

# CENTRAL NEWS

September 2021



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## *Some of the Problems with 12th Step Work*

Heaven & Earth Morro Bay, David T

After something more than two years of 12th Step work, it appears that the chances of success depend very largely on the prospect. However, results are so non-predictable that I frequently find myself trying to spread a little light when the patient is not willing to take the 1st Step.

As we all know, most hangovers can be helped by a patient listener who will be consistently sympathetic and not too demanding. Many times, the victim will agree to and promise almost anything in order to get what he wants at the minute, be it “a last drink” or some new arguments to use with those he has let down for the ‘steenth time. We do run into, rarely, youngsters who are ready and able to accept the experience of older people, but for the most part it seems that each 12th Step effort has to be tempered to suit the individual.

An ideal combination to find in a prospect would include a recent and mildly disastrous bender, a combination of local problems to be met that involve home and other obligations to be faced by a socially minded and intelligent individual.

Conversely, the knottiest problems are personal pride which shows up as an almost impenetrable reserve or else a species of belligerency, an unwillingness to face

the issues and to tell the truth, plus the many fears, real or unreal, that follow excessive drinking.

Example is a powerful help and if the prospect can be brought in contact with a number of individuals whose fundamental characteristics are like his own and who have emerged from bondage, the prospect will see very quickly that others like him have succeeded and he is frequently aware of an unspoken challenge to do likewise.

Some newcomers respond to a logical review of their lives and actions together with definite suggestions for changing the pattern, while others, whose current despair offsets their ability to reason with active faith in life or themselves, respond to emotional prodding. The latter type frequently reacts favorably to a direct spiritual approach.

One of the most effective comparisons I have heard is to picture the individual’s life complicated by one new problem each time he goes on a binge as against the vastly improved condition resulting from no new problems and the improvement made by time and abstinence in clearing up old ones.

It is my belief that the key to success in 12th Step work



is a humble realization that our efforts alone are of small avail and that the most we can contribute is a real sympathy for our distressed brother or sister, supplemented by our sure knowledge that God has all the tools needed to help every individual who earnestly seeks His aid.

M. A. C., Forest Hills, N. Y. AA Grapevine Sept. 1946

**Step 9** *Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others*

My amends process was so bitter sweet. It shed light on how my life of recovery would be. There would be highs and lows and I would live through all of this without having to drink. Some amends were uplifting and made my heart feel great. I had made a couple amends that left me wanting more. My sponsor assured me that this was normal. I can't expect forgiveness after an amends. I continue to work on these relationships. I continue to make amends when I am in the wrong. I am thankful to have a sponsor to guide me and a twelve step process to cure my alcoholism.

**Tradition 9** *A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve*

When we read Tradition Nine in my homegroup, half-way through someone will often quip "not much danger of that" following the warning against being "organized." Since being organized is not my strong suit, I have laughed along with everyone else. The thought of trying to organize a bunch of alkie makes herding cats sound like a picnic.

And yet, when it comes right down to it, I have observed some very high levels of organization in some of our members. When it comes time to attend some of our events, the degree of organization that has gone into making them successful has been impressive to me. I doubt that Tulare County is some kind of exception, either. So I don't think that's what this tradition really means.

Turns out, reading the Twelve & Twelve was greatly helpful, as usual. What the originators of A.A. wanted to avoid is not so much being organized as becoming an organization, because they believed the rules that inevitably come with organizations would be harmful to those trying to recover. It's really a tradition against

rules – rules for attaining membership, rules for staying in line, rules for excluding disobedient members from the organization. "We've tried it lots of times," the book says, "but utter failure is always the result."

No longer a newcomer myself, but with only a modest handful of sober years, I question whether we are as free of directives as the book claims. Most of our members with more than 10 years under their belts are full of ideas of how A.A. is supposed to be, and how we who are trying to learn the ropes of this sober society should act and talk. There are rules about not bringing materials to meetings to read that aren't stamped with the AA Seal of Approval. There are unwritten codes you can break unwittingly and receive negative reactions. Even the Traditions themselves have proscriptions, like not drawing the A.A. name into public controversy or breaking one's own anonymity with the news media. As a dyed-in-the-wool alcoholic, I find these "suggested" rules for my behavior sometimes aggravating.

