### CENTRAL SERVICE MEETING UN-APPROVED MINUTES

# Central Office & Central Service Representatives Meeting Report

#### Date

March 11, 2025

# Meeting called to order

Cody 6:02 P.M.

# **Board Members Present**

Cody, John W, Ally A, George,

Absent with notice Mike P

### Serenity Prayer

Said by All

### 12 Traditions

Read by David

### **Previous Minutes**

No additions or corrections Reviewed and Approved by all

# **Board Meeting Report**

Cody

Office is OPEN on Mondays!

Board members are excited to continue to share with members the goal and purpose of our central office, and continue to visit multiple meetings

# Treasurer and Office Report

Good evening!

What new? Claudia covered the office for us on February 7th, 2025, thank you Claudia!

Glenda opened the office on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup>, with the introduction of restored office hours. The office is open on Mondays again unless it is a federal holiday!

I added photos of the products we have in the office into our Venmo account earlier this month.

We received a notice from the State of California stating a new requirement we have as an employer with 4 or less employees.

This office was required to sign up and offer our employees an opportunity to save money through the state's **CalSaver's**program. As an employee we signed up and registered, a

s an employee I opted out of participating so, we are good there for now.

We successfully renewed our insurance, we originally paid \$1000, but our carrier found us a cheaper option so we are expecting a refund around \$500.

We received a notice from our credit card processing company that they are raising their fees effective March 27th 2025 from 2.6% plus 0.10 cents per transaction up to 3.5% plus .15 cents per transaction.

#### OK financial info:

For the period from Jan 21, 2025 thru Feb 20th, 2025 Central Office had an income of \$3,721.68 and expenses of \$5,527.95 for a *loss* of \$1,806.27 for this accounting period.

On February 19th we filed our exempt entity tax returns for Federal and State along with our Registry for Charitable Trusts and Fundraisers form through our landlord's firm. She only charged us \$300, which is a fantastic price!

#### This office is totally self-supported through your contributions!

**Birthday Club:** We had 4 grateful members contribute to Central Office Birthday Club to celebrate their sobriety! We had 3 members donate \$1 per year, and 1 member donate \$5 per year to celebrate their birthday for a total of \$127! Thank you and happy birthday!

Group contributions: 15 groups donated to Central Office for a total of \$2,135.80. Thank you to the 10th Ave Men's Stag Group, 1st Friday Speaker Meeting Group in Porterville, the morning online meeting Attitude Adjustment Group, The Blain Park Group, Our Central Service Office Reps and Board members that participate in this meeting every month, Exeter Sunday Afternoon Group, The Friends of Bill W and Dr. Bob Group, The Mid Valley Group, Monday Women's Reflections Group. The Prospecting for Nuggets group, The Quiet Trails group, The Saturday Night Believers group, The Tuesday Women Amity group, The Valley Group and The Women's Changes group! Your group doesn't have to wait till you have a bunch of money to contribute, we would love to receive a contribution from every group every month to help us share our message of recovery!

**Grateful Giver Club contributions:** 6 anonymous grateful alcoholics donated through our Grateful Givers Club totaling \$122.05! Thank you to our grateful givers! We would love to receive more monthly contribution to the Grateful Giver's Club from our members! It doesn't have to be a lot! Please consider contributing monthly to our Grateful Giver's Club.

You can contribute to the Grateful Givers Club through our donate link on our website at AA-tulareco.org. Grateful Giver's Club is a great way to contribute if you want your contribution to be anonymous, simply put Grateful Giver in the memo line!

**Individual contributions:** We had 2 individual alcoholics generously donate to our office for the amount of \$425, thank you! Please consider mailing in a monthly contribution! Thank you for helping us share the message of recovery!

You can donate individually through our website at AA-tulareco.org. I will list your first name and last initial in the newsletter!

Thank you for your individual contributions!

You can contribute to the Birthday Club by putting your first name and last initial, your city and the amount of sobriety you have!

We will print this in our newsletter!

As you can see, there are many ways you can contribute to Central Office, this office is here to serve you, and to share to message of recovery to whoever is seeking it!

A reminder, this office is open again for business on Mondays! Thank you Glenda V for stepping up!

