

District 47, CNIA
Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2025

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

Meeting Called to Order: 7:06 PM by District Committee Member Mike C.

Committee members present:

Dusty B., GSR for the Springville Thursday Night Gut Level Group
Jim K., GSR for the Monday Night Men's Meeting at PPAV
Mike S., GSR for Unity Through Traditions
Laura B., GSR for the Springville Monday Night Book Study
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 Mike S.

Concept 5: Concept 5 long form read and explained by Allen L.

Approval of Minutes: April 1, 2025 minutes – motion to approve made by Dusty B., seconded by Mike S. All voted in favor, none against.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Allen L.:

Beginning Balance: \$1,418.83

INCOME

Date	Description	Amount
5-5-25	Bridge Street Drunks Only (#1133)	\$28.95
5-5-25	Bridge Street Drunks Only (#1132)	\$48.85
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	Total Income:	\$77.80

EXPENSES

Date	Description	Amount
5-5-25	Mike C. for Pre-Conf Zoom Reg & Workshop flyer copies	\$41.20

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Total Expense: \$876.15

Ending Balance: \$1,455.43

CSO Liaison Report: David G.

Our April CSR Meeting was held on April 8th, 2025. The meeting was a hybrid meeting, both in-person and on Zoom.

Central Office finances: For the period from February 21st, 2025, through March 20th, 2025, Central Office had an income of \$3,021 and expenses of \$2,867 for a gain of \$154. Our balance was \$23,133 where our prudent reserve is \$19,000 (\$4,133 over our prudent reserve). We are super grateful for our members. Nine groups donated to Central Office, contributing \$1,542.

Old Business:

We still need a chairperson to head the Founders' Day Picnic committee. The Founders' Day Picnic will be June 14th, 2025 at Mooney's Grove Park in Visalia. We will be having a Founders' Day Picnic Planning meeting on Tuesday, May 6th, 2025 at 5:30 PM at Central Office.

New Business:

Our monthly newsletter publisher has announced that he can no longer serve in this function; we need someone who would like to take on this service position.

Registrar: Josh F. no report

H&I Report: David G.

May 2025 H&I Report

Our Purpose: the only purpose of our Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) committee is to carry the message of AA to alcoholics in Corrections and Treatment facilities and facilities serving alcoholics in Northern California. The activities of this committee are governed by the Twelve Traditions and based on the spiritual principles embodied within the Twelve Concepts of Alcoholics Anonymous. We are a Ninth Tradition service committee.

This report is mostly unchanged from last month, as our business meetings are bi-monthly.

Schedule:

If getting involved with H&I is appealing to you, you might ask if your schedule has room.

Here is a list of meeting times for facilities we bring meetings in to:

Please note that unless otherwise specified, both Male and Female volunteers are welcome:

Meeting Dates and Times	Type
1 st & 3 rd Tuesday 5:15 – 6:15 pm	Men's Facility
2 nd Tuesday 6:00 – 7:00 pm	Men's Facility

4 th Tuesday 6:30 – 7:30 pm	Men & Women’s Facility
1 st Wednesday 6:00 – 7:00 pm	Men & Women’s Facility
2 nd & 4 th Wednesday 7:00 – 8:00 pm (<i>updated</i>)	Men & Women’s Facility
1 st & 3 rd Thursday 6:00 – 7:00 pm	Women’s Facility (women volunteers only)
2 nd & 4 th Thursday 7:00 – 8:00 pm	Women’s Facility (women volunteers only)
Every Friday Evening	Tulare County Jail (background check and clearance by TCSO required)
1 st & 3 rd Saturday 11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Men’s Facility
4 th Saturday 10:00 – 11:00 am	Men’s Facility

We also have H&I volunteers going in to Corcoran State Prison, SATF (Substance Abuse Treatment Facility), and Avenal State Prison. These require CDCR clearance and prior H&I experience. Please attend the next orientation for more information.

If members of your group haven’t been H&I volunteers before, we will have a Volunteer Orientation Meeting on May 10th, 2025 at 9 AM. The Business Meeting will follow at 10 AM.

Thank you for letting me of service.

David G.
H&I Liaison

DCM Report: Mike C.

