

Central Office of Salt Lake City, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes | Tuesday 02/13/2024 @ 6:30 pm

"Serving our community for over 75 years"

→ Board of Trustees ←

Chairperson: Wade J.

Open with Introductions and Central Office Preamble

Commitment is yours the results are mine

Co-Chairperson: Shannon M. excused

Secretary: Jennie S.

New reps: please send me your email, phone number, and home group so I can add you to the contact list.

Also, thanks to those who submitted their monthly reports in advance - it really helps to have them for inclusion in the agenda!

Treasurer: Chris G.

January was a strong month with high sales and significant contributions, which is typical of the first month in a new quarter. Group contributions were essentially flat relative to 2023 at ~\$5700, and we did not incur any atypical expenses. I've added a simple row at the bottom of the group contribution spreadsheet to indicate year-over-year change if you're interested. Please look at handouts/email attachments for P&L and Group Contributions. Motion to approve P&L passed.

Trustee at Large (District 2 liaison): John S.

The Area 69 committee meeting will be held on 2/24/24 in Park City, see attached flier for info including QR codes for hotels.

Trustee at Large (District 10 liaison): OPEN

2 yr commitment with a 2 yr sobriety requirement. No one stood, please take back to your groups!

Trustee at Large (District 11 liaison): Phillip W.

Meeting snowed out so no report this month

Trustee at Large (District 13 liaison): Alan B.

Things are going great in District 13 with solid, diverse, and well attended meetings. Many report attendance by newcomers, old-timers, and everything in between. Attached in your email from Central Office, you will see the latest edition of our District 13 Newsletter, "New Brew", which outlines activities, open positions, and much more. I would like to give a huge thanks to District 13, who just donated over \$1000 to Central Office. We appreciate your generosity more than words can say. Our District 13 Treatment Chair, Steve, is providing a unique approach called a "Meeting in a Box" to plant seeds and overcome obstacles in regards to getting into some of the treatment centers. We are in need of a couple of District Committee Members (DCMs). Please see me after the meeting or email me: trustee13@saltlakeaa.org if you or some of your AA buddies are interested.

Alternate Trustee At Large: Alyssa F. No report

Alternate Trustee At Large: Declan

District 10 is going strong. They had forty-ish attendees at their last meeting, with two interested AAs. They're working with Area and District 12 to take responsibility for the upcoming pre-conference assembly, as District 12 is already handling the post-conference assembly.

Betsy, the corrections chair, recently gained access to five new pods, and is seeing increasing rates of meeting-attendance fulfillment, including five inmates from this quarter. But recent lockdowns have depressed attendance to the point that no one even showed up at a recent meeting after three lockdowns in a row. Rick, the alternate Bridging the Gap chair, is gathering volunteers for the program. He has 149 right now, but says the need will soon skyrocket. He could use help from members of other districts. A new treatment center chair, Thomas, was brought in last month, and he's looking to the district for guidance on different programs to launch. He proposed some ideas that members could choose from, and welcomed additional ideas. He's a firm believer in doing a few things to completion, rather than starting multiple ongoing projects.

➤ **Standing Committee Chairs** ◀

Hotline Telephone: Max D.

Great month for the Hotline - Lifeline newsletter ran a piece regarding the roles and responsibilities; 2 new volunteers were referred from Central Office, replacing 2 that dropped out.

Twelfth Step: Charlie C.

Please take blank 12-step forms back to groups to add new volunteers. This form includes a section for people willing to give rides to meetings, as well as one for helping with Bridging the Gap. We are updating the current 12 step list.

Activities: Kim B.

Upcoming activities: Founders Day Picnic at Fairmont Park on 6/9/24

Central Office Picnic @Murray Park on 8/11/24

Chili Cookoff in October

We are considering adding an additional activity called "Take your Sponsor to Breakfast", to be held at Central Office with a food truck and outside seating. Another idea proposed combining this event with our annual Bees game. Will look into renting picnic areas or a suite, which would cost approximately \$945.

Newsletter: Danny B.

Needs stories - topic can be your experience strength and hope.

Outreach: Jack H.

Needs volunteers but otherwise nothing to report.

Website: Jeff P. excused

We had about 4,700 visitors in January, which was up by 14% over December.

By-Laws: Brad C.

