

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

Date

September 10, 2024

Meeting called to order

David G 6:06 P.M.

Board Members Present

David G, Patrick, George

Serenity Prayer

David G

12 Traditions

Mike

Previous Minutes

No additions or corrections
Reviewed and Approved by all
Marci moves, Vicki seconds

Board Meeting Report

David G

We had a question to ask the Car's to do a survey .. when you are looking for AA information where are you looking? Our website, Central Office, AA.org, other members etc...

BTG waiting for sheriffs office to start the process
PICP College of Sequoias and Health Fair and Rawhide

Tabled telephone service

We would like to create a committee to begin the history of AA...WE now have a flyer to collect AA archives locally

Treasurer and Office Report

Carol Ann G
September 10th 2024

Good evening!

For the period from July 21st thru August 20th, 2024 Central Office had an income of \$2447.18 and expenses of \$5688.75 for a *loss* of \$3,241.57

Our Grateful Givers Club brought in \$127.61 and our Birthday Club brought in \$120.00 in much appreciated contributions.

We had \$439.15 in gross sales in 11 transactions for credit and debit cards, \$89.99 in 2 transactions in PayPal, and \$164.12 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.

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 through 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

We need lots of volunteers for the month of October...five events coming up

National Night out with the Police Fri Oct 4th 4-8pm

Patient Appreciation Fri Oct 10th 10-2

Gay Pride at rawhide stadium Sat Oct 12th all day event

Senior Center Downtown Visalia Fri Oct 18th 10-2

Convention Center Tulare County Health Fair October 2nd all day event

STEP FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER

Issue Step Member

October 10 John W Step 10 due to centralintergroupnews@gmail.com 9/21/2024 November 10
Cheryl Step 11 due to centralintergroupnews@gmail.com 10/21/2024

TRADITION FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER

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Website Report

David G

This website report covers the time between the August and September CSR Meetings (2024-08- 13 through 2024-09-10).

Meetings:

Albertico updated Grupo Fe Y Amistad (Faith and Friendship Group), meeting in Orosi. Albertico added Alfa y Omega (Alpha and Omega) group, meeting Monday through Friday in Tulare.

Carol Ann updated Monday Night Men's Valley Book Study – street address slightly changed in Visalia. Carol Ann added the Springville Second Sunday Breakfast Speaker Meeting. David updated the Civic Center Group meeting to flag that it does proof of attendance.

Calendar of events:

Carol Ann added the New Year's Eve event planning committee meeting for 5:30 PM Tuesday, September 10.

Announcements:

Carol Ann added that we are starting the planning meeting for New Year's Eve. Carol Ann added the closed for Labor Day announcement.

David added that meetings can now specify if they do proof of attendance. Carol Ann and I did the normal monthly edits of the CSR meeting, GSR meeting, Springville Sunday Breakfast meeting, and Valley Group meetings.

Hosting change:

David moved the website away from Amazon and to Linode. The cost of hosting did increase \$2 per month. But the new machine is twice as big, and noticeably faster than before. There was also a security problem with the Amazon server that could not be solved without migrating to a new machine; I took this opportunity to migrate to a new machine on a different hosting provider.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

H & I Report

September 2024 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 and the Tulare County Jail. In August 2024, we held 23 meetings and distributed AA books. We continue to make available upon request: AA Big Books, 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, Daily Reflections and Living Sober in English and Spanish. These are purchased with funds collected in the Pink Cans from AAWS and are provided as a gift to our inside members.

Our committee continues in Sound financial position. Our average monthly expenses have returned to the pre-pandemic average of \$53,000/monthly as literature purchases have increased. We are grateful that our fellowship continues to pass the pink can and send in the proceeds regularly as to date, our contributions have been covering our expenses. Our August and YTD financial statements are available on our Tulare County website H&I Page at www.aa-tulareco.org along with the NorCal website at www.handinorcal.org

Please encourage all groups to pass the pink can at all AA meetings, and have the treasurer send in the funds on a regular basis to ensure we are able to continue providing literature and meetings to those in need. If your group does not have a pink can, please get one from Central Office or contact me directly at handiarea93@gmail.com

We need more volunteers. Our immediate need is women and bilingual volunteers. If you know of any AA members who is interested in this type of service work, please send them to our next in-person orientation: September 14, 2024; 9:00 am; at 526 N. Bridge Street, Visalia, CA 93291. The required orientation is followed by our business meeting at 10:00 am.

In Service,
Joyce R., Area 93 Chair

BTG Bridging the Gap

Cody...Presented by David

We have received two referrals from the sheriffs office
Building the connection with newcomers being released, meeting them at a meeting

GSO Liaison:

David G

GSR meeting was September 3rd, 2024
Seven people attended; two in-person and five via Zoom.

