign up to receive Area 09 emails and information, along with being able to vote. **Olivia** can assist you with this.

DCM Sub-District Reports:

A- Redlands, Yucaipa, Mentone Phil L. continues attending meetings, to check in with GSRs and encourage involvement in General Service. We have lots of service commitment opportunities and elections coming up and I'm sharing this with GSRs. He sat in on the DCM school at the Area meeting. Motions were moved forward for vote at the next meeting, and he was pleased that the GSRs will have the opportunity to get their group's conscience and vote on these motions. He also reminds members that elections are coming up at the Area and the District in October with lots of great opportunities to be of service.

B- Riverside, Rubidoux, Mira Loma *Open* Service opportunity available!!

C- Moreno Valley *Open* Service opportunity available!!

D- Corona/Norco – Deborah A. expressed gratitude to be a part of the District and we need to get the subdistrict positions filled. She reminded everyone it is a "learn as you go" opportunity. She attended the ASC and **Mitchell** shared they are still editing the Plain language translation of the Big Book. There are 2600-2800 stories submitted for the 5th edition Big Book and it will be a while before they are all read. The soft cover Big Book will have a velveteen cover. The Servathon in November will be

on the USS Iowa with a theme of circus carnival. There is also a job listing for a web servant for the Area. Many motions are going forward for a vote at the next Area meeting.

- E- Fontana, Bloomington, Rialto, Colton, Grand Terrace, San Bernardino, Highland, Loma Linda**
“Open* Service opportunity available!!
- F- San Bernardino Mountains area *Open* Service opportunity available!!**

Old Business:

1. **Jerry thanks Olivia and Eddie** for their help in finding the new location.
2. **Jerry** discussed- **AA needs YOU! Available Service Opportunities** in District 8: DCM’s for Sub Dist. B, C, E & F; Committee chair for Accessibilities, CEC, H & I, CPC and Intergroup Liaison. Please raise your hand if interested. Please announce at your meetings.
3. Update report on District 8 Ad Hoc Committee – Going to Area meeting for vote in September-none tonight.
4. Update report on Ad Hoc committee to create a District website: **Kris C.** states they are putting together a committee to discuss the need and possibilities for a District website. So far **Kris C., Aran B., Ron W., Olivia P., Gary (?), and anyone else that may be interested, are agreeing to meet on zoom at 6 pm on Wednesday, September 13th and Jerry will send a reminder email.**
5. Update report on Ad Hoc committee on District Treasurer and Treasury guidelines.
 - **Cindy V.** reviews the Ad Hoc’s Final draft of Treasurer/Treasury Guidelines and the goal being an obligation to give clear guidelines for the treasurer and the district’s responsibility for the group’s 7th tradition contributions. Copies available tonight and were sent by **Jerry** as an e-blast.
 - Much discussion about item 1. Under Prudent Reserve heading and the language “fully distribute” excess funds by December 31st, it was suggested to remove the last 9 words in this area.
 - Discussion about budgeting process and the budgeted amounts far exceeding the expected contributions- this year by \$18,750. Is this a realistic and prudent way to continue.
 - The group conscience is important- please take the draft guidelines back to your group for discussion and return to next month’s meeting with ideas, questions, and any feedback your group may have.
 - Discussion about the importance of starting a new panel with adequate funds to run district business until group contributions begin coming in.
 - Discussion about a possible need to assist Hispanic districts.
 - The Ad Hoc committee reviewed and feels it is important to review available AA literature on this subject at aa.org to ensure we are good stewards of our group’s contributions- Our founder recommends we stay “poor”. Pamphlets: P17 “AA Tradition- How it Developed by Bill W. (pages 4, 8, 27, 32, 50, discuss money); “Where Money and Spirituality Mix”; “The AA Group Treasurer”; and Service Manual financial information are a few resources available to review.
 - Discussion was tabled until the next meeting due to time constraints.

All other District Business was tabled due to meeting time constraints tonight.

New Business: Tabled

Committee Reports: Tabled

- * **Accessibilities:** *Open Service opportunity available!!
- * **Archives:** Joseph H.
- * **Coffee:** Bob H.
- * **Convention Liaison:** Olivia P.
- * **Cooperation with the Elder Community (CEC):** *Open Service opportunity available!!
- * **Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC):** *Open Service opportunity available!!
- * **Corrections:** Teri M
- * **Grapevine (GV):** *Open Service opportunity available!! Melissa P.
- * **GSR School:** *Open Service opportunity available!! Sharon K.
- * **(H&I) Liaison:** *Open Service opportunity available!
- * **Intergroup Liaison:** *Open Service opportunity available!!
- * **Literature:** Aran B

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

* **Technology: Teri M**

Volunteer for GSR Report-back Session: 1min.-

Service Sponsor Volunteers - show of hands

Meeting closed at 8:40 pm by **Jerry S.** with the responsibility statement:

I am responsible, when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there, and for that I am responsible.

