****CENTRAL SERVICE MEETING MINUTES**

Central Office & Central Service Representatives Meeting Report

Date:

July 9, 2024

Meeting called to order:

6:02 P.M.

Quick round of introductions...4 members present, 1 via zoom

Board Members Present:

David G, Patrick A, Ally A

Serenity Prayer

David G

12 Traditions

David G

Minutes of Last Meeting

Amend Vickie B for Women's Changes & Bridge St meeting Patrick A motion to approve, Vickie B second all in favor

Report of Last Board Meeting

David G

<u>Treasurer & Office Report</u>

Good evening!

For the period from May 21st thru June 20th, 2024 Central Office had an income of \$6,471.96 and expenses of \$6471.65 for a gain of \$0.45.

Our Grateful Givers Club brought in \$204.39 and our Birthday Club brought in \$24.00 in much appreciated contributions.

We had \$728.47 in gross sales in 10 transactions for credit and debit cards, \$20 in 1 transaction in PayPal, and \$170.00 in 4 VENMO transactions this accounting period.

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. Claudia covered the office 6/13/2024.

Elections for the Central Office Board is coming up again in December, we will have 2 positions opening up. Please announce this to your groups, each position is a 2-year commitment.

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

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

Public Information Report

George J No report

Volunteers to Write STEP & TRADITION for Central Newsletter

STEP FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER

Issue Step Member

August/Step 8 Ally A Due to <u>centralintergroupnews@gmail.com</u> 7/21/2024 September/Step 9 Vickie B Due to <u>centralintergroupnews@gmail.com</u> 8/21/2024

TRADITION FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER

Issue Step Member

August/Tradition 8 Carol Ann G Due to <u>centralintergroupnews@gmail.com</u> 7/21/2024 September/Tradition 9 David G Due to <u>centralintergroupnews@gmail.com</u> 8/21/2024

Newsletter Report

Website Report

David G

Report covers the time between the June and July CSR Meetings (2024-06-10 through 2024-07-09).

Calendar of events:

Carol Ann published the Hand in Hand Women's Day of Unity event for September 14

David published the Soberfest planning meeting and a Save-The-Date for Soberfest 2024 $\,$

David added the NCCAA Fall 2024 event in Sacramento

Announcements:

Bridging The Gap volunteers needed

Central Office closed July 4th

Two new pages added to the website: ${\tt H\&I}$ and ${\tt BTG}$

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

Joyce R

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 June, Tulare County (Area 93) held 21 meetings in treatment facilities and the Tulare County Jail. We continue to have a minimum of 30 dedicated volunteers participating monthly and distribute over 100 AA books. We need Spanish and/or Bilingual volunteers as there continues to be a need for Spanish meetings in all facilities. Currently, Spanish inside members have Bilingual inside members translating for them. While a temporary solution, it does not allow either to fully participate in the meeting. Therefore, our goal is to be able to offer Spanish meetings simultaneously as needed.

Our efforts are fully supported by funds collected from passing the pink cans at AA meetings. NorCal continues in a sound financial position. However, we have returned to our prepandemic monthly expense average of \$53,000. To maintain our ability to distribute literature, we need continued support from our fellowship. Please encourage all groups, to pass the Pink Can at Tulare County Meetings and have the Treasurer send in the funds on a regular basis. If your group does not have a Pink Can, please contact Central Office or myself.

We are continuing to recruit for the IVSS Program which matches inside Prison members with Outside AA Sponsors. We are now able to sponsor in prisons electronically. This is accomplished through an exchange that keeps the sponsors information protected and anonymous. The women are sponsoring in Chowchilla Women facility and the Men are sponsoring at Folsom, Soledad and San Quintan. These visits can be a combo of in person and electronic. This new electronic option allows the sponsor to of service at any Facility without the travel. The sponsor can choose to meet in person to hear the 5th step or arrangements can be made with the Prison Chaplain to ensure the confidentiality of the Inside Member. More information is available by emailing handi.ivss@gmail.com

Locally, we are preparing for more growth as our volunteers take on different aspects of the administrative side of our committee. Please send any interested AA members to our next orientation: July 13, 2024; 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 aa-tulareco.org

In Service, Joyce R., Area 93 Chair

Bridging the Gap "BTG" Chairperson Report

Cody R-reported by David G

RSAT at the Sherriffs department program via zoom...volunteers needed this is a temporary gathering to help build a connection with a newcomer who will be released. Currently there are approximately 30 people per month needed this relationship/connection

General Service Office "GSO" Liaison Report

GSR meeting was July 2nd, 2024

Seven people attended; two in-person and five via Zoom. Spectrum Internet Service at the Central Office flaked out multiple times, making it difficult on everyone not on Zoom (and for those people on Zoom wanting to hear from the in-person attendees).

