

District 47, CNIA

Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2025

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

Meeting Called to Order: 7:02 PM by District Committee Member (DCM) Mike C.

Committee members present:

Brandon L., GSR for Friday Freedom Fellowship
Dusty B., GSR for the Springville Thursday Night Gut Level Group
Fred F., GSR for Unity Through Traditions
Laura B., GSR for the Springville Monday Night Book Study
Leah W., GSR for Bridge Street Drunks Only
Jim K., GSR for Monday Night Men's Stag Meeting at PPAV
Mike C., DCM
Allen L., Treasurer
David G., Recording Secretary and Central Office Liaison

Permission requested from all present that this meeting be audio 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 David G.

Concept 1: Concept 1 long form read and explained by Allen L.

Approval of Minutes: December 3, 2024, minutes reviewed. Brandon moved to approve the minutes, and Fred seconded the motion. Vote taken: all in favor, none against.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Allen L.:

Beginning Balance: \$3,705.66

INCOME

Date	Description	Amount
12/12/24	Bridge Street Drunks Only #1121	\$42.16
12/26/24	Valley Speaker Series Group	\$87.22
		=====
	Total Income:	\$129.38

EXPENSES

Date	Description	Amount
12/13/24	40 stamps chk #306	\$29.20
		=====
	Total Expense:	\$29.20

Ending Balance: \$3,805.84

Last month, we voted to pay Central Office our annual rent, but I had also heard that Central Office was going to increase the rent. When I learn what that number is, I will pay it. *(Secretary's note remembered later: annual rent was increased to \$600. It also includes Zoom services.)*

CSO Liaison Report: David G.

Our December CSR Meeting was held on December 10th. The meeting was a hybrid meeting, both in-person and on Zoom.

Central Office finances: for October 21st through November 20th, Central Office had an income of \$4,639.22 and expenses of \$3,909.98 for a GAIN of \$729.24. Our balance was \$13,658 where our prudent reserve should be \$19,000.

Old business:

New Year's Eve party and planning.

New business:

Nominations for Central Office Board of Directors. John W was nominated, as was Mike P.

Election: John W and Mike P were elected to the board of directors. The board president is Cody R. of Springville.

Follow up:

The New Year's Eve event was a success. We had more than 100 people attend, and the room was festive. The speaker was excellent, and the food delicious. We won't know the final numbers until next week, but I heard that income exceeded outgo by \$2,000. The New Year's Eve event is the Central Office fundraiser for the year.

Registrar: Josh F. no report

H&I Report: Presented by Joyce R.

January 2025 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.

I am super excited to report that we are starting 2025 with 16 monthly facility meetings, which is up from 13 at the beginning of last year.

In recap of 2024, here in Tulare County (Area 93) we increased our facility H&I meetings from 13 to 15 per month adding 2 additional facilities. We are now serving 8 different facilities. We increased our meetings at the Tulare County Jail to a minimum of 5 per month in English and Spanish as we now have two cleared Spanish-speaking volunteers. Meetings at Avenal and Corcoran continue as cleared volunteers are available.

In 2024, we were able to distribute \$18,388.70 of AA literature to our inside members at these meetings. We extend our gratitude to our group in Tulare County who elect to pass the pink can at their meetings, and the AA members who generously contribute.

We are beginning 2025 by adding another monthly meeting at one of our existing facilities bringing our monthly facility meeting total to 16. We will have 3 new volunteers cleared for Tulare County Jail by mid-February which allows us to expand meetings at the local county jail.

A special thank you to our dedicated H&I volunteers. We begin 2025 with 35 active H&I volunteers who participate in multiple H&I meetings monthly. It is due to these amazing AA members that over my 7 years of being involved in H&I we have gone from 4 monthly facility meetings serving 2 facilities to where we are today. I am blessed beyond my wildest dreams to be in service with these volunteers who go above and beyond to carry the message of AA.

Our next H&I orientation will be held at 9:00 am followed by business meeting at 10:00 am on January 11, 2025, at 526 N. Bridge Street, Visalia, CA 93291. Please encourage any interested AA member to attend. There is more that we can do together to reach the alcoholic who still suffers.

In Service,
Joyce Rauen
Area 93 Chair

Question from Laura B: When you say 16 and 9, what is that? Joyce: we now hold 16 meetings in 9 facilities. Laura: Thank you.

DCM Report: Mike C. I attended the CNIA Area Committee Meeting (ACM) in December. The things we talked about, I've made items under New Business. They did talk about upcoming Agenda Items for the General Service Conference in New York. CNIA will be voting on a new Accessibilities Committee and chair. There was a Twelve-Step Checklist discussed, which is included in today's agenda. The Winter Assembly will be in Sonora, CA January 18 & 19, 2025. The district hosting the assembly will be having a luau with roasted pork.

