

Approved District 8 Business Meeting Minutes July 19, 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
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- David P.

Welcome and Introduction of New GSR's:

Olivia B. Tuesday Women's Reflection-Big Bear, Lisa H. Wednesday Night Ladies-Corona

Visitors: Christopher L. INDEYPAA Committee

Total Attendance – 34 (On site 20 + Zoom 17)

Happy Birthdays  Linda W. 34 years; Lynette B. 19 years

Traditions : Tradition 7 : David P. Next Month: Tradition 8: George G.

Concepts: Concept 7: Sharon S. Next Month: Concept 8: Olivia P.

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)

- Thank you all for making the 2023 FORO a success! What a wonderful turnout of willing trusted servants! You were appreciated. A special thanks to District 25 and their DCMC Adrian G. and Alex our Alternate Delegate for handling the hybrid details and providing the translators. They did a wonderful job getting everything ready for this year's FORO!
- No DCMC school in July
- Participating with District 18 ad hoc committee to explore merging districts.
- Serving on the Big Bear Mountain Conference Committee
- 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.

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

- I've been on 3 committees for many weeks
- Area 09 Audit Committee for years 2021 and 2022
- DCMC School working on a guideline manual for DCMC's
- Ad Hoc committee District 8 for the Treasure/Treasury-which will be discussed in new business
- I am also signed up for a bi-monthly Traditions meeting.
- I also attended the FORO which is an introduction of service work conducted in Spanish and interpreted in English, in Hesperia. It was an awesome service presentation with many in attendance. I'm always in awe of how vibrant and prolific Hispanic AA is. The main speaker had an enormous amount of time and sobriety and his stories were entertaining to listen to. I sat on the General service conference Committee where I learned about the history of the conference and was asked to read The Conference Charter.
- Cindy read a few highlights on "Why We Need a Conference."

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 June 21, 2023 minutes and **Cindy V.** motions with **David P.** 2nd; with all in favor and June minutes are approved as written.
- Attended FORO and there was great attendance with 10 roundtables. Participated in the General Service Conference roundtable and learned a lot!
- Attending the Area 09 Service Meeting on zoom on the 3rd Thursdays at 7pm- very informative.

Treasurer: Ron W.

- States difficulty hearing on zoom during the meeting.
- Working on the Treasurer/Treasury Ad Hoc committee.
- **Ron W.** reviewed the attached July 2023 financial reports and current bank statement. No PayPal transactions this month.

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.

- Welcomed new and returning GSRs.
- There is a GSR app available with links for new GSR's. Gives you links to all the GSR packet information you need to get started. **Sharon K.**'s phone number in zoom chat for new GSRs to call and arrange GSR school time.
- New GSR's are encouraged to register on MSCA website and sign up to receive Area 09 emails and information.
- Attended FORO and the PI table and it was very interesting.

DCM Sub-District Reports:

- A- Redlands, Yucaipa, Mentone Phil L.** continues attending meetings, to encourage involvement in General Service. We have lots of service commitment opportunities and elections coming up and I'm sharing this with GSRs. Reaching out to new GSR's and continues to be involved in service commitments. Welcome to all the new GSR's tonight and I will be checking in with the GSR's in my subdistrict!
- B- Riverside, Rubidoux, Mira Loma *Open* Service opportunity available!!**
- C- Moreno Valley *Open* Service opportunity available!!**
- D- Corona/Norco – Deborah A.** working with GSRs and alternates in her subdistrict. Busy with meetings and service commitments. FORO was amazing and states **Cindy** read one of her favorite readings "Why We Need a Conference" by nonalcoholic, Bernard Smith, from the Service Manual tonight.
- 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 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
2. Update report on District 8 Ad Hoc Committee – no report tonight.
3. Update report on Ad Hoc committee to create a District website. **Aaron B.** states she has no update tonight and check back next month. **Kris C.** states he has some experience with this and volunteered to work with **Aran** and committee to get website work done. Some discussion and questions were answered and committee is seeking volunteers and is in the early stages of work.
4. **Ron W.** reviewed last month's motion on new bank account and reported that he and **Jerry** will go forward in opening the new bank account with the new tax ID number as approved in June's meeting. Questions answered.
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.
 - Prudent reserve amount was increased to \$6000 going forward to cover the district's overhead and operating expenses, including rent, etc.
 - Questions and comments were heard:

- a concern about distribution of excess funds over prudent reserve and this not leaving enough money to cover expenses if we start at a zero balance;
- we could spend a crazy amount of time trying to discuss and agree on how to spend the money; is it militant to make this mandatory?
- important to find ways to spend money locally, to not usurp the individual group's decision-making process; perhaps ask groups not to send money for a while if we have too much; if we do this it is hard to reverse the trend back when we need money; it is important we do not operate out of fear; groups decide the percentages to contribute their 7th tradition money;
- important to 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.
- 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- 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.

New Business:

1. **Jerry S.** calls for an Ad Hoc committee to look for a new meeting location. Please contact **Jerry S., Teri M., Olivia P., or Sharon K.** if you are interested in participating.

