

## CENTRAL SERVICE MEETING MINUTES

### Central Office and Central Service Representatives Meeting Report

Date: February 21, 2023

Meeting called to order: Cheryl H. Time: 7:05 PM

Board members present: Cheryl H., Patrick A., Sara S., David G. Absent: William (Bill) E. with notice (power outage is preventing him from attending via Zoom).

Serenity Prayer: said by all who wish.

12 Traditions: Patrick

Minutes of last meeting: Reviewed by all; Brett moved to approve, motion seconded by Patrick. Vote: all in favor, none against.

Report of last Board meeting: Meeting called to order at 8:30 PM by Cheryl Hinton. All board members were present. Under new business, the idea was presented for a salary increase for our office manager. Her current salary is \$21.22 per hour 20 hours per week; the office does not pay health insurance or dental. So that's going to be discussed again this evening. Cash flow reports for the years 2021 and 2022 were presented. That will be taken into consideration at the board meeting tonight. The second thing the board discussed was the reconfiguration of the CSR meeting financial report. On the financial report – I believe that was in the newsletter – an error was found where the total did not equal the previous balance. Carol Ann was going to talk to the publisher and the publisher will send her the financial page before he publishes the newsletter to be sent out to the members, so that she can proof read it and make sure everything is correct. For the reporting period, all numbers should add up; and the ending account balance will include the bank account balance plus petty cash. However, we won't have that tonight because Carol Ann is out sick, and when I got here, I didn't go online into the accounts before David got here and set up the computer. Prudent reserve will continue to be listed. Then we had a discussion on how to connect people to P.I./C.P.C. In announcing requests for volunteers, we asked people to contact Central Office and Carol Ann would forward them to Patrick. The meeting adjourned at 9:19 PM

Treasurer and Office report: Prepared by Carol Ann Gable, Office Manager & Treasurer; presented by Cheryl.

#### Treasurer / Office Report and Financial Report

February 21st, 2023

Central Office had an income of \$4,922.18 and expenses of \$4,846.08 for a gain of \$76.10.

Our Grateful Givers Club brought in \$405.75 and our Birthday Club brought in \$27.00 in much appreciated contributions.

We had \$792.95 in gross sales in 12 transactions for credit and debit cards last month.

We had 1 transaction in PayPal for \$20.

We had 2 VENMO transactions this accounting period for gross sales of \$231.53.

Traffic and calls have been average.

We want to thank all the groups and individuals who contributed to show their support for Central Office.

Office operations are going well and we are still fulfilling our primary purpose of carrying the AA message of recovery.

The Big Book is still on sale for \$9.83 here at the Central Office.

I am here to accommodate you, please don't hesitate to call the office and leave me a message. I will call you back the next business day. Call (559) 592-6999, when the greeting starts, press the # key and it will take you right to the beep. You can also email me at [tccof@hotmail.com](mailto:tccof@hotmail.com).

I am here to serve you!

Carol Ann Gable

Office Manager/Treasurer

(Cheryl) Looking at the income and expense statement: this was from December 21 through January 20 – the group contributions were \$2,788.62. I was floored at that and I really appreciate the groups contributing to Central Office. The Grateful Givers Club was \$405. Groups and individuals: I really appreciate that. I'm really humbled by the efforts to keep the office going.

Under expenses, we didn't have anything major. We had to pay our quarterly taxes, which I do appreciate Carol Ann being on top of that. When they're due, she doesn't wait until the deadline to do it and I'll tell you that's refreshing. I appreciate that. So as you can see we had a net gain of \$76.10. Somebody in a meeting asked me why we include the credit card charges, Venmo, and Paypal; and that's because it costs the office to use these services. We are transparent as an office and I think all the members need to know what our income is and what our outgo is. When we discussed starting Venmo last year, we went *months* discussing whether or not to implement Venmo and, and it's quite obvious that Venmo is doing very well for itself.

Do we have any questions on the income and expense statement?

(Patrick) Just saying this is easy to understand. I love it. Last month I was lost, but this month it's clear cut and to the point. As it continues to go on throughout the year, I know this will be the running total, which is great.

Public Information report: Patrick A. provided the report.

Public Information & Cooperation with the Professional Community (P.I./C.P.C.). We inform professionals and future professionals about A.A. – What we are, where we are, what we can do, and what we cannot do. We attempt to establish better communication between A.A. and professionals, to establish simple, effective ways of cooperating without affiliating.

I am looking forward to that opportunity to work with more volunteers to help. We ordered more of the pamphlets and holders for offices.

Thank you for letting me be a service.

Patrick.

(Cheryl) If anybody knows of any health events in your town or community, and you think that it would be beneficial to have an A.A. booth set up, that's one of the things Patrick does. Let us know about the event, and we'll reach out.

