

☛CENTRAL SERVICE MEETING MINUTES☚

Central Office & Central Service Representatives Meeting Report

Date:

April 9,2024

Meeting called to order:

7:02 P.M.

Board members present:

David G, Patrick A, George J, Ally A
Absent, Cody A

Serenity Prayer

David G

12 Traditions

Patrick A

Minutes of Last Meeting

Carol Ann G motion to approve minutes
Patrick G second
All in favor

Report of Last Board Meeting

David G
Carol Ann May 28-June 5th vacation approved
Old Business- St Pauls New Years Eve event
After Hours voice service

Treasurer & Office Report

April 9th 2024

Good evening!

For the period from Feb 21st thru March 20th, 2024 Central Office had an
income of \$3238.35 and
expenses of \$4,356.79
for a loss of \$1,118.44

Our Grateful Givers Club brought in \$60 and our Birthday Club brought in \$113 in much appreciated contributions.

We had \$1,106.51 in gross sales in 19 transactions for credit and debit cards, \$20 in 1 transaction in PayPal, and \$303.86 in 3 VENMO transactions this accounting period.

The Office will be closed May 27th in observance of Memorial Day,

and the board approved my vacation scheduled from May 28th thru June 5th

Claudia has agreed cover the office during this time.

Traffic and calls have been average. Office operations are going well and we are still fulfilling our primary purpose of carrying the AA message of recovery. We did have an incident where the Wi-Fi was down and Spectrum said they checked their system seeing no issues on their end and informed me that they could come and diagnose our system but if it was because of our equipment, they would charge us accordingly. I notified our web servant of the issue and he came and installed some sort of Wi-Fi enhancing gadget which he mentioned would strengthen our signal and also enable another computer to hook up to our Wi-Fi. I also came in the other day and there were bunches of paper printed out with computer code gibberish on them mentioning our email address that came in through someone accessing our printer through Wi-Fi, I called our web servant about this and he walked me through turning off the Wi-Fi access to the Ecotank printer. (It is unknown if this wi-fi booster was donated to Central Office to stay here once David is no longer on the board).

I wanted to make the groups aware that since the last financial report, we paid the quarterly payroll taxes and we are now below our prudent reserve by about \$2,000.

I would like to thank all of the groups and individuals who contributed to Central Office!

Grateful to be here!

Carol Ann Gable

Office Manager/Treasurer

Public Information Report

George J

Moving forward with previous plans. We now have a volunteer providing pamphlets to Dr offices and health clinics.

April 5th attended a Health Fair with Glenda and qty 2 other volunteers with a positive response.

April 10th from 11am-3pm Cocoran Park Health Fair for Employees of Cocoran Prison & the Community. George will also be in attendance.

April 11th Health Fair at The Methodist Church in connection with Child Abuse awareness. Jonathan & Sara, AA is appropriate to be there from 3pm-6pm.

Senior Day in the park is scheduled for May 5th. Looking for suggestions as if this would be a positive event to attend.

We are also able to speak and local events to educate those who are in need.

Contact George J @ 917-257-4532

Volunteers to Write STEP & TRADITION for Central Newsletter

STEP FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER

	Issue	Step	Member
May	5	John W	Due to centralintergroupnews@gmail.com
June	6	Ally A	Due to centralintergroupnews@gmail.com

TRADITION FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER

	Issue	Step	Member
May	5	David G	Due to centralintergroupnews@gmail.com
June	6	Mike P	Due to centralintergroupnews@gmail.com

Newsletter Report



Website Report

Report covers the time between the March and April CSR Meetings (2024-03-12 through 2024-04-09).

Calendar of events:

Founder's Day Picnic planning committee meeting

CNIA 07 Monthly Grapvine/La Viña Meeting

District 47 Agenda Item Workshop 2024

9th Annual Central California Council Roundup

Announcements:

Founder's Day Picnic planning committee meeting, Wednesday, March 27, at 7:00 PM

District 47 Agenda Item Workshop 2024 on Sunday the 24th

Carol Ann and I did the normal monthly edits of the CSR meeting, GSR meeting, Springville Sunday Breakfast meeting, and Valley Group meetings.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Hospitals & Institutions “H&I” Report

The only purpose of the Northern California Hospital and Institution Committee is to carry the message of AA to alcoholics in Corrections and Treatment facilities and facilities serving alcoholics in Northern CA. Here in Tulare County (Area 93), we do this by conducting AA meetings in the facilities we serve. Currently we hold 17 meetings monthly in 7 facilities and Tulare County Jail, utilize approximately 35 volunteers and distribute an average of 100 AA Books (Big Book, 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, Daily Reflections and Living Sober in English and Spanish) per month along with Grapevines and LaVinas. H&I volunteers from Tulare County also hold approximately 10 meetings monthly at Corcoran, STAF and Avenal prisons. The meetings and books are in English and Spanish.