Kick off meeting was this evening. They have decided on a year-long approach, focusing on specific sections at a time. Meetings will be on the 1st Tuesday (in-person) and 3rd Tuesday (virtual) of each month at 5pm at Central Office. They are currently focusing on Section 6. They will post the section currently being discussed on the Central Office website under the by-laws section for review before attending. The primary goal is establishing Clarity and Continuity between the sections.

Volunteer: Bob C.

Things are running smoothly.

Literature: Jim S. excused - just had a pacemaker installed, please keep him in your prayers

Archives: Ben H.

Sue made flier for AA Memorabilia Spring Cleanup that will published in the Lifeline - looking for anything AA-related: old nametags from conferences, Big Books, old flyers, etc.

Public Information: Allison S. n/a

Treatment Facilities and Accessibilities: Charlie T.

Our Committee could use some help and welcomes Volunteers!!

I have been working on finding a Deaf Community Liaison and met a wonderful resource at the Deaf Center named Pamela, who had numerous ideas on ways to educate our members on AA having the ability to fund Interpreters and welcoming the Deaf to attend meetings. I offered to bring a workshop to the Deaf Center to inform people on what AA is and does, and what AA is not and does not. Through our conversation we spoke of a wonderful man named Joseph, who started the first Deaf AA meeting (as far as I know) in the history of AA in Utah in November 2010, named "A Moment of Silence." Joseph now has 12 years and 11 months of sobriety and will turn 13 on March 3, 2024. He is married and has two children.

I just asked Joseph if he would help us by creating a video about his experience in AA and how the Deaf can trust this committee to show the Love and Welcome to AA. If I tried to inform Deaf, I would be dismissed because I am hearing...the hearing world has cheated difficulty to trust hearing.

I want to thank all the members and groups that have contributed to make Opening the Doors of AA a success. With what has been contributed during the past two years, we in AA will be able to show the best "I Love You" AA has ever shown to the Deaf in Utah. Have the video from Joseph! Open meeting definition from AA website

Corrections: Serena C.

Metro Jail has a new programs manager who will be meeting with District 10 soon. We may get more insight into pod lockdowns and ways to work around that. Also there are two 7pm speaker meetings out at the prison on Sundays and Mondays. For anyone who might be interested in speaking, contact John at 801-916-4293. He will need your full name, DOB, and driver license number.

Cooperation with Professionals: Karmina B. n/a

Coins: Kathy M.

Coin orders are running smoothly.

Technology: Elan B.

Wrote instructions for volunteers to access the Hotline telephone lines since they were locked out last month. Discussed motion to pay for MS Office at \$70/yr - see section on "OLD BUSINESS- ACTION ITEMS"

→ Old Business - Action Items ←

1. Technology Committee

Motion to pay for Microsoft Office Suite at \$70/yr.

Declan opposed - he wants to keep everything under Google Workspace for continuity.. additionally it's free and doesn't require a paid license to access. He is willing to assist in educating people on it.

Lindsey supported the motion - he pointed out that Microsoft Office has been around longer and a lot of people feel more comfortable with it. Vote taken: 28 for and 8 against. Motion passes

2. Ad Hoc Committee

Re: Motion to Amend Bylaws presented by Jake S, past Secretary Board of Trustees, submitted on 11/14/2023. Motion to add a section to the duties of the Chairperson as follows—

6.7.1.9: Attends the annual ICOAA Seminar (Intergroup/Central Office/Alcoholics Anonymous World Services/Alcoholics Anonymous Grapevine Seminar) each year, and is defrayed with funds from the

Central Office account. The Chairperson will subsequently give a full report at the following monthly Board of Trustees meeting, inviting all Central Office Representatives to be in attendance, and an abridged report at the Central Office Representative Meeting. The Committee has 3 recommendations:

1. the Central Office chair should attend this meeting
2. this should be budgeted for as a yearly budget line item
3. this is NOT a By-Law issue and should be kept as a budget issue for flexibility.

Motion made to cancel the motion: unanimously passed

3. Literature Committee

Motion to make the extra copies of "As Bill Sees It" (hardback version) available for sale at our average cost of \$8/each at Central Office and to the Groups - unanimously passed

OPEN FLOOR - Declan wants a copy of the Central Office Balance Sheet to be made available for general public access - suggested publishing in Lifeline. We will obtain a copy from Celeste, the accountant.

Adjourn and Close with Responsibility Statement

➤ **Next Central Office Rep meeting will be held on 03/12/2024 @6:30pm** ◀

Attachments:

Financials

Area 69 committee meeting flier

12-Step Volunteer Sign Up list

New Brew District 13 newsletter