

District 47 Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2023

This is a hybrid and Zoom meeting with members participating from various locations, including the Central Office in Exeter.

Meeting Called to Order: 7:06 p.m. by DCM Allen L.

Committee: Allen L., DCM; Ralph D., GSR for Bridge Street Drunks Only Group; Jim K., Recording Secretary, GSR for Monday Men's Stag; David G. GSR for the Friday Freedom Fellowship, Josh F. Treasurer; Courtney R. Alternate GSR for Unity through Tradition Group at the Alano Club; Fred F., GSR for Unity through Tradition Group at the Alano Club; Claudia Q., GSR for the Tuesday Women's Amity Group; Laura B., GSR for the Springville Monday Night Book Study.

The GSR Preamble was read by all attendees. "We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the world of A.A. We realize the ultimate authority in A.A. is a Loving God as he may express himself in our Group Conscience. As trusted servants, our job is to bring information to our groups in order that the groups can reach an informed group conscience. In passing along this group conscience, we are helping to maintain the unity and strength so vital to our fellowship. Let us, therefore, have the patience and tolerance to listen while others share, the courage to speak up when we have something to share, and the wisdom to do what is right for our groups and A.A. as a whole."

12 Traditions: read by Josh F.

Concept 12: Concept 4 long form read and explained by Allen L.

Approval of Minutes: March 1, 2023 minutes approved after corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Josh F. Reported that he had not gotten to the mailbox, so his report was incomplete. He let us know that at the beginning of the calendar year we had over \$3,000. The agenda item workshop had three expenses: \$595.80, \$215.84, and \$300. Full report will be forthcoming.

CSO Liaison Report: **David G.** Our March CSR Meeting was held 2023-03-14. The meeting was a hybrid meeting, with one member and one guest joining via Zoom. There were eleven people (excluding the guest) present. **Central Office finances:** for January 21 through February 20, Central Office had income of \$4,583.52 and expenses of \$5,100.55 for a loss of \$440.93. The Big Book went off sale April 3, back to it's original price of \$10.65 (with tax, it comes to \$11.58). **P.I./C.P.C.** would like to know of any

events where an AA booth for Public Information might be appropriate. Please let Carol Ann know, and she will contact Patrick A. to reach out to the organization. **Bridging The Gap** committee had it's second meeting; six people attended, all in-person. The next meeting will be May 2th, with the option to attend via Zoom. **Old business:**The Golf Tournament is scheduled for April 23rd; please announce at your meetings. **(The Golf Tournament has since been canceled due to insufficient sign ups)** **Founders Day Picnic** will be June 10th, 2023 at Mooney Grove Park. We are still looking for someone to be the Founders Day Picnic chairperson. **New business:** AAWS New York is raising literature prices on April 3. Books go up by 20%, and pamphlets by (around) 30%. **At the Tulare County Central Office Inc business meeting: Old business:** Pay raise for our Office Manager was passed, commencing April 1st, 2023. Carol Ann's pay will be raised an even \$2 per hour. New Year's activity: next month, we will ask the CSRs to ask their groups who wants to be on the NYE event committee. **New business:** Office manager vacation: Carol Ann will be out May 15th to May 26th 2023. Claudia will fill in for Carol Ann. **Central Office hours on Saturdays:** The proposal is to open Central Office one Saturday a month (not every Saturday), same hours, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Decision was to open the last Saturday of the month, beginning April 29. The motion passed, with the provision that we will try it, but if no-one comes in on Saturdays, after a few months, we will stop.

Registrar: Our new registrar David G. No report.

H&I Report: Rafael D. **Tulare County Hospital & Institution Committee**

Thank you to our fellowship for the continued support of the Pink Cans. The next NorCal Committee Meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2023. We will be participating in a Committee Inventory which will be guided by Past Area 06, Panel 69 Delegate Teddy Basham-Witherington. We are excited about this opportunity to grow in unity as a committee. Tulare County H&I continues to bring H&I Panels twice a month to Turning Point, Pine Recovery, and Mothering Heights Women's Recovery. Once a month we take panels to the Mental Health Transitional Living Facility. H&I Panels are continuing in Corcoran SATF and Avenal Prisons along with the Tulare County Jail. We are in the process of reorganizing and reaching out to additional facilities to expand our opportunities to carry the message of AA. While our volunteer list continues to grow, we continue to have a need for volunteers in the Prisons. Please announce this at your groups and refer any interested members to our next Area Business Meeting. Our next in-person orientation will be May 13, 2023 9:00 am followed by the Area Business Meeting at 10:00 am at 526 N. Bridge Street, Visalia (BSDO meeting place).

DCM Report: *Allen attended the ACM on March 18th. The date for this year's Election Assembly hosted by District 22 (Placerville) has been bumped up week to*

*November 10, 11 and 12 to better accommodate the Regional Trustee who will lead us through the nomination and elections process. There was discussion about hiring a bookkeeper to stay on top of our treasury responsibilities—filing taxes, etc. There was discussion on expanding funding for archivist training to include funding for the alternate archivist. Jenn’s delegate report was mainly general reporting on the resigning of Linda C from her position on the General Service Board. April 15 & 16 is the Pre-Conference Assembly in Tracy, CA. There is still time to poll your groups for feedback on agenda items. Agenda Items background materials can be accessed on the delegate’s page of the [cna.org](https://cna.org/delegates-page/confidential-downloads/) website: <https://cna.org/delegates-page/confidential-downloads/> The password is *HowItWorks**

Old Business: Our March 19th Agenda Items Workshop went very well. We had 31 people in attendance and about 5 attending online via Zoom. Thanks to Evnet Chair Mike C; Food Chair Jim K; Publicity Chair: Mike C. Set-up and Clean-up Chair Sean A.; Hybrid Meeting/ Tech Chair David G; and thanks to Greg G who prepared and donated the wonderful tri-tip.

New Business: None

Seventh Tradition: None

Announcements: None

DECLARATION OF UNITY: Read by all: “This we owe to A.A.’s future: To place our common welfare first, to keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come.”

RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION: Read by all “I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that, I am responsible.”

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim K, Recording Secretary