

**District 47, CNIA
Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2024**

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

Meeting Called to Order: 7:09 PM by District Committee Member (DCM) Mike C.

Committee members present:

Dusty B., GSR for the Springville Thursday Night Gut Level Group
Fred F., GSR for Unity Through Traditions
Kim C., (New) GSR for the Saturday morning Women's 12 x 12 Book Study Group
Laura B., GSR for the Springville Monday Night Book Study
Mike C., DCM
Allen L., Treasurer
David G., Recording Secretary and Central Office Liaison

Permission requested from all present that this meeting be recorded for the recording secretary's benefit.

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 Allen L.

Concept 9: Concept 9 long form read and explained by Mike C.

Approval of Minutes: August 6, 2024, minutes reviewed and approved: all in favor, none against.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance: \$3490.80

INCOME

| Date | Description | Amount |
|----------|---|----------|
| 08-24-24 | Springville Breakfast Speaker Mtg. #1036 | \$300.00 |
| 08-24-24 | District 42 co-host – Delegate Report event #1134 | \$150.00 |
| 08-28-24 | Springville Gut Level – USPS MO #29469998013 | \$240.00 |
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| | Total Income: | \$690.00 |

EXPENSES

| Date | Description | Amount |
|----------|---|----------|
| 08-14-24 | Mike C – Food for Delegate Report event #301 | \$150.00 |
| 08-14-24 | Exeter Veterans Hall – Delegate Report event #302 | \$75.00 |
| 08-14-24 | Matt L – Travel Money for D.R. event #303 | \$200.00 |
| 09-03-24 | Mike C – Food for Delegate Report event #304 | \$32.09 |
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| | Total Expense: | \$457.09 |

Ending Balance: \$3723.71

CSO Liaison Report: David G.

Our August CSR Meeting was held on August 13th. The meeting was a hybrid meeting, both in-person and on Zoom.

Central Office finances: for June 21st through July 20th, 2024 Central Office had an income of \$\$3,281.59 and expenses of \$4,295.19 for a loss of \$1,013.55.

Old business: none

New business:

1. The question was raised: should attendance at the CSR meeting be required to be in-person at least once? Discussed, with the consensus being that attendance via Zoom, even if only ever via Zoom, is beneficial to our members.

Announcements:

Springville Second Sunday Breakfast Speaker Meeting in September 8th.

Soberfest planning meeting September 4th (tomorrow) at 5:30 PM in person and on Zoom. Event to be held September 21st. Presale tickets will be \$20.00. Volunteers welcome to help with food, desserts, decor, set up/tear down.

New Year's Eve planning meeting September 10th, prior to the CSR meeting, in-person and on Zoom. Planning meeting will start at 5:30 PM, and go to 6:00 PM.

The BTG committee is up to nine volunteers, and will have its monthly committee meeting Saturday September 7 at 11 AM on Zoom only.

Registrar: Josh F. no report

H&I Report: Written by Joyce R., presented by Mike C.

September 2024 H&I Report

The only purpose of the Northern California Hospital and Institution Committee is to carry the message of AA to alcoholics in corrections and treatment facilities and facilities serving alcoholics in Northern CA. In Tulare County (NorCal Area 93) we continue to meet this purpose by holding AA meetings in 8 treatment facilities and the Tulare County Jail. In August 2024 we held 23 meetings and distributed AA books upon request with funds collected in the pink cans from AA World Service. In this way, we not only carry the AA message but financially support AA.

While we always welcome AA members interested in carrying the message with us, our immediate need is women and bilingual volunteers. We now have two women's treatment facilities who request women only volunteers. These meetings are held on Thursday evenings. Our bilingual need is great as many times we encounter inside members who are Spanish Speaking relying on other inside members to translate for them. This detracts both inside members being able to fully participate in the meeting. Please share this need with your groups. Any interested AA members can be directed to our next orientation and business meeting or have them contact me directly. I can be contacted via email at handiarea93@gmail.com or my phone number is available by calling Central Office. We encourage all groups to pass the pink can at all AA meetings and have your treasurer send in the funds on a regular basis. When making payment by either check or credit card online, please refer to Area 93 for Tulare County. If your group does not have a Pink Can, please contact Central Office or me.

Please take a moment to visit the H&I page at <https://aa-tulareco.org/hospitals-institutions-hi/>. Here you will find

all current Northern California Hospital and Institution Committee information. Our next in-person orientation: September 14, 2024; 9:00 am; at 526 N. Bridge Street, Visalia, CA 93291 followed by our business meeting at 10:00 am. This information is also listed on the Tulare County Website at aa-tulareco.org

In Service,
Joyce R., Area 93 Chair

DCM Report: Mike C.

