

## Area 8 District 4 Meeting Notes

6:30 PM Wednesday May 5, 2021

Church, 4761 Cass St. 92109 [in-person meetings temporarily suspended]

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87587629081?pwd=dHNsZS9qYlVaSmJNWWVJNN28zQUc3QT09>

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### Meeting Notes

- I. **Call to order and Serenity Prayer**
- II. **Tradition 5** (Long Form) Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity *having but one primary purpose*—that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers. [Read by James K](#)
- III. **GSR Preamble** – 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. [Read by David P.](#)
- IV. **Introductions and A.A. Birthdays.** [No Birthdays.](#) [Introductions.](#) [Maureen G. DCM –Old Town Speakers;](#) [Wheeler N., D-4 Secretary, P.B. Weekend Warmup.;](#) [Gene L. GSR-Friday Open Discussion, Wesley Palms;](#) [David P. GSR Old Town Speakers;](#) [Kat, Alt GSR, Old Town Speakers;](#) [James K. Grapevine/La Vina Cmte, GSR, Hole in the Donut.](#)
- V. **Special Guest from Grapevine Committee** (James K) [Showed 5 minute video.](#) [Grapevine and La Vina started in 1944. Language of the Heart contains all of Bill W's Grapevine articles from 1944-1970. Laid out the 12 Traditions. There is a You Tube Channel which has 120,000 people viewing it monthly. Newcomers seem to prefer digital approach. One can submit written articles or from phone as an audio story. Articles are in print or digital form. Committee does workshops. Every group is encouraged to have a representative to Grapevine and La Vina. Representative is registered with GSO in NY. The articles are contemporary stories by members in their own words and serve as resource for members to find recovery. For small groups can request a "to go box" which contains \\$200 of literature to sell. The literature person can display at his/her meeting. Subscriptions can also be purchased and donated to a newcomer. Next committee meeting Sunday May 15 at 12:30. Normally second Sunday of the month. Check out the website at <https://www.area8aa.org/sdiaa/committees/grapevine-la-vina-committee/> or email at Grapevine LaVina @area8aa.org](#)

- VI. Approval of May 2021 meeting notes** - Accepted.
- VII. Treasurer Report sent by Ray**, Starting Balance \$3879.43. Current balance 43844.14. Suggest we need dialogue/ideas as to how we can spend the funds for 12 step work. For example, workshops.
- VIII. Registrar Report (Adam)** No report
- IX. DCM Report (Maureen)** Discussed links to agenda items below. Highlighted polling results from the Pre-Conference Assembly and at area committee meeting April 15, opportunity for input/comment on spending plan.
- A. Pre-Conference Assembly Polling Results: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/71st-Pre-Conference-Polling-REV01.pdf>
  - B. Area Committee Meeting April 15, 2021
    - Finance – opportunity for input on next year’s spending plan
    - Request for articles (200 words) for Newsletter – Link to April Newsletter: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/April-2021-Newsletter-English-Final.pdf>
    - For more, see the ACM abbreviated minutes
- X. Standing Committees (GSRs)** James GV and La Vina did presentation, see above. Literature committee, Maureen- review a pamphlet at each meeting. Glide app. Provides free literature.
- XI. Group Check-ins (GSRs)** No new items.
- XII. Old Business**
- A. Service positions for District 4 (**need an Alternate DCM**)
  - B. GSRs Registration and Participation on Standing Committees
  - C. PRAASA March 6 and 7 Recordings Link: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/18JCimxbxV4Al2aAQg2R9meJAltq23px?usp=sharing>
  - D. District 4 Outreach to Unrepresented Groups We will divide up the listed groups and present to them the GSR pamphlet/presentation to make groups aware of the role of the GSR
  - E. Post-COVID meeting considerations – Group conscience notes were provided from Wheeler. Also was mentioned that there is a document on the Central Office website related to this, linked here: <http://www.aasandiego.org/groupreconvening.pdf>  
Opening up groups. Need to decide if hybrid. Some churches are requiring someone to sign a hold harmless waiver. For \$30 /year a facility can be insured for \$1 million. To open up need to fill out form about what your practice is for Covid precautions.
- XIII. New Business** None
- XIV. Announcements/Upcoming Events** – Check [Area 8 Calendar](#) for current information

- A. District 4 Meeting – **June 2, 2021** 6:30-7:30 PM  
Meeting ID: 875 8762 9081 Passcode: AAA8D4
- B. Area 8 Spending Plan Workshops - Monday, **May 10**, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., AND/OR  
Monday, **June 14**, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Meeting ID: 962 6898 7584; Password: 964243
- C. Post-Conference Assembly - **May 15, 2021**
- GSR Orientation 8:00-8:55 - Meeting ID: 925 0290 7657 Passcode: 2021GSR
  - Assembly 9AM-4PM – Meeting ID: 638 894 255 Passcode: GSC2021

**XV. Concept 5** (Long Form) Throughout our world service structure, a traditional “Right of Appeal” ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered. [Read by Gene](#)

**XVI. Closing/Declaration Of Unity:**

This we owe to AA's future:  
To place our common welfare first.  
To keep our fellowship united.  
For on A.A. unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come.