

**District 47 Meeting Minutes  
December 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:** 7:04 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; David G. GSR for the Friday Freedom Fellowship. Cali A., GSR for the Sat women's 12 x 12; Josh F, Secretary; Mike C., GSR for the Friday Night Pine Recovery Meeting

**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 12:** Concept 12 long form read and explained by Allen L.

**Approval of Minutes:** Nov. 2, 2022 minutes approved with a spelling correction.

**Treasurer's Report:** Josh F.      Balance Forward \$3,025.29

Income. Tue Women's Amity Group \$33.40: Sat. AM Women's 12 x 12 Study Group \$45.22:  
Bridge St. Drunks Only Group \$18.43: Bridge St. Drunks Only Group \$38.78

Total Income \$135.83: Total Expenses 0: Current Balance \$3, 161.12

**CSO Liaison Report:** David G.

Central Office had an income of \$3,642.85 and expenses of \$5,518.40 for a loss of \$1,875.55. Lindsay Fireside Fellowship group location is shutting down. Three members of the board are up for election this month. Venmo had been in a trial period; as it turns out, it did pay for itself (so far). We added a pop-up that warns people they are leaving the [aa-tulareco.org](http://aa-tulareco.org) web site. We also added links to the Big Book online, with audio too.

**Registrar:** No Report

**H&I Report:** Tulare County Hospital & Institution Committee

**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. Please encourage all groups to send in their pink can money prior to December 31, 2022 for the fiscal year end.**

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. This month they will begin taking panels into SATF at Corcoran for the first time since the Covid shut down.. We are in need of volunteers who are interested in serving at Avenal and Corcoran Prisons. Tulare County Jail clearances are in process. We currently have 2 women cleared with 3 in the process, and hope to resume H&I panels this month. We have 2 men who are interested and will begin the clearance process. After the beginning of the year, we hope to add 2 Spanish Speaking volunteers to our group at the Tulare County Jail.

At our December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 Area H&I Business Meeting, Boo M. stepped down as Area Chair after two years of service. We are very grateful to Boo for her service keeping H&I active during the Covid period. In the interim, Joyce R., Regional Chair, will handle the Area Chair duties. Jared C. was elected as the Area Secretary. Due to a conflict with the NorCal Area meetings, our Area H&I Orientation and Business meetings will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of odd months at 526 N. Bridge St., Visalia (Bridge Street Drunks Only). The orientation will begin at 9:00 am followed by the business meeting at 10:00 am.

As the NorCal Restructure brings greater communication, it is even more important for our local AA groups elect an H&I Representative and to attend the business meetings. This will ensure we are carrying the collective conscience of Tulare County to the NorCal Committee.

The next orientation and business meeting will be January 14, 2022. Orientation at 9:00 am, Business Meeting at 10:00 am at 526 N. Bridge St., Visalia. Please join us if you are interested in this type of service work.

**DCM Report:** Allen did not attend the ACM. No report.

**Old Business:** The voted to fill the positions of Alt. DCM and Registrar. Nominations from last month: Mike C for Alternate DCM, and David G for Registrar. Both were elected.

**New Business:** District 47 has accumulated funds well beyond our prudent reserve. In November we agreed to decide to which AA entity(s) and in what amount(s) we should we distribute those excess funds. This was tabled until January, due to anticipated expenses in the near future. Mike C. our new Alternate DCM expressed an interest in attending some of the upcoming meetings if Allen is not available.

**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 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim K, Recording Secretary