

**CENTRAL SERVICE MEETING UN-APPROVED MINUTES**  
**Central Office & Central Service Representatives Meeting Report**

**Date**

November 12, 2024

**Meeting called to order**

David G 6:00 P.M.

**Board Members Present**

David G, Patrick, Ally, George, Cody absent with notice

**Serenity Prayer**

David G

**12 Traditions**

John W

**Previous Minutes**

No additions or corrections  
Reviewed and Approved by all  
Patrick motion to approve, Cheryl second

**Board Meeting Report**

David G  
Bridging the gap is goin strong  
Business cards for Tulare County AA order was placed

**Treasurer and Office Report**

Carol Ann

Good evening!

For the period from Sept 21<sup>st</sup> thru Oct 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Central Office had an income of \$4,575.25  
and expenses of \$6,097.98 for a *loss* of \$1,522.73.

**We are totally self-supporting through your contributions!**

Let's talk about the contributions we received!

**Group contribution:** Out of all the AA meeting listed on our website, I believe there are 205 of them, **12 Groups donated to Central Office for a total of \$1,571.91.** One of those groups who contributed to our office represents 20 AA meetings. Thank you to our groups for your contributions!

**Grateful Giver Club contributions:** Out of all the grateful alcoholics that attend meetings listed on our website and in the Meeting Guide App, we received **9 anonymous donations were made through our Grateful Givers contributions totaling \$1,153.75!** You know who you are! Thank you to our grateful givers!

You can contribute to the Grateful Givers Club through our donation link on our website at [AA-tulareco.org](http://AA-tulareco.org).

Grateful Giver's Club is a great way to donate if you want your donation to be anonymous, simply put Grateful Giver in the memo line!

**Individual contributions:** Out of all the alcoholics who attend meetings listed on our website and in the Meeting Guide App, **5 generous people donated to our office individually for the amount of \$176.99!** Consider mailing in a monthly contribution! Thank you to all you alcoholics who want to help us share the message of recovery!

You can donate individually through our website at [AA-tulareco.org](http://AA-tulareco.org). I will list your first name and last initial in the newsletter! Thank you for your individual contributors!

**Birthday Club:** Out of all the AA member who attend meeting listed on our website and in the Meeting Guide App, we had **7 grateful members contribute to Central Office to celebrate their sobriety by contributing \$1 per year of sobriety for the amount of \$242.00!** Thank you and happy birthday!

You can contribute to the Birthday Club by putting your first name and last initial, your city and the amount of sobriety you have! We will print this in our newsletter!

As you can see, there are many ways you can contribute to Central Office, this office is here to serve you, and to share to message of recovery to whoever is seeking it!

Central Office monthly expenses average \$5,125 and our prudent reserve is set at \$19,000. **We currently have \$13,812.36 which is \$5,187.64 below our prudent reserve.** So grateful to our Tulare County AA members as a whole for helping us continue to share our message of recovery!

Expenses paid this accounting period: Office staff, rent, phone and internet, utilities, and website fees, book and chip inventory replacement and payroll taxes.

Expenses coming up next accounting period: Office staff, rent phone, internet, utilities, website fees and payroll. We need your support!

Even though there is a financial shortfall, we are still fulfilling our primary purpose of carrying the AA message of recovery.

Elections for the Central Office Board is coming up again in December, we will have 2 positions opening up. Please announce this to your groups, each position is a 2-year commitment.

**To the groups:** In our November newsletter there is a form you can download and send into Central Office I am requesting some information about your group's humble servants for future outreaches. We have some events coming up and I need to know where to mail the flyers, our fellowship includes you and your meetings and we need a way to reach you!

*I would like to thank all of the groups and individuals who contributed to Central Office through your group contributions, your Birthday Club contributions, your individual contributions and our Grateful Giver's Club contributions!*

**Grateful to be here!  
Carol Ann Gable  
Office Manager/Treasurer**

\*Lengthly discussion on how central office can reduce expenses as well as how we can spread the concern to our meetings of the struggle we are facing financially...\*  
Participation and ideas were shared among CSR'S to be shared with groups and suggestions brought back for discussion next month

### **PI/CPC Report**

George

October was great for PI/CPC

10/10 Visalia/Tulare County Health Care Center we had a table representing AA

10/18 Tulare County Health Fair we also had a table

There are a few more events coming up

that we would like to be there to pass out information & sell books

Visalia Navigation Center is a new 100 bed shelter to be opening mid November...we will be reaching out to provide recovery information.

