

District 47 Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2021

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

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 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; John H. GSR for Friday Freedom Fellowship; Sherry B. GSR Civic Center Group; Danette L., GSR for the Saturday Women's 12x12 Study

The GSR Preamble was read by . "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 John H..

12 Concepts: Concept 8 long form read and explained by Allen L.

Approval of Minutes: July 7, 2021 minutes approved with a correction in the date of the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Josh F. reported a balance forward **\$2,865.88** No income from groups. No expenses. Current Balance **\$2,888.69**.

CSO Liaison Report: No report

Registrar: No Report

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

H & I would like to encourage all groups to elect an H&I Representative and have them attend our meeting in order to ensure we are carrying the collective conscience of Tulare County to the NorCal Committee.

Hospitals & Institutions continue to serve the following facilities: Pine Manor Recovery, Women's Recovery Homes, Mental Health and Turning Point. Our panels have resumed in person meetings at the facilities. Our local jails remain closed to meetings. Corcoran and Avenal Prisons are holding H&I meetings which SATF continues to be closed. H & I provides literature to facilities upon request. The H&I Committee is continuing to zoom, both orientation & busi-

ness meetings. Area 93 is continuing to work with other Areas to encourage more Spanish Speaking volunteers and will be holding orientation in Spanish in the coming months. The next H&I orientation will be on August 28th, 2021 at 9:00 am. It will be held via zoom. ID: 885 8119 7080 Password: Sober (capital S). On September 25th (the bi-monthly business meeting and orientation) 9am orientation, followed by 10am business meeting. Same ID as above mentioned. Note: All interested in this type of service work are welcomed/encouraged to attend. The information is also available at aa-tulareco.org.

DCM Report: Allen attended the ACM on 7-17–21 via Zoom. There were a total of 22 DCM reports made. Three proposals were made for spending down our bloated prudent reserve, and each passed with around 95% of the vote: 1. \$2,500 for the Accessibility Committee funding request. 2. \$1000 to support the Grapevine’s “Carry the Message” project (gifting Grapevine and La Vina subscriptions to members with limited funds. 3. \$500—one-time contribution to Oficina Latina Central for literature purchase. Tom A, Area Delegate, reported that the New York has decided that an online group can register as an AA group in whatever district that logistically makes sense for that group’s participation. Under New Business a spending proposal was made for a one-time increase of \$225 to the Archives budget for remodeling and the cost of the upcoming open house. Tom A. has been borrowing an office (with good WiFi) to attend online delegate functions. He wanted to gift the office with a nice plant (\$50) and a \$250 gift card to the person who made the office available. Both of these proposals passed.

Old Business: Members shared about possibilities for us to utilize the money we have past our prudent reserve. Suggestions included chili cook off, pumpkin pie baking contest, speaker meeting, service fair, PI-PC information session, GSR stipend for conferences, central office donation and others. It will probably be done in the new year due to the uncertainty of the pandemic. Tabled action until next month.

New Business: Elections are coming up. Nominations for all officer positions in the District 47 will be taken until November. DCM, Alt. DCM, treasurer, and recording secretary are all open positions.

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 7:49 p.m. Respectfully submitted,

Jim K, Recording Secretary