

District 47 Meeting Minutes

May, 3, 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; Fred F., GSR for Unity through Tradition Group at the Alano Club; Laura B., GSR for the Springville Monday Night Book Study, Janet I. member; Sean A. GSR for Practicing the Principals; Mike C. Alternate DCM and GSR for the Valley Group.

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 Laura B.

Concept 12: Concept 5 long form read and explained by Allen L

Approval of Minutes: April 5, 2023 minutes approved after corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Josh F. Reporting

Balance Forward 2,263.20. Income-Women's Amity Group \$33.99; Tulare Crossroads \$10.00; Valley Group \$25.70; Keep It Simple Sunday \$37.10. Total Income \$106.79. Expenses-DCM Reimbursement \$181.16; Workshop Food \$215.84; Delegate Reimbursement \$300.00; Supplies for Workshop \$79.96. Total Expense \$776.96. Current Balance \$1, 593.03.

CSO Liaison Report: David G. Our April CSR Meeting was held 2023-04-11. The meeting was set up to be a hybrid meeting, however no-one joined via Zoom. There were thirteen people present, with one new person: George J. **Central Office finances:** for February 21 through April 20, Central Office had income of 3,666.32 and expenses of 3,646.49 for a gain of \$19.83. We have been approved by the IRS to get tax refunds for the ERC (Employee Retention Credit). We will get \$6,140.87 (minus the CPA fees for filing); this will show up on next month's finances. **Old business: Founders Day Picnic June 10th, 2023:** Cheryl H. will be the Founders Day Picnic chairperson. George J. volunteered to be co-chair. **Central Office Literature price increases - tabled to June.** **New business: Saint Paul's Church is reserved for New Year's Eve party -** Are groups willing to support Central Office in putting on a gala event? **Announcements: Our sister fellowship, Narcotics Anonymous, is having their 24th Annual Blues Fest** at the Lions Club Roping Arena in Three Rivers, May 19 – 20. The speaker meeting is Friday night, and the music on Saturday goes from 11 AM to 5 PM. Recovery yoga: if anyone is interested in yoga or knows somebody who would be interested, it's every Saturday at 10 AM, at Saint Paul's Church in Visalia.

Registrar: David G. Courtney R. was added to the Unity Through Tradition meeting as Alternate GSR.

H&I Report: Rafael D.

Tulare County Hospital & Institution Committee

Thank you to our fellowship for the continued support of the Pink Cans. The NorCal Committee met on April 22, 2023 with large participation from Area Chairs. We reviewed our proposed policy revisions and set our upcoming Committee Inventory Questions. The Northern California Hospitals and Institution Conference is scheduled for May 19th and 20th in Sacramento. There is a registration form attached. This is a great opportunity to gain information on the work of the Hospitals and Institution Committee along with information from the professionals we serve at the facilities. 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 will begin reaching out to new facilities in hope to expand in the month of May as we have found our reorganization plan well suited to growth. We are in the process of welcoming new Facility Coordinators to help in this growth. While our Area is thriving with committed volunteers which is exciting, we have only a small group of individuals who are cleared to go to the prisons. Please announce at any meetings the need for volunteers at the prison level. Have any interested AA members, please attend our next orientation for further information. 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: Mike C, David G and I attended the Pre-Conference Assembly on April 15 & 16 in Tracy, CA. Mike and David provided our delegate with their groups' feedback on some of this year's agenda items, and I read the joint group conscience document from Fred F and Sean A's groups. I'm looking forward to attending the Post-Conference Assembly in Chico and hearing the Delegate's Report this coming weekend (May 6th and 7th).

Old Business: None

New Business: At the last Assembly there was an invitation for districts to participate in a "Swap" —we were asked to bring a small trinket that speaks to something unique to our district to swap with other districts. DCM Allen took the liberty of having 250 bookmarks printed that feature a photo facing east and including orchards, foothills and the snow-capped Sierra Nevada. The cost was \$37.79. The panel voted and Allen will be reimbursed for his expenses.

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 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim K, Recording Secretary