### **STEP FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER**

#### **Issue Step Member**

December Cody Step 12 due to [centralintergroupnews@gmail.com](mailto:centralintergroupnews@gmail.com) 11/21/2024

January Sam Step 1 due to [centralintergroupnews@gmail.com](mailto:centralintergroupnews@gmail.com) 12/21/2024

### **TRADITION FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER**

**Issue Step Member**

December Ally A Tradition 12 due to [centralintergroupnews@gmail.com](mailto:centralintergroupnews@gmail.com) 11/21/2024

January Kenford Tradition 1 due to [centralintergroupnews@gmail.com](mailto:centralintergroupnews@gmail.com) 12/21/2024

**Website Report**

This website report covers the time between the October and November CSR Meetings (2024-10-08 through 2024-11-12).

Meetings:

Carol Ann added a new meeting: Sobriety & Sunrise, a 6:30 AM meeting in Hanford.  
Carol Ann updated the Central Valley Recovery Alumni Meeting.

Calendar of events:

Carol Ann added the New Year's Eve event.

Announcements:

New Year's Eve Dinner / Speaker meeting.  
New Wednesday Morning meeting in Hanford.  
The Plain Language Big Book is available for sale.  
Central Office is closed November 11th in honor of Veteran's day.

Carol Ann and I did the normal monthly edits of the CSR meeting, GSR meeting, Springville Sunday Breakfast meeting, and Valley Group meetings.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

## H & I Report

The only purpose of the Northern California Hospital and Institution Committee is to carry the message of AA to alcoholics in corrections and treatment facilities and facilities serving alcoholics in Northern CA. In Tulare County (NorCal Area 93) we continue to meet this purpose by holding AA meetings in 8 treatment facilities, the Tulare County Jail, Avenal, Corcoran and SATF Prisons.

We make AA literature available upon request. The literature is given directly to our inside members for them to keep. Literature is not given to the facility to distribute. Currently, we make available the AA Big Book, 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, Daily Reflections and Living Sober. We are in discussion to consider adding the new Plain Language Big Book

In January, 2025 we will begin an H&I meeting at the new Navigation Center in Visalia which serves the unhoused population. This will increase our need for volunteers. Please share this information with your groups and send any interested AA members to our next Orientation listed below. If an AA member is interested and wants to discuss this further prior to that date, I can be contacted at [handiarea93@gmail.com](mailto:handiarea93@gmail.com) or Central Office can provide my phone number.

In October, we approved our 2025 budget. After adjusting to our recommended 6 months prior year expenses and ending October with an extraordinarily high literature purchased month, we now have a shortfall of 30,000.00 leaving us in a **neutral** financial position. It would be helpful if all groups would pass the pink can and have their Treasurer send the money in monthly. If your group does not have a Pink Can, please contact Central Office or me. Our financials are posted on our website at [www.handinorcal.org](http://www.handinorcal.org) and locally on the H&I page of the Tulare County website at [www.aa-tulareco.org](http://www.aa-tulareco.org). There is also a link to email the treasurer with any questions group or members may have regarding the financial position.

Our next in-person orientation: January 11, 2024; 9:00 am; at 526 N. Bridge Street, Visalia, CA 93291 followed by our business meeting at 10:00 am. This information is also listed on the Tulare County Website at [www.aa-tulareco.org](http://www.aa-tulareco.org).

In Service,

Joyce R., Area 93 Chair

**BTG Bridging the Gap**

Cody

No report

**GSO Liaison:**

David G

GSR meeting was November 5th, 2024

Seven people attended; two in-person and five via Zoom.