GSR Reports:

Fred F., GSR for Unity Through Traditions Book Study, Wednesdays at 5:30 PM at the Visalia Alano Club. We're doing well. Recently, four new people have started showing up regularly. Up to twenty people attend. Thank you, Allen for reminding me that our group said we want the D47 funds above our prudent reserve to go 100% to Central Office. Recently we sent \$100 in to Central Office.

Brandon L., GSR for Friday Freedom Fellowship, 7 PM at Christ Lutheran Church in Visalia. We have good meeting attendance. Recently we lost three members who died sober with long term sobriety: Jim King, Bill Ellis, and Bob Matlick. Jim King got sober in 1974. We're getting a lot of new people coming to the meeting, and many people have stepped up to take service commitments at this meeting.

Jim K., GSR for the Monday Night Men's Stag meeting at the PPAV hall in Visalia, from 7:30 to 9 PM. It is a pretty large meeting, with thirty to sixty attendees, with guys from Pine Recovery and Robertson Recovery attending. We also have particularly good cheesecake or pie for our birthday meeting the last Monday of the month.

Laura B., GSR for the Springville Monday Night Book Study Group, 7 to 8 PM at The Lighthouse Chapel in Springville. We are reading *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*. We read one Step, then read one Tradition, and switch between them. Currently, we are on Tradition 11. We have decided the next book will be *Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers*. Attendance has been light, with about eight people, sometimes ten, every week. We do have two new people who have started to attend regularly. It's a good meeting.

Leah W., GSR for Bridge Street Drunks Only in Visalia (21 meetings). We have two changes to our meetings: Saturday night moved forward one hour to 6 PM, and now starts with a 10-minute speaker followed by open discussion. We also started a new meeting on Friday nights aimed at newcomers; this meeting is at 6 PM. Both meetings are Open meetings. I have also gotten my registration and reservation complete for the Winter Assembly in Sonora January 18 & 19. Question from Allen: Do you have a new treasurer? I've gotten contribution thank you letters returned to me as non-deliverable. Leah: no, Mike S is still our treasurer. Allen: okay, I'll get in contact with Mike to figure out the right address.

Dusty B., GSR for the Gut-Level Group, Thursday Nights in Springville from 7 to 8:30 PM at The Lighthouse Chapel. Every week is a new week; last week we had 26 people (it was a birthday meeting). Most nights we have from six to twelve people. We have a couple new people who are hanging around, and we're doing a good job of carrying the message of recovery from alcoholism.

Fred F., on behalf of Sean A., GSR for the Practicing The Principles group 7 PM at Christ Lutheran Church in Visalia. The group is going well. They've had an election and have a new secretary and new treasurer. They've recently had people from Hanford coming to the meeting.

Old Business:

1. We still need an Alternate DCM.
2. Approve dispersing \$1,000 of additional reserve funds to AAWS, CNIA Area 7 and Central Office in the following amounts: 50% to Central Office, and 50% to CNIA 07. Or, 50% to Central Office, 40% to CNIA 07, 10% to GSO New York.
 1. Allen led the discussion.
 2. We will pay rent to Central Office, and whatever is left over will be distributed.
 1. Three ballot choices:
 1. 100% to Central Office (two votes)
 2. 100% to CNIA (four votes)
 3. 50% to Central Office and 50% to CNIA (three votes)
 4. Second vote taken:
 1. 100% to CNIA (four votes)
 2. 50% to Central Office and 50% to CNIA (five votes)
 2. Motion passes to pay Central Office our annual rent, and send 50% of what's left to Central Office and 50% to CNIA.

New Business:

1. Discuss General Service Preliminary Agenda Items. We don't know when the official list will be published, because the official list will be published simultaneously in English, Spanish, and French; but it will probably be published in late January or early February. GSRs are encouraged to get the preliminary list to their groups, so the groups can discuss which items are of interest. <https://aa-tulareco.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/EN-Preliminary-75-General-Service-Conference-Agenda.pdf>
2. CNIA Accessibility Survey. At the Winter Assembly, there will be a vote to create an Accessibilities Chairperson.
3. Winter Assembly will be January 18 & 19, in Sonora, CA, hosted by District 33.
4. Laura's group wants to know if we will be any Agenda Items Workshop. Yes, we usually, and will invite our Delegate down to discuss. If Central Office wants to do a Unity Day, we would be willing to participate in that.

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 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David G., Recording Secretary