H&I activities are fully supported by funds collected from passing the pink cans at AA meetings from Tulare County to the Oregon Border as established in 1957. Prior to 1957, H&I volunteers had to either provide the literature for the H&I meetings themselves or beg it from their groups, often stretching the groups' funds beyond their ability to pay for other AA services. The pink can funds are sent to NorCal H&I in San Francisco. Our Area and Prison Coordinators request needed literature and it is sent to us straight for AAWS. We are blessed that we operate as one committee. In 2023, Tulare County and the prisons we serve distributed \$21,000 in literature and the pink can contributions from our area was \$7,300.

At times we hear, "H&I is not part of AA." It is true that NorCal H&I is not part of the General Service Structure. We operate as an AA service entity, governed by the Twelve Traditions, and based on the spiritual principles embodied within the Twelve Concepts of Alcoholics Anonymous. We are "directly responsible to those we serve" as outlined in the ninth tradition, the AA fellowship of Northern California which funds our activities. A point of reference as to what this means is our Central Office which also operates as AA service entity, "directly responsible to those they serve" as outlined in the ninth tradition. Central Office also is not part of the General Service Structure. We support Central Office with 7th Tradition Funds while H&I is funded by the pink can passed separately to not detract from our 7th Tradition responsibilities.

The NorCal H&I Committee was formed in 1946 to unify the procedures for those who are interested in this type of Twelfth Step work and avoid confusion and duplication of effort. Simply put, we take meetings inside facilities to carry the message of AA to those who have a desire to stop drinking. We have long standing agreements with Bridging the Gap and PI/CPC and will honor those but will stay true to our policies and procedures and those of the facilities we serve.

To continue to grow, we need more volunteers. Please share this with your groups and send any interested volunteers to our next orientation: May 11, 2024; 9:00 am; at 526 N. Bridge Street, Visalia, CA 93291. This information is also listed on the Tulare County Website at aa-tulareco.org. Please encourage all Tulare County AA groups to pass the pink can. If pink cans are needed, please contact Central Office or myself.

In Service,
Joyce R.
Area 93 H&I Chair

Bridging the Gap "BTG" Chairperson Report

Cody A...presented by David G

Spring into Sobriety Event we were able to present an introduction to Bridging the Gap... Also hoping to secure a date & time to meet with the Sherriffs department to give them information about our services.

General Service Office "GSO" Liaison Report

GSR meeting was April 3rd, 2024

Twelve people attended; four in-person and eight via Zoom.

Treasurer Report:

Balance Forward	\$2,777.52
Income	
Porterville Loose Women's Meeting	\$22.50
Springville Book Study	\$60.00
Individual Contribution	\$11.52

Total Income	\$85.02
Expenses	\$0.00
Current Balance	\$2,871.54

DCM report:

Last month, Mike met with District 55 members to finalize a post-conference assembly flyer. Registration for the post-conference assembly is now open on cnaia.org. Flyers can be found on the central office website and should be attached to the May 18th-19th post-conference registration link.

Members may stay near Coalinga if interested, as there are nearby hotels by the Harris Ranch Restaurant. The upcoming meeting on April 18th aims to discuss volunteers for setup, snack bar, and registration. Volunteers are needed for setting up and cleaning up; we are requested to contribute to snack costs.

In late March, Mike held an agenda items workshop in Visalia. He also attended meetings in Clovis and online (ACM), reporting on District 47 and the post-conference assembly.

The pre-conference assembly in Denair was going to take place on April 6th, during which Mike will present feedback gathered from Visalia and Tulare County members.

GSR Reports:

Jim K., GSR for the Monday Night Men's Stag at PPAV Hall in Visalia reported that his group was in favor of the Instagram account creation by New York, but was against the continued funding of La Vina at such a deficit.

