

Approved District 8 Business Meeting Minutes September 20, 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 7:01 pm.

GSR Preamble- Gary H.

Welcome and Introduction of New GSR's: Leah D. - Live and Let Live, Riverside

Visitors: none tonight

Total Attendance – 34 (On site 20 + Zoom 14)

Happy Birthdays  Kris C. – 35 years!

Traditions : Tradition 9 : Teri M.

Next Month: Tradition 10: Gary H.

Concepts: Concept 9: Deborah A.

Next Month: Concept 10: Cindy V.

Gary H. is starting his 2 year term as GSR and has group conscience issues and would like resource information to finding the answers to the following questions:

1. Is it harmful to individuals, other groups or AA as a whole if group conscience level decisions are derived from a forum that is not convened for that purpose? Please explain.
2. Is it harmful to individuals, other groups or AA as a whole to represent a gathering with a business agenda as a regular AA meeting in meeting directories? Please explain.
3. Is it harmful to individuals, other groups or AA as a whole if visitors participate in group-conscience level decision making? Please explain.
4. Is it harmful to individuals, other groups or AA as a whole if attendees vote at more than one group? Is the one-person-one-vote guideline violated? If not, please explain.

Several members recommended answers would be found in the 12 traditions. Some members gave direct answers to Gary, as well.

Jerry S. brought copies and eblasted some safety info from GSO to address last month's question on safety in meetings.

Officer Reports:

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

Attended 4 Area DCM Sharing Session

Area DCM School Meeting reviewing Final Version of the DCM School Guidelines and Jay R.s' DCM Workbook

Participated in the Big Bear Mountain Conference Committee - a success despite the hurricane.

Upcoming elections in October

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 were discussed and voted on

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 - Friendly amendment to add the GSR preamble not replace AA preamble passed.

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 Passed.

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 October Area and District board members elections (see attached document)

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| msca09chair@gmail.com | (954) 654-3149

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

Went to the Sept. ASC in Jurupa where I helped vote on current motions which I'm sure will be further discussed here in other officer reports.

The area discussed some topics that led me to believe that it might not be a bad idea to hold a "budget workshop" since that is what we will be working on for the remainder of the year. Let us know your thoughts on that.

I have finished with the Area 2021 and 2022 Annual Audit and those reports have been submitted to the area.

I have finished any contributions I might have to the DCMC Guidelines workbook and that is in its final completion stages.

I attended the 4 AREA DCMC sharing event in Costa Mesa. What an incredibly awesome experience.

Having the opportunity to hear others who have considerably more experience volunteering their time in service work, is purely an honor. I was able to glean lots of AA service-related recorded presentations. If any of you are interested in hearing any of them, call me at 951.231.8439 and I'll be happy to share them with you. I'm always fascinated with the people who have been doing AA Service work for many years. They are truly happy, joyous and free and their enthusiasm is quite infectious. I know I'll be looking for my next niche. Spread the work, folks, elections are coming up. Let people know that all we need is for them to show up. Higher Power will show them what to do from there.

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 August 16, 2023 minutes with one correction to Kris C. instead of Kris K. **Cindy V.** motions with **Deborah A.** 2nd; all in favor and August minutes are approved with this correction.
- Attended the Area meeting where motions were voted on; elections next month in Area 9 and District 8, with info available tonight and in the eblast; other flyers related to important literature here tonight.
- Being part of general service has been a great adventure- please consider standing for a position if you are eligible. There is a wealth of information and support, to learn as you go!
- Continues working with a service sponsor and just reviewed Tradition 7, very timely and informative.
- Attending the Area 09 Service Meeting on zoom on the 3rd Thursdays at 7pm- very informative.

Treasurer: Ron W.

- Attended the area meeting and it was informative.

- **Ron W.** reviewed the attached September 2023 financial reports and current bank and PayPal statements. He states he thinks the rent check is still outstanding. **Olivia P.** states she will check with the church.
- **Ron** states he looked into any charges for paying with PayPal and there are none to pay bills or transfer money; only fees for contributions.
- Mentioned the upcoming budget planning and appreciates budget requests by October to prepare next year's budget. This year as in the past the steering committee will assist **Ron**. All who would like to may participate and **Jerry** will eblast date and time when finalized.
- **Please send Ron 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. States processed new GSR from last meeting and **Leah** is a new GSR here tonight. **Olivia** is sharing **Sharon K.'s** info for GSR school.
- New GSR's are encouraged to register on MSCA website and sign up to receive Area 09 emails and information. **Olivia** can assist you with this.