That there would be no rules for social distancing or mask wearing at some of our meetings through this pandemic has been even more grievous, however. Yes, I am free not to attend, and so have not, although I did make a plea for following those restrictions on behalf of the churches who host us and had to follow those rules themselves.

The truth is, A.A., as such, is a very human organization with very few rules, and none that limit membership – which is its real beauty. The fact that anyone can belong, even if they look different than most of the people in the rooms they enter, that's what's important about Tradition Nine. What's important is that the only thing we need to really feel at home is a desire – a desire to stop drinking – and the tenacity to claim our individual humanity amidst a roomful of flawed but sober other human beings who put their faith in this bottom-up process instead of a list of top-down ideas. Not bad for a bunch of drunks.

-- Trudy W., Lindsay

**Want to be of Service??**

**Since COVID has come are you struggling to get involved???**

**Contribute to this newsletter!!**

**Send a picture, send a joke, suggest an article.**

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## Central Office BOD Meeting Minutes

## Central Service Meeting

DATE: August 10, 2021 TIME: 8:16 pm

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: Cheryl H.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Read by William E.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: I have received 2 phone calls, 1st was upset about the possible use of VenMo and the 2nd was about we shouldn't discuss particulars of salaries in the report. I appreciate the input.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: I will call ACYPAA to see how they operate with VenMo.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: No Report

MEMBER AT LARGE REPORT: No Report

PI/CPC REPORT: No Report

OFFICE OPERATION REPORT: Carol Ann has now taken an outside full time job.

OLD BUSINESS REPORT:

1. Following our discussion on VenMo, we have tabled this topic until next month.
2. Picnic: Sara is doing very well and the Picnic is still on track.
3. The office manager position will get a pay increase prorated to the 1st of July, 2021, and a 2 week vacation pay will be paid out at the end of each fiscal year.

NEW BUSINESS REPORT: No Report

ANNOUNCEMENTS: No announcements

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:00 pm

Bill Evans

Secretary

### Contributions

#### Birthday Club

Mitch K. Visalia 7

#### GRATEFUL GIVERS CLUB

Members - \$ 220.00

#### Individual Contributions

Anonymous

AAA

David G.

Jim K.

Michele S.

Mitch K.

Sandra K.

Shannon S.

#### Newsletter Contributions

None

#### Memorial Contribution

None

DATE: August 10, 2021

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Cheryl H.

TIME: 7:01

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Cheryl H., Erica E., William E., Patrick, ABSENT: Johnathan

SERENITY PRAYER: All

12 TRADITIONS: Sheryl E.

AA MEMBER COMMENTS: None

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Motion to approve by Erica, 2nd by Patrick, Passed

REPORT OF LAST BOARD MEETING: Read by Cheryl H.

TREASURER and OFFICE REPORT: We had an income of \$2,598.05 and expenses of \$5,328.13 for a loss of \$2,729.08 for this accounting period. Group and individual contributions were good. Expenses include Literature, Cost, Quarterly Taxes, our annual Sales Tax Payment and our monthly expenses. Our Grateful Givers Club brought in \$220.00 in much appreciated contributions. We had \$490.79 total net sales in 12 transactions for credit and debit cards last month. Traffic and calls are increasing. Bob Hinton

PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT: No Report

VOLUNTEERS TO WRITE STEP & TRADITION FOR CENTRAL NEWS

STEP FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER

Issue	Step	Member	Due Date
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Septe	Step 9	Erica E.	8-20-2021
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Oct	Step 10	George H.	9-20-2021
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TRADITION FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER

Sept	Trad 9	Trudy W.	8-20-2021
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Oct	Trad 10	Boo	9-20-2021
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NEWSLETTER REPORT: No Report

WEBSITE REPORT: David: Please note that for the 30 days ending August 10, 2021, we had 3,045 visits and 766 visitors. This month's daily activity was higher than last month. Visits were up by about 8%, and visitors were up by 6%.

Same as last month, the most popular web page on the site is the list of meetings page; it garnered 20% of the views. The second most popular web page was the home page; third, the list of online meetings, at 8%.

There were 53 downloads of the Print Version of Meeting Schedule; more than double of last month's downloads.

