

# CENTRAL SERVICE MEETING UN-APPROVED MINUTES

## Central Office & Central Service Representatives Meeting Report

### Date

January 13, 2026

### Meeting called to order

6: 05 P.M.

### Board Members Present

John W led the meeting

Mike P, Ally A, John W,

Vicki via zoom

Bear absent via zoom

### Serenity Prayer

Said by all

### 12 Traditions

Read by Robert

### Previous Minutes

No additions or corrections

Marcie Motion Approve

Charley Second

Reviewed and Approved by all

### Board Meeting Report

John...

we covered the welcoming of the new board members  
as well and concluding all the New Years Eve Party plans

### Treasurer and Office Report

For the period from Nov 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 thru Dec 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Central Office had an income of \$3,928.69 and expenses of \$3,638.25  
for a **gain of \$290.44** for this accounting period, we're ahead by \$2,424.13 for the year.

**This office is totally self-supported through your contributions so thank you for all you do!**

**Birthday Club:** We had 4 grateful members contribute \$83.00 to Central Office Birthday Club to celebrate their sobriety!  
Thank you and happy birthday! Please remember to announce the Birthday Club to your groups, it's a great way to support  
the area that helps you stay sober!

**Group contributions:** 7 groups contribute to Central Office for a total of \$1,183.98. Thank you to the 210 Attitude Modification Group, Bridge St Drunks Only group, Clod-busters group, our CSO group, the Monday Men's Stag group at the PPAV Hall, the Quiet Trails group, and Unity Through Traditions group! We truly are grateful for your support!

**Grateful Giver Club contributions:** 8 anonymous grateful alcoholics donated through our Grateful Givers Club totaling \$1,148.47.

**Individual contributions:** We had 4 individual alcoholics generously contribute to our office for the amount of \$495.00, thank you!

Thank you for helping us meet our monthly expenses that help us share our AA message of recovery.

Our New Year's Event was a great success and everyone had a wonderful time! Everyone raved over the food! A special shout out to Ken W and Cynthia T for all your hard work, you pulled it off! Thank you thank you thank you! I also want to shout out to the people who contributed the meat, the ice, the sodas and the electric cords, the tablecloths and the decorations, you know who you are! Thank you to our speaker, our MC and our auctioneer and his helpers! Thank you all for your time in helping with the set up and clean up! Through all of our efforts Central Office gained \$4,380.97! A great way to start the new year!

Some not good news. We received notice from AA World Services informing us of a literature price increase effective Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 2026 that our b AA World Services will be raising their prices on all their books by \$3 which will be passed on to you since we sell books at AAWS cost and Pamphlets increase 15% = \$0.08. The price will be \$0.58 per pamphlet except P-22 & P-33 which will be \$1.08 each.

Grateful to be working with a board that promotes unity of the fellowship and reaching out to groups letting them know about this office and the services we provide.

Thank you!

Carol Ann Gable  
Office Manager

### **PI/CPC Report**

N/A

We are in need of an PI/CPC

### **STEP FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER**

**Issue    Step    Member**

February Cheryl H Step 2 due to [centralintergroupnews@gmail.com](mailto:centralintergroupnews@gmail.com) 1/21/2026

March Vicki Step 3 due to [centralintergroupnews@gmail.com](mailto:centralintergroupnews@gmail.com) 2/21/2026

### **TRADITION FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER**

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March Charley Tradition 3 due to [centralintergroupnews@gmail.com](mailto:centralintergroupnews@gmail.com) 2/21/2026

## Newsletter Report

Charley

New Newsletter Editor

I have completed two months I am figuring out,,, working on the formatting, working on adding photos to the newsletter with out overloading our website Id like to have someone contribute articles to our newsletter.. possibly a guest article. Id like to invite people to submit their articles etc.

## Website Report

Website Report – January 2026 2025-12-09 through 2026-01-13.

Meeting Changes:

Carol Ann added four meetings:

Rule 62 Hanford - Ask it Basket meeting at First United Methodist Church from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Sundays.

Rule 62 Hanford - Big Book Study meeting at First United Methodist Church from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Mondays.

Rule 62 Hanford - 12 x 12 Book Study meeting at First United Methodist Church from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Tuesdays.

Rule 62 Hanford - Discussion Topic Meeting at First United Methodist Church from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Wednesdays.

Carol Ann also updated the 12 Step Recovery Club Nooner Group information; Roger is now the secretary on the Monday meeting, Shannon on the Tuesday meeting, Glenda on the Wednesday meeting, Mathew on the Friday meeting.

Carol Ann updated the Saturday Night Believers meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church in Porterville – they moved the meeting from 90 minutes to 60 minutes.

