

District 47 Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2024

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

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 PM by District Committee Member (DCM) Mike C.

Committee members present:

Mike C., DCM and General Service Representative (GSR) for the Valley Group
David G., Recording Secretary and Central Office Liaison
Jason K., filling in for Joyce R., Hospitals and Institutions Liaison.
Brandon L., GSR for Friday Freedom Fellowship
Fred F., GSR for Unity Through Traditions
Jaime R., GSR for The Valley Group (new)
James W., GSR for Bridge Street Drunks Only
Jerri T., GSR for the Saturday morning Women's 12 x 12 Bookstudy Group
Jim K., GSR for Monday Men's Meeting at PPAV
Laura B., GSR for the Springville Monday Night Book Study
Sean A., GSR for Practicing the Principals
Allen L., Member
Dusty B., Member

Permission requested from all present that this meeting be recorded for the recording secretary's benefit.

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 Jaime R.

Concept 3: Concept 3 long form read and explained by Mike C.

Approval of Minutes: February 7, 2024 minutes reviewed. Approval of minutes vote taken: all in favor, none against.

Treasurer's Report: At this time, we don't have Josh here to give us the treasure's report. We have it on old business that we'll be moving forward with appointing a new treasurer. So we'll have a treasurer's report at our next meeting.

CSO Liaison Report: David G. Our February CSR Meeting was held in the 13th. The meeting was a hybrid meeting, with two members joining via Zoom. There were eight people present in-person.

Central Office finances: for December 21 through January 20, Central Office had income of \$8,386 and expenses of \$8,101 for a gain of \$284.

Old business:

1. Founders Day Picnic: we need a chairperson. George and Jason will be happy to assist.
2. Unity Event Committee: plans are for bowling; date is not set yet.

Questions and answers:

When will Founders Day Picnic be? June 8, 2024 at Arbor 9 in Mooney Grove park in Visalia.

Registrar: absent

H&I Report: Jason K. on behalf of Joyce R., Tulare County Hospital & Institution Committee Liaison

In February, we were able to hold all 13 H&I Facility Meetings and 1 H&I meeting at the Tulare County Jail. We utilized 34 volunteers and distributed 73 AA Books. At the end of February, we now have 8 volunteers cleared to go into Tulare County Jail. This includes 2 Spanish Speaking volunteers. We are in the process of coordinating these volunteers to begin more meetings in March.

NorCal's financial position moved to **sound** at the end of January 2024. We ended the month with a positive cash flow of \$9,432.17. This was due to a one-time bequest of \$9,000 and an individual member contributed \$5,000, (the yearly max per individual) for a total of \$14,000. While we are grateful for the contributions, to maintain distributing literature as we have been accustomed, we will need steady monthly contributions which match our monthly expenses. We encourage all groups to continue to pass the pink can at their meetings and have the treasurer send in the money on a consistent basis. If your group does not have a pink can, they are available at Central Office or by contacting me or Joyce directly.

The Inside Visiting Sponsorship Service which provides inmates with outside sponsors is gearing up to begin at the Women's facility in Chowchilla. Please encourage any women with 5 years of sobriety and sponsorship experience who are interested in this type of service, reach out to Joyce to be connected with the new coordinator.

Save the date: May 3-5, 2024 in Bakersfield H&I Conference. For the first time ever, H&I will combine Northern and Southern California committees for one amazing conference.

We need more H&I Volunteers in order to continue growing. Please send any interested AA members to our next Orientation: March 9, 2024, 9:00 am followed by the Area H&I Business Meeting at 10:00 am. The meeting is held at Bridge Street Drunks Only, 526 N. Bridge St., Visalia, CA 93291.

In service,

Joyce R., Area 93 Chair

DCM Report: Mike C.

At the recent ACM in Sacramento, I met with Simon from District 55 to discuss our future collaboration. Since last month, I've assisted them in designing a flyer, which we presented and got approved with minor errors. On the agenda, we have a discussion on modifying the founder's writing, hoping to gain insights from our fellow members. Seven to eight questions related to the writing were circulated via email for reflection.