Please note that due to a software upgrade, all groups may now have additional information listed for their group, if they desire. The new data can be: Website link, email address, telephone number, mailing address, and financial links to Venmo, Square Cash, and PayPal. Lastly, there are three Contacts (Name, email, and phone) but those are private and won't



be shown on the web site (Bob or I could access the Contacts though, if there was a need to get hold of someone within the group).

**H&I REPORT:** 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. H & I provide literature to facilities upon request. The H&I Committee is continuing to zoom, both orientation & business meetings. Area 93 is continuing to work with other Areas to encourage more Spanish Speaking volunteers. 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. Love & Service,

**GSO LIAISON:** No Report

**BTG CHAIRPERSON:** No Report

**CSR REPORTS:**

**Springville Breakfast Meeting, Sheryl E GSR:** August 10, 2021 We meet on the second Sunday of every month, at the Springville Memorial Building. This is a speaker meeting. We start at 8:00 a.m. with fresh hot coffee, breakfast is served until 10, with the speakers from 10:15 until 11:45. We try to be out by noon. Tiffany J is the secretary and Julie is the treasurer. Our 10 minute speaker was Tina, and the main speaker was Rita, both from Visalia. Next month's speaker is Pat B from Madera Ranchos, Ca. We had a balance forward of \$2256. With an income of \$490.00. John, the cook, donates the food for this meeting out of his own pocket. We served 54 people, 7th tradition was \$129.20 with a balance of \$1354.76. Our prudent reserve is \$900.00. Thank you for letting me be of service, Sheryl.

**Tuesday Womens Changes Meeting Sheryl E GSR:** 8/ 10/ 21. We meet every Tuesday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m. at the 12 step recovery club in Porterville. Vicki B is our secretary, Sheryl E is the treasurer. We average 25 women a week. Most times The PAAR girls come, averaging 10 of them, but have hardly been here this month. Our balance this month is \$316.72 with \$120.00 in Prudent reserve. The last Tuesday of each month we celebrate a birthday potluck and the group pays for our own plates, spoons, cake etc. We are looking for a new secretary as Vicki wishes to step down. Thank you for letting me be of service. Sheryl

**Friends of Bill W. and Dr. Bob: Patrick A. GSR:** This is a Tuesday Night Open Meeting held at St. John's Episcopal Church 1701 E. Prosperity Ave, Tulare, CA 93274 from 7 pm to 8:30 pm. We are a fellowship of men and women sharing our experience, strength, and hope. This is an indoor meeting sanitized daily, masks are optional. We give out milestone chips and celebrate birthdays at the end of the month with cake and Ice cream. Newcomers are welcome [and] anyone may attend. Patrick A. GSR.

**Lindsay Fireside Fellowship-August 2021 CSR Meeting, Trudy:** We are a small, intimate, one topic discussion meeting. We gather every Thursday from 7:30-8:30 in the fireside Room of the United Methodist Church, corner of Hoolulu and Gale Hill due east of City Hall. We have begun using the book As Bill Sees It as a topic generator and for readings. We celebrate annual birthdays at the end of each month, and give monthly chips anytime for folks under one year. We have been meeting regularly through the pandemic, thanks to the blessing of the Church, sitting socially distanced and wearing masks until last month when restrictions were lessened. We ask that anyone attending share their phone number(s) with us in case of need for contact tracing.

**Civic Center Group:** we meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm for one hour at Christ Lutheran Church in Visalia. This is an open meeting, and all are welcome. We hand out chips every week for lengths of sobriety under one year. We celebrate birthdays at the end of the month, with cupcakes, too :-). We've been seeing between 30 and 40 people most meetings. We have coffee! (Thank you Mike, our coffee captain). Our business meetings are the third Tuesday of the month, ten minutes after the regular meeting. Jaime D. is our Secretary. Come join us - it's a great meeting.

**Monday Men's Group:** we meet at the PPAV Hall in Visalia, at the corner of Burke and Main at 7:30pm on Monday evenings. This is a closed meeting for men only, and lasts 90 minutes. We usually have 25-35 attendees. Every week we give chips for sobriety milestones under one year; the last Monday of the month we celebrate those members with full years behind them - and we have pie or cheesecake. Our business meeting is the first Monday of the month. Bryce is our Secretary, but in the spirit of rotation, Grant C. will become Secretary in August.

