

**District 47, CNIA
Meeting Minutes
August 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: 7:02 PM by District Committee Member (DCM) Mike C.

Committee members present:

Amber K., GSR for The Valley Group
Brandon L., GSR for Friday Freedom Fellowship
Dusty B., GSR for the Springville Thursday Night Gut Level Group
Kim C., (New) GSR for the Saturday morning Women's 12 x 12 Book Study Group
Laura B., GSR for the Springville Monday Night Book Study
Leah W., GSR for Bridge Street Drunks Only
Sean A., GSR for Practicing the Principles
Mike C., DCM
Allen L., Treasurer
David G., Recording Secretary and Central Office Liaison
Joshua F., Registrar

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 Dusty B.

Concept 8: Concept 8 long form read and explained by Mike C.

Approval of Minutes: July 2, 2024, minutes reviewed and approved: all in favor, none against.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance: \$3106.70

INCOME

Date	Description	Amount
7/10/24	Bridge Street Drunks Only #1108	\$32.70
7/25/24	Tuesday Women's Amity Group #1132	\$59.40
7/25/24	Springville Book Study	\$60.00
7/25/24	Keep It Simple Sunday	\$32.00
7/31/24	District 49 (8/24 Delegate Report funding) #1046	\$200.00
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	Total Income:	\$384.10

EXPENSES

Date	Description	Amount
	Total Expense:	\$0.00

Ending Balance: \$3490.80

CSO Liaison Report: David G.

Our July CSR Meeting was held on July 9th. The meeting was a hybrid meeting, both in-person and on Zoom.

Central Office finances: for May 21st through June 20th, 2024 Central Office had an income of \$6,471.96 and expenses of \$6471.65 for a gain of \$0.45.

Old business:

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

New business:

1. The question was raised: should attendance at the CSR meeting be required to be in-person? Discussed, with the consensus being that attendance via Zoom is beneficial to our members.

Announcements:

District 47 will be hosting a Saturday, August 24th luncheon in Exeter Memorial Building, where our Delegate for Area 07 will report on the New York City Conference and what is going on with the plain and simple Big Book, and much more information.

Springville Second Sunday Breakfast Speaker Meeting on August 11th.

Soberfest planning meeting July 17th at 5:30 PM in person and on Zoom. Event to be held September 21st. Presale tickets will be \$20.00. Volunteers welcome to help with food, desserts, decor, set up/tear down.

Registrar: Josh F.

Josh has been deluged with work, so if anyone wants to take on the Registrar position, he would be happy to relinquish it. Discussion that Amber, Kim, and Leah need to fill out a new GSR form and get it to Josh. Although the form goes to the local Registrar, the registration goes to CNIA, who then registers the GSR with New York.

H&I Report: Written by Joyce R., presented by Mike C.

August 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 July, Tulare County (NorCal Area 93) held 18 meetings in treatment facilities and the Tulare County Jail. We were grateful that 2 of these were in Spanish. We were able to distribute 104 AA books in English and Spanish with the help of 33 volunteers. In August, we will be adding two additional treatment facility meetings monthly at New Hope Women's Recovery. This facility is requesting women only volunteers. We need more women to volunteer. The two facilities that request women only meetings are held on Thursdays. We also need bilingual and/or Spanish-speaking volunteers. If your group has any interested AA members, please send them to our next orientation and business meeting or have them contact me directly. I can be contacted via email at handiarea93@gmail.com or my phone number is available by calling Central Office.

Our efforts are fully supported by funds collected from passing the pink cans at AA meetings. Last year, Tulare County used approximately \$8,000 in literature while our area contributed a little over \$7,200. This year due to our increase in meetings, we estimate that our literature usage will be approximately \$10,000.00. Year-to-Date, Tulare County has contributed \$4,700.00. Please encourage all groups to pass the pink can and have the Treasurers send in money regularly putting Area 93 in the memo section of the check. It would be exciting if our

Area could contribute enough to cover our local literature usage. If your group does not have a Pink Can, please contact Central Office or myself.

Please take a moment and visit aa-tulareco.org and click the Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) tab. This will provide out most current news brief published after each quarterly NorCal Committee Meeting, our Monthly and Year to Date Financial Report along with the IVSS flyer. We are currently looking for volunteers to sponsor an inmate which can be done anonymously via an exchange over the phone. Please see the IVSS flyer for more information. Currently, we have 130 inmates who are matched with an outside sponsor and many more on the waiting list.

Our next in-person orientation: September 14, 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

DCM Report: Mike C.