DCM Sub-District Reports:

- A- Redlands, Yucaipa, Mentone Phil L.** no report tonight.
- B- Riverside, Rubidoux, Mira Loma *Open* Service opportunity available!!**
- C- Moreno Valley *Open* Service opportunity available!!**
- D- Corona/Norco – Deborah A.** busy with the Area and service commitments. Attended the DCM sharing session; the UK having an open forum on safety in AA, along with Brazil. Shares it's the 30th anniversary for "AA Comes of Age". MSCA website is a great resource, be sure to sign up for the eblasts. The Servathon is November 18, on the USS Iowa and all are welcome. All are welcome at the Area meetings even if you cannot vote, it is a good opportunity to have your questions answered. States the leadership essay in the service manual is very helpful.
- 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: DCMs 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 – Area passed this motion.
3. Update report on Ad Hoc committee to create a District website: **Olivia** states they met on 9/13 at 6 pm, with **Ron W., Kris C., Aran B., Gary H., Jerry S. and Olivia P.** present. A questionnaire was put together and **Jerry** sent it in an eblast to members, many have already answered and this info will be reviewed by committee members, when they meet next.
5. Update report on Ad Hoc committee on District Treasurer and Treasury guidelines.
 - **Cindy V.** I have been working on getting member feedback for the new District 08 Treasure/Treasury guidelines.
 - We are just about finished with the new District 08 Treasure/Treasury guidelines. There was some concern about the last portion of the last sentence of the Prudent Reserve paragraph: to be fully distributed by December 31st each year.
 - One concern is that according to the sentence we have to spend excess funds by year end
 - Another concern is that "we should have the right to maintain our excess funds" because the District is growing and people want to be able to spend it on PRAASA, other District outreach such as other Service Events or AA Conventions or other Budget items
 - Lastly another concern is that our District has maintained excess funds in our Treasury for many years preceding the lack of spending during the Covid shutdowns and some members believe we are not being fiscally responsible to the 7th Tradition: AA.org, the AA Group Treasurer pamphlet, Pg 4 "our experience shows that an accumulation of money for unspecified purposes beyond a prudent level may divert a groups purpose of caring the message to the alcoholic, who still suffers. Groups

with excess funds are encouraged to contribute to other service entities" and countless other stipulations in various AA literature from Bill and Dr. Bob, see the pamphlet AA Tradition, How it Developed.

- Spending down or distribution of the WAY funds are expended are NOT a part of this vote. Any monies to be spent in any fashion falls under the purview of the "Budget Process".
- So let the membership decide. At the next meeting we will take a final vote for one of the below options: a, b or c so we may finalize the guidelines.
- Original Sentence: Prudent Reserve
The District maintains a Prudent Reserve equivalent to 6 months of expenses, currently \$6000.00. In September of each year the Treasurer shall call on the DCMC & membership to discuss a plan for distribution of excess funds, over the Prudent Reserve, to be fully distributed by December 31st each year
- The revisions below shall be voted upon by the membership in September and the guidelines finalized:
 - a) The District maintains a Prudent Reserve equivalent to 6 months expenses, currently \$6,000.00. In September of each year the treasurer shall call on the DCMC & the membership to discuss a plan for: "distribution of excess funds" in December or
 - b) The District maintains a Prudent Reserve equivalent to 6 months expenses, currently \$6,000.00. In September of each year the treasurer shall call on the DCMC & the membership to discuss a plan for: "spending down of funds" in December or
 - c) The District maintains a Prudent Reserve equivalent to 6 months of expenses, currently \$6000.00. In September of each year the Treasurer shall call on the DCMC & membership to discuss a plan for distribution of excess funds, over the Prudent Reserve. (Removing the December 31st timeline)
- Excess funds shall be defined as monies over the Prudent Reserve plus those funds set aside in the current annual member-approved budget.
- Questions were answered and discussion was held. Members requested to see the options in writing to be able to take to their groups. **Cindy** will make this information available to membership. **Please feel free to reach out to Cindy with concerns or suggestions.**
- Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

New Business:

Committee Reports:

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

* **Archives: Joseph H.** unable to attend tonight.

* **Coffee: Bob H.** states he is getting close to going over his budget due to rising costs and may seek an override if needed. He would like to be part of the budget process. Went to the Mountain Conference, representing Archives, and it was great as always. **Bob** is the accounts receivable treasurer for Area 09 and attended the eboard and Area meetings. He states they participated in a board inventory. He encourages all to stand for board positions to be of service. It's a great way to meet people and participate in AA.

* **Convention Liaison: Olivia P.** states nothing new to report and encourages service participation- it's fun!

* **Cooperation with the Elder Community (CEC): *Open Service opportunity available!! Dave B.** is the Area 09 CEC chair and they are putting packets together for elder members. They are working with District 24, to put Spanish packets together for their elder members. He would like to stand for the CEC chair position in our district. States his service experience includes AV chair and Treatment Chair in Area 5. **Cindy V.** motions and **Gary H.** 2nd and group approves **Dave B.** for CEC chair, District 8.