**Keep It Simple Sunday:** we meet Sunday mornings at 9:00am in Blain Park in Visalia (on Court Street between Whitendale and Caldwell). Our meeting is 90 minutes in a beautiful outdoor setting. This is an open meeting, and all are welcome. You probably want to bring a camp or lawn chair with you. We celebrate sobriety birthdays every meeting, and use the Daily Reflections book as a topic starter; then everyone shares, going around the circle (time permitting). Our Secretary is Ryan B., and business meetings are the last Sunday of the month. Usually, there are between 20 and 40 people attending our meeting with

great fellowship.

In love and service, David G.

Bridge street Drunks have 18 meetings Monday through Sunday 7 AM to 8 AM 12 noon to 1 PM Tuesday evening 6 PM to 7 PM book study Wednesday evening 6 PM to 7 PM 12 x 12 study Thursday evening 7 PM to 8:30 PM big book study Saturday evening 7 PM to 8 PM. Business meetings are the last Saturday of the month 8 AM or 1 PM. This month it will be held August 28 at 1 PM. Birthday meetings are the last Saturday of the month at the noon meeting. We are currently looking for three positions to be filled: chip giver, Secretary for Tuesday evening 6 to 7 Tuesday noon and Friday noon must have six months sobriety the commitment is a six month commitment. Our treasure distributed monies 60% to Central Office 20% to general service 10% to Cal Northern and 10% to district 47. Our group is currently working on what type of basket to put in the raffle for our post founders day picnic October 2.

Thank you for letting me be a service. Sara S Saturday Night Jaywalker Young People Meeting - Saturday evening open meeting held indoors at St John's Episcopal Church at 1701 East prosperity avenue Tulare California 93274 from 7:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. You're only as old as you want to be! Anyone looking for an enthusiastic crowd welcome. This is a chaired meeting, we hand out chips every week for monthly sobriety milestones as well as yearly birthdays. Newcomers are welcome to attend.

The Women's Saturday Morning 12x12 is a closed, women's meeting held every Saturday. Our meeting is from 9-10 am and is located at the Christ Lutheran Church. The Church address is 3830 W Tulare Ave, Visalia CA 93277, major cross streets are Tulare and Demaree. . We read a step or tradition at every meeting. The last Saturday of the month is an "Ask it basket meeting" where anonymously submitted questions are answered by meeting attendees. e also celebrate various lengths of sobriety at each meeting with chips. AA approved literature is available for purchase. Business meetings are held on the last Saturday of the month. Contributions are regularly made to all AA entities. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Lauren Hill Tuesday Womens Amity Zoom. We meet on Tuesday from 6:30pm-7:30pm with a 30 minute fellowship to follow. We are a closed women's meeting. We give out chips for different lengths of sobriety. The meeting ID and passwords are on the Tulare website.

Love & service, Boo

#### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Most after hour calls are coming in on Fri. and Sat. afternoons. We had 9 calls for July; 1 from Porterville and 8 from Visalia.
2. Concerning the picnic; TULARE COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE POST FOUNDERS DAY PICNIC, OCT. 2 2021 Sara has had her 3rd meeting and we have

arbor #1 at Plaza Park (1800 S. Plaza Dr. Visalia) with 20 tables available at the site. We are paying for the speaker's gas and possibly offering a gift card.

3. We had more discussions about VenMo. We are working out the details and should have our final decision next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: The office manager position will be getting a long overdue pay increase prorated to July 1st, 2021.

SEVENTH TRADITION: \$36.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:09 pm

## Group Contributions

	Month	YTD
1st Friday Spkr Mtg	10.00	80.00
Alpha-Wed-Tulare		0.00
As It Is Outlined in Book		0.00
Attitude Modification-210		0.00
Breath of Fresh Air		0.00
Bridge St. "Drunks Only"	447.90	2,694.40
Civic Center Grp.		451.50
Clodbusters-Tulare		0.00
Crossroads-Tulare		0.00
CSO Meeting	36.00	128.75
District 47		0.00
Bill & Friends		0.00
Exeter-Quiet Trails	100.00	600.00
Exeter Sun Afternoon		0.00
Foundation Group		0.00
Freedom Fellowship		250.00
Fri. Recovery Club		15.00
Fri. Night Study Tulare		0.00
Friday Noon 210		0.00
Half & Half		75.00
Hillman Group		0.00
Keep it Simple Sunday		300.00
Lindsay Fireside Grp		25.00
Monday Men's Mtg.	350.00	700.00
Mid Valley-Tulare		400.00
Mon Book Study-S'ville		0.00
Mon Lit Study-Visalia		80.00
Mon. Women's Reflections		200.00
Nooners Group-Visalia		0.00
Pine Recovery AA Mtg		0.00
Porterville Young People		0.00
Practicing The Principles		240.00
Rainbow Group		150.00
Rule 62-Visalia		0.00
Serenity Junction-Tulare		500.00



