

**District 47 Meeting Minutes**  
**June 6, 2022**

**This is a Zoom meeting with members participating from various locations.**

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:04 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; Louise G., GSR for the Exeter Sunday Afternoon Group; Josh F. Treasurer, David G. GSR for the Friday Freedom Fellowship.

**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 Louise G. And Jim K.

**Concept 4:** Concept 6 long form read and explained by Allen L.

**Approval of Minutes:** May 4, 2022 minutes approved

**Treasurer's Report: Josh F.** We had a balance forward of **\$2,434.81**. Donations came from **Bridge St. Drunks Only \$87.59, Valley Speaker Series Group \$94.35, Bridge St. Drunks Only \$62.80, Keep It Simple Sunday \$50.00, and TBD \$20.00**. Thanks to these groups for their donations, which totaled **\$314.74**. We had expenses of **\$285.89** for reimbursement to the DCM travel to the Pre Conference Assembly. Our current balance is **\$2,463.66**.

**CSO Liaison Report: David G.** The finances are up by \$100 and the Central Office prudent reserve is \$19,000. This was set years ago. Our current reserve is \$20,000 and it was suggested that \$22,000 would be a better amount. David mentioned the proposed Unity Day/Delegate Day we have been tossing around and asked them to seek information from their groups. PI/CPC will have a booth at the Founders Day Picnic. BTG work proceeds. The electronic payment surcharge discussion is continuing. Founders Day is looking great! Horseshoes, corn hole toss, and volleyball will be happening. Groups are asked to send a basket to help Central Office fund raising. There is now an answering machine at the Central Office that has been linked to a national AA database and one of our members has been receiving calls from all over the nation. The Sign Up Genius was determined to be too expensive to avoid advertising/affiliation. The Central Office is open with one member volunteering when Carol Ann goes on vacation.

**Registrar:** No Report

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

In May, 2022 the NorCal Steering Committee Meeting was held and the Proposed Policy Revisions and Restructuring of the Norcal Committee was reviewed, revised, and approved. These will now be brought before the General Committee in June for review and vote requiring simple majority to pass. These will then go to the September/October round of meetings and require a 2/3 majority vote for approval:

It is proposed: We will restructure and hold quarterly NorCal Meetings on Zoom in which the voting body will now include: Appointed Chairs, Major Institution Coordinators, IVSS Coordinators, Regional Chairs & Area Chairs. This will remove the added layer of delegation, and open communication between the NorCal Committee and Areas.

- It is proposed to add a Spanish Chair to the NorCal Committee to ensure constant communication with or Spanish Regions.

- It is proposed to change the wording in our Statement of Purpose to “The only purpose of this committee is to carry the message of AA to alcoholics in Corrections, Treatment Facilities and Facilities serving alcoholics in Northern CA”. This more closely outlines where we go and adheres to the GSO language for the Corrections and Treatment Committees as NorCal combines the functions of both GSO Committees.

- It is also proposed that “Adheres to AA’s singleness of purpose at all times by introducing ourselves only as alcoholics and discussing our problems only as they relate to alcoholism” into our Statement of Purpose on the first page so it is read at every Area Meeting.

Tulare County H&I Committee Business Meeting will return to in person at our July 23, 2022 meeting at Bridge Street 526 N. Bridge St. Our Committee Meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of Odd months, 10:00 am. Orientation will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of Even months at 9:00 am on Zoom. We plan to have a hybrid meeting to ensure all can attend at their comfort level. We will be adhering to any State Mandates as related to Covid and prefer masks be worn if we meet inside. We are continuing to take meetings to all facilities in person and Zoom as requested by the facilities.

The next orientation will be June 25, 2022, 9:00 am on Zoom ID is: 848 7072 2515 and passcode- Sober with a capitol S. The next business meeting is July 23, 2022, 10:00 am at Bridge Street.

**DCM Report:** David G and Allen L. carpooled up and attended the Post-Conference Assembly together. Rafael D. (Bridge Street GSR) was also in attendance for the Delegate’s Report on Saturday. Jenn D, our delegate produced an excellent “Quick Guide” of what actions were taken or not taken on all of this year’s agenda items. That document and the original Final Agenda Items list can be found on the Delegate’s Page at [cniia.org](http://cniia.org)

**Old Business:** The topic of resuming in-person District 47 monthly meetings was discussed, and we decided to go to a hybrid in person or online format on July 6, 2022.

**New Business:** Allen made contact with representatives of both District 43 and 53 at the Assembly and both were interested in working with us to put on a South Valley Unity Day (with Delegate's Report) later this summer. They both said they'd run it by their districts and let him know if there was any interest there. He sent out a query last month and heard back from only District 40, which will be putting on its own Unity Day event in October.

He sent the same query out to District 47 GSRs and officers and didn't hear back from anyone. The question of us is: Is there any interest here in putting on this kind of event? We discussed this question and the big issue is low GSR representation from groups. It was decided to go back to our groups and encourage electing and sending GSR's to our monthly meetings. The in person, hybrid format may be enticing to some to get involved. Trying to break through the lack of understanding of what general service is, and how the GSR is the carrier of the local group's conscience to the area and beyond is something that we need to do better.

**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:** "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 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim K, Recording Secretary