Committee Reports:

- * **Accessibilities:** *Open Service opportunity available!!
- * **Archives: Joseph H.** no report tonight, **Joseph** has been unable to attend for health reasons and best wishes expressed for **Joseph** tonight.
- * **Coffee: Bob H.** coffee is hot and cookies are melting! Is the accounts receivable treasurer for Area 9 and has been attending board meetings and the e-board is participating in an inventory process led by a past delegate.
- * **Convention Liaison: Olivia P.** announced the Convention planning is coming up August 10th for next year at Soboba, April 18-21, 2024. Will report back next month.
- * **Cooperation with the Elder Community (CEC): *Open Service opportunity available!!**
- * **Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC): *Open Service opportunity available!!**
- * **Corrections: Teri M.** working with H&I and Bridging the Gap. She has packets available for panels and needs volunteers for panels to carry the message. Volunteers are also needed for Bridging the Gap to assist those returning from jail or treatment to find and attend AA meetings; and find out what AA is and is not. Bridging the Gap meets on zoom the 4th Thursday at 7pm, and H&I meets the 3rd Sundays at Redlands Unity Club. Information is on the Central Office website and you may contact or see **Teri** for more information or to volunteer. There is a Bridging the Gap workshop coming up on August 20th, 9-1 pm, close to the archives and this is in cooperation with Area 09.
- * **Grapevine (GV): *Open Service opportunity available!! Melissa P.** no report tonight.
- * **GSR School: *Open Service opportunity available!! Sharon K.** sent message to new GSRs on zoom to set up school.
- * **(H&I) Liaison: *Open Service opportunity available!**
- * **Intergroup Liaison: *Open Service opportunity available!! Teri shares they are in need of people to answer the phones after hours. Check the website or call to volunteer.**
- * **Literature: Aran B** recommends reading the pamphlet "Where Money and Spirituality Mix."
- * **Public Information (PI): Sharon K.** Attended FORO and the PI table with Districts 17 and 20, who are very active. Temecula area gives talks at high schools and middle schools and has training sessions available on what to say and what not to say. Spanish District 20 has tables set up outside churches so people can ask questions. She is reaching out to the new PI chair at Central Office so they can work together and not duplicate efforts.
- * **Technology: Teri M.** concerns with zoom audio, now resolved. Thank you, **Teri**-great job!

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

Service Sponsor Volunteers - show of hands.

Meeting closed at 8:28 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) July 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
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
INCOME									
MEETING CONTRIBUTIONS		5,152.31	258.25	485.19	754.95	794.51	1,204.12	1,120.85	534.44
REIMBURSEMENTS		-							
UNCASHED CHECKS		-							
INTEREST		5.26	0.84	0.86	0.79	0.83	0.62	0.67	0.65
TOTAL INCOME		5,157.57	259.09	486.05	755.74	795.34	16,127.25	1,121.52	535.09
DISBURSEMENTS									
Fee		40.20		6.86		17.77		15.57	
RENT		-							
SUPPLIES		34.54				34.54			
PRINTING		127.61		30.01		22.19		59.05	16.36
INSURANCE		-							
GRAPEVINE		2,445.48				2,445.48			
POST OFFICE BOX		-							
POSTAGE		9.65				9.65			
REFRESHMENTS		251.34	13.98		19.08		13.96	192.24	12.08
OFFICERS		868.23		51.60	111.00	70.00		581.25	54.38
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		420.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00
ZOOM		159.64				159.64			
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		9,135.09	486.14	148.47	235.87	7,020.98	73.96	981.79	187.88
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
ENDING BALANCE			17,290.70	17,628.28	18,148.15	11,922.51	13,053.29	13,193.02	13,540.23
OUTSTANDING CHECKS									
UNDEPOSITED FUNDS									
ENDING STMT BALANCE			20,290.70	20,628.28	21,148.15	14,922.51	16,053.29	16,193.02	16,540.23

DISTRICT 8					
2023 Budget JANUARY 18 2023					
Description	2022	2023 Approved Budget		2023 Spent	
Opening Checking Balance	15348.04	20517.75		16193.02	
Ending Checking Balance				16540.23	
INCOME:					
Group Contributions	10000	10000		5152.31	
AREA: Meeting Hosting (ASC)					
AREA: Servathon 2022, Foro2023	1600	1600			
Interest Inc., Reimb & Adjustments		10		5.26	
Total Anticipated Income	11600	11670		5157.57	
2022 Total Actual Income	13410.53				
EXPENSES:					
Business:					
verizon		720		420	
Zoom	180	150		159.64	
Rent	900	1800			
Insurance	315	315			
Post Office Box Rental	176	180			
Postage	100	120		9.65	
Printing	50	250		127.61	
Office Supplies	15	100		34.54	
Refreshments	150	150		251.34	
Officers:					
DCMC	50	50			
Alternate DCMC	50	50			
Registrar	75	125		54.38	
Secretary	50	50			
Treasurer	50	50		581.25	
Sub Districts A,B,C,D, E, F	200	1200		162.6	
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			
Prudent Reserve	3000	3000		3000	
Total Projected Expenses	17661	28760			
Total Actual Expenses	8658.85			9135.09	