David updated the The Half & Half Group meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church in Porterville.

### New Announcements:

New Years Eve Party Planning Meeting this Monday 6 PM December 22

Twelve Tips On Keeping Your Holiday Season Sober and Joyous!

A A World Services will be raising their prices by \$3 per book starting in February!

Spring Into Sobriety 2026 Planning meeting  
Central Office will be closed Christmas Eve Day and Christmas Day  
District 47 Meeting (GSR) moved to 7:30 PM

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Looking for a service commitment? Clod-busters Group needs a new secretary! New Year's Eve wrap-up meeting moved to February

### New Events:

Spring Into Sobriety 2026 Planning meeting Spring Into Sobriety 2026 event will be on March 21, 2026  
H & I Business meeting  
Final New Year's Eve event committee meeting

Carol Ann and I did the normal monthly edits of the CSR meeting, GSR meeting, Valley Group meetings and 2nd Sunday Springville Breakfast Speaker Meeting.

### Website Changes:

I discovered a problem with The Events Calendar plugin. It is finicky about the WordPress theme in use. The symptom was that when someone went to click on another month in the calendar, the throbber simply sat and spun. The solution was to change the theme. However, some themes make the drop-down (hamburger) menu disappear when the user is on a cell phone. This cut off access to the Meetings page and all other pages. Thank you to Carol Ann for letting me know that the menu had disappeared; the website was like that for a whole day until she warned me of it. I did find a theme that maintains our menus even on a cell phone. And yes, I changed the color scheme around (again!) trying to get something to look nice with the new theme.

Thank you for letting me be of service, David G of Visalia

## **H&I**

### **January H&I Report (for end of December)**

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 California.

In Tulare County, our monthly meetings are as follows:

Treatment facilities: 14

Monthly meetings in Tulare County Jail: 10 offered in both English and Spanish

Prisons: 8

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. Send any interested volunteers to our next

H&I orientation, Saturday, March 14th at 9:00am at Bridge Street Clubhouse.

Inside Visiting Sponsorship Service continues to grow yet we always have a great need above and beyond what we ever could handle. Please share with your home groups to see if anyone is interested in sponsoring an inmate remotely. Let them know they do not have to go 'to' the correctional facility. Contact: HANDI.IVSS@gmail.com \*\*\*

Financial: The NorCal H&I Committee ended the year with a cash reserve of \$30,033.59. This is trending in the right direction as last month the Committee was \$1,247.20 in the negative. Please share the Committee's financial information with the fellowship and thank Groups that are passing the Pink Can. Area Chairs and volunteers please encourage Groups that do not pass the Pink Can to consider doing so. Currently H&I contributions are 2.7% higher than last year and literature expenses are 2.4% lower than last year.

Please continue to share our financial position with your local fellowship. It is important that accurate financial information is shared. If you are aware of a group that is not passing the pink can, please encourage them to do so.

Next meeting March 14, 10am – Bridge Street Clubhouse.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

George

## **BTG Bridging the Gap**

Mike P

We had one referral, however I haven't heard from them

## **GSO Liaison:**

Robert C

Our new central office representative will now be our liaison for this service...

## **Springville Monday Night Book Study Group, Cheryl H., CSR**

Ken W. Was the CSR for this group. He resigned at the end of December. He may be attending this meeting in the future until a new CSR for the group steps up. The group meets on Monday nights at the Lighthouse Chapel Church in Springville from 7 to 8pm. The group is small. Currently the group is reading the book from the Grapevine called "One Big Tent". It features stories from atheists & agnostics. The stories have sparked lively discussion and the group appreciates and recognizes the recovery these writers have gained as a result of the AA program. The group has a business meeting the first Monday after the second Tuesday which is the Central Office Meeting.

### **Springeville Thursday Night Gut Level, Cheryl H., CSR**

Ken W was the CSR for this group. He resigned at the end of December. He may be attending this meeting in the future until a new CSR for the group steps up. The group meets on Thursday nights at the Lighthouse Chapel Church in Springeville from 7-8:30pm. Group attendance fluctuates from 10-25 members. Our business meeting is the first Thursday after the second Tuesday. We celebrate birthdays on the last Thursday of the month with dinner at a local eatery & cake at the meeting. Our secretary and treasurer resigned last month. The group will be electing new trusted servants at this months business meeting.

