

**APPROVED MINUTES
FOR ZOOM MEETING**
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**General Service Area 09, District 08
Corona, Jurupa Valley, Mentone, Moreno Valley, Norco, Redlands, Riverside, Yucaipa
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Date: August 19, 2020**

Call to Order—Deborah @ 7:01PM

GSR Preamble--Phil

We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the world of A.A.

We realize the ultimate authority is a loving God as he may express Himself in our Group Conscience. As trusted servants, our job is to bring information to our groups in order that they can reach an informed group conscience. In passing along this group conscience, we are helping to maintain the unity and strength so vital to our fellowship.

Let us, therefore, have the patience and tolerance to listen while others share, the courage to speak up when we have something to share, and the wisdom to do what is right for our group and A.A. as a whole.

**Welcome and Introduction of New GSR's—Mike from Monday Night First Nighters/Redlands
and Visitors—Dave M.**

Total Attendance--19

Birthdays—None in August

**Traditions: 8 This Month: Olivia Next Month: Tradition 9: Santos
Concepts: 8 This Month: Aran Next Month: Concept 9: Jerry**

Review and Discuss AA Literature

The selection, for August was, the "Traditions Checklist from the AA Grapevine" focusing on the questions for Tradition 8.

Next Month: We will review and discuss, "The AA Preamble: Background Information", SMF-127. The link is: https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/smf-127_en.pdf. Please see reprint, at the end of this report.

Officer Reports:

DCMC: Deborah—Attended Area 09 August ASC, District 8 August Steering Committee and several on-line Workshops. At the Area DCM School, she was introduced to the DCM App. This is a great resource. Notified Central Office of needed changes to their listings for District 8 meetings. PO Box rental has been paid.

Alternate DCMC: Olivia-- Attended Area 09 August ASC and District 8 August Steering Committee. AA Trustee Report is available on MSCAQ09.org. She has downloaded the DCM App.

Caroline made a motion to approve the July 15, 2020 Minutes. Olivia seconded the motion. Without discussion, the Minutes were approved.

Secretary: Don S.—Prepared and presented the July Minutes, continues as Zoom Host for Home Group, Fontana Attitude Adjustment and attended several on-line Workshops and Presentations.

Treasurer: Wayne—Resigned Not Present, No Report

Registrar: Sharon— Attended Area 09 August ASC, District 8 August Steering Committee and CPC Breakout Session and Area 09 ASC. Received new District Meeting List

DCM Sub-District Reports:

A: Phil [Redlands, Yucaipa, Mentone] –Attended District 8 August Steering Committee. Sent GSR Kit to Kevin in Corona.

B: Bob H. [Riverside, Rubidoux, Mira Loma] –Attended District 8 August Steering Committee. Bob reports the Amazing Grace will be held, in-person, without Zoom. Central Office Picnic/Fund Raiser has been cancelled.

C: Open [Moreno Valley]—No Report

D: Open Corona/Norco]—No Report

PSA Video—Sharon presented a few minutes of, “Big Book in Sign Language”. It showed the sign language presentation of a portion of “The Doctor’s Opinion”.

Old Business:

1. DCM’s Sub Districts C & D, District Treasurer, Archives Chair, Literature Chair, Public information Chair remain “OPEN* positions. Please announce at your meetings.
2. Virtual Donations were discussed. There were many questions, so it was decided that Deborah and Bob will discuss with our bank, Sharon will contact other local Districts, Deborah will contact Area 09 and all members will poll their Groups for their experience, thoughts and reactions.

New Business:

1. The question was put to the body—Should District 8 continue to pay rent to the Wesley Methodist Church, even though we do not currently meet in the facility? Bob reported that at this time no Groups are conducting in-person meetings at the facility. Groups that were using the facility are moving, or considering relocation, to alternate sites. It was agreed that District 8 will most likely not meet in-person for several more months. District 8 has 3 storage crates of supplies stored at the church. If we decide to discontinue rent payments, Bob will move and store these crates. Also, if we decide to discontinue rent payments, we may be able to discontinue insurance coverage.