Volunteers to write Step and Tradition for Central News

Step for newsletter

Issue	Step	Member	Due date	Send to
March	3	Miranda G.	February 20	CentralintergroupNews@gmail.com
April	4	Paul B.	March 20	CentralintergroupNews@gmail.com

Tradition for newsletter

Issue	Tradition	Member	Due date	Send to
March	3	Ally A.	February 20	CentralintergroupNews@gmail.com
April	4	Sara S.	March 20	CentralintergroupNews@gmail.com

Newsletter report: none at this time.

Website report: Provided by David G.

No website report this month; We did add several events to the website. I did talk with Carol Ann about moving from Amazon to Linode.

H & I report: Provided by Joyce; read by Paul B.

Tulare County Hospital & Institution Committee

February, 2023

Thank you for your continued support to the Pink Can. On January 28, 2023, NorCal held its first Committee Meeting utilizing our adopted restructure. It was well attended and many of the 44 Areas were represented by their Area Chairs. We utilized our newly updated meeting format which includes a time of collaboration on issues that Areas face. While the restructure has opened communication in our committee, communication with our fellowship which funds our activities remains dependent upon AA groups electing a Group Representative. We encourage Group Representatives to attend our Area Business Meetings as voting members relaying their groups conscience. This allows our Area to bring the collective conscience of Tulare County to the NorCal Committee Meetings as we are represented by our Area and Regional Chairs.

At the Region level, we find Fresno active and expanding their H&I service commitments. Madera remains active in the Chowchilla Facilities and Mariposa has once again began taking H&I panels into Mariposa County Jail and the Fire Camps.

At our last Tulare County Area Meeting, we welcomed Violet Q. as our Recording Secretary. We have welcomed 6 new volunteers, and spent the last month contacting our current volunteers to ensure that all are participating at the level they desire. Since our last Area Meeting, we have had a change in two of our Facilities as the Coordinators have stepped down from their positions. We are in the process of orientating new volunteers for these positions, while our H&I panels continue twice a month at Turning Point, Pine Recovery, and Mothering Heights Women's Recovery. Once a month we take panels to the Mental Health Transitional Living Facility. H&I Panels are continuing at Tulare County Jail, Corcoran and Avenal Prisons.

Our next meeting is on March 11, 2023 at 10:00 am. Orientation will be held at 9:00 am on the same date at 526 N. Bridge Street, Visalia, CA. If you are interested in this type of service work, please join us.

In service,

Joyce R.

(Cheryl) Any questions for Paul?

(Steve) Yes: Did you mention Robertsons Recovery in that?

(Paul) We don't take an H & I panel into Robertsons. We have been talking with (when I say we: Joyce) has been talking with Robertsons about taking a panel in there.

GSO liaison report: provided by David G.

We had our GSR meeting February 1<sup>st</sup>; eight people attended. We had two new GSRs: Sean A. and Fred F. Finances: our outgo included \$400 for rent to Central Office, and \$446.25 for travel and registration to the Winter Assembly in Gridley. The treasurer wasn't able to make the meeting so I don't have updates on the balance and income: will be reported next month. Mike C. our alternate DCM (and I) went to the Winter Assembly. The Pre-Conference Assembly team has secured a location in Tracy California for April 15 through 16, which unfortunately does conflict with the Spring Into Sobriety event in Visalia. The Post-Conference Assembly

team has secured a location in Chico California. That's May 6 and 7. The Finance Committee is recommending that CNIA increase its prudent reserve from \$8,000 to \$14,000. Jenn D. our Delegate to New York presented a lot of stuff. There are 180 agenda items at the conference which are going to be discussed. There were over 1,400 stories submitted for the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Big Book. If your groups have ideas on the type of stories that should be included out of those 1,400 you should send your GSR to inform the delegate at the Pre-Conference Assembly in April which is going to be in Tracy California. The registration form for the Pre-Conference Assembly is already on <https://aa-tulareco.org> . Look for upcoming events: CNIA 07 Pre-Conference Assembly 2023. Registration is \$12. If you want to sign up for dinner, that's another \$15 to \$16.50 depending on whether you're doing vegetarian or not. Hotel rates were \$140 to about \$170. It's just the one night. Your GSRs, if they want to go, should get the forms now: print them out, write a check and mail them. There is no online registration for the Pre-Conference Assembly. Lastly, District 47 is holding an Agenda Item Workshop at the Porterville 12 Step Recovery Club. Jenn D., our delegate, will be in person in Porterville as we discuss the agenda items. We've got the committee formed, we're looking for more volunteers. We need a publicity chair. I think we've got the food committee chairman, but other positions are available. Many positions were assigned at the meeting. Not part of the GSR thing: after Jenn does the agenda item workshop in Porterville, she'll also be the featured speaker for the Sunday PM Serenity Seekers meeting in Visalia.