Treasurer Report:

Beginning Balance: \$3036.70

INCOME

Date Description Amount
7/1/24 Practicing Principles \$10.00
7/1/24 Springville Book Study \$60.00
Total Income: \$70.00

EXPENSES

Date Description Amount

Total Expense: \$0

Ending Balance: \$3106.70

DCM report:

Mike reached out to the Exeter Veteran's Memorial building about reserving a room for the August 24 Delegate's Post-Conference report. We have the reservation, for a room that can hold up to 72 people. The event will be from 11 AM to 3 PM.

Mike attended the June 15 CNIA Area 7 Area Committee Meeting (ACM), and provided the final report on the Post Conference Assembly in Huron.

Old business

None

New business

1. Motion to approve funds up to \$424 to pay for the Delegate's Post-Conference Report event on August 24 at the Exeter Veteran's Memorial Building. Motion passed.

CSR REPORTS

Visalia Mens Monday Night Stag William A., CSR

Visalia Mens Stag is every Monday at the PPAV Hall in Visalia. This is a closed meeting of AA, the meeting starts at 7:30 pm til 9pm we have between 40 to 60 men every week, A speaker starts our meeting and then chooses how the meeting goes. After coffee is provided. Birthday meetings are held the last Monday of every month.

Thank you, William A

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

Held weekly from 9-10 am Saturday morning.

Approx 25-35 women. We read from 12 Steps and 12 Traditions weekly and the last Saturday of the month we answer questions from an "ask it Basket". We also celebrate weekly with chips on various lengths of sobriety.

Thank you for letting me be of service, TracyJo 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 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. We usually have a dinner before the meeting.

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.

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 7-8:30pm 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 & willing to sponsor. Thank you for letting me be of service, Patrick A

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

We meet every Friday night at 6:30-7:30PM 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 10-15 people. Ladies from PAAR are attending our meeting. We have women with up to 43 years of sobriety, proving the program works.

Thank you for letting me be of service, Glenda

Bridge Street, Presented by John W., CSR

We have many meetings at Bridge Street Drunks Only in Visalia. Many of our meetings are closed but some are open, welcoming everyone.

Please refer to the mooting schedule if you need clarification. We contribute to all service entities with birthdays celebrated at the end of the month. Please visit us at 526 N Bridge St.

John W.

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

We meet every Tuesday from 6to7 pm 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.

Exeter Sunday Afternoon Group, Presented by Mike Potts., CSR

Sunday 2:30 alive and well meeting attendance 7-10, cakes for birthday last Sunday open meeting located at First Presbyterian Church 200 South E Street Exeter

Crossroads Presented by Steve P., CSR

The Crossroads Group meets Thursdays 7:00pm for one hour we are a small open meeting all are welcome. 220 W Tulare Ave

Thank You for letting me be of service,

Steve

Old Business

Unity Day Committee report will be next month for cost and ideas

New Business

CSR Should it be mandatory for them to attend meetings in person... discussion all paperwork can be accessed via email. To have zoom available it is \$150 annually, however this is also used by the GSR meetings held at central office monthly. If this allows more participation this is definitely a good idea.

Seventh Tradition

\$24.00

Announcements

- 1. Saturday August 24th luncheon in Exeter Memorial Building 11-3 lunch provided 72 room capacity DCM delegate lunch 11-12
- Area 7 District 4discussion re the plain and simple Big Book, and much more information re the New York City Conference
 - 2. Sunday Speaker meeting in Springeville August 25th
- 3. Soberfest planning meeting July 17that 5:30 in person and zoom...event to be held September 21st presale tickets \$20.00. Valle Group.. food, desserts, decor, set up/tear down.

Meeting Adjourned

7:12pm