**Treasurer Report:**

Beginning Balance: \$3,745.62

**INCOME**

10/11/24 Unity Thru Traditions Group \$100.00

10/11/24 Civic Center Group \$38.90

10/11/24 Practicing the Principles \$75.00

10/25/24 Tuesday Women Amity Group \$49.90

Total Income: \$21.91

**EXPENSES**

10/13/24 Mike C. DCM — Mini PRAASA \$303.76

Total Expense: \$303.76

Ending Balance: \$3,705.66

**DCM report:**

I attended the Mini PRAASA on October 11 - 13. Matthew, our delegate, brought the 2024 General Conference Post-Conference reports, and we got a box of them here for District 47 GSRs and any members interested. The AA International Conference Registration is open, and at <https://aa.org> under the What's New section you can click on the registration link and get more information if interested in attending. AA is attempting to get more blocks of rooms for members to stay. AA International Conference registration is closing soon; please consider registering as soon as possible. It is \$160 per person, and you should register before getting a room. There are over 22,000 registrations so far.

PRAASA 2025 registration will open at end of November. It will be in Anchorage Alaska, March 6 - 8, 2025.

Also under the What's New section, AA.org has a press release and announcement of publishing the Plain Language Big Book.

At the AAgrapevine.org web site, if you get a complete subscription, you get access to over 22,000 archived stories online. In the past year, there have been over 13,000 new subscriptions.

The proposed budget for 2025 was discussed and then voted on; it passed. In order to reduce our projected expenses, fewer area officers will be sent to PRAASA 2025 than previously. Paper printing of the area newsletter, Accents, is eliminated. We moved our translation expenses to an increase of Area Assembly registration fees of \$5.

Old business: None

New business:

1. Discuss District 47 Bylaws - Open discussion, will be discussed next month.
2. Nominations for D47 one-year positions. At the moment, all our positions are two-year positions.
3. New Year Eve Dinner by Central Office - Do we want to consider volunteering or donating a basket for

silent auction? Yes, we will donate a basket for the silent auction, and Mike C will make a batch of his superb brownies for the baked goods auction.

### CSR Reports

\*Saturday Morning Women's 12 x 12 Tracy Jo., CSR\*

Held from 9-10 am Saturday morning held weekly  
Aprox 35-40 women We meet at Christ Lutheran  
Church 3830 W Tulare Ave.

We celebrate recovery by handing out milestone chips each week and celebrating birthdays the end of the month. Each meeting is a book study out of the 12 & 12

Thank you, Tracy Jo W

**\*Rainbow Group, Presented by George J., CSR.\***

The Rainbow Group meets every Saturday for an hour at 5:30 PM at The Source in Visalia, at 109 Northwest Second Avenue, which is on the south side of the Oval park. We meet for one hour and we are an Open hybrid group that meets on Zoom as well. The Zoom ID and passcode are on the website and in the Meeting Guide app. We offer a five o'clock meditation if you're interested in arriving early to prepare for a meeting. We have a speaker at the beginning of each meeting who speaks for 10 minutes after which the group is open. We give out chips at every session and celebrate birthdays at the end of the month with cake (no ice cream). We also have our business meeting on the second Saturday of the month.

Thank you for letting me be of service, George.

**\*Springville Monday Night Book Study Group, Presented by Ken., CSR.\***

We are located at the Lighthouse Chapel in Springville. We meet Monday nights from 7 to 8 PM. It is an open group book study. We rotate the books that we study. We're currently reading the 12&12.

Turnout is about average. We have coffee and dessert every Monday. We would love to have more visitors. The Lighthouse Chapel is located off the 190: turn on to Bridge Drive, and then south to Rio Vista.

**\*Friday Loose Women Meeting Glenda V., CSR\***

We meet every Friday 6:30-7:30pm at the Porterville Recovery Club located at 1865 S D Street. We are an open meeting of women only. Our attendance of 10-16 people. Ladies from PARR attend. We also have ladies with many years of sobriety. Thank you for allowing me be of service, Glenda V

**\*Springville Gut-Level Group, Presented by Cheryl H., CSR\***

Gut level meets every Thursday in Springville at the Lighthouse Chapel from 7-8:30pm. It is a small group of dedicated regulars. We celebrate Birthdays the last Thursday of each month with dinner at the local restaurant-however Oct we will be celebrating their birthday meeting a week early due to the church the room the last Thursday which is Halloween. The meeting on Halloween will be at Dusty & Laura B's house. A note will be on the door at the church with address of meeting.