Jerri T., GSR for the Saturday morning Women's 12 by 12 study group in Visalia reported that their group is organizing a Women's Retreat scheduled for October 11th – 13th at Saint Anthony's in Three Rivers. Also, plans are underway to organize a mixed-gender Sponsor-Sponsee event in Tulare County during July. Regarding agenda items, these sparked intense discussion. Two members were in favor of the plain and simple language translation of the Big Book, with 18 members against.

Similarly, the majority was against creation of an Instagram account by New York.

Dusty B., GSR for the Springville Thursday Night Gut Level Group: after some discussion, the group is not in favor of a new English translation of the Big Book into plain and simple language. The same is true for the Monday Night Springville Book Study group, because it is mostly the same people.

James W., GSR (temporary) for Bridge Street Drunks Only reported that Bridge Street is strictly against changing the Big Book's content, but they were in favor of the stories in the back changing in the printing of the fifth edition. They were also against the plain and simple language change. On Saturday, Bridge Street is hosting a Primary Purpose 12 Step Workshop at Saint Paul's as part of the Spring Into Sobriety event.

Old business

1. We have open Alternate DCM position that needs to be filled.

New business

1. We need to open a new bank account, due to changing rules at Chase bank. We will open it at Bank of the Sierra in Exeter.
2. Discuss providing funds for the Post-Conference Assembly in Huron to purchase snacks, drinks, and ice cream w/toppings for Ice Cream Social on Saturday night - (not to exceed \$300.00) - motion passed.
3. We need a couple volunteers for Post-Conference Assembly in Huron (May 17th set up, May 18th registration/snacks, May 19th snacks and clean up). If anybody's interested, they don't have to be a GSR. They can be a member of AA in our fellowship. Let me (Mike) know and I'll let them carpool with me up there to help set up on May 17th.
4. Agenda Items DCM workshop feedback from March 24: thank you to our membership who showed up; Mike will present the ideas to our delegate at the Pre-Conference Assembly for those GSRs who cannot attend the assembly.
5. We did reimburse Mike for the pizza he purchased for the Agenda Items DCM workshop feedback on March 24.

CSR REPORTS

Visalia Mens Monday Night Stag William A., CSR

The Stag in Visalia meets every Monday at the PPAV Hall in Visalia, Its a closed meeting of AA with about 60 people most weeks. We have Birthday meeting on the last Monday of every month. The meeting starts at 7:30pm and goes til 9:00pm

Saturday morning women's 12 x 12 Tracy Jo., CSR

Held from 9-10 am Saturday morning held weekly
Approx 25-35 women

We are hosting a women's retreat in October at St Anthonys in three rivers we are looking for volunteers and donations, there will be a limited number of spaces, next committee meeting will be Saturday 10:15 on the third Saturday of each month until October

Friday Freedom Fellowship Arlee CSR

We meet weekly on Fridays at Christ Lutheran Church in Visalia from 7-8 P.M.
We average around 60 in attendance each week
Thank you for letting me be of service, Arlee

Rainbow Group, Presented by George J., CSR.

The Rainbow Group meets every Saturday for an hour at 5:30 PM at The Source in Visalia, at 109 Northwest Second Avenue, which is on the south side of the Oval park. We meet for one hour and we are an Open hybrid group that meets on Zoom as well. The Zoom ID and passcode are on the website and in the Meeting Guide app. We offer a five o'clock meditation if you're interested in arriving early to prepare for a meeting. We have a speaker at the beginning of each meeting who speaks for 10 minutes after which the group is open. We give out chips at every session and celebrate birthdays at the end of the month with cake (no ice cream). We also have our business meeting on the second Saturday of the month.

Thank you for letting me be of service, George.

Springville Monday Night Book Study Group, Presented by Cody R., CSR.

We are located at the Lighthouse Chapel in Springville. We meet Monday nights from 7 to 8 PM. It is an open group book study. We rotate the books that we study. We're currently reading Language of the Heart. Turnout is about average. Emotional Sobriety will be the next book we will be reading. We have coffee and dessert every Monday. We would love to have more visitors. The Lighthouse Chapel is located off the 190: turn on to Bridge Drive, and then south to Rio Vista.

Gut-Level Group, Presented by Cody R., CSR

The Thursday Night Gut Level open meeting for men and women, is also located at the Lighthouse Chapel in Springville. We meet Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 PM. It is an open meeting with people sharing their experience, strength, and hope. Our birthday meeting is the last Thursday of the month, and we celebrate with cake and coffee. Turnout is steady. We have cake whether anyone is celebrating a birthday or not. It's a great meeting and we would love to have visitors.

