

Central Office of Salt Lake City, Inc.

Central Office Meeting Minutes | Tuesday 6/11/2024 @ 6:30 pm

"Serving our community for over 75 years"

→ Board of Trustees ←

Chairperson: Wade J.

No introductions due to time constraints

Co-Chairperson: Shannon M. excused

Secretary: Jennie S. New reps - Please send email/phone number to secretary@saltlakeaa.org

Fred from Fresh Air made a motion to approve May meeting minutes. Jim S. seconded - PASSED

New Business:

1. At the board meeting we talked about posting our Financials on our website. Fred (Fresh Air) brought up that we are a 509C3 so our financials are public information anyways, so anyone can access them. Wade made a motion to approve putting "Financials Available Upon Request" on our website, along with the treasurer email address - PASSED
2. Declan noted that the Events on our website continue to be outdated at our board meeting. We discussed creating a new position under the webchair to exclusively manage events. Discussion ensued - Declan stated that the current way is not working but supports someone to gather events. Fred brought up that we don't need permission to clear old events so we should go ahead and do that. We also discussed which activities we put on our website and it was decided only those under Salt Lake Central Office's jurisdiction. Wade asked Jeff to think about having someone working under him and report next month.

Treasurer: Chris G.

- We had to pay our accountant for tax prep/filing for the past three years, which increased our accounting expense. We also paid for insurance this month, which was about \$670. Without those two expenses, we were essentially at break-even for the month.
- The primary reason we ran a loss was that we saw a decrease in donations around 25% year-over-year in May, as well as a decrease from the donations we'd received in previous months.
- Also, I have received some receipts from Amanda to begin updating COGS. More to come on that front as I work through it.

Donation check bounced from the Park City group so he needs to talk to the rep after the meeting

Mike wanted some clarification on paying the accountant - last year it stated we paid her for the last 2 years while this year, it was 3 years. Chris clarified that it was a cumulative of 3 years.

Charlie wanted numbers on the purple can. Chris will look at it and let him know.

Wade made a motion to approve May Financials - PASSED

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

See attached District 2 Newsletter and David R's report.

Trustee at Large (District 10 liaison): Declan Ó F.

David R. the Area Delegate gave a presentation at District 10 on June 3rd, report attached. There were 25 in attendance, 15 of whom were GSR's. Standard reports were bypassed or limited in favor of extending the time available to our visitor.

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

- Dist 11 meeting was heavy towards final plans for hosting the May 18 Area Post Conference Assembly. It was a success.
- The district voted to put suggested meeting contributions on agenda. These percentages are per the AA brochure titled Self Support

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

- The May GSR meeting was well attended but slightly down from April. There were 19 in attendance. Tony, the DCMC chaired the meeting. He gave a great report on the Post Conference Assembly and various motions that were approved or otherwise. Several other GSRs and Standing Chairs also gave favorable reports regarding the assembly. The only negative report was regarding audio equipment and difficulty of running the hybrid meeting. There were other comments from GSRs that the Zoom meeting was particularly challenging and the poor audio made it hard to focus and listen.
- In regard to that, there was a discussion regarding a Proposal / Motion made: Spending \$1500 for new audio equipment. This will be brought back to your groups. Some of the funds may be reappropriated from other budgets with a possible surplus.
- There are some new insurance changes and any area hosted events will now be covered by Area 69, The cost of this liability coverage is \$420 per year. This is required to reserve most venues.
- Like many districts, areas, and here at Central Office, District 13 is starting to look for folks wanting to serve and step into positions this fall. There are some positions open now but all will be open soon. There are 2 chairs currently open. They are Public Information and Communications. Come join us at District 13 or here at Central Office and expand your AA horizons.
- The newest DCM reported attending 3 meetings and gave updates about those groups. It is great to have her on board as she can support the many women's meetings in District 13.
- In general all the GSRs reported strong attendance with newcomers, old timers, and everyone in between.
- The meeting closed with a discussion on financing regarding meetings, groups, etc. Getting EIN numbers and other financial tools for groups can be tricky. Do it correctly and get advice if needed.
- Come check out the next District 13 GSR meeting. As always, the District 13 Newsletter "New Brew" is attached to your email. It is full of great information. Reach out to me for anything you need. Email me at trustee13@saltlakeaa.org. Thanks for letting me serve.