I attended the Area Committee Meeting (ACM) for August via Zoom. I reported about our Delegate Post-Conference report here in Exeter, on August 24. Don provided a presentation on the spending plan, but I missed some of it because of travel. The proposed spending plan will be presented and voted on at the Mini PRAASA. Mini PRAASA will be October 11 – 13, 2024 in Angels Camp (Calaveras County Fairgrounds). A new location proposed for Archives, moving it from Stockton to Sacramento, was found for \$725 per month, which is better than the previous proposal of \$1,250 per month. The existing facility is \$250 per month, but sketchy and probably not safe. The proposed spending plan falls short on historical income, so several ideas of how to increase income are being considered. There will be a Spending Plan 2025 Discussion & Input Session – Online on Thursday September 5th, at 7:15 PM. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87108643475> with passcode 1935. Area 7 is also planning on doing an inventory, looking for information from GSRs about communications between the Area and groups.

Thank you, everyone who helped with the Delegate Report event; especially the people in Springville who cooked the tri-tip and brought food and helped set up. The event was a success, and I appreciate all the help that went into it. We did pass the basket, and collected \$115, which we gave as a contribution to Tulare County Central Office.

GSR Reports:

Kim C., GSR for the Saturday morning Women's 12 x 12 Book Study Group: Everything is going fine with our group.

Dusty B., GSR for the Springville Thursday Night Gut Level Group: We're doing pretty well. We just celebrated our August birthdays. We're looking at doing a group inventory to see how we can encourage people to come to our meeting.

Laura B., GSR for the Springville Monday Night Book Study: We are reading *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*. We are talking about doing a group inventory regarding calling it an Open meeting; if someone who identifies as non-alcoholic wants to share at the meeting, how should the group handle that? We'll discuss it at the next business meeting.

Fred F., GSR for Unity Through Traditions – Fred was able to attend the meeting and listen, but technical difficulties prevented him from being able to share.

Old Business: none

New Business:

1. Area 7 Spending Plan 2025 Online Workshop on Thursday, September 5th, at 7:15 PM.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87108643475> with passcode 1935.
 1. Reviewed two documents (Excel spreadsheets) which show proposed changes for the 2025 spending plan.
 2. One idea for saving money is to eliminate the paper printing of the CNIA newsletter *Accents* switching to electronic distribution only.
 3. Another idea was to add hybrid attendance for Assemblies, with a registration charge for Zoom.
 4. Another idea was to increase the in-person registration amount by \$5 per person.

2. Discussed approving funds for District GSRs to attend Mini-PRAASA if needing assistance. We have funds available, if a group does not.
3. Discuss D47 budget and consider making contributions to Area 7 and GSO.
 1. We have historically done contributions at the end of the year. We will table this to the November meeting, and contribute all funds greater than our prudent reserve then.
4. **Mini PRAASA October 11 – 13, 2024** in Angels Camp (Calaveras County Fairgrounds). Registration is \$15 in advance, \$20 for dinner, and \$4 for bottomless coffee. <https://cna.org/assembly-info-2/> for information and the link to the Online Registration.
 1. If any GSR is unable to attend Mini PRAASA, Mike can relate your group's vote on the Spending Plan 2025 or any other suggestions your group has. Please email that information to Mike.
 2. If people want to go to Mini PRAASA, you may want to consider car-pooling to save on gasoline.
5. 2025 A.A. International Convention scheduled in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada: registration opens September 10, 2024. Some portions of it will be available via Zoom for a small registration fee.

Announcements:

Soberfest: the event will be September 21st at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Visalia. The next planning meeting will be Wednesday, September 4th. The planning meeting starts at 5:30 PM and will be both in-person and on Zoom. The event will have a Twelve Step Workshop from 11 AM to 5 PM (bring your own lunch), Dinner from 5:30 to 6:30 PM – Dinner tickets are \$20 presale, \$25 at the door. Contact Bill or Samantha for tickets. Speaker meeting from 7:00 to 8:30 PM (free) (also on Zoom).

Workshop: AA's Legacy of Unity and Service, September 28, 2024, from 9 AM to 4 PM. See Laura B for details. Debbie D. of Concord will be a speaker. The event will also be available on Zoom.

Declaration of Unity: 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 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David G., Recording Secretary