I would like to thank all of the groups and individuals who contributed to Central Office!

Grateful to be here!

Carol Ann Gable Office Manager/Treasurer

# PI/CPC Report

#### George

This month we did not have any Health Fairs...as we come into spring we will be attending multiple health fairs!!!

March 22 College of Sequoia's Cesar Chavez March & possibly have our Spanish central office attend as well April 5 TCOE Tulare County Office of Education 7000 S Doe 10:00-1:00 April 7 National Public Health WEel @ Dinuba Blvd 10:00-3:00

### STEP FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER

### Issue Step Member

April John W Step 4 due to <u>centralintergroupnews@gmail.com</u> 3/21/2025 May Jerry S Step 3 due to <u>centralintergroupnews@gmail.com</u> 4/21/2025

### TRADITION FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER

### Issue Step Member

April Mike P Tradition 4 due to <u>centralintergroupnews@gmail.com</u> 3/21/2025

May Ken W Tradition 5 due to <u>centralintergroupnews@gmail.com</u> 4/21/2025

#### Website Report

This website report covers the time between the February and March CSR Meetings (2025-02-11 through 2025-03-10).

On February 20, I disabled the WordPress plugin "All-in-One Event Calendar by Time.ly" because that was causing the website to crash every minute. Carol Ann and I began the process of looking for a replacement, and on February 25 we purchased Sugar Calendar to take its place. Unfortunately, there is no export / import function from the All-in-One Event Calendar to Sugar Calendar, so Carol Ann and I have been entering events into the new calendar by hand. If you or members of your group are aware of something that should be on our calendar, please send an email to tccof@hotmail.com.

#### Announcements:

The Monday / Wednesday / Friday morning meeting at the Visalia Alano Club needs support.

There will be an Agenda Items Workshop at the Twelve Step Recovery Club in Porterville on Saturday March 22 (lunch included).

Central Office in now open on Mondays again!

 $The \ Keep \ It \ Simple \ Sunday \ outdoor \ meeting \ in \ Blain \ Park \ in \ Visalia \ has \ moved \ to \ summer \ schedule: 9 \ AM \ to \ 10:30 \ AM.$ 

Carol Ann and I did the normal monthly edits of the CSR meeting, GSR meeting, Springville Sunday Breakfast meeting, and Valley Group meetings.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

# H & I Report

March, 2025 H&I Report

The only purpose of the Northern California Hospital and Institutions 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, our monthly meetings in treatment facilities have been reduced to 14 monthly as the Visalia Rescue Mission has decided to put their meetings on hold for the time being. We continue bringing H&I meetings into Tulare County Jail and Avenal, Corcoran and SATF State Prisons as possible with the cleared volunteers we have.

At our recent H&I meeting held 3/8/25, we welcomed 4 new volunteers and had volunteers step up to take 3 of our open commitments. We are very excited with this new interest and participate on in H&I service work. We have received a request for H&I meetings in additional facilities which we will be researching to see if we can accommodate their request. June 7, 2025 will be the First Annual Avenal Speaker Jam, held inside Avenal State Prison. We need AA members who are willing to get a one-day clearance and join us to share their experience, strength, and hope with the approximately 900 incarcerated AA members at that facility. Many of these AA members behind the walls have never attended an AA meeting outside of the prison. Each of these AA members attend AA meetings on the inside regularly Unfortunately, as we have very few cleared H&I volunteers most of these meetings are held without any H&I AA participation. This is a great time for any AA members who may be interested in carrying the message behind the walls to give it a try with very little effort to obtain a one-day pass. Please share this information with your groups have any interested AA members reach out to us at handiarea93@gmail.com or contact Central Office for my phone number of that of Bill H. Applications for the one-day clearance need to be returned by April 5, 2025

We continue to need volunteers especially those interested in going into Tulare County Jail, Corcoran, SATF, Avenal State Prisons. We are in dire need of Sponsors willing to sponsor an inmate at one of our Prisons. Please send any interested AA members to our next orientation at 9:00 am. We also have several additional positions to be filled which will be discussed at the business meeting at 10:00 am. Both will be held on May 10, 2025 at 526 N. Bridge Street, Visalia, CA 93291.

