

**District 47, CNIA
Meeting Minutes
October 1, 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:

Brandon L., GSR for Friday Freedom Fellowship
Dusty B., GSR for the Springville Thursday Night Gut Level Group
Fred F., GSR for Unity Through Traditions
Kim C., GSR for the Saturday morning Women's 12 x 12 Book Study Group
Laura B., GSR for the Springville Monday Night Book Study
Mike C., DCM
Allen L., Treasurer
David G., Recording Secretary and Central Office Liaison
Don L., Treasurer CNIA 07 and former GSR for Bridge Street Drunks Only
Joyce R., Hospital and Institutions

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 David G.

Concept 10: Concept 10 long form read and explained by Mike C.

CNIA 7 Budget Report: Don L., current Treasurer for CNIA. Reviewed documents found at <https://cnia.org/treasurer-finance-committee/>

Previously, in 2021, we underspent and had some surplus. In 2022, this allowed us to spend on the General Service Conference and add Spanish translation services. In 2023, we spent some money on one-time technology improvements. In 2024, we added more representation at conferences like PRAASA. We have now exhausted our surplus and our spending plan now includes some reductions to offset projected increases in spending. We need to move our Archives to a new location, but that will increase our costs: how will we close the gap?

Don thanked Mike for his support during the Post-Conference Assembly in Huron: the assembly went beautifully, Mike did a lot of the financial lift needed during the event, and he did very good accounting.

This coming year, we won't be able to afford to send as many people to conferences. We're considering reducing the mileage reimbursement rate to 60 cents per mile, down from 67 cents per mile. We've cut the cost of producing and distributing our newsletter, *Accents*, by going digital (<https://cnia.org/accents/>). We are hoping that Districts and Groups may be able to increase their contributions; our income has been flat at around \$60,000 per year for the last ten years, but of course inflation is hitting us too.

Regarding moving our Archives location, there are three models: 1) Same as we are doing now, rent a separate space for it (but in a non-hazardous location). 2) Rent a shared space with an Intergroup or District. 3) Rent a space for Archives *and* the monthly Area Committee Meeting (ACM), where we can store the sound equipment too.

Overall, we're planning on reducing expenses around \$25,000, from \$100,000. We'll need to increase registration costs at assemblies, and hopefully see an increase in contributions.

Approval of Minutes: September 3, 2024, minutes reviewed and approved: all in favor, none against.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance: \$3,723.71
INCOME

Date	Description	Amount
09-09-24	Bridge Street Drunks Only	\$21.91
		=====
	Total Income:	\$21.91

EXPENSES

Date	Description	Amount
		=====
	Total Expense:	\$0.00

Ending Balance: \$3,745.62

CSO Liaison Report: David G.

Our September CSR Meeting was held on September 10th. The meeting was a hybrid meeting, both in-person and on Zoom.

Central Office finances: for July 21st through August 20th, Central Office had an income of \$2,447.18 and expenses of \$5,688.75 for a loss of \$3,241.57. Our balance was \$14,409 with a prudent reserve of \$19,000.

P.I.: we have opportunities for five events in October, and need volunteers.

Old business: none

New business:

1. How to get the word out about what Central Office is and does?
2. We would like to hold a Service Fair or Workshop where each of the organizations and Ninth Tradition Service committees get to present what they do. Central Office, District 47, H&I, PI, BTG., perhaps CNIA.

Announcements:

Springville Second Sunday Breakfast Speaker Meeting in October 13th.

Soberfest wrap-up meeting October 9th at 5:30 PM in person and on Zoom. The event was held September 21st, and the speaker and fellowship were excellent.

New Year's Eve planning meeting October 8th, immediately prior to the CSR meeting, in-person and on Zoom.

Planning meeting will start at 5:00 PM, and go to 6:00 PM.

The BTG committee is up to ten volunteers, and will have its monthly committee meeting Saturday, October 12th at 11 AM on Zoom only.

Registrar: Josh F. no report

H&I Report: Presented by Joyce R.

October, 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 September, 2024 we held 21 meetings and distributed AA books upon request. We make available the AA Big Book, 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, Living Sober and Daily Reflections. These are available in Spanish and English.

We continue to need more volunteers. Monthly we report the meetings held in Tulare County. We do have volunteers from Tulare County covering meetings at Corcoran, SATF and Avenal Prisons. They have minimal coverage as they have very few cleared volunteers who are participating in a fraction of the AA meetings being held behind the walls. Please share this information with your groups, and send any interested AA members to our next Orientation listed below. If an AA member is interested and wants to discuss this further prior to that date, I can be contacted at handiarea93@gmail.com or Central Office can provide my phone number. We encourage all groups to pass the pink can at all AA meetings and have your treasurer send in the funds on a regular basis. When making payment by either check or credit card online, please refer to Area 93 for Tulare County. If your group does not have a Pink Can, please contact Central Office or myself.

Please take a moment to visit the H&I page on aa-tulareco.org. Here you will find all current Northern California Hospital and Institution Committee information including our financial reports and the contact information to get involved in the IVSS program. This is a unique opportunity to sponsor an AA member behind the walls. Currently, they are in the process of starting this program at Corcoran, SATF and Avenal Prisons. The meetings are held via phone call, text or in person. Our volunteer's anonymity is protected as all calls are sent through an exchange.

Our next in-person orientation: November 9, 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.

I attended the Area Committee Meeting (ACM) on September 21st. At the ACM, the major focus was on the spending plan to be discussed and perhaps passed at the Mini-PRAASA. They also talked about doing an Area Inventory at Mini-PRAASA. Mike recommends people plan on staying both days, to get the whole experience of Mini-PRAASA.

GSR Reports:

Kim C., GSR for the Saturday morning Women's 12 x 12 Book Study Group: Everything is going well with our group, and we've seen growth in the number of members.

Laura B., GSR for the Springville Monday Night Book Study: We are reading *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*. We are still talking about doing a group inventory.

Fred F., GSR for Unity Through Traditions, Wednesdays at 5:30 PM at the Visalia Alano Club. We're going through the book *Experience, Strength, and Hope*. We've had seven to fifteen people show up every week. We're going to be able to contribute funds to all the various A.A. entities.

Dusty B., GSR for the Springville Thursday Night Gut Level Group: We're doing pretty well. Our group gets between six and twenty members. We're also looking at doing a group inventory.

Brandon L., GSR for Friday Freedom Fellowship: Things are going well.

Old Business: none

New Business:

1. Area 7 Spending Plan 2025 Online Workshop on Thursday, September 5th, at 7:15 PM.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87108643475> with passcode 1935.
 1. Reviewed two documents (Excel spreadsheets) which show proposed changes for the 2025 spending plan.
 2. One idea for saving money is to eliminate the paper printing of the CNIA newsletter *Accents* switching to electronic distribution only.
 3. Another idea was to add hybrid attendance for Assemblies, with a registration charge for Zoom.
 4. Another idea was to increase the in-person registration amount by \$5 per person.
2. Discussed approving funds for District GSRs to attend Mini-PRAASA if needing assistance. We have funds available, if a group does not.
3. Discuss 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.

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Mini PRAASA October 11 – 13, 2024 in Angels Camp

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 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David G., Recording Secretary