

CENTRAL SERVICE MEETING UN-APPROVED MINUTES
Central Office & Central Service Representatives Meeting Report

Date

December 10, 2024

Meeting called to order

David G 6:03 P.M.

Board Members Present

David G, Patrick, Ally, George, Cody

Serenity Prayer

David G

12 Traditions

Glenda V.

Previous Minutes

No additions or corrections
Reviewed and Approved by all

Board Meeting Report

David G

Treasurer and Office Report

Carol Ann
Good evening!

Tonight will be bitter sweet as we say good bye to 2 of our Board Members Patrick and David, I want to say thank you to both of these men and to thank you for your service and it has been an honor and a privilege to work with you both!

The Tulare County Central Office Board members unanimously approved our office decreasing its business hours to help with our financial shortfall. The office will now be open Tuesday thru Friday 9 to 1 until further notice. The Board also voted to approve an increase in price for our chips.

For the period from Oct 21st thru November 20th, 2024 Central Office had an income of \$4,639.22 and expenses of \$3,909.98 for a **GAIN** of \$729.24.

Tulare County Central Office is totally self-supported through your contributions!
Group contribution: 14 groups donated to Central Office for a total of \$2,248.25. Thank you for your group contributions!

Grateful Giver Club contributions: 6 anonymous grateful alcoholics donated through our Grateful Givers Club totaling \$325.97! Thank you to our grateful givers!

You can contribute to the Grateful Givers Club through our donation link on our website at AA-tulareco.org. Grateful Giver's Club is a great way to donate if you want your donation to be anonymous, simply put Grateful Giver in the memo line!

Individual contributions: We had 5 individual alcoholics **generously donate to our office for the amount of \$556.99!** Consider mailing in a monthly contribution! Thank you for helping us share the message of recovery!

You can donate individually through our website at AA-tulareco.org. I will list your first name and last initial in the newsletter! Thank you for your individual contributors!

Birthday Club: We had 3 grateful members contribute to Central Office Birthday Club to celebrate their sobriety by contributing the amount of \$61. Thank you and happy birthday!

You can contribute to the Birthday Club by putting your first name and last initial, your city and the amount of sobriety you have! We will print this in our newsletter!

As you can see, there are many ways you can contribute to Central Office, this office is here to serve you, and to share to message of recovery to whoever is seeking it!

Expenses paid this accounting period: Office staff, rent, phone and internet, utilities, and website fees, book and chip inventory replacement. Expenses coming up next accounting period: Office staff, rent phone, internet, utilities, website fees and payroll, and payroll taxes We need your support!

Even though there is still a financial shortfall, we are still fulfilling our primary purpose of carrying the AA message of recovery.

Claudia covered the office for us on Dec 4th and 5th, thank you Claudia!

We are always currently seeking a volunteer to cover the office on Mondays, if interested come in and talk to me. You must have at least 2 years of sobriety.

I would like to thank all of the groups and individuals who contributed to Central Office though your group contributions, your Birthday Club contributions, your individual contributions and our Grateful Giver's Club contributions!

Grateful to be here!
Carol Ann Gable
Office Manager/Treasurer

PI/CPC Report

George
Senior Center had another successful event...
& hoping to have some movement forward with the Sheriff's department

STEP FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER

Issue Step Member

January Sam Step 1 due to centralintergroupnews@gmail.com 12/21/2024

February Sylvia D. Step 2 due to centralintergroupnews@gmail.com 1/21/2024

TRADITION FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER

Issue Step Member

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February Mike P Tradition 2 due to centralintergroupnews@gmail.com 1/21/2024

Website Report

This website report covers the time between the November and December CSR Meetings (2024-11-12 through 2024-12-10).

Meetings: No additions, changes, or deletions.

Calendar of events:

David added marathon meetings in Kings County for Thursday Thanksgiving.

David added CNIA 07 Planning Meeting December 2024 (Saturday, December 14)

David added CNIA 07 Winter Assembly 2025 (Sonora: Mother Lode Fairgrounds, January 18 & 19, 2025)

Announcements:

Central Office closed on Mondays effective immediately.

December Springville Breakfast Speaker meeting will be the 1st Sunday of the month!

Sunday PM Serenity Seekers Valley Group Business Meeting moved to December 1.

Thursday Thanksgiving Marathon Meetings in Kings County at the Lemoore Alano Club, 9 AM to 10 PM.

Central Office will be closed Thanksgiving Day and Friday the 29th of November in observance of the holiday.

Central Office Board Member elections tomorrow night.

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.

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. In Tulare County (NorCal Area 93) we continue to meet this purpose by holding AA meetings in 8 treatment facilities, the Tulare County Jail, Avenal, Corcoran and SATF Prisons. We hold approximately 25 meetings per month and make literature available upon request.