Serenity Seekers AM-Visalia		200.00
Sober Sisters		50.00
Wed. Sobriety Celebration		0.00
Springville Gut Level	135.00	435.00
St. Ritas Group		0.00
Sun Bkfst Spkr Mtg	330.00	810.00
Sun PM Serenity Seekers		0.00
The Shack-Fri Night		100.00
Tulare Young People		154.81
TUFYPAA		0.00
Tulare Fri. Book Study		0.00
Tulare Tuesday Night		600.00
Tulare Thur. Noon		0.00
Tulare Sunday Night		0.00
Tues. Men's-P'ville		30.00
Three Rivers-Monday		160.00
Three Rivers-Friday	46.00	46.00
Unity Thru Traditions		270.00
Valley Group		569.76
Valley Speaker Series		1485.65
Visalia Alano	90.00	90.00
Wed. Acceptance, P'ville		130.00
Weekend Attitude Adj.		0.00
Women's Amity-Visalia		203.82
Women's Changes-P'ville		200.00
Women's Fri. Night-P'ville		100.00
Women in Unity		0.00
Women's Sat AM 12x12		522.00
Young & Restless		0.00

**Grapevine Daily Thought**

"No generation is a carbon copy of the previous one ... Young people in the meetings today are in many respects luckier: They have learned more in less time. If they seem to dwell at length on how they are feeling at the moment, it doesn't mean they are less dedicated to stopping drinking one day at a time and practicing the Steps of the program. Nor does less shame, brought about by less stigma, mean less dedication."

"...And the Wisdom to Know the Difference," New York, New York, June 1994, Voices of Long-Term Sobriety

Contributed by John W.

# Financial Report

TULARE COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE

Income & Expense Statement

7/21/21 THROUGH 8/20/2021

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DT.</u>
B.Day Club	7.00	555.00
CD & Tape Cont.	0.00	0.00
Grateful Givers Club	220.00	2,170.00
Group Cont.	1,544.90	12,676.93
Indiv Cont	1,159.21	6,682.60
Lit. Sales	268.35	3,222.62
Memorial Cont.	0.00	0.00
Misc.	0.00	0.00
Newsletter Cont	0.00	0.00
S & H	5.00	7.04
Sales Tax	42.09	371.44
Spec. Events	0.00	0.00
Spec. Items	215.50	2,128.56
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,462.05</b>	<b>\$27,814.19</b>
<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DT.</u>
Fees-Taxes	0.00	25.00
Insurance	0.00	550.00
Lit. Costs	0.00	3,108.80
PI-CPC Expense	0.00	0.00
Misc Expense	0.00	0.00
Newsletter Cost	0.00	0.00
Office Exp	0.00	763.46
Office Equip.& Maint	0.00	669.33
Phone & ISP	117.97	938.76
Postage	59.30	118.30
Employee Taxes	0.00	3,917.28
Returned Chk & Chg	0.00	925.89
Rent	525.00	4,200.00
Salary	1,310.23	10,223.64
Sales Tax-Paid	0.00	436.00
Security System	0.00	370.75
Spec. Events	265.00	265.00
Spec. Items	0.00	777.07
Card Charge	5.18	73.17
Utilities	68.47	579.98
Website	4.36	32.46
Workers Comp.Ins	616.02	616.02
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,971.53</b>	<b>28,590.91</b>
<b>Net Gain(Loss)</b>	<b>\$490.52</b>	<b>(\$776.72)</b>
<b>BEGINNING TOTAL ACCT BAL:</b>	<b>\$13,214.75</b>	
<b>ENDING TOTAL ACCT BAL:</b>	<b>\$13,705.27</b>	

# Tulare County Hospitals & Institutions

H&I panels are now participating in-person twice a month at Pine Manor Recovery, Mothering Heights Women's Recovery and Turning Point. The Mental Health Facility re-opened (July) once a month in in-person meetings. If you are interested in this type of service please join our orientation/business meeting and/or contact myself or other volunteers. The Tulare County jails remain closed but I continue email dialogue with Inmate Program Manager. I am thrilled to report that the orientation participation/turnout has increased since the collaboration between Tulare and Fresno joining forces!

