

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

Date

January 14, 2025

Meeting called to order

Cody 6:01 P.M.

Board Members Present

Cody, John, Ally, George, Mike

Serenity Prayer

Cody

12 Traditions

Marci

Previous Minutes

No additions or corrections
Reviewed and Approved by all

Board Meeting Report

Cody
Reminder office is closed on Mondays
we have received some generous donations to Central Office
Cody -new President
John-new Vice President
Ally- remaining Secretary
George-remaining PI/CPC
Mike- Bridging the Gap

Treasurer and Office Report

Good evening!

We had a great turn out for the New Year Event! I want to thank everyone for all their hard work! We came out ahead \$2,414.36! A copy of the report will be in next month's Newsletter and it is in your packet.

For the period from Nov 21st thru December 20th, 2024 Central Office had an income of \$5,866.85 and expenses of \$2,566.86 for a **GAIN** of \$3,300.02.

Tulare County Central Office is totally self-supported through your contributions!

Group contributions: 8 groups donated to Central Office for a total of \$1,949.95. Thank you Bridge Street Drunks Only, Clod Busters, Springville Monday Night Book Study, Monday Night Men's Stag at the PPAV, Quiet Trails Group, Unity Through Traditions Group, The Central Valley Recovery Alumni Meeting, and the Wednesday Night Porterville Acceptance Group! Your group doesn't have to wait till you have a bunch of money to donate. We would love to receive a contribution from every group every month to help us share our message of recovery!

Grateful Giver Club contributions: 9 anonymous grateful alcoholics donated through our Grateful Givers Club totaling \$1,454.48! Thank you to our grateful givers! We would love to receive more monthly contribution to the Grateful Giver's Club from our members! It doesn't have to be a lot! Please consider contributing monthly to our Grateful Giver's Club

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

Individual contributions: We had 12 individual alcoholics generously donate to our office for the amount of \$1,624.42! Thank you! Please 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 contributions!

Birthday Club: We had 3 grateful members contribute to Central Office Birthday Club to celebrate their sobriety by contributing the amount of \$39. 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!

Claudia covered the office for us on January 7, 2025, thank you Claudia!

We are 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!

Grateful to be here!

Carol Ann Gable
Office Manager/Treasurer

PI/CPC Report

George

This month we did not have any Health Fairs...as we come into the New Year we will be putting out flyers and meeting schedules in the lobbies and offices of various facilities to help direct those in need.

STEP FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER

Issue Step Member

February Sylvia D. Step 2 due to centralintergroupnews@gmail.com 1/21/2025

March Cheryl H Step 3 due to centralintergroupnews@gmail.com 2/21/2025

TRADITION FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER

Issue Step Member

February Mike P Tradition 2 due to centralintergroupnews@gmail.com 1/21/2025

March Mike P Tradition 3 due to centralintergroupnews@gmail.com 2/21/2025

Website Report

David

This website report covers the time between the December and January CSR Meetings (2024-12-10 through 2025-01-14).

Meetings:

One new addition: Friday nights at Bridge Street Drunks Only in Visalia at 6 PM - a newcomer's meeting.

Change 1: Central Valley Recovery Alumni Meeting was moved two weeks forward to not conflict with New Year's Eve

Calendar of events:

Carol Ann added the Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous (NCCAA) spring event in Modesto, March 7 - 9.

Announcements:

Planning meeting for New Year's Eve party; Tuesday December 17.
Meeting change: Bridge Street Drunks Only, Saturday moves to 6 PM
New meeting: Bridge Street Drunks Only for newcomers, Fridays at 6 PM

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.

We began 2025 with 35 active Tulare County H&I volunteers who participate in multiple H&I meetings monthly. We are serving 9 different facilities by holding 16 monthly H&I meetings in these facilities. We hold an average of 3 Spanish meetings monthly in the Tulare County Jail along with the average 4 English meetings. At Corcoran, SATF and Avenal we have 6 volunteers who are serving weekly to attend as many meetings as possible. At our 1/11/24 meeting, we welcomed 5 new H&I volunteers and by the end of February we will have 3 more volunteers cleared volunteers for the Tulare County Jail.

At each of these meetings, we have AA Big Books, 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, Daily Reflections, and Living Sober available for our inside members to keep as a gift from our AA Fellowship. This is funded with money contributed to the Pink Cans passed at meetings. In 2024 in Tulare County, we were able to distribute \$18,400.00 in AA Literature at the meetings we serve.

A special thank you to our Tulare County H&I volunteers who have made this growth possible! Our next H&I orientation will be held at 9:00 am followed by business meeting at 10:00 am on March 8, 2025 at 526 N. Bridge Street, Visalia, CA 93291. Please encourage any interested AA member to attend. There is more that we can do together to reach the alcoholic who still suffers.