I attended the Pre-Conference Assembly. It was the normal format where GSRs and DCMs present to the Delegate the items their groups discussed. There was a lot of talk about the Plain and Simple version of the Big Book; although a lot of people would like to see changes made to it, other people said to postpone making any changes. There was also discussion about the Grapevine and La Vina, and questions about if La Vina will ever be financially self-sustaining. In other news, I’ve gotten a new job which will let me be commuting back to Visalia on Tuesday afternoons, so I should be back in time to be in-person at this meeting going forward. In other news, I got married; thank you to Dusty and Laura for attending my wedding to Virginia.

GSR Reports:

1. Jim (Monday Men’s Stag at PPAV, from 7:30 to 9 PM on Monday nights). It has been a long running meeting with a wide range of sobriety and a lot of attendance. We support Central Office and the other AA entities. It’s a big meeting, with around 50 people attending. We voted on three items, and I sent those to Matthew, our Delegate, for the Pre-Conference Assembly.
2. Mike (Unity Through Traditions, Wednesdays at 5:30 PM at the Visalia Alano Club): We recently purchased some of *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* books, and we go through it according to the month. Since this is month 5, we will go through Step 5 and Tradition 5. The meeting is going really well. We’re also going through the *Experience, Strength, and Hope* book. The group had one item they wanted me to present at the Pre-Conference Assembly, so I did that. I will also be attending the Post-Conference Assembly via Zoom.
3. Laura (Springville Monday Night Book Study): We have around ten people a week, and are currently reading *Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers*. We don’t get very far through it each week because of lively discussion about the material. Our secretary has announced he’ll be stepping down in June, so that position will be opening up. One member was interested in the H&I Financials, so I need to find that information. (*Secretary’s note:*

<https://aa-tulareco.org/hospitals-institutions-hi/> the third document down; updated monthly. Previous version at <https://web.archive.org/web/20250111170013/https://aa-tulareco.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/2024-12-YTD-Financial-Report.pdf>). My GSR term is up, but last year I had so many medical issues, I wasn't able to do much. I should be able to attend the Post-Conference Assembly via Zoom. Both our meetings are passing the basket to collect money to bring a basket to the Founders' Day Picnic for the basket raffle.

4. Dusty (Springville Thursday Night Gut Level Group): Depending on the night, we can have 40 people or 10 people. It is a discussion meeting at the Lighthouse Chapel here in Springville; we are doing well with supporting the various AA service structures, and we pass the H&I Pink Can.

New Business:

1. Discuss items from Pre-Conference Assembly GSRs. Mike S. attended the whole thing and found it pretty interesting, Mike C was able to attend some of it.
2. Discuss Post-Conference Assembly May 17-18 in Nevada City, CA. Registration is now open, for hotel and assembly: <https://cnia.org/assembly-info-2/> - and Mike sent out the flyer via email. There are 11 hotels/R.V. camps listed on the flyer.
3. Discuss attending the Post-Conference Assembly on Zoom. Mike C won't be able to attend, as his landlord needs him to move out by the end of the month so he can turn the property into an Airbnb rental. Mike S will be able to attend via Zoom.

Announcements:

1. May 7th Area 7 PI/CPC Meeting (6:30 pm-7:30 pm) online sharing session meets the first Wednesday of the month. Join here: <https://meet.google.com/tid-zjqu-gnn>
2. May 10th Spring Into Sobriety at St Paul's Episcopal Church Visalia (11:00 am-8:00 pm). Tickets are \$25 at the door.
3. May 11th Springville Breakfast Speaker Meeting (10:30 am-12:00 pm). Our chef has been doing this service for two years, and has announced that he wants to rotate away from being in charge of shopping and cooking.
4. May 20th Bridging the Gap (BTG) Meeting (7:00 pm-8:00 pm) meets on the third Tuesday online. Join here: <https://meet.google.com/ncc-wcyb-pbo>
5. May 31st Lemoore Alano Club Potluck & Speaker meeting (6:30 pm-9:30 pm)
6. Bridge Street Drunks Only is putting together a basket for the Founders' Day Picnic.
7. Allen and Danette, and Dusty and Laura, are going to the International Convention in Canada.

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 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David G., Recording Secretary