Thank you for letting me be of service, Cody.

Civic Center Group Presented by Trevor., CSR

Tuesday at Christ lutheran 7-8 pm closed speaker discussion last day of the month welcome to family and friends. As well as a birthday meeting the last Tuesday of the month

Springville Breakfast Speaker Meeting, Presented by Cody for Sheryl E., CSR

We meet the second Sunday of every month at the Veterans Memorial Building, 35994 Hwy 190 in Springville. Breakfast is \$8.00 a plate per adult and \$1.00 per child under 12. The speaker part of the meeting is always free, so you don't have to eat to enjoy an excellent speaker.

We open at 8:00 with fresh hot coffee. Breakfast is served from 8:30 until 10:00. The speaker meeting begins at 10:15 with the readings, then a 10 minute speaker followed by a 15 minute break , then the main speaker until 11:45. 50/50 tickets are sold from 8:30 until the main speaker begins.

We really need a couple of strong, young people to stay after the meeting to sweep and mop the floor. It only takes a few minutes and is an easy way to be of service. So please help.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Sheryl

Friends of Bill W and Dr Bob, presented by Patrick., CSR

This is a Tuesday night meeting held at St Johns Episcopal Church at 1701 E Prosperity Ave in Tulare from 7-8:00pm We are a fellowship of men and women sharing our experience strength and hope. We average 10-15 people and give out chips for various lengths of continuous sobriety. We celebrate anniversaries the last Tuesday of the month with cake and ice cream regardless if anyone is celebrating an anniversary. Newcomers are welcome and we have members who are open to sponsor.

Thank you for letting me be of service, Patrick A

Women's Changes Meeting, Presented by Cheryl for Sheryl E., CSR.

We meet every Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m. at the 12 step Recovery Club, 186 s D street in Porterville. We are an open women's meeting. We each pick a stick from a jar and share on that topic. We average about 30 women including the girls from PAAR who might have a couple of days to women with up to a many years of continued sobriety, proving this program works.

The last Tuesday of each month we have a potluck that starts at 5:30 with good food and Birthday cake. We pass around a card for everyone to sign for those who are celebrating that month.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Sheryl

Noon AA meeting Cheryl., CSR

Noon meetings that meet at the Porterville 12 step recovery club at 186 S B Street in Porterville

Monday through Friday 12-1 pm

Mon, Tues, and Thursday use the Daily Reflections as the topic source

Wed is a chip meeting

Friday is a big book meeting

Steps sponsorship if encouraged

Hal E was presented his 39th AA birthday, his son daughters are members

AA Loose Women's Meeting, Presented by Glenda V., CSR

We meet every Friday night at 6:30 PM at the Twelve Step Recovery Club at 186 South D Street in Porterville. We are an Open discussion meeting for Women only. It's a discussion meeting: somebody picks a topic and people talk about the topic. Cross-talk is welcome. We average about 5-16 people.

Ladies from PAAR attend our meeting, who might have a couple of days of sobriety, to women with up to 43 years of sobriety, proving the program works.

Thank you for letting me be of service, Glenda

Bridge Street Drunks Only John W., CSR

We have 16 closed meetings per week and three open meetings. We have a great spirit at Bridge Street. We have a good central location in Visalia at 526 Bridge Street. Please come and visit! We have birthdays on the last Saturday noon meeting.

Crossroads Steve P., CSR

Crossroads group is an open meeting, we meet at 7:00pm Thursday nights at 220 W Tulare Ave at the Hillman House. We are a small group of about 12-13 people we usually have a chairperson who speaks about 10 to 15 minutes and then the meeting is open for everyone that wants to share.

Thank You, Steve

Old Business

Unity Day-Cody waiting on pricing for bowling options.

Founders Day committee meeting John & David to create format and meetings

New Business

1. Founders Day Meeting April 10th via zoom or in person, arbor rented and speaker secured. Jack agreed to be in charge of drinks.
2. CSR meeting to possibly begin at earlier time of 6:00pm bring back to groups for their participation and vote in May

Seventh Tradition

\$35.00

Announcements

Founders Day Picnic June 8th

Sunday Speaker Breakfast April 14th

3C2A Roundup in Fresno May 3rd & 4th

Meeting Adjourned

8:04 p.m.