In Service, Joyce R Area 93 Chair

# BTG Bridging the Gap

Mike P Nothing to report at this time

### **GSO Liaison:**

GSR meeting was March 4th, 2025

Seven people attended; two in-person and five via Zoom. Treasurer Report:

Beginning Balance: \$1,983.88

**INCOME** 

**EXPENSES** 

Date Description

Amount

2-18-25 Post Office Box 273 — one year. Chk #311  $\,$  \$102.00

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Total Expense: \$102.00

Ending Balance: \$2,249.98

DCM report: Mike attended the Area Committee Meeting on February 15, 2025.

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Saturday, March 22, at 11 AM at the Twelve Step Recovery Club located at 186 S. D Street Porterville CA, our delegate Matthew will come to visit for an Agenda Items Workshop, until 3 PM. Lunch will be provided, with tri-tip sandwiches, drinks, chips, and dessert. We are partnering with District 42, District 55, and District 49. The full list of agenda items is available on the CNIA website delegate's page: https://cnia.org/delegates-page/

Date Description

2-18-25 Tuesday Women's Amity Group. Chk #1155 \$55.10

2-18-25 District 49 Committee. Chk #1001 \$313.00

Total Income: \$368.10

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## **CSR Reports**

## Saturday Morning Women's 12 x 12 Tracy Jo., CSR

Held from 9-10 am Saturday morning held weekly Approx 35-40 women We meet at Christ Lutheran Church 3830 W Tulare Ave.

We celebrate recovery by handing out milestone chips each week and celebrating birthdays the end of the month. Each meeting is a book study out of the 12 & 12. The last Saturday of the month we have an ask it basket where we get to respond to questions provided by our members.

### Springville Monday Night Book Study Group, Presented by Ken., CSR

We are located at the Lighthouse Chapel in Springville. We meet Monday nights from 7 to 8 PM. It is an open group book study. We rotate the books that we study. We're currently reading the "Dr Bob and the Good Old-timers". Turnout is about average. We have coffee and dessert every Monday. We would love to have more visitors. The Lighthouse Chapel is located off the 190: turn on to Bridge Drive, and then south to Rio Vista.

### Friday Loose Women Meeting Glenda V., CSR

We meet every Friday from 6:30-7:30 pm at the Porterville Recovery Club located at 186 South D Street. We have attendance of 5-10 women. We are an open meeting, for women only. It is an open discussion meeting we have ladies with years of sobriety.

Thank You for allowing me to be of service.

#### Springeville Thursday Night Gut Level Presented by Ken., CSR

Gut level meets every Thursday in Springeville at the Lighthouse Chapel from 7-8:30pm. It is an open group with a chairperson & discussion. It is a small group of dedicated regulars. We celebrate Birthdays the last Thursday of each month with dinner at 5:30 at a local restaurant. We are looking for a Secretary.

#### Friends of Bill W and Dr Bob Charley., CSR

OPEN MEETING We meet each Tuesday night at 7-8:30pm at St Johns Episcopal Church in Tulare. There are approximately 10-15 men and women with varying lengths of sobriety. We celebrate birthdays the first Tuesday of the month with cake and ice cream for the previous month. We continue to share the importance and benefit of embracing the birthday club and the funds that it could raise, along with the benefits of raising it and how our essential central office is also positively impacted. Thank You for letting me be of service.

#### Tuesday Women's Changes Vicki B., CSR

We meet every Tuesday from 6:00 to 7:00pm at the Recovery Club located at 186 S. D Street, Porterville. We are an open meeting for women only. This is a stick topic meeting. That is each woman picks a preprinted stick and shares on the topic described on the stick. Our attendance includes women with a brief period of sobriety to those with many years. All are welcome. On the last Tuesday of the month we have a potluck to celebrate those with sobriety birthdays. Those women are invited to share their experience strength and hope with the group. Thank you for letting me be of service.

# Half & Half Group Sylvia D., CSR

The Half & Half Group meets every Thursday night at 6:00pm for one hour, at the Trinity Lutheran Church located at 764 W Henderson Ave. Porterville, CA This is a book study and we read the big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous or the 12 x 12. We read a chapter out of the book for the first 30 minutes. We go around discussing what we read and how it relates to our experience, strength and hope. All are welcome.

