

District 47 Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2023

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

Meeting Called to Order: 7:05 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, Laura B., GSR for the Springville Monday Night Book Study, Keith A. member; Fred F. GSR for Unity Through Traditions; Mike C. Alternate DCM and GSR for the Valley Group, Courtney R, Alternate GSR for Unity Through Traditions, Josh F. Treasurer, Sean A. GSR for Practicing the Principals

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 Keith A.

Concept 12: Concept 12 long form read and explained by Mike C

Approval of Minutes: November 1, 2023 minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Josh F. Two month Report. Balance Forward \$2,894.90. INCOME-Valley Group-\$40, Unidentified Group- \$100, Sat. AM Women's 12 X 12-\$24.09, Unity Through Traditions \$75, Valley Speaker Series- \$115.68, Tuesday Women's Amity Group \$22.60, Tuesday Men's Stag- \$75, Monday Men's Stag \$60, TOTAL INCOME \$512.37 EXPENSES DCM Reimbursement for travel to election assembly - \$264.47 TOTAL EXPENSES- \$264.47 CURRENT BALANCE- \$3,142.80.

CSO Liaison Report: David G. Our November CSR Meeting was held November 14. The meeting was a hybrid meeting, with one member joining via Zoom. There were thirteen people present in-person. **Central Office finances:** for September 21 through October 20, Central Office had income of \$4,615.46 and expenses of \$5,824.58 for a loss of \$1,209.12. **Old business:** 1. Nominations for members of the board for TCCOF: Cody, Debbie, George, and

Glenda have been nominated. Nominations will remain open until election night. Election will be December 12, by paper (secret) ballot. 2. New Year's Eve event: please bake a delicious baked good for the Bake Sale Auction. Please announce to your groups that we need people to bake goods for the auction. 3. New Year's Eve event: Dinner tickets are for sale at Central Office. Contact Carol Ann. Dinner is \$20 pre-sale, but \$25 the day of the event. 4. The next planning meeting for the New Year's Eve event will be December 12th, from 6:00 to 6:55 PM, immediately prior to the CSR meeting. Both will be available on Zoom. **Non-AA Announcement:** The Visalia Alano Club is changing the way they do membership and having a name with sobriety date on a brick on the wall. Membership prices is lowered 50% to \$5 per month or \$50 per year. People without an active membership will lose their brick on the wall. If a member passes away sober, their brick will be memorialized forever with a black outline. If you know of a member who has passed and was sober, please make sure the Alano Club knows who they were so their brick does not get erased.

At the Tulare County Central Office Inc business meeting: Old business: 1. **AAWS literature prices have risen:** raising our prices tabled until November. 2. **Central Office open on last Saturday of the month:** decision is to keep going through December. (Zero people showed up Saturday October 30). **New business:** 1. **Request that we loan our P.A. sound equipment:** decision was no, unless it is an official AA event. 2. **Scope of events (AA or not) listed on the Central Office website:** tabled to November.

Registrar: David G. No report.

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

In November, we held 9 facility meetings and 2 meetings at Tulare County Jail, utilized 33 volunteers and distributed 89 AA books to our inside members. In December we will begin a new meeting at Visalia Recovery Center. This will bring our facility meetings to 13 monthly. We are grateful to all our dedicated volunteers for this tremendous growth as we began this year 7 facility meetings monthly. We are continuing to work with Tulare County Jail and hope to get more volunteers cleared soon.

At this time, NorCal's financial position is **poor**. Year to Date our literature expense has increased 63.1% over last year while our contributions increased only 11.3%. While this has left us utilizing prudent reserve, the issue to watch is the increase in expenses versus the increase in income. We hope that all groups continue to pass the pink can. The Pink Can is not meant to detract from the group's 7th tradition responsibilities. Please ensure that the pink can is passed separately from the 7th tradition basket. When funds from the Pink Can are sent to NorCal, please indicate that the contribution is coming from **Area 93**.

In order to continue to expand services, we are in need of more volunteers. Please encourage any interested AA member to attend our next H&I Orientation: January 13, 2024, 9:00 am followed by the Area H&I Business Meeting at 10:00 am. The meeting is held at Bridge Street Drunks Only, 526 N. Bridge St., Visalia, CA 93291.

DCM Report: DCM, Allen L. Allen attended the Election Assembly: Here are the results- **New CNIA officers: Delegate:** Matthew L; **Alt-Delegate:** Claudio B; **Chair:** Holly J; **Alt-Chair:** Emily L; **Treasurer:** Don H; **Secretary:** Jose U; **Registrar:** Jessica J. **Motions voted on:** **1.** Create a fully funded position of A/V Technician to serve on the Area 07 Standing Technology Committee—Passed. **2.** Combine the Area Secretary and Accents Appointed Chair positions—Passed. **3.** Eliminate the appointed position of Translation Chair since oral and verbal translation is now being hired out to special workers to ensure sustainability—Defeated. **4.** Provide funding for both the Archives Chair and the Alt. Archives Chair to attend yearly archives conference. **5.** Approve 2024 Spending Plan (with changes to reflect motions passed and an expected increase of \$9,180 to rent a new archives space)—Passed.

Old Business: At the November meeting we received these nominations for District 47 officers: Mike C.—DCM; David G.—Recording Secretary; Josh F.—treasurer; Keith A.—Alt. DCM; and Courtney R.—Treasurer. **All were elected, as was Josh F. for registrar.**

New Business: Greg G. Is no longer the official representative for the District 47 Post Office Box. That person will be the newly elected treasurer, Courtney R. Josh F. Is no longer the official treasurer. The district will need to update its signature card with Chase Bank to reflect the new official signers. It is suggested that they be the Treasurer, DCM, and Secretary. Discussion was held for changing the ownership of the zoom account for putting this meeting on from Allen L It was discussed that we would request the use of the Central Office zoom account to share during our online meetings, possibly assisting in the expense of the annual zoom bill. Allen made the motion and it passed. Many copies of the final report from the General Service Conference from last year were distributed to members to take to their groups.

Seventh Tradition: None

Announcements: Mike C. - New Years Eve Dance at St Pauls Church. We need baked goods. Dinner is \$20 presale, \$25 at the door.

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: Read by all “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 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim K, Recording Secretary