Don made a motion to discontinue paying rent to the Wesley Methodist Church. Bob seconded the motion. Without dissent, the motion was approved.

2. Committee Chairs were asked for ideas for On-Line Workshops that could be presented by District 8. Bob will contact Mary G., regarding a presentation on the “Women Pioneers of AA” publication. Don will contact Traditions/Technology speaker he heard on a recent Workshop.

3. Jerry suggests District 8 needs a web site. This issue will be discussed further next month.
4. It was reported that the decision has been made to present the 2021 General Service Conference virtually. It is less costly to make in-person meeting arrangements closer to the event date than to cancel arrangements we might make at this time.

Committee Reports:

Accessibilities: Amy reported she enjoys working with her counterparts, during Area Accessibilities Committee meetings. There are many meetings easily available on Zoom.

Archives: Open—No Report

Coffee: Wyly & Trudy—Not Present, No Report

Convention Liaison: Kristen—Not Present, No Report

Cooperation with the Elderly Community (CEC): Caroline—No Report

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC): Juanita—No Report

Corrections: Howard—Not Present, No Report

Grapevine: Santos—Has been e-mailing Nurses copies of the Grapevine, so they can redistribute to patients in need. Grapevine is no longer being provided at no charge.

GSR School: Aran—GSR School will be scheduled, beginning today, after the District meeting. It is thought this will lead to increased GSR participation. Aran will be working, with Phil to develop a GSR School curriculum.

H&I Liaison: Alyce—Not Present, No Report

Intergroup Liaison: Chuck—Not Present, No Report

Literature: Open—No Report

Public Information: Open—No Report

GSR Sharing:

Sharon explained that the purpose of GSR Sharing is to give GSR's an opportunity to ask questions, pass along information and build relationships with other GSR's and/or District Meeting participants.

Service Sponsor Volunteers: Many volunteered to serve as a Service Sponsor. Reminder—If you are in service, get a Service Sponsor.

1min. GSR Report: Given, by Grant. Thank you!

Next Month: Not designated

Meeting Closed—Deborah @ 8:26PM with the Responsibility Statement.

**Next Meeting: September 16, 2020 @ 7:00PM
Virtual Meeting on Zoom we'll keep you posted.**

Upcoming events

Area Service Assembly, September 13

****All the information for these events can be found at: [MSCA09aa.org/events](https://msca09aa.org/events)*

THE AA PREAMBLE: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

THE PREAMBLE was introduced in the June 1947 issue of the AA Grapevine magazine. It was written by the then-editor, who borrowed much of the phrasing from the Foreword to the original edition of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

In those early years, the Grapevine had just begun to circulate among nonalcoholics, and the Preamble was intended primarily to describe for them what AA is and is not. It is still often used for public information purposes. As time passed, it began appearing in all Conference-approved publications, and many AA groups now use it to open meetings.

The original version differed in two ways from the familiar form we all know: 1) It stated that the only requirement for membership is an *honest* desire to stop drinking," and 2) it contained only the very brief statement "AA has no dues or fees."

People often ask why the word "honest" was deleted. At the 1958 General Service Conference, a delegate asked about the words "honest desire to stop drinking," suggesting that since "honest" does not appear in the Third Tradition, it might be deleted from the Preamble. In discussion, most Conference members felt that as AA had matured, it had become almost impossible to determine what constitutes an honest desire to stop drinking, and also that some who might be interested in the program could be confused by the phrase. Thus, as part of the evolution of AA, the phrase had been dropped from common usage. The midsummer 1958 meeting of the General Service Board of Trustees ratified the deletion, and since then the Preamble has read simply "a desire to stop drinking."

At the same time, the phrase "AA has no dues or fees" was clarified to read as it presently does: "There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions." The current version of the Preamble appears on page one of every issue of the Grapevine.

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Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.