**** Next Meeting: September 20, 2023 7pm – 8:30pm****

ATTACHED: District 8 Financial Report(s) August 2023.

MSCA DISTRICT 08 FINANCIALS 2023

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FINANCIAL REPORT
2023

MSCA DISTRICT 08	2023	TOTAL	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
OPENING CHECKING BALANCE		20,517.75	20,517.75	20,290.70	20,628.28	21,148.15	14,922.51	16,053.29	16,193.02	16,540.23
INCOME										
MEETING CONTRIBUTIONS		5,785.30	258.25	485.19	754.95	794.51	1,204.12	1,120.85	534.44	632.99
REIMBURSEMENTS		-								
UNCASHED CHECKS		-								
INTEREST		5.87	0.84	0.86	0.79	0.83	0.62	0.67	0.65	0.61
TOTAL INCOME		5,791.17	259.09	486.05	755.74	795.34	16,127.25	1,121.52	535.09	633.60
DISBURSEMENTS										
Fee		45.97		6.86		17.77		15.57		5.77
RENT		100.00								100.00
SUPPLIES		34.54				34.54				
PRINTING		149.19		30.01		22.19		59.05	16.36	21.58
INSURANCE		-								
GRAPEVINE		2,445.48				2,445.48				
POST OFFICE BOX		-								
POSTAGE		108.65				9.65				99.00
REFRESHMENTS		251.34	13.98		19.08		13.96	192.24	12.08	
OFFICERS		949.53		51.60	111.00	70.00		581.25	54.38	81.30
COMMITTEES		723.24	412.16		45.79	146.55		73.68	45.06	
PRAASA		4,055.16				4,055.16				
AREA 9 HOSTING		-								
DISTRICT EVENTS		-								
VERIZON		480.38	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.38
ZOOM		159.64				159.64				
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		9,503.12	486.14	148.47	235.87	7,020.98	73.96	981.79	187.88	368.03
RESERVE		3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	6,000.00
ENDING STATEMENT BALANCE			17,290.70	17,628.28	18,148.15	11,922.51	13,053.29	13,193.02	13,540.23	10,805.80
OUTSTANDING CHECKS										
UNDEPOSITED FUNDS										
ENDING TOTAL BALANCE			20,290.70	20,628.28	21,148.15	14,922.51	16,053.29	16,193.02	16,540.23	16,805.80

DISTRICT 8					
2023 Budget JANUARY 18 2023					
Description	2022	2023 Approved Budget	2023 Spent		
			As of 8/1/2023		
Opening Checking Balance	15348.04	20517.75	16193.02	16540.23	
Ending Checking Balance			16540.23	16805.8	
INCOME:					
Group Contributions	10000	10000		5785.3	
AREA: Meeting Hosting (ASC)					
AREA: Servathon 2022, Foro2023	1600	1600			
Interest Inc., Reimb & Adjustments		10		0.87	
Total Anticipated Income	11600	11670		5791.17	
2022 Total Actual Income	13410.53				
EXPENSES:					
Business:				45.97	
verizon		720	480.38		
Zoom	180	150	159.64		
Rent	900	1800	100		
Insurance	315	315			
Post Office Box Rental	176	180			
Postage	100	120	108.65		
Printing	50	250	149.19		
Office Supplies	15	100	34.54		
Refreshments	150	150	251.34		
Officers:					
DCMC	50	50			
Alternate DCMC	50	50	28.5		
Registrar	75	125	54.38		
Secretary	50	50			
Treasurer	50	50	581.25		
Sub Districts A,B,C,D, E, F	200	1200	215.4		
Committees:					
Accessibilities	300	300			
Archives	150	250			
Coffee	100	150			
Cooperation with the Elder Comm	250	300			
Corrections	500	500	311.08		
Cooperation W Professional Comm	350	350			
Grapevine/La Vina	200	3200	2445.48		
GSR School/Orientation	500	500			
Literature	300	300			
Technology	500	1000	412.16		
Public Information	750	1000			
	3900				
Other:					
PRAASA for DCMC	1200	1200	70		
PRAASA for District	5000	8000	4055.16		
Hosting Area Meeting	0	0			
HostinForo	1600	1600			
District Events	600	1800			
Grapevine - Carry the Message	0	0			
Total Projected Expenses	17661	25760			
Total Actual Expenses	8658.85		9503.12		