On Wednesday 12/11/24, we will hold our first H&I meeting at the Visalia Navigation Center who provides services for the unhoused. We are beginning with a once-a-month AA H&I meeting at this facility with the agreement to expand if needed.

The November financials for NorCal are posted on the Tulare County AA Website under the H&I Tab. We ended November, positive \$501.81 for the month and negative \$13,810.96 year to date. We currently continue approximately \$30,000.00 below our recommended 6 months prior year expenditures cash on hand. We encourage all group representative to share this information with their groups and encourage all groups to pass the pink can. It is important that the pink can always be passed separately from the 7th tradition basket to not detract from 7th tradition contributions. If your group has any questions regarding the financial reports, please contact the NorCal treasurer at treasurerenorcalhandi@gmail.com

We need more volunteers, please share this information with your group and send any interested AA members to our next in-person orientation: January 11, 2025; 9:00 am; at 526 N. Bridge Street, Visalia, CA 93291 followed by our business meeting at 10:00 am. This information is also listed on the Tulare County Website at www.aa-tulareco.org.

In Service,
Joyce R., Area 93 Chair

BTG Bridging the Gap

Cody
Going strong in Tulare County, revisiting them on how to make it better.
We have not seen a strong response from the Sheriffs office.

GSO Liaison:

David G

GSR meeting was December 3rd, 2024

Seven people attended; two in-person and four via Zoom.

Treasurer Report:

Beginning Balance: \$3,705.66 INCOME: none

EXPENSES: none

Ending Balance: \$3,705.66

DCM report: – no report, due to missing the November ACM

Old business: We still need an Alternate DCM

New business:

1. Approved funds to send DCM to Area 7 Winter Assembly January 18-19 Sonora CA.
2. Winter Assembly in Sonora, hosted by District 33, January 18 and 19, 2025 – we still have money earmarked from The Valley Group to pay for food, lodging, registration, and transportation for a GSR to attend CNIA 07 assemblies.

3. A.A.W.S. announced that the new A.A. Service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service. (Item BM-31)
4. A.A.W.S. Communication to Fellowships: some changes have been made to the Plain Language Big Book for the next (second) print run.
5. Discussion of our current treasury balance being over our prudent reserve.
 1. Motion made to pay Central Office our annual rent.
 2. We have about \$1,000 over our anticipated expenses.
3. Distributions discussed were 50% to Central Office, 50% to CNIA 07, or, 50% to Central Office, 40% to CNIA 07, 10% to GSO New York.
4. Decided we should ask our GSRs to ask their groups.
5. GSRs may want to tell their groups to shift their donations to Central Office or CNIA for now. Treasurer Report:

Beginning Balance: \$3,745.62

INCOME

10/11/24 Unity Thru Traditions Group \$100.00
 10/11/24 Civic Center Group \$38.90
 10/11/24 Practicing the Principles \$75.00
 10/25/24 Tuesday Women Amity Group \$49.90

Total Income: \$21.91

EXPENSES

10/13/24 Mike C. DCM — Mini PRAASA \$303.76

Total Expense: \$303.76

Ending Balance: \$3,705.66

DCM report:

I attended the Mini PRAASA on October 11 - 13. Matthew, our delegate, brought the 2024 General Conference Post-Conference reports, and we got a box of them here for District 47 GSRs and any members interested. The AA International Conference Registration is open, and at <https://aa.org> under the What's New section you can click on the registration link and get more information if interested in attending. AA is attempting to get more blocks of rooms for members to stay. AA International Conference registration is closing soon; please consider registering as soon as possible. It is \$160 per person, and you should register before getting a room. There are over 22,000 registrations so far.

PRAASA 2025 registration will open at end of November. It will be in Anchorage Alaska, March 6 - 8, 2025.

Also under the What's New section, AA.org has a press release and announcement of publishing the Plain Language Big Book.

At the AAgrapevine.org web site, if you get a complete subscription, you get access to over 22,000 archived stories online. In the past year, there have been over 13,000 new subscriptions.

The proposed budget for 2025 was discussed and then voted on; it passed. In order to reduce our projected expenses, fewer area officers will be sent to PRAASA 2025 than previously. Paper printing of the area newsletter, Accents, is eliminated. We moved our translation expenses to an increase of Area Assembly registration fees of \$5.

Old business: None

New business:

1. Discuss District 47 Bylaws - Open discussion, will be discussed next month.
2. Nominations for D47 one-year positions. At the moment, all our positions are two-year positions.
3. New Year Eve Dinner by Central Office - Do we want to consider volunteering or donating a basket for silent

auction? Yes, we will donate a basket for the silent auction, and Mike C will make a batch of his superb brownies for the baked goods auction.

CSR Reports

Saturday Morning Women's 12 x 12 Tracy Jo., CSR

Held from 9-10 am Saturday morning held weekly
Aprox 35-40 women We meet at Christ Lutheran
Church 3830 W Tulare Ave.