Our Trustees in NY request feedback on updating literature, even though controversial alterations, like replacing gendered terms, remain unchanged. Future goals involve enhancing communication channels among World Services, GSO delegates, and officers.

Three workshops led by our delegate will delve deeper into these concerns on March 7th, 14th, and 21st. Visit the CNIA website for registration links: <https://cnia.org/events/list>. Members are encouraged to provide input on rising archive rental costs, affecting stockroom locations and combining assets. An informative presentation on the Pre-Conference Assembly follows, with registration already accessible until April 1st, allowing attendance both online and at the venue itself. Please prepare necessary payments accordingly. Hotel registration offers three choices in Turlock: Best Western, Hampton Inn, and Comfort Suites. Approximately five miles from Denair, rates stand at ~\$154/night for Holiday Inn, ~\$146/night for Comfort Suites, and comparable pricing for Hampton Inn. Simply contact the desired hotel or reserve online. That concludes my report.

GSR Reports:

Jaime R., GSR for The Valley Group: we're putting on the Spring Into Sobriety 2024 event on April 6. The Primary Purpose Group will be putting on Twelve Step Workshop, beginning at 11 AM (bring your own lunch). Dinner is \$20 (\$25 at the door), beginning at 5:30 PM. Newcomers who attend the Twelve Step Workshop will be our guest for dinner. The speaker will be Yvonne S. of Los Angeles, at 7 PM – the speaker meeting is free.

Jerri T., GSR for the Saturday morning Women's 12 x 12 Bookstudy Group, which is on Saturday morning at Christ Lutheran every Saturday morning at 9 AM. Our group is organizing a Women's Retreat, happening October 11th through 13th at St. Anthony's in Three Rivers. Kindly find the registration form in the chat; print it or photograph it for reference. Each third Saturday of the month, we hold a business meeting for the event, following the 12x12 meeting. We are also toward making a fundraising event to subsidize retreat participation for newcomers. Donating gift baskets or similar items for auction at the retreat is immensely helpful. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated. Please pass along this message to your groups, thank you.

Brandon L., GSR for Friday Freedom Fellowship: I'm also a part of The Valley Group Young People On Fire, they're contributing to the Spring Into Sobriety event by supplying desserts. Eager bakers, please contact me for inclusion in the baking roster, offering either cookies or cakes. Thanks for your interest!

Announcements:

NCAA 75th annual conference in San Jose California at the Holiday Inn, March 15th, 16th and 17th.

Turlock Unity Day, March 23rd, 2024. (although that is the same day as our ...)

General Service Conference Agenda Items Workshop at New Life Community Church in Clovis, March 23rd, 2024 from 1 PM to 3 PM. Also on Zoom.

There's a 27th annual Sutter Buttes Roundup, April 20th to 2024 in Yuba City. It's an all day event from 7:10 a.m. to 7:30 PM starting the speaker, Wayne B. of Los Angeles.

2024 H&I Conference – A State Of Love And Service, May 3rd and 4th in Bakersfield, at the Double Tree Hotel.

Old Business:

Election of Treasurer. Allen L. nominated and elected to be our new Treasurer.

Open Alternate DCM position. No volunteers at this time.

New Business:

Discussed and approved funding DCM to attend the Pre-Conference Assembly in Turlock (Denair): \$175. If anyone wants to carpool, Mike is going up. Brandon may carpool up.

Discussed getting access to the Agenda Items and Background Material for the Pre-Conference Assembly. The material is on the cna.org web site > Resources > Delegate's Page > Confidential Downloads. You'll need the password (supplied to GSRs in the meeting).

Agenda Items Workshop at New Life Community Church 2165 E Gettysburg, Clovis, CA on Saturday March 23rd, from 1 to 3 PM.

Discussed the Area 7 Archives rental location, and rent increase.

GSO sent out a questionnaire: AA Founders writings; How should we treat them? Area Delegate Discussion regarding the above questions presented by GSO for group consideration on the future of AA Founder's writings, such as the Big Book and Twelve & Twelve. Delegate will also hold Zoom meetings March 7th, 14th, and 21st. Visit cna.org > Events

Seventh Tradition: 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 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

David G., Recording Secretary