Elan had question on the \$1500 in audio equipment

Alternate Trustee At Large: OPEN

Wade reopened this position due to Patty missing 2 unexcused meetings. No one stood - PLEASE take back to your groups!

Alternate Trustee At Large: OPEN

No one stood. We have elections in November, will have flyer to take back to groups

→ Standing Committee Chairs ←

Hotline Telephone: Max D.

During June I will be contacting all current volunteers to check their interest in continuing serving, there may be some small changes by the start of July. They have some turnover. Passing around a sheet with the most needed time slots (see attached).

Twelfth Step: Charlie C.

No update, things running smoothly

Activities: Kim B.

Great turnout for Founders Day Breakfast

Next event is the Central Office Picnic on Aug 11th from 11-2pm at Murray Park.

Newsletter: Danny B

Thank you for last month's 6th Step stories. For the July Lifeline, I'm asking our Reps to please take back to your groups a request for a 1 page story on Step 7 "Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings." And thanks to the "Valley View Group" for submitting your group Birthdays. Our Lifeline group birthdays are growing. Keep up the good work!

Outreach: OPEN

Jack H. moving to Texas for work, Good Luck Jack! Position is open, PLEASE take back to your groups.

Website: Jeff P.

Nothing to report.

By-Laws: Brad C.

2 proposals to be submitted for Amendment:

1. Eligibility for **trustees**. At present, our bylaws state "minimum of 2 years sobriety and 1 yr Central Office committee membership. Looking to strike the latter. Also affects Board of Trustees replacements. We need a majority $\frac{2}{3}$ vote required to make by-laws change. Take back to your groups to get feedback.
2. Current requirements for the Central Office chair position is 2 yrs of sobriety with a subsequent 2 year requirement to stay on as an immediate past chair (for a total of 4 years). Looking to change the latter to 6 months. Open Discussion: Fred from Fresh Air brought up the concept of "institutional memory" i.e. the use of collective memory to interpret laws and assign authority - worried that a 6 mo vs 2 yr tenure wouldn't be enough time to pass along the necessary skills/info to the next Chair. Nick R. suggested 1 year instead of 6 mo. According to Robert's Rules, we vote to strike down the amendment before proposing a new one, so that discussion isn't currently relevant.

Volunteer: Bob C.

We need more volunteers! 10-5 M_F 10-2 Sat. No sobriety requirement.

Literature: Jim S.

I have a good stock of all books, Spanish and English. We also have all pamphlets both Spanish and English that are in print. All back orders will be filled when available. I am also offering the Big Book 75th edition (reprint of 1st edition) at a special price of \$3.00 until the end of July. If you have any questions email me at eve.jim.smith@gmail.com or call me 801-859-4501. Thanks Jim S

Archives: Ben H.

Has your home group closed after COVID? Central Office is a great place for phone lists and booklets.

Treatment Facilities and Accessibilities: Charlie T.

Attended UCFAA conference featuring a deaf speaker. Explained the vodcast (video on demand) discussed at PRAASA this year -they could use funds for interpreters so if any group wants to add money to support, please get in touch with Charlie.

Corrections: Serena C.

Still working around lockdowns at SLC Metro but jail volunteers remain committed. Prison meetings are still running pretty smoothly. Bridging the gap is stepping up their communication with the corrections community. The idea is to have an active list of BTG volunteers available to get people to meetings immediately upon release. Please see attached flyer for BTG speaker.

Cooperation with Professionals: Karmina B.

Provided our meeting schedule PDF to Inner Peace's therapy and working on getting it to Talk Space online therapy.

Public Information: OPEN**Coins: Kathy M. n/a****Technology: Elan B.**

Check your emails!

→ **Old Business** ← Addressed above under Secretary

→ **New Business** ←

No action items but general discussion: Kathy from the Tooele group wanted to know where the money from the pink can goes - Serena told her they went to literature, meeting in a pockets, etc.

James had a question on the timeline for By-Law implementation - Wade clarified that it would be in November at elections this year. Does NOT impact any of the open positions.

→ **Next Central Office Rep meeting will be held on 7/10/2024 @6:30pm** ←

Att: May P&L, Group Contributions, New Brew District 13 Newsletter, District 2 Newsletter, District 10 Newsletter, Delegate David Remkes Report, Upcoming Event Flyers, Needed Hotline Time Slots