Any questions for GSR?

(Steve) Yes. You said they are working on the 5<sup>th</sup> edition? Are they changing the first 164 pages?

(David) Mike's notes make the point that he says, "we are not going to change the first 164 pages." Jenn did bring up on Saturday at the Area Committee Meeting (we attended via Zoom) of those 180 agenda items, several of them said "we want you to change back (*something*)."

What the conference has decided is that instead of dealing with these agenda items, piecemeal, there's going to be one big agenda item that says "What do we want the policy to be with regard to updating the language when it was written by the original founders?" So, they want this overall opinion: what does AA want with regard to what Bill Wilson and Dr. Bob wrote? That's where it will be really important for a GSR to talk to the delegate and say "set it in stone, never change it" or maybe there are people who are like, "no, we've got to get with the times, we've got to be modern."

Our delegate will be here. We have an opportunity to talk with her. Our groups should get a GSR and talk amongst the group and get the group to say "this is what we want" and that GSR needs to talk to the delegate, and the GSR needs to go to the Pre-Conference Assembly which is in Tracy, California.

(Cheryl) The first weekend of March is PRAASA. It's the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly. This year, it's held at Marriott hotel at L.A.X. This is where people, AA members, delegates, GSRs, and DCMs converge to talk about everything. Anything and everything that has to do with Alcoholics Anonymous. Chances are these agenda items

will be brought up. The change in the preamble that was brought up: that that has created quite a stir. And the fifth edition of the big book, they will be discussing that. So if anybody's interested in that, this is where the nine western regional states converge. It's March 4th and 5th. It's always the first weekend in March, and it's great.

Bridging The Gap (BTG): provided by Sara S.

We had our first meeting for Bridging The Gap on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Two members showed up besides myself: David G. and Fred F. We did a baseline of what we're going to be doing. We set our next meeting for April 1<sup>st</sup> here in Central Office at 11 AM. I have a list of people that are interested, so we decided to send out a group text to remind people. It is on the website, right, David? *(Yes, I put it on)*. If you know anybody who's interested to be on the committee, because we want to get the committee going so we can get this in-process, Bridging The Gap is bringing our members coming out of halfway houses or jails or prisons to their AA community. There's two different pamphlets. We went over those and saw what the deal is, because I have been told "you don't pick them up", but one pamphlet says "pick them up and take them to the meetings". I think that's probably your discretion and that will be discussed during the meeting. Our next committee meeting, so we can get the committee going, is April 1<sup>st</sup> 11 o'clock here at Central Office. *(Discussion about making the meeting available via Zoom; consensus is yes, we will also make the meeting available via Zoom.)*

CSR reports

If you have a change in your meeting please notify Carol Ann here at the office so she can update the meeting schedule and get that information to David for the website.

Tuesday Night "Friends Of Bill W. and Doctor Bob", Patrick A., CSR,

This is a Tuesday Night Open Meeting held at St. John's Episcopal Church, 1701 E Prosperity Ave in Tulare from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. We are a fellowship of men and women sharing our experience, strength, and hope. This is an indoor meeting, averaging about fifteen people every week. We give out chips for various lengths of continuous sobriety and celebrate birthdays at the end of each month with cake and ice cream. We do have cake and ice cream regardless if anyone is celebrating a birthday. Newcomers are welcome. All may attend. It's a wonderful meeting. There are multiple men and women there with quality sobriety that are open and willing to sponsor.

Thank you for letting me be of service,

Patrick A.

Civic Center Group, Brett R., CSR,

Tuesday night Civic Center meeting in Visalia at the Christ Lutheran church near Tulare and Demaree. It starts at 7:00 PM and goes to 8:00 PM. It is an Open meeting, and newcomers are welcome. Our business meetings are the third Tuesday of the month at 8:10 PM. We've had pretty good turnout for several months. We have a birthday meeting on the last Tuesday of the month, with cupcakes.

Bridge Street Drunks, Sara S., CSR,

We are located in Visalia at 526 N. Bridge Street. We are a large fun group who hosts 18 meetings. Our business meetings are the last Saturday of the month: either 8 AM or 1 PM. Our next business meeting is February 25<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM. Our birthday meetings are the last Saturday of the month at the noon meeting and we offer chips, hugs, coffee and candy. A lot of people bake goods and bring them in. All who have a desire to stop drinking are welcome.