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

* **Corrections: Teri M will include H&I here as well:** She shares that at aa.org, the newsletter, Box 459, has an article for virtual panels and meetings for facilities. They are looking into virtual meetings and program tablets for facilities. There are lots of panels open if you are interested, please let her know. The Bridging the Gap conference was recorded and is available for review. Bridging the Gap is nationwide to support people getting out of treatment and find meetings in their areas. Corrections has a correspondence program and a contact on release program to support inmates.

* **Grapevine (GV): *Open Service opportunity available!! Melissa P.** has not attended a meeting since she stood for this position and may need to be replaced. There is a new grapevine app available!

- * **GSR School: Sharon K.** GSR School every third Wednesday after the meeting. Contact **Sharon K.** sharonsdogs@aol.com to arrange.
- * **(H&I) Liaison: *Open Service opportunity available!**
- * **Intergroup Liaison: *Open Service opportunity available!!**
- * **Literature: Aran B** states the new “Young People in AA” pamphlet is out but not posted yet. She hopes to discuss this when it’s available.
- * **Public Information (PI): Sharon K.** is making her way to the libraries and hopes to enlist **Ron W.** to help distribute the literature.
- * **Technology: Teri M.** attended an online AA technology workshop. GSO is putting together podcasts; discussed was different ways AI may play a part in AA; discussed the meeting guide app which is updated by intergroups and ways to streamline communication for accurate information. She is looking into insuring our technology equipment per the conference recommendations.

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

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: October 18, 2023 7pm – 8:30pm** ELECTIONS!**

ATTACHED: District 8 Financial Report(s) September 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	SEPTEMBER
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	16,805.80
INCOME											
MEETING CONTRIBUTIONS		6,453.31	258.25	485.19	754.95	794.51	1,204.12	1,120.85	534.44	632.99	668.01
REIMBURSEMENTS		-									
UNCASHED CHECKS		-									
INTEREST		7.03	0.84	0.86	0.79	0.83	0.62	0.67	0.65	0.61	1.16
TOTAL INCOME		6,460.34	259.09	486.05	755.74	795.34	1,204.74	1,121.52	535.09	633.60	669.17
DISBURSEMENTS											
Fee		50.75		6.86		17.77		15.57		5.77	4.78
RENT		100.00								100.00	
SUPPLIES		44.54				34.54					10.00
PRINTING		189.65		30.01		22.19		59.05	16.36	21.58	40.46
INSURANCE		315.00									315.00
GRAPEVINE		2,445.48				2,445.48					
POST OFFICE BOX		230.00									230.00
POSTAGE		108.65				9.65				99.00	
REFRESHMENTS		261.42	13.98		19.08		13.96	192.24	12.08		10.08
OFFICERS		968.83		51.60	111.00	70.00		581.25	54.38	81.30	19.30
COMMITTEES		1,023.95	412.16		45.79	146.55		73.68	45.06		300.71
PRAASA		4,055.16				4,055.16					
AREA 9 HOSTING		140.46									140.46
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		10,573.91	486.14	148.47	235.87	7,020.98	73.96	981.79	187.88	368.03	1,070.79
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	6,000.71
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	10,403.47
OUTSTANDING CHECKS											Rent \$100
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	16,404.18

DISTRICT 8					
2023 Budget JANUARY 18 2023					
Description			2022	2023 Approved Budget	2023 Spen As of 9/14/23
Opening Bank Balance			15348.04	20517.75	16805.8
Ending BankBalance					16404.18
INCOME:					
Group Contributions			10000	10000	6453.31
AREA: Meeting Hosting (ASC)					
AREA: Servathon 2022, Foro2023			1600	1600	
Interest Inc., Reimb & Adjustments				10	7.03
Total Anticipated Income			11600	11670	6460.34
	2022	Total Actual Income	13410.53		
EXPENSES:					
Business:					50.75
verizon				720	480.38
Zoom			180	150	159.64
Rent			900	1800	100
Insurance			315	315	315
Post Office Box Rental			176	180	230
Postage			100	120	108.65
Printing			50	250	189.65
Office Supplies			15	100	44.54
Refreshments			150	150	150
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	234.7
Committees:					
Accessibilities			300	300	
Archives			150	250	
Coffee			100	150	111.42
Cooperation with the Elder Comm			250	300	
Corrections			500	500	355.67
Cooperation W Professional Comm			350	350	
Grapevine/La Vina			200	3200	2445.48
GSR School/Orientation			500	500	
Literature			300	300	
Technology			500	1000	668.28
Public Information			750	1000	
			3900		
Other:					
PRAASA for DCMC			1200	1200	70
PRAASA for District			5000	8000	4055.16
Hosting Area Meeting			0	0	140.46
HostinForo			1600	1600	
District Events			600	1800	
Grapevine - Carry the Message			0	0	
Total Projected Expenses			17661	25760	
Total Actual Expenses			8658.85		10573.91