

Tulare County Hospital & Institution Committee Minutes
March 27, 2021, 10:00 am, Zoom Meeting

Opening: Boo M. opened the meeting at 10:05 am with a moment of silence in gratitude for service and the confined alcoholic who still suffers, followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Statement of Purpose: Bill H. read the H&I Statement of Purpose.

Twelve Traditions: Jolene E. read the A.A. Twelve Traditions.

Introductions/Sign In: Introductions were made of first-time attendees and out of town members. In Attendance:

Boo M.	Joyce R.	Jolene E.	Melanie M.
Ralph D.	Bill H.	Gary B.	Rafael F.
Fred F.	Alice S.	Clayton N.	

Anniversaries/Pass the Basket: Anniversaries: Jolene E. 47-years 4/29; 7th Tradition contributions will be accepted via Venmo or check to Gary B.

Approval of Minutes: Boo asked if there were any additions or corrections to the January 23, 2021 minutes and none were presented. Motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded and approved.

Treasurer Report: Gary B. reported: Beginning Balance \$182.56; Zoom Fees Paid: \$112.67 for 2021; Reimbursement of Zoom Fees: \$142.65; 7th Tradition contributions \$20.00 for Balance of \$232.54. We also have \$22.00 in our Venmo account.

Old Business:

Recording Secretary Position: This position requires 6 months of sobriety and is a 1-year position. Joyce R. made herself available for this position, motion made, seconded and approved.

Tulare County Jail: Boo M. reported that she has been in contact with Tulare County Jail who remains unable to accommodate any Zoom meeting with inmate. Boo will continue to stay in contact with them.

New Business:

Alano Club: Boo advised that she had contacted the Alano Club regarding resuming in person H&I business meetings. It was noted that our meeting time would not be available.

Upon motion being made, seconded, and approved, it was decided to continue business meetings and orientation on Zoom for the remainder of 2021. Boo and Joyce, will attend the Alano Club Board Meeting and report our decision.

Reports:

Area Chair: Boo M. reported that orientations are continuing with 3 new volunteers each month. Boo requested Facility Coordinators stay in touch with your facilities and provide literature as requested. All volunteers, please continue to share the date and time of our Business Meetings and encourage groups to send an H&I Representative.

Regional Chair: Joyce R. provided an update from the February 14, 2021 General Committee Meeting. In June, 2021 we will be reviewing the proposed 2021 Policy Revisions, electing our General Chair and a Finance Committee Member. There is also a need for an Audio Please make yourself available if possible.

Spanish Speaking Chair: Rafael F. reported that they remain in a holding position until we can enter facilities, but that he does have a couple of Spanish Speaking Volunteers who will join him in contacting local groups for more Spanish Speaking Volunteers.

Literature: Tommy S. reported that literature is well stocked, and all requests are filled in a timely manner.

Turning Point: Clayton N. reported that meetings are continuing monthly at Turning Point on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. We generally have 4 to 5 volunteers on the panel with 10 or more residents who participate in the meeting. Literature has been delivered as requested. The March Meeting did have to be rescheduled to the following week due to computer issues.

Pine Recovery: Tommy S. reported that all is going well at Pine Recovery on the 1st Saturday of each month from 2:00 to 3:00 pm via zoom, with active participation from the residents and a panel of 4 volunteers. Boo M reported that her panel consists of 4 to 5 volunteers and active participation from the residents via zoom in the same time slot. Literature is delivered upon request.

Women's Recovery Homes: Alice S. reported that Zoom Panel Meetings are continuing every other Thursday from 7:00 to 8 pm at Mothering Heights Recovery Home. Panel consists of 4 to 6 women, with various lengths of sobriety. Alice reported that there has been difficulty in getting volunteers to commit the last couple of months. The meeting is started with a volunteer

lead share of 10 minutes then other panel volunteers sharing their experience, strength and hope. The last 15 to 20 minutes are open for questions or sharing from the residents. Alice reported that the Recovery Home Coordinator, Tracie, stated that residents and staff are going to get the Covid vaccination. They will be discussing the requirements for volunteers to enter the facility at their corporate meeting. Alice will stay in contact with Tracie for updates on resuming in-person meetings.

Mental Health: Boo M. reported that she continues to stay in contact with the facility and they feel that Zoom is not an option. They are following the State Guidelines and are not expected to open anytime soon. Literature continues to be offered.

Corcoran Prison & Avenal Prison: Bill H. reported that he and Monte continue to stay in contact with the staff, no volunteers are allowed into the prison as of yet but there has been communication that volunteers may be able to enter the facility for in-person meetings as soon as early summer. They are waiting for further information on volunteer requirements to enter the Prison.

CSR Liaison: Boo M reported that Central Office had an income of \$2,322 and expenses of \$2,567 for a loss of \$244.00. Group contributions are way below average and individual contributions were good. They thanked all who contributed. Central Office needed & purchased a new computer to replace the 12-year-old computer with a defective hard drive. The foot traffic and calls to Central Office have been light. All calendar events are now on the website for reference. On March 28th there will be a gathering at 1 pm at Bridge Street in remembrance of Bill B.

GSR Liaison: Ralph D. reported that District 47 continues to meet the first Wednesday of the month via Zoom. There have been informational meetings regarding the upcoming General Conference. Ralph encouraged all groups to get a GSR to carry the collective conscience of our area to our Delegate so our voice is heard at the General Conference.

Adjourn: There being no further business, the meeting was closed with the H&I Responsibility Statement at 11:15 a.m. The next orientations will be 4/24/21 & 5/22/21 9:00 a.m. and the next business meeting will be 5/22/21 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.

In love and service,

Joyce R.