

District 47 Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2020

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; Danette L., GSR for the Saturday Women's 12x12 Study; Josh F., Treasurer; Jason C. BTG rep for CNIA, Tommy S., Sunday Morning Serenity Seekers (Blain Park)

The GSR Preamble was read by Danette L.

12 Traditions: read by Tommy S.

12 Concepts: Concept 12 long form read by Allen L.

Approval of Minutes: November 4, 2020 minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Josh F. reported a balance forward \$3,003.27 Income from groups, \$176.25 No expenses. Current Balance \$3,179.52 Thanks to Valley Speaker Series and Bridge Street Drunks Only groups for the contributions this month!

CSO Liaison Report: No one present attended the meeting.

Registrar: No Report

PI/CPC: No Report

Bridging the Gap: Jason is the BTG representative for CNIA (California Northern Interior Area) and he reported that he has a volunteer (Jonathan T) for Bridging the Gap for District 47, and they are looking for more male and female volunteers to be involved that are interested in helping out. BTG helps people being released from treatment facilities, out-patient facilities and the like who are met by BTG volunteers who help get the people to their first AA meeting, give information about contacting AA and let them know how to get plugged in to AA. CNIA.org has a 13 page booklet on their website describing what the program is, and how to get involved.

H&I Report: Ralph D. reported that as November is the end of our fiscal year, we are excited to report that even in the midst of facility shutdowns, we were able to bring 57 H&I meetings utilizing 66 volunteers to the confined alcoholic. In a normal year, we are able to bring approximately 170 H&I meetings per year. In review of this year we are still encouraged by this number as all facilities shut down in mid-March. We were able to begin twice a month Zoom H&I meetings at Mothering Heights in May, Pine Recovery in September and a monthly meeting at Turning Point

in November. The County Jail and Mental Health Facility remain locked down and are unable to accommodate Zoom H&I Meetings. Our Facility Coordinators stay in communication with the facilities and provide literature as needed.

At our November 28, 2020, we elected a new Area Chair, Stephanie “Boo” M. We also had a presentation from Jason C., the CNIA Bridging-The-Gap Chair which was very informative. It appears that there will be an opportunity for our two committees to work together.

Our next meeting will be, January 23, 2020 at 10:00 am via Zoom meeting ID 885-8119-7080 Password: Sober. H&I orientation will be held at 9:00 am December 26, 2020 and January 23, 2020 via zoom.

DCM Report: Allen attended the 11/21 planning meeting ACM. Listed below are a few of the highlights.

1. 45 in attendance (officers, DCMs, liaisons, past delegates, etc.)
2. December ACM moved to 12/12 due to conflict with Western Forum on 12/19 (both Zoom)
3. Winter Assembly will be held via Zoom
4. Kendyce, CNIA secretary, encouraged us to participate in the Grapevine’s “Carry the Message” project (gifting Grapevine subscriptions).
5. Tom A. our Delegate reported the following:
 - A. Public Information Committee is moving forward with Google ad words.
 - B. www.aa.org now has a web store and a contribution page where you can set up an account and save your payment information in order to speed up individual or group contributions, or to schedule ongoing automatic contributions.
 - C. A reminder to update the Meeting App regularly.
 - D. A future “service app” is being explored.
 - E. A reminder to support Grapevine—subscriptions down due to cancelled events.
 - F. GSO Archives engaged in a Covid-19 project to document this extraordinary point in AA history.
 - G. A reminder that stories are being requested for new pamphlet addressing older alcoholics in AA.
 - H. Rafael reported that the \$8.16 challenge for each member of AA is still on. The theory is that if each member of AA sends the AA World Service \$8.16 the financial problems they are having will be solved.

Old Business: Vote on proposal to distribute \$1200 (deemed excess funds at the 11/7 Dist. 47 meeting): \$1000 to Tulare County Central Office for next year's room rent + donation, and \$200 to AAWS.

The proposal states: Increase the prudent reserve to 2400 with the expectation that the prudent reserve will be met by group contributions by the end of the covid 19 pandemic. As there is an excess of funds that are not currently needed by the district 1000 is going to TCCO which includes 400 for rent and 600 as a contribution and 200 to AA world services. The proposal passed.

New Business: None

Seventh Tradition: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim K, Recording Secretary