H & I Facility Coordinators continue to provide literature to facilities. A friendly reminder from H&I to encourage your 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.

The next H&I Orientation and business meeting is September 25th, 2021. Orientation will take place at 9am followed by 10am business meeting. Zoom ID: 885 8119 7080 Password: Sober (capital S). Hope to see you on zoom!

Thank you for letting me be of service,  
Boo

## 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 all.**

**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**

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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

## September AA Birthdays

<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Years</u>
Joe F.	Porterville	43
Dick C.	Visalia	41
Margie C.	Exeter	40
Robert H.	Exeter	39
Lawrence S.	Visalia	39
Rebecca M.	Lemoore	39
Gerald V.B.	Andover MN	36
Joan C.	Visalia	36
Ruth B.	Visalia	35
Cliff L.	Visalia	35
John W.	Tulare	35
Carolyn K.	Visalia	34
David H.	Visalia	34
Ken R.	Visalia	34
Warren G.	Visalia	34
Hal W.	Lemon Cove	34
Jerry "Bubba" W.	Tulare	33
Joan A.	Exeter	33
Kelley N.	Tulare	33
Linda P.	Visalia	33
Ty N.	Tulare	33
Cary K.	Visalia	31
Mike H.	Visalia	31
Kim A.	Tulare	30
Tom C.	Visalia	30
Noel	Mexico	30
Russell W.	Visalia	29
Elly Q.	Three Rivers	28
Ken F.	Visalia	28
Linda J.	Porterville	26
Cruz J.	Tulare	26
Cindy S.	Porterville	25
Anetta P.	Porterville	22
Mark H.	Exeter	19
Barbara W.	Quincy CA	17
Melanie M.	Visalia	17
Kim H.	Tulare	17
Vendy	Visalia	16
AL S.	Visalia	15
John	Dinuba	15
Jose G.	Dinuba	14
Joyce S.	Porterville	11
Diane O.	Visalia	8
Stella T.	Porterville	7
Eric J.	Springville	3

## Central Office Contacts

Voice Mail Calls	1
AA Members	7
Court Ref/Info	7
Meeting Information	20
H&I	0
Alanon & Alateen Information	1
Info. re Recovery Homes	1
Schedules & Info-Mailed & Faxed	0
Bridging The Gap	0
Other 12 Step Programs	1
Visitors to Office	35
Literature Sales	9
Specialty Sales	11
Churches & Schools	0
General Information	12
Prospective Members	1
Twelve Step Calls	1
E-Mail Contacts	9
Spanish Contact	1
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Total	117



# Service Meetings AND ADDRESSES

GSR Meeting at Central Office  
449 E. Maple St., Exeter, CA  
Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021 at 7:00 PM

CSR Meeting at Central Office  
449 E. Maple St., Exeter, CA  
Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2021 7:00 PM

H&I  
Saturday-TBA  
The zoom ID:885 8119 7080 Password: Sober(capital S).

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## Lighter Side of AA

### I used to be...

**I used to be addicted to soap, now I'm clean.**

**I used to be addicted to Thanksgiving, leftovers, I had to quit cold turkey.**

**I used to be addicted to time travel, but that's all in the past now.**

**I used to be addicted to chocolate, marshmallows and nuts; I won't lie, it was a Rocky Road.**

**I used to be addicted to the Hokey Pokey, but I turned myself around.**



# *Your Content Here!!!*

Have an event????

New group starting up?????

Have a story to share???

Take some amazing photos around our district???

Want to be of service????

All this can be accommodated-we are available to help! Simply reach out to us here at Central News and we will do all we can to get the word out!!!

Carrying the message to the Alcoholic who still suffer is our primary purpose. What better way to do it then to get involved!!!!

Send your content to:

[centralintergroupnews@gmail.com](mailto:centralintergroupnews@gmail.com)

... and we will help you communicate to district 47!!!