Although I wasn't able to attend the Area Committee Meeting (ACM) for July, I did ask another DCM, Bill L. from District 42 (Fresno) to provide my report. This was that we are going to host our Delegate to provide his Post-Conference report here in Exeter, on August 24, 11 AM to 3 PM. I also talked with Simon, DCM for District 55, about if members from his district would like to attend; also asking CNIA if they can have interpreters available. The DCM, Bill T., for District 49 (Hanford / Lemoore) has said that he and several other members will attend the event, as has Bill L. of District 42.

I also heard that at the ACM they discussed the spending plan. There will probably be a large increase in the spending plan, as they look for a new facility for the Archives (which possibly could be the new location for the monthly ACM).

GSR Reports:

Amber K., GSR for The Valley Group: The Valley Group is still going strong.

Sean A., GSR for Practicing the Principles: The group hasn't had any new questions they wanted to ask of the District or Area. We've had a good number of newcomers show up; the group has doubled in size.

Leah W., GSR for Bridge Street Drunks Only: I did not get to attend the business meeting this month. The meetings are going well. Teddy B. is making arrangements to start renovations on the meeting room building. There were some questions about the Delegate's Report event on August 24th, which Leah got answers to tonight.

Kim C., GSR for the Saturday morning Women's 12 x 12 Book Study Group: I didn't get to attend the business meeting because of being out of town; but everything is going fine with our group.

Brandon L., GSR for Friday Freedom Fellowship: The group is solid. We have a lot of volunteers for our service positions. Last month's birthday meeting shares had a combined sobriety of 307 years celebrating that night, getting the message out that the A.A. program works.

Laura B., GSR for the Springville Monday Night Book Study: We completed our previous book and have started on *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*. We do a Step, and then we do a Tradition. The group is looking forward to the Delegate's Post-Conference event and report. One long-time member of our group passed away: Jean-Marie. There will be a memorial for her at the Springville Veteran's Memorial Building, this Saturday, August 10th, at 11 AM. Glad to hear our \$60 contribution was received.

Dusty B., GSR for the Springville Thursday Night Gut Level Group: We're doing pretty well. We also just had our

birthday meeting, with a good turnout. We are also looking forward to our Delegate's Post-Conference report. Several of us are going to be there to be of service.

Old Business:

1. We still have an open position for Alternate DCM available. The Alternate DCM attends Area Committee Meetings and Area Assemblies when the DCM cannot. The Alternate DCM also gets funded to go to Assemblies (and for example the Mini PRAASA in October).

New Business:

1. Post-Conference Report event by Delegate Matthew L.
 1. We're looking for volunteers to help with purchasing supplies, setup and teardown, and cooking the food. We also need someone to purchase the bread, condiments, cheese, chips, and sodas.
 2. Dusty asked Greg if he would be willing to cook Tri-Tip; Greg agreed. The plan is enough Tri-Tip for 75 people. Greg will also have some help from other members in preparing the food.
 3. Leah volunteered to help with setup and teardown.
 4. Discussion of timing for getting funds to Mike, for purchasing other items.
2. Bill L. with District 42 conveyed that Matt L., our Delegate, also has a commitment that evening (August 24) which means that he will need to leave our event about 3 PM. Discussion of funding amount previously approved.
3. Funding for DCM to attend Mini PRAASA in October. Mike's expenses look to be almost \$250, including room reservation, gasoline, registration, and bottomless coffee.
 1. Allen proposed we fund this amount. Brandon seconded. Vote was taken: all approved, none against.
 2. Allen reminded our GSRs that we voted to fund GSRs to go to assemblies if their group cannot afford the entire amount. The fall assembly is either the Mini PRAASA (even-numbered years), or the Election Assembly (odd-numbered years). We also received \$300 from The Valley Group earmarked for funding GSRs to go to assemblies.

Announcements:

Soberfest: the event will be September 21st at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Visalia. The next planning meeting will be Wednesday, August 14th. The planning meeting starts at 5:30 PM and will be both in-person and on Zoom. We are still looking for volunteers.

Mini PRAASA coming up 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. Allen added that PRAASA (the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly) is a large conference, which encompasses nine western states. The CNIA Mini PRAASA is modeled after the annual PRAASA. Mini PRAASA is our Fall assembly when we don't have an election year. At the Mini PRAASA will be a workshop on how to submit agenda items for the General Service Conference in New York, and how the approval process works for new agenda items.

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

Declaration of Unity: 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 7:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David G., Recording Secretary