### **AA Noon Meetings at the 12 step Recovery Club, Cheryl H.**

I am here as a Central office representative for one group called AA Noon Meetings at the 12 Step Recovery Club in Porterville. This group consists of 5 AA meetings, Monday thru Friday from 12-1pm. These meetings are predominately new comers and card carriers. Each meeting has its own secretary. In February 2025, the group met with qty 3 in attendance. Those secretaries voted to use the 7th tradition money to pay rent to the 12 step club. The group also purchases AA literature & medallions from central office. I used to be a CSR for this group. After a few months the meetings felt a CSR wasn't needed because the meetings have little means for financially supporting central office with monetary contributions.

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

We meet each Tuesday night at 7-8:30pm at St Johns Episcopal Church which is located in Tulare at the corners of Prosperity and Lapsina . Celebration of birthdays occur the first Tuesday of each month for all those that had their annual milestone during the previous month. We would like to extend an invitation to any and all that have not attended our meeting from the surrounding areas it is a wonderful group that gathers! This is an open meeting.

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

We celebrate birthdays the last Tuesday of the month with a potluck and dessert! The group meets every week with topics for everyone who wishes to participate. The meeting lasts an hour from 6:00-7:00pm. We are a stick topic meeting.

### **Women's Tuesday Night Amity Group Ally A., CSR**

The Tuesday Women's Amity Group meets every Tuesday at Trinity Church located 6400 W. Walnut in Visalia. This a closed women's meeting, we allow infants up to 3 months . 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. The last week of the month is a birthday meeting where we enjoy yummy dessert. We are growing and about 25-40+ women.

### **Porterville Wednesday Open Inclusive Marcie M., CSR**

Open Meeting at Lutheran Church 765 Henderson Porterville Wednesday inclusive meeting 6:00-7:00pm, 25-30 members a mix of new and long timers Birthday celebration-cake the last Wednesday of the month, we support Central Office. We sometimes have women from PAAR visit.

### **Second Sunday Speaker Springeville Breakfast Meeting Marcie M., CSR**

Veterans Memorial Building, Springeville Second Sunday of the month, it is a beautiful ride to Springville Lots of Serenity. Good crowd as usual! Last month we have approx 50-75 people attend!! Great Fellowship

Come on up!

Coffee at 8:00am

Breakfast at 8:30am

\$8.00 for breakfast

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 Robert., 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 first Friday of each month with cake and chips. Chips are also given out each week to celebrate sobriety milestones.

### **Civic Center Group David G., CSR**

We meet every Tuesday night at the Christ Lutheran church near Tulare and Demaree in Visalia. Abraham is our secretary. 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 time has come to rotate service positions. 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.

### **Keep It Simple Sunday David G., CSR**

We moved to winter schedule, starting at 10:00am-11:30am We meet in Blain Park 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. Pet friendly. Approx 20 in attendance. Birthday celebration every week.

### **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.

### **Exeter Sunday Afternoon Group Mike P., CSR**

We continue to grow as a meeting Sunday 2:30 is well attended 1 1/2 hour meeting. Open for discussion, we distribute chips and celebrate anniversary the last Sunday of the month. Seems to be a growing meeting. Both men and women attend. Continuing to donate to central office. Candy is served with coffee. We have also decided to donate a larger amount to the church. Our meeting continues to grow. We meet in as well. Good mix of acquired time of sobriety, welcome to all.

### **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

### **Serenity Junction Jerry S., CSR**

Serenity Junction is an open meeting and meets every Monday night at 7pm, located at St Johns Church in Tulare. It is a chip meeting and celebrate birthdays on the last Monday of the month with cake and ice cream, We would also like to see more seats filled.

### **Friends of Bill W John W., CSR**

Quaker church off of 198 in Farmersville. 5:30-6:30pm. Speaker for 10 minutes then share... coffee and fellowship  
We give chips for various lengths of sobriety

### **Clodbusters 11:30-1:15 Jerry., CSR**

Located at the Tulare Community Church (Activity Center) 1820 Gem St Tulare. The group meets every Wednesday at noon. This is a one hour open meeting. We celebrate birthdays and handout chips on the last Wednesday of the month. We need a secretary. If you would like to be in service here's your chance!

### **Saturday Morning Women's 12 x 12 Jerri T., 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.

### **Old Business**

Elections approved Vicki & Bear new board members  
Possibly move CSR & Board meeting to second Saturday of the month.  
We considered moving CSR meeting to Saturdays... however after discussion we have decided to keep it on Tuesdays.

### **New Business**

Robert C is our new GSO liaison is needed to represent Central office...  
just needed to attend the meetings and give a report  
This would help with communication from Central Office to GSO & vise versa  
GSO is held the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm  
Mike C is our district committee member

### **Seventh Tradition**

\$35.00

### **Announcements**

### **Meeting Adjourned**

7:11 pm

### **Responsibility statement**

Said by all

### **Board Secretary** Ally Ayres