We celebrate recovery by handing out milestone chips each week and celebrating birthdays the end of the month. Each meeting is a book study out of the 12 & 12

Thank you, Tracy Jo W

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 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 Ken., 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 the Plain Language Big Book. Turnout is about average. 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.

Friday Loose Women Meeting Glenda V., CSR

We meet every Friday from 6:30-7:30pm at the Porterville Recovery Club located at 1865 S D Street. We have attendance of 5-10 women. We are an open meeting, for women only. It is an open discussion meeting we have ladies with years of sobriety.

Thank You for allowing me to be of service.

Glenda V

Springeville Monday Night Book Study, Presented by Ken., CSR

Gut level meets every Thursday in Springeville at the Lighthouse Chapel from 7-8:00pm. It is an open group book study. It is a small group of dedicated regulars. We celebrate Birthdays the last Thursday of each month with dinner at 5:30 at a local restaurant.

Friends of Bill W and Dr Bob Charley., CSR

OPEN MEETING We meet each Tuesday night at 7-8:30pm at St Johns Episcopal Church in Tulare.

There are approximately 10-15 men and women with varying lengths of sobriety. We celebrate birthdays the first Tuesday of the month with cake and ice cream for the previous month. We continue to share the importance and benefit of embracing the birthday club and the funds that it could raise, along with the benefits of raising it and how our essential central office is also positively impacted.

Thank You for letting me be of service.

Tuesday Women's Changes, Presented by Vicki Bates., CSR

We meet every Tuesday from 6:00 to 7:00pm at the Recovery Club located at 186 S. D Street, Porterville. We are an open meeting for women only. This is a stick topic meeting. That is each woman picks a preprinted stick and shares on the topic described on the stick. Our attendance includes women with a brief period of sobriety to those with many years. All are welcome. On the last Tuesday of the month we have a potluck to celebrate those with sobriety birthdays. Those women are invited to share their experience strength and hope with the group. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Half & Half Group Sylvia D., CSR

The Half & Half Group meets every Thursday night at 6:00pm for one hour, at the Trinity Lutheran Church located at 764 W Henderson Ave. Porterville, CA This is a book study and we read the big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous or the 12 x 12. We read a chapter out of the book for the first 30 minutes. We go around discussing what we read and how it relates to our experience, strength and hope. All are welcome.

Women's Tuesday Night Amity Group Sherri T., CSR

The Tuesday Women's Amity group meets every Tuesday at Trinity Church located 6400 West Walnut Street in Visalia. This a closed women's meeting. We meet from 6:30pm - 7:30pm each week with the 3rd week being a business meeting after the regular meeting. Each week we have a lead speaker who speaks for 10 minutes and then picks a topic and chooses people to speak through tag, going around a circle or however they deem. The last week of the month is a birthday meeting where we enjoy yummy cake. We are growing and about 25-40+ women. Thank you, Sheri & Sherry

Porterville Wednesday Marcie M., CSR

Open Meeting at Lutheran 764 Henderson Porterville Wednesday gay inclusive meeting 6:00-7:00pm, 12-15 members a mix of new and long timers Birthday celebration-cake

Second Sunday Speaker Springeville Meeting Marcie M., CSR

Great Speakers, Great Food, Great Fellowship. A mix of sobriety. Long timers and Newcomers. A Ride of Serenity to Springville. Second Sunday of the month

Friday Freedom Fellowship Samantha J., CSR

The Friday Freedom Fellowship meets every Friday at 7:00pm ago Christ Lutheran Church located at 3830 W Tulare Ave. Visalia, CA This is a closed meeting where both men and women can attend. Our attendance ranges from 20-40 people. A chair person speaks for 10 minutes, the chairperson picks a topic and calls on people for the remainder of the meeting. There is a variety of lengths of sobriety in the room and a tradition in the meeting gives everyone an opportunity to share their sobriety date. Birthdays are celebrated the last Friday of each month with cake and chips. Chips are also given out each week to celebrate sobriety milestones.

Bridge Street Drunks John W., CSR

Bridge Street in Visalia has 26 meetings a week. Two of those meetings are open with the rest being closed for alcoholics only. At our last business meeting we voted to consistently give central Office 60% of our total monies that we distribute beyond our prudent reserve, rather than deciding the amount at every business meeting, which I feel will definitely benefit our central office with more consistent support.

Old Business

1. New Years Event-planning meeting ...
ticket sales have been low, this is a great opportunity for service
2. Election nominations John W & Mike P.2 vacant positions and two nominees

New Business

Elections in December for board members two positions open
John W nominated by Cheryl
Jerry S nominated by Patrick
Nominations closed
No objections motion passed

Seventh Tradition

\$45.00

Announcements

Meeting Adjourned

7:14 pm

Responsibility statement