### Women's Tuesday Night Amity Group Sherri T., CSR

The Tuesday Women's Amity group meets every Tuesday at Trinity Church located 6400 West Walnut Street in Visalia. This a closed women's meeting. We meet from 6:30pm - 7:30pm each week with the 3rd week being a business meeting after the regular meeting. Each week we have a lead speaker who speaks for 10 minutes and then picks a topic and chooses people to speak through tag, going around a circle or however they deem. The last week of the month is a birthday meeting where we enjoy yummy cake. We are growing and about 25-40+ women. Thank you, Kim C

# Porterville Wednesday Open Gay Inclusive Marcie M., CSR

Open Meeting at Lutheran Church 765 Henderson Porterville Wednesday gay inclusive meeting 6:00-7:00pm, 12-15 members a mix of new and long timers Birthday celebration-cake the last Wednesday of the month, we support Central Office.

### Second Sunday Speaker Springeville MeetingMarcie M., CSR

Veterans Memorial Building, Springeville second Sunday of the month, it is a beautiful ride to Springville Lots of Serenity.

Coffee at 8:00am

Breakfast at 8:30am \$8.00

10:15 meeting starts 7th Tradition honored 10:30 ten minute speaker followed by main speaker We support Central Office 50/50 drawing

#### Friday Freedom Fellowship Samantha J., CSR

The Friday Freedom Fellowship meets every Friday at 7:00pm ago Christ Lutheran Church located at 3830 W Tulare Ave. Visalia, CA This is a closed meeting where both men and women can attend. Our attendance ranges from 20-40 people. A chair person speaks for 10 minutes, the chairperson picks a topic and calls on people for the remainder of the meeting. There is a variety of lengths of sobriety in the room and a tradition in the meeting gives everyone an opportunity to share their sobriety date. Birthdays are celebrated the last Friday of each month with cake and chips. Chips are also given out each week to celebrate sobriety milestones.

### Bridge Street Drunks Only John W., CSR

Bridge St meets at 526 N Bridge St in Visalia just north of Murray Ave. We have 20 meetings that are closed (alcoholics only) Our noon meetings on the weekend are open. We have great participation, celebrating birthdays with chips on the last Saturday noon meeting.

#### Prospecting for Nuggets Jerry S., CSR

St Johns Episcopal Church 1701 E Prosperity Ave.

This is an open meeting. We would like more participation.

It is a chip meeting and celebrate anniversaries on the last Sunday of the month.

We meet on Sundays from 7-8:30 pm

### Civic Center Group David G., CSR

We meet every Tuesday night at the Christ Lutheran church near Tulare and Demaree in Visalia. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM and goes to 8:00 PM. It is an open meeting, and newcomers are welcome. We have coffee and candy, and literature every week. Books are for sale at cost, and pamphlets are free. Our business meetings are the third Tuesday of the month at 8:10 PM, immediately after the meeting. Our new Secretary is Gyna T. We give out chips every week for sobriety under one year; we have a birthday meeting on the last Tuesday of the month, with cupcakes.

#### Mid Valley Group Jerry S., CSR

Mid Valley Group At St johns Church 1701 Prosperity in Tulare. This is an open AA meeting, all are welcome. We meet st 2-3:30pm on Saturday afternoon. It is a chip meeting and we celebrate and we have a few empty chairs that need filling with members. Also our present secretary is terming out so we are looking for a new one to fill the seat.

# Keep It Simple Sunday David G., CSR

We moved to winter schedule, starting at 9:00am We meet in BlainPark in Visalia new comers are welcome. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Chips given out every Sunday and the last Sunday of the month is the business meeting.

# **Old Business**

- 1. Picnic Chairperson needed as well as
- 2. Presale tickets received a positive response

### **New Business**

Arbor 9 June 14th AA Founders Day Picnic... We need a chairperson to head the committee.

# **Seventh Tradition**

\$23.31

### **Announcements**

# **Meeting Adjourned**

7:07pm

# Responsibility statement

Said by all