

District 47 Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2023

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

Meeting Called to Order: 7:06 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. Ally A., GSR for the Sat women's 12 x 12; Josh F, Secretary; Mike C., GSR for the Friday Night Pine Recovery Meeting, Claudia Q GSR for the Women's Amity Group

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 1 long form read and explained by Allen L.

Approval of Minutes: Dec. 7, 2022 minutes approved with a spelling correction.

Treasurer's Report: Josh F. Balance Forward: \$3,393.97. Income: Crossroads (Tulare) \$7.50: Exeter Sunday PM \$10.00. Expenses: DCM Mileage \$277.72
Total Income: \$17.50: Total Expenses: \$277.72: Current Balance: \$3,133.75

CSO Liaison Report: David G.

Our December CSR meeting was a hybrid meeting, with two members joining via Zoom. Central Office finances: for October 21 through November 20, Central Office had an income of \$3,359.29 and expenses of \$3,796.06 for a loss of \$436.77. In November, our previous landlord sold the building; the new landlord offered us \$650 per month for 2023, and \$685 per month after that through 2027. The board voted to accept, and Carol Ann signed the lease. The aa-tulareco.org web site now has links to the part of AA.org where one can get the Big Book and the Twelve & Twelve in PDF, American Sign Language, and audio form (for free). We also removed all web site analytics, which ensures the anonymity of all visitors. Our meeting was attended by eight CSRs; seven in-person, and one via Zoom. Elections for three members of the Board of Directors for Tulare County Central Office, Inc. were held: Sara, Patrick, and Bill were elected.

Registrar: Our new registrar David G. reported that he learned more about the job at the ACM meeting and he was eager to begin with the duties the position entails.

H&I Report: Rafael D. **Tulare County Hospital & Institution Committee**

Thank you for your continued support to the Pink Can. The NorCal Committee ended this fiscal year purchasing \$342,399.41 in literature from AAWS. This supports AA as a whole and puts AA's lifesaving literature into the hands of the still suffering alcoholics in Treatment Centers and Institutions who attended the 31,600 meetings held between Tulare County and the Oregon Border. Our Pink Can Letter which outlines the above information further along with our monthly financial reports are available for review at www.handinorcal.org.

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 in Corcoran and Avenal Prisons. In December, meetings were held at SATF at Corcoran and the Tulare County Jail for the first time since the Covid shut down in March, 2020.

We are in need of volunteers who are interested in participating at the prisons and two men who are interested in taking meetings into Tulare County Jail. If you are interested in this type of service work, please join us on January 14, 2022 at 9:00 am for an orientation and 10:00 am for the Area Business Meeting at 526 N. Bridge Street in Visalia. At the Area level, we will be discussing the need for an Area Chair and a recording secretary.

As the NorCal Restructure brings greater communication to all areas of our Committee, 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.

DCM Report: Mike C., Alternate DCM attended the ACM/ Planning meeting.

Winter Assembly is being hosted by District 57 in Gridley Ca January 21-22. Members attending should book their rooms early as there are not too many in Gridley. Some may need to stay in Yuba City and travel. Encouraged GSR from Districts to attend the assembly. **Pre-Conference Assembly** District 37 has secured a location in Tracy California and the Tracy Community Center. District 37 has paid the deposit for the location and the district has created a committee to organize the event. They have appointed a chair for the committee (Jeff) who is working on finalizing the event flier and will be available in January at the Winter Assembly. **Post-Conference Assembly** District 15 is working on securing hotels but they have a location and date set. The full report from Mike C. is available on the Tulare County AA website.

Old Business: Allen recommended that we pay Central Office \$400 for the annual rent for our monthly meetings. Discussion was held regarding the fact that since we are back in live meetings for Area 7, we will be assisting travel expenses for DCM.

New Business: Allen proposed that we contact our delegate Jann to see if she is available come for a District 47 gathering March 19 or 25 to go over agenda items and for David to do business as the new registrar.

Seventh Tradition: None

Announcements: Springville breakfast speaker meeting is this Sunday.

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 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim K, Recording Secretary