

District 47 Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2022

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

Meeting Called to Order: 7:03 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; Ally A., GSR for the Women's Saturday 12 x 12; Josh F. Treasurer; David G. GSR for the Friday Freedom Fellowship.

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 Josh F.

Concept 9: Concept 9 long form read and explained by Allen L.

Approval of Minutes: August 3, 2022 minutes approved

Treasurer's Report: Josh F. Treasurer: Balance Forward 2,706.07. Income Springville Monday Night Big Book Study \$82.50. Lindsay Fireside Fellowship \$25.00 Keep It Simple Sunday \$48.50 Springville Speaker Breakfast \$330.00. Thanks so much to these groups for contributing to District 47 this month, it really helps us!

Total Income \$456.00. Expenses-DCM Reimbursement \$55.00 Donation to Delegate's Report/Unity Day \$200. Ending Balance \$2907.07

CSO Liaison Report: David G.

Venmo: Last month, we had Venmo income of \$223, which put us in the black for the first time. Venmo does cost us \$20 per month for cell phone service.

Sample meeting schedules: new schedules were generated using new software that directly reads the Meeting Guide app data. They can be found at <https://aa-tulareco.org/print-version-of-meeting-schedule/> So far the feedback is that people prefer the old schedules.

Central Office would like to plan an event alongside the Golf Tournament; it would be a meal and might have the title "Take your sponsor to lunch".

Central Office Board of Directors: election for three of five positions to be held in December. Please let members know, if they would like to be on the board. Suggested minimum continuous sobriety time is two years.

Technology In A.A. (TIAA) will be hosting their annual technology conference this weekend. They will demonstrate how to do a large scale Zoom meeting. Bridging The Gap: the monthly Zoom meeting was last Wednesday; at least one CSR from Tulare County attended. A.A.W.S. announced a price decrease for literature. Central Office has lowered our prices accordingly.

Registrar: No Report

H&I Report: Tulare County Hospital & Institution Committee Rafael D. Thank you for your continued support to the Pink Can, which allows us to continue to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to Alcoholics in Institutions and Treatment Facilities.

Tulare County H&I continues to bring H&I Panels twice a month to Turning Point, Pine Recovery, and Mothering Heights Women's Recovery. Once a month we take panels to the Mental Health Facility. H&I Panels are continuing as permitted around Covid closures in Corcoran and Avenal Prisons. Tulare County Jail is gearing up to allow volunteers to enter the facility. Any persons interested in being cleared to attend H&I panels at the Tulare County Jail will need to complete a new application and bring it with them to a meeting on September 9, 2022 at 6 pm at the pre-trial facility located at 36168 Road 112, Visalia. AA H&I volunteers are required to have 2 years sobriety, previous H&I experience, have no other commitment at the Tulare County Jail, and have attended the H&I orientation prior to submitting their application.

In the recent Delegate's report information was relayed that AAWS has agreed to provide digital literature to incarcerated alcoholics on the tablets that CDCR is beginning to implement. It was noted that there would be a significant loss of income to AAWS as NorCal H&I is one of the largest purchasers of literature. This information has been relayed since that time bringing some misinformation.

Our committee works closely with CDRC. Currently, we understand that 5 prisons are currently using the tablets for educational purposes in a classroom setting in a pilot program. We have no indication that there will not be a need for continued AA literature. At this time, AA literature is continuing to be delivered as usual to all 25 major institutions in the NorCal Area. This is a great segway to remind the fellowship that NorCal H&I not only brings meetings and literature to the Prisons but also to numerous County Jails, Homeless Shelters, In Patient and Out Patient Treatment Facilities which serves alcoholics between Tulare County and the Oregon border. Using our 2019 numbers, which depict our normal prior to Covid, of the \$584,383.16 in

literature expenses - 12.2% or \$71,294.75 went to the prisons while \$513,088.41 went to the other facilities we serve. Out of the 33,000 H&I meetings held in 2019 - 21.7% or 7,161 were held in Prisons while 25,839 were held in other facilities. Since Covid, our literature purchases have fluctuated and are increasing in 2022. Annually, we update our pink can letter available at: <https://www.handinorcal.org/finances>, which outlines the past year's literature purchases and H&I meetings held. In the event that literature is not requested by the prisons in the future, NorCal H&I will continue to purchase large amounts of literature to service our other commitments supporting AAWS while providing our lifesaving literature to those who may not be able to afford it. This is all due to the continued generous donations made by our AA fellowship from Tulare County to the Oregon Border.

The next business meeting is September 24, 2022, 10:00 am at Bridge Street. The next orientation will be October 22, 2022, 9:00 am on Zoom ID is: 848 7072 2515 and passcode- Sober with a capitol S.

DCM Report: Allen did not attend the recent ACM. The Mini PRAASA (Pacific Region A A Service Assembly) will be hosted by District 19, (Yuba Sutter and Colusa Counties). It will be held Oct. 14, 15, and 16.

Old Business: The South Valley Delegate's Report/Unity Day received a \$200 donation from District 47 as explained in our treasurer's report at this meeting.

New Business: Jim K will be working on organizing a golf event in the Spring. More than likely it will be held at the Exeter Golf Course.

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 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim K, Recording Secretary