

District 47 Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2023

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

Meeting Called to Order: 7:37 p.m. by Alternate DCM Mike C.

Committee: 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, Laura B., GSR for the Springville Monday Night Book Study, Keith A. member; Fred F. GSR for Unity Through Traditions; Mike C. Alternate DCM and GSR for the Valley Group, Courtney R, Alternate GSR for Unity Through Traditions.

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 Keith.

Concept 11: Concept 11 long form read and explained by Mike C

Approval of Minutes: October 4, 2023 minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Josh F. Absent, no report

CSO Liaison Report: **David G.** Our October CSR Meeting was held October 10. The meeting could have been a hybrid meeting, but no members joined via Zoom. There were eleven people present in-person. **Central Office finances:** for July 21 through August 20, Central Office had income of \$3,086.10 and expenses of \$3,476.90 for a loss of \$390.80. **Old business: 1. Service opportunities on the website and newsletter:** Adding sections to the newsletter and website announcing opportunities to volunteer within AA would be helpful. Opportunities outside AA would probably run afoul of Tradition 5. **2. Fellowship activities:** lots of good ideas, and we now have an activities committee. **3. CSR Reports put into the Meeting Guide app:** if your group wants its CSR report in the Meeting Guide app, contact Carol Ann or I. **New business: 1. Elections of members of the board for TCCOF:** two people cannot run, and one is up for re-election. **Announcements: Tulare Homeless Encampment:** two members are taking a meeting

to the Tulare Homeless Encampment every Friday afternoon at 4:00 PM. Contact George J. if you would like to join.

At the Tulare County Central Office Inc business meeting:

Old business: 1. **AAWS literature prices have risen:** raising our prices tabled until November. 2. **Central Office open on last Saturday of the month:** decision is to keep going through December. (Zero people showed up Saturday October 30).

New business: 1. **Request that we loan our P.A. sound equipment:** decision was no, unless it is an official AA event. 2. **Scope of events (AA or not) listed on the Central Office website:** tabled to November.

Registrar: David G. No report.

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

In October, we held 12 facility meetings and 1 meeting at Tulare County Jail, utilized 26 volunteers and distributed over 90 AA books to our inside members. We are in the process of submitting volunteer applications for the Tulare County Jail and hope to have more volunteers ready to go by December. 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 7th tradition and it is noted that money from the Pink Can is distributed separately from the 7th tradition funds. The Pink Can is not meant to detract from the group's 7th tradition responsibilities. When funds from the Pink Can are sent to NorCal, please indicate that the contribution is coming from **Area 93**.

At the October 22, 2023 NorCal Committee Meeting, our new General Chair, Julio B, presented his slate of officers which was approved by the committee; we reviewed and approved our 2024 Budget which projects a loss in 2024 if we continue business as usual and do not see an increase in contributions. We are hopeful with the addition of the Area Chairs to the voting NorCal Committee that communication with the Northern California AA fellowship will be enhanced and dispel the prior misinformation that H&I has a surplus of money.

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: Grapevine app is now available. Daily Reflection is now available as an audiobook. The 2023 Conference Report will be available at the Election Assembly—also available online in pdf format. Election Assembly is in Placerville November 10th, 11th and 12th

Old Business: Nominations for DCM, Alt. DCM, Secretary, Treasurer are taking place tonight and at the next meeting. Voting will be at the December meeting next month. Mike C. was nominated For DCM. David G. was nominated for recording Secretary, Josh was nominated to continue at treasurer, Keith A. was nominated for treasurer, and Courtney was nominated for Alt. DCM. We are looking for a CSO representative ,Registrar and H and I liaison as well.

New Business:

Seventh Tradition: None

Announcements: November 12 is the Springville Breakfast Speaker Meeting.

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 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim K, Recording Secretary