Treasurer Report:

Beginning Balance: \$3,490.80

INCOME

Date	Description	Amount
08-24-24	Springville Breakfast Speaker Mtg. #1036	

08-24-24 District 42 co-host — Delegate Report event #1134
08-28-24 Springville Gut Level — USPS MO #29469998013

\$300.00
\$150.00
\$240.00

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\$690.00

Amount
\$150.00
\$75.00
\$200.00
\$32.09

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\$457.09

EXPENSES

Date

08-14-24
08-14-24
08-14-24
09-03-24

Total Income:

Description

Mike C — Food for Delegate Report event #301
Exeter Veterans Hall — Delegate Report event #302
Matt L — Travel Money for D.R. event #303
Mike C — Food for Delegate Report event #304

Ending Balance: \$3,723.71

DCM report:

At the monthly ACM (via Zoom), Mike did a report about our Delegate's Post- Conference Report event here in Exeter, on August 24. Don, the Area 7 Treasurer, provided a presentation on the spending plan. The proposed spending plan will be presented and voted on at the Mini PRAASA, October 11 – 13, 2024 in Angels Camp (at the Calaveras County Fairgrounds).

Thank you to everyone who helped at the Delegate's Post-Conference Report event. We had 36 people attend, including people from District 42 (Fresno), District 49 (Hanford / Lemoore), and District 55 (Spanish-speaking Tulare and Kings Counties). We did pass the basket, and collected \$115, which we gave as a contribution to Tulare County Central Office.

Total Expense:

Old business: none New business:

1. Discussed the Area 7 Spending Plan for 2025.
2. Discussed approving funds for District GSRs to attend Mini-PRAASA if needing assistance. We have funds available, if a group does not.

3. Discussed the D47 budget and consider making contributions to Area 7 and GSO.
 1. We have historically done contributions at the end of the year. We will table this to the November meeting, and contribute all funds greater than our prudent reserve then.

4. Mini PRAASA October 11 – 13, 2024 in Angels Camp (Calaveras County Fairgrounds). Registration is \$15 in advance, \$20 for dinner, and \$4 for bottomless coffee. <https://cniia.org/assembly-info-2/> for information and the link to the Online Registration.
 1. If any GSR is unable to attend Mini PRAASA, Mike can relate your group's vote on the Spending Plan 2025 or any other suggestions your group has. Please email that information to Mike.

 2. If people want to go to Mini PRAASA, you may want to consider car-pooling to save on gasoline.

5. 2025 A.A. International Convention scheduled in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada: registration opens September 10, 2024. Some portions of it will be available via Zoom for a small registration fee.

Announcements:

Soberfest: the event will be September 21st at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Visalia. The next planning meeting will be Wednesday, September 4th. The planning meeting starts at 5:30 PM and will be both in-person and on Zoom. The event will have a Twelve Step Workshop from 11 AM to 5 PM (bring your own lunch), Dinner from 5:30 to 6:30 PM – Dinner tickets are \$20 presale, \$25 at the door. Contact Bill or Samantha for tickets. Speaker meeting from 7:00 to 8:30 PM (free) (also on Zoom).

Workshop: AA's Legacy of Unity and Service, September 28, 2024, from 9 AM to 4 PM. See Laura B for details. Debbie D. of Concord will be a speaker. The event will also be available on Zoom.

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
Thank you, Tracy Jo W

Visalia Mens Monday Night Stag Williams., CSR

Visalia Mens Stag is every Monday at the PPAV Hall in Visalia. This is a closed meeting of AA, the meeting starts at 7:30pm til 9:00pm we have between 35-60 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

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., 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 12&12.

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.

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 Charlie., CSR

This is a Tuesday night meeting held at St Johns Episcopal Church at 1701 E Prosperity Ave. in Tulare from 7-8:30 pm. 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 first Tuesday of the month for the previous month celebrating a milestone. Newcomers are welcome and we have multiple members who are open and willing to sponsor. Thank

You for letting me be of service.

Bridge Street Drunks Only John W., CSR

We at Bridge St (526 N Bridge Street Visalia) have a wide array of mostly closed meetings with great participation and good fellowship. Two of our meetings, the noon weekend meetings are open. We also have step studies and book studies (2 each) per week.

Thanks for letting me be of service, John W.

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.

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

Old Business

Table unity day

New Business

How to get word out to what Central Office is and does?...

1. What is the best way to spread the word about central office...

Alano Club does now have an option to Donate to central office

2. Do we currently have a table for central office at unity day, picnic, sober-fest, etc perhaps this be an option

Perhaps have a day where we educate our AA family what we offer in the AA Program...

Where to get connected & plugged in

What would be a good time to have all the service entities have an event/workshop to share what we do in AA

" A Service Fair Workshop "

Central Office is not a money maker, it is a service entity

However donations are needed to stay in service

Group Contributions are Down

Discussion... re 7th tradition

Seventh Tradition

\$59.00

Announcements

Elections in December

Sober-fest Sept 21st

Meeting Adjourned

Responsibility statement