In Service,
Joyce R
Area 93 Chair

BTG Bridging the Gap

Mike P
Nothing to report at this time

GSO Liaison:

David G
GSR meeting was January 7th, 2025
Nine people attended; two in-person and seven via Zoom.

Treasurer Report:

Beginning Balance: \$3,705.66

INCOME:

12/12/24 Bridge Street Drunks Only #1121	\$42.16
12/26/24 Valley Speaker Series Group	\$87.22

Total Income: \$129.38

EXPENSES:

12/13/2 40 stamps check #306	\$29.20
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Ending Balance: \$3,805.84

DCM report:

Mike attended the CNIA Area Committee Meeting (ACM) in December. They did talk about upcoming Agenda Items for the General Service Conference in New York. CNIA will be voting on a new Accessibilities Committee and chair. There was a Twelve-Step Checklist discussed, which is included in today's agenda. The Winter Assembly will be in Sonora, CA January 18 & 19, 2025. The district hosting the assembly will be having a luau with roasted pork.

Old business:

1. We still need an Alternate DCM
2. Approve dispersing \$1,000 of additional reserve funds. The vote was to split our reserves 50/50 between Central Office and CNIA.

New business:

1. Discussed General Service Preliminary Agenda Items. We don't know when the official list will be published, because the official list will be published simultaneously in English, Spanish, and French; but it will probably be published in late January or early February. GSRs are encouraged to get the preliminary list to their groups, so the groups can discuss which items are of interest.
 2. We discussed the Twelve Step Checklist that will be discussed at Winter Assembly.
 3. GSRs are encouraged to let our fellowship know that the Grapevine App is available.
4. Discussed the CNIA Area 7 Accessibility survey. There will also be a vote to approve a new position at Winter Assembly.

CSR Reports

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

Held from 9-10 am Saturday morning held weekly
Approx 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. The last Saturday of the month we have an ask it basket where we get to respond to questions provided by our members.

Thank you, Tracy Jo W

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. We will begin studying "Dr Bob and the Good Old-timers" in

February

Friday Loose Women Meeting Glenda V., CSR

We meet every Friday from 6:30-7:30 pm at the Porterville Recovery Club located at 186 South 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

Springville Thursday Night Gut Level, Presented by Ken., CSR

Gut level meets every Thursday in Springville 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. We will begin studying "Dr Bob and the Good Old-timers" in February. We currently have no plans to study the Plain Language Big Book. We are looking for a secretary and a Treasurer.

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 B., 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 is 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 Open Gay Inclusive Marcie M., CSR

Open Meeting at Lutheran Church 765 Henderson Porterville Wednesday gay inclusive meeting 6:00-7:00pm, 12-15 members a mix of new and long timers Birthday celebration-cake the last Wednesday of the month, we support Central Office.

Second Sunday Speaker Springeville Meeting Marcie M., CSR

Veterans Memorial Building, Springeville second Sunday of the month, it is a beautiful ride to Springville Lots of Serenity.

Coffee at 8:00am

Breakfast at 8:30am

\$8.00

10:15 meeting starts 7th Tradition honored 10:30 ten minute speaker followed by main speaker

We support Central Office 50/50 drawing

February 9th 50 YEAR Celebration

Paul T Mariposa speaker

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 Only John W., CSR

We have great participation at Bridge St with lots of meetings that are closed (20) and two that are open on weekends. There has been some confusion regarding the times of our 7:00pm meeting on Saturday night* Thank you for the opportunity to be of service. We give out chips on Saturdays at noon...The last Saturday noon meetings is our birthday meeting.

Prospecting for Nuggets Jerry S., CSR

St Johns Episcopal Church 1701 E Prosperity Ave.

This is an open meeting. We would like more participation.

It is a chip meeting and celebrate anniversaries in the last Sunday of the month.

Civic Center Group., David G CSR

We meet every Tuesday night at the Christ Lutheran church near Tulare and Demaree in Visalia. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM and goes to 8:00 PM. It is an open meeting, and newcomers are welcome. We have coffee and candy, and literature every week. Books are for sale at cost, and pamphlets are free. Our business meetings are the third Tuesday of the month at 8:10 PM, immediately after the meeting. Our new Secretary is Gyna T. We give out chips every week for sobriety under one year; we have a birthday meeting on the last Tuesday of the month, with cupcakes.

Old Business

We have two board members that stepped out of service... David & Patrick... thank you for your service, Two new board members John & Mike

New Business

Arbor 9 June 14th AA Founders Day Picnic... We need a chairperson to head the committee.
Also looking for a volunteer to be at the Central Office Mondays 9-1:00

Seventh Tradition

\$42.00

Announcements

Meeting Adjourned

7:08pm

Responsibility statement