

**District 47 Meeting Minutes**  
**October 4, 2023**

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

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:03 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; Fred F., GSR for Unity Through Traditions at Visalia Alano Club; Josh F. Treasurer; Sean A. GSR for Practicing the Principals, Laura B., GSR for the Springville Monday Night Book Study; Claudia Q. GSR for Women's Amity Group; Ally A. GSR for the Saturday Women's 12X12; Rafael D. GSR for the Valley Group Meeting; Mike C. Alt. DCM and GSR for the Valley Group Meeting; Josh F. Treasurer.

**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 10:** Concept 10 long form read and explained by Allen L

**Approval of Minutes:** September 6, 2023 minutes approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Josh F. This update is for August and September 2023

**Balance Forward** \$1,987.30. Income-Tuesday **Unity Through Traditions** \$75.00, and \$27.00, **Visalia Friday Freedom Fellowship** \$20.00; **Crossroads Tulare** \$15.00; **Group # 723620** \$68.00, Springville Speaker Meeting \$60.00, Keep it Simple Sunday \$42.60, Group #90621 \$600.00, **Total Income** \$907.60. Expenses-0; **Current Balance** \$2,894.90.

**CSO Liaison Report:** David G. Our September CSR Meeting was held September 12. The meeting could have been a hybrid meeting, but no members joined via Zoom. There were sixteen people present in-person. **Central Office finances:** for July 21 through August 20, Central Office had income of \$5,342.26 and expenses of \$4,523.07 for a gain of \$819.19.

**Old business: 1. New Year's Eve party** - Debbie C. is our new chairperson for our New Year's Eve party. Glenda V. is co-chair. The theme will be a 1950's sock-hop. The first planning meeting will be Tuesday October 10, at Central Office and on Zoom, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM (immediately before the CSR meeting). **2. Service Linkage** - George presented a mock up of what the page could look like, with different service organizations; we discussed. **3. Fellowship Activities** - we want members to tell us what sort of activities they think would be good for the fellowship. One that has come up regularly is Winter League Softball.

**New business: 1. CSR Reports put into the Meeting Guide app** - CSRs give reports; would their group like that information included in the Meeting Guide app? Please ask and report. **2. Tulare Homeless Encampment** - The City of Tulare has established a homeless persons encampment; and boy are there a lot of people there who could benefit from a meeting.

**Announcements:** Springville Speaker Breakfast meeting is this Sunday.

**At the Tulare County Central Office Inc business meeting:** **Old business: 1. New Year's Party chairperson** - Debbie stepped up; planning has begun. **New business: 1. Elections for Central Office Board of Directors** - research found that TWO members of the Board are no longer eligible to run due to term limits: Cheryl H. and Bill E. **2. Central Office business hours** - we are not open on bank holidays. Two holidays are added to the list: Juneteenth and Martin Luther King Day. **3. AAWS literature prices have risen** - we will soon sell out all the Big Book inventory we purchased at the pre-inflation prices. **4. Saturday open for business hours** - we reviewed the costs of being open for business on the last Saturday of the month versus how many people showed up and bought stuff. Although it is currently costing us more than we are bringing in, and the number of visitors has been low, we will continue being open the last Saturday of the month through December, to see if adoption increases.

**Registrar: David G. No report.**

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

At our September 9, 2023 H&I Area Business Meeting, we elected Amber K. as our new Area Co-Chair. We believe this will create a healthier rotation of service. We discussed how our current structure of Meeting Leaders and Facility Coordinators has now created a very sustainable committee rotation as once Meeting Leaders reach the three years of sobriety, they can rotate to Facility Coordinators and we will bring on new Meeting Leaders. We are planning an H&I Volunteer Appreciation Event for December and look forward to appreciating our very committed volunteers.

This month, we have had a couple of facilities cancel and/or reschedule H&I meetings due to Covid outbreaks. We seem to have moved past this and are back on track. We were able to hold 8 facility meetings, utilize 24 volunteers and distribute over 60 AA books to our inside members.

The Tulare County Jail is now allowing us to add volunteers and we hope to have several more cleared and ready to go by the end of November. These volunteers will include 2 Spanish Speaking volunteers allowing us to reach more inside members. We are in need of more volunteers in order to expand to more facilities and encourage all interested to contact me or attend our next meeting.

At this time, NorCal's financial position is **poor**. Year to Date our literature expense has increased 63.1% over last year while our contributions increased only 11.3%. This has now left us utilizing prudent reserve funds. Please encourage all groups to pass the Pink Can to ensure that literature is available for our inside members. If your group does not have a Pink Can, they are available at Central Office. Please ensure that groups are passing the pink can separately from the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition and it is noted that money from the Pink Can is distributed separately from the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition funds. The Pink Can is not meant to detract from the group's 7<sup>th</sup> tradition responsibilities. When funds from the Pink Can are sent to NorCal, please indicate that the contribution is coming from **Area 93**.

Next H&I Orientation: November 11, 2023, 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.

**DCM Report:** **DCM Allen L.** Allen attended the 9/16/23 ACM. Discussions on 2024 Spending plan and Proposal to create a funded AV technician to store, maintain & transport AV equipment to assemblies and ACMs. Highlights from Delegate's Report: 1. Grapevine app is now available. 2. New "Young People in AA" pamphlet is now available. 3. Daily Reflection is now available as an audiobook. 4. The 2023 Conference Report will be available at the Election Assembly (Oct. ACM if you want it earlier) also available online in pdf format. 5. Preliminary Agenda Items available in late October. Final Agenda Items and background materials available between Feb 16th and 23rd 2024.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Seventh Tradition:** None

**Announcements:** Allen announced that nominations for District 47 officers will take place at the November and December GSR meetings. Voting will be at the December meeting. Jim mentioned that we should let people know at the meetings we attend about this committee and how it is a great way to get involved in AA service. The more we talk about District 47 service, the more potential we will have for new people to get involved in this committee.

**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 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim K, Recording Secretary