Our meeting schedule is:

Monday through Sunday 7 AM to 8 AM

Monday through Sunday 12 noon to 1 PM

Tuesday evening 6 to 7 PM (12 by 12 book study)

Wednesday evening 6 to 7 PM (book study)

Thursday evening 7 to 8:30 PM (Big Book study)

Saturday evening 7 to 8 PM (open meeting)

Thank you for letting me of service,

Sara S.

(Cheryl) I have a question on your birthday meeting. So everybody from all of those groups that have birthdays attend that one birthday meeting?

(Sara) Yes, the last Saturday of the month.

(Shelly) I have a question too, Sara. When do you give the chips?

(Sara) The last Saturday of the month at the noon meeting.

(Shelly) I have one more question: Do they have the women's 5:30 on Monday still?

(Sara) No, that has moved to the Alano club.

Crossroads Group, Steve P., CSR,

The Crossroads Group in Tulare, on Tulare Avenue – 220 W. Tulare Avenue at the Hillman House. We meet Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. We're a small group; our secretary has been getting some great people to chair for us the last four or five meetings. Most most nights everyone gets to share.

Pine Recovery Friday Night Candlelight meeting, Steve P., CSR,

The Pine Recovery Candlelight meeting is on Fridays nights, from 10:00 to 11:00 PM, in Visalia at 120 W. School Avenue. Usually there's 25 to 30 people. It's an open meeting and it is open to the public; women can come even though it's a men's recovery home.

Thank you guys,

Steve.

(Shelly) Is that inside or outside?

(Steve) In the wintertime it's inside, in the summertime it's outside. It depends on the weather.

Friday Freedom Fellowship, Ernesto, CSR.

We are a Closed meeting, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM at Christ Lutheran Church in Visalia. Our business meeting, we moved back to the second Friday: it used to be on the first Friday. Our business meeting is on the second Friday at 8:10 PM right after the meeting. Every last Friday, we hold a birthday meeting, which is an Open meeting for family, friends and anyone who wants to celebrate with their birthday person. We give out chips at every meeting.

Tuesday Women's Amity Group, Ally A., CSR,

We are a Closed meeting of women who meet for one hour every Tuesday beginning at 6:30 PM. We gather at the Trinity Reformed Church at 6400 W. Walnut Avenue in Visalia. We meet in-person and we celebrate various lengths of sobriety, and annual birthdays are celebrated the last Tuesday of the month, with sobriety chips and dessert. Attendance averages between 20 and 30 women.

Thank you for letting me be of service,

Ally.

Keep It Simple Sunday, Shelly. CSR.

We meet Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM in Blain Park at 3101 South Court Street in Visalia. We meet outside in the middle of the park down in the gully from 10 until 11:30 AM. Bring a chair: a lawn chair, some type of chair or blanket. And it's an Open meeting and our participation varies. We're out there no matter what. We've run for our cars when it started hailing. We are out there, come rain, hail or sleet or snow, whatever it is, we have some diehards. Please come and join us. It's a great meeting and everybody gets to share. We give out chips every Sunday.

(Sara) Shelly, What time is that meeting?

(Shelly) Thanks Sara. It changes: right now it's 10-11:30 and then we'll go back to 9 when it gets really hot.



Monday Night Men's Meeting, Paul B., CSR.

We meet at the P.P.A.V. Hall in Visalia. We are a Closed men's meeting. We meet for 90 minutes. We celebrate sobriety milestones under a year every week. On the last Monday of the month we celebrate annual birthdays with chips and a hug and dessert. Our business meeting is the first Monday of the month. We ask men who have completed the steps and have the time and energy to sponsor to stand up. Our numbers have been growing; we been having 50 to 60 men at our meeting lately.

Thank you for letting me be of service,

Paul.

*Discussion for nine minutes regarding a Saturday night meeting in Tulare and newcomers showing up to the meeting only to find a dark building.*

Old business:

1. Golf Tournament April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023
  1. Our golf tournament is scheduled for April 23 At Valley Oaks Golf Course next door to Plaza Park in Visalia. Tickets are \$100 per person. The flyers are on the website. So get your teams together. Get registered.
  2. Please announce the golf tournament at your meetings.

New business:

1. Founders Day Picnic June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023
  1. This will be AA's 88<sup>th</sup> birthday.
  2. Does anyone want to volunteer to be the Founders Day Picnic chairperson? Sara, who has done it several times in a row, can be a service sponsor: but it's time for rotation of service. If you get a great committee and delegate the heck out of it, it's a snap. The last two committees have had 15, 16 people show up, and the event has been great.

Seventh Tradition: \$42.27

Announcements:

- Sunday breakfast speaker meeting March the 12<sup>th</sup>: our speaker is Ed P. from Moccasin, Arizona

Meeting adjourned: 8:20 PM. Brett moved, Ally seconded, in favor: all, against: none.