**\*Friends of Bill W and Dr Bob Charley., CSR\***

OPEN MEETING We meet each Tuesday night at 7-8:30pm at St Johns Episcopal Church in Tulare. There are approximately 10-15 men and women of varying lengths of sobriety. We celebrate birthdays the first Tuesday of the month with cake and ice cream. Since our last CSR meeting we discussed the importance of embracing the birthday club and the funds that it could raise, along with the benefits of raising it and how our essential central office is also positively impacted. Thank You for letting me be of service.

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**\*Tuesday Women's Changes, Presented by Vicki Bates., CSR\***

We meet every Tuesday from 6:00 to 7:00pm at the Recovery Club located at 186 S. D Street, Porterville. We are an open meeting for women only. This is a stick topic meeting. That is each woman picks a preprinted stick and shares on the topic described on the stick. Our attendance includes women with a brief period of sobriety to those with many years. All are welcome. On the last Tuesday of the month we have a potluck to celebrate those with sobriety birthdays. Those women are invited to share their experience strength and hope with the group. Thank you for letting me be of service.

**\*Half & Half Group Sylvia D., CSR\***

The Half & Half Group meets every Thursday night at 6:00pm at the Trinity Lutheran Church located at 764 W Henderson Ave. Porterville, CA This is a book study and we are currently in the big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous. We read a chapter out of the book for the first 30 minutes. We go around discussing what we read and how it relates to our experience, strength and hope. All are welcome.

**\*Women's Tuesday Night Amity Group Sherri T., CSR\***

The Tuesday Women's Amity group meets every Tuesday at Trinity Church located 6400 West Walnut Street in Visalia. This is a closed women's meeting. We meet from 6:30pm - 7:30pm each week with the 3rd week being a business meeting after the regular meeting. Each week we have a lead speaker who speaks for 10 minutes and then picks a topic and chooses people to speak through tag, going around a circle or however they deem. The last week of the month is a birthday meeting where we enjoy yummy cake. We are growing and about 25-40+ women. Thank you, Sheri & Sherry

**\*Porterville Wednesday Marcie M., CSR\***

Open Meeting at Lutheran 764 Henderson Porterville Wednesday gay inclusive meeting 6:00-7:00pm, 12-15 members a mix of new and long timers Birthday celebration-cake

**\*Second Sunday Speaker Springville Meeting Marcie M., CSR\***

Great Speakers, Great Food, Great Fellowship. A mix of sobriety. Long timers and Newcomers. A Ride of Serenity to Springville. Second Sunday of the month

**Friday Freedom Fellowship Samantha J., CSR**

The Friday Freedom Fellowship meets every Friday at 7:00pm ago Christ Lutheran Church located at 3830 W Tulare Ave. Visalia, CA This is a closed meeting where both men and women can attend. Our attendance ranges from 20-40 people. A chair person speaks for 10 minutes, the chairperson picks a topic and calls on people for the remainder of the meeting. There is a variety of lengths of sobriety in the room and a tradition in the meeting gives everyone an opportunity to share their sobriety date. Birthdays are celebrated the last Friday of each month with cake and chips. Chips are also given out each week to celebrate sobriety milestones.

### **Bridge Street John W., CSR**

At Bridge St drunks only we have a wonderful meeting place at 526 N Bridge St in Visalia. When you walk into Bridge St, you feel at home. Our group has 26 meetings a week, 24 are closed meetings (for alcoholics only) and 2 are open (the noon meetings on weekends-all welcome) WE read the Daily Reflections which we use as the topic for the meetings.

### **Old Business**

New Years Event

### **New Business**

Nomination in December for board members two positions open

John W nominated by Cheryl

Jerry S nominated by Patrick

Nominations closed

No objections motion passed

### **Seventh Tradition**

\$58.75

### **Announcements**

Springeville Speaker Breakfast  
will be the first Sunday just for the month of December

### **Meeting Adjourned**

8:02

### **Responsibility statement**

