

Central Office of Salt Lake City, Inc.

Central Office Representatives Meeting Minutes | Tuesday 03/12/2024 @ 6:30 pm

"Serving our community for over 75 years"

→ Board of Trustees ←

Chairperson: Wade J. excused, **Phillip** filling in - Open with Central Office Preamble.

Co-Chairperson: Shannon M. Introductions

Secretary: Jennie S.

New reps - please get me your email, phone number and homegroup before you leave. Thanks for letting me serve!

Treasurer: Chris G.

P&L has us at a moderate profit for this month, although I recorded higher group contributions than what is listed - I believe that's due to District 13's donation, but I need to dig in more and may reach out to Amanda. I calculated group contributions at \$4,273 this month, which is a 77% YoY increase - very good. District 13's donation makes up the bulk of that, but we're up ~20% with that excluded, which can't be explained simply by the extra day. I have also attached our balance sheet at the end of January 2024, as it was brought up during last week's meeting that the Treasurer should make it available. My quick commentary on that is we are on stable financial footing. Our annual operating expenses are roughly \$32k, which we need held as a prudent reserve. We are about \$60k over that amount currently. Last update is that I need to get some tax documents over to Jim. Also, following up on Wade's request for a breakdown of COGS at the Board meeting - no granular info on COGS sold - will get together with Jim to do inventory.

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

District Area delegate David from Fillmore and Area chair Mike were in attendance. Discussed agenda items for the General Service Conference with an emphasis on homeless outreach in cooperation with Cooperation with Public Community, as well as discussions on AA accessibility.

Trustee at Large (District 10 liaison): Declan

Declan stood for this position; he has been our Alternate trustee for a couple of months now. His sobriety date is 2/13/2022. Voted in unanimously. Welcome Declan!

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

Dist 11 met 2/14/24. 24 members attending

1. Grapevine chair stepped down. Was replaced at the same meeting.
2. Corrections chair stated pink can contributions to discontinue as Big Book is provided on tablets
3. District voted to allow District 10 pickup Area 69 workshop to be held in August.
4. A district inventory was conducted the last half of the meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the pink can contributions being discontinued. The current printed Big Books will stay at the prisons. They also have an App to get the Grapevines. Kathy asked for donations of Big Books, as her homegroup gives them to new members.

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

First of all, a big shout out and thank you again District 13. There was a discrepancy on the donation check from last month, which turned out to be \$1400 instead of \$1000. I had the honor and some good luck that my AA birthday landed on the same day as the February District 13 GSR meeting so instead of cracking open a case of beer I cracked open a case of As Bill Sees It books and we all had a good time and nobody got in trouble! Mike, the Area 69 chair attended the meeting and it was great to hear some area updates from him and see him again. Two New GSRs were in attendance last month. Many District 13 groups seem to be getting good attendance and newcomers are reported at most meetings. We are looking for 1-2 District Committee Members (DCMs), preferably a female that could visit the many Women's meetings in District 13. Please feel free to reach out to me at trustee13@saltlakeaa.org if you or anyone you know would be interested in that position. Attached is the District 13 Newsletter called "New Brew" and it gives you everything you need to know about District 13 and lots of good AA information in general. Thanks for letting me serve.

Alternate Trustee At Large: OPEN

Central Office of Salt Lake By-Laws 6.7.6 Trustees at Large & Alternate Trustees

There shall be three elected Trustees at Large and two elected Alternate Trustees at Large who shall:

6.7.6.1 Attend all regular and special Board of Trustees meetings and all regular and special CO Committee meetings.

6.7.6.2 Assist, participate and share in the responsibilities of the Board of Trustees as described in these By-Laws and as otherwise authorized or delegated by the Chairperson or their designate.

6.7.6.3 Fill in at meetings and activities when the regular Trustee at Large is unable to attend and to accept the position of Trustee at Large when that person is unable to complete their term.

Alternate Trustee At Large: Patty N. stood for District 2 Alternate Trustee. Her sobriety date is 3/14/1992. Unanimously voted in!! Welcome Patty!

→ Standing Committee Chairs ←

Hotline Telephone: Max D.

Received a call 3 days ago from a volunteer needing to quit and 15 min later, someone called and filled that spot. Coincidences are the way God becomes anonymous. Hotline positions are full and times filled.

Twelfth Step: Charlie C.

Continuing to update the 12 Step list. Request that we email them for District level distribution as well.

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 on 10/5/24

Will look into the Bees tickets and possibly renting facilities to host the “Take your Sponsor to Breakfast” idea that we have been discussing. Another idea for an event in January for our volunteer-run Central Office is an Open House with Board, Standing Chairs, and Volunteer members present to answer questions and chat about our positions. Would likely be held on a Saturday and called “This Will Never Work”.

Newsletter: Danny B.

Thank you to all who have reported group birthdays, they have doubled in the past few months. The Lifeline is still in need of member stories on experience, strength and hope. Please email them to lifeline@saltlakeaa.org

Outreach: Jack H. n/a

Website: Jeff P.

Nothing major with overall traffic almost identical to last mo, around 4400 visitors.

By-Laws: Brad C. n/a

Volunteer: Bob C.

Recently purchased a new insulated coffee pot. There are 3 new volunteers that seem to be working out well. A reminder to send any check contributions made out to “Central Office of Salt Lake” not “Intergroup”.

Literature: Jim S.

Finished inventory of literature and just need to get it priced. “As Bill Sees It” is selling so come purchase at \$8 a piece for your groups! Bob commented that when he is ringing up customers, the customer database is not always congruent with display price, so he has been selling the literature for the lower price. Declan wanted to look at past receipts to assess the cost of the books sold, including shipping and inflation costs. Phillip tabled the discussion for the next board meeting.

Archives: Ben H.

Check out the Archive room at Central Office as well as the piece in the Lifeline newsletter. Remember it's Spring Cleaning time! Please donate any AA memorabilia, including old Big Books, Grapevines, and conference-related items in the bucket in the Archive room at Central Office.

Public Information: OPEN

Central Office of Salt Lake By-Laws section 7.3.11

The Public Information Committee will function in cooperation with the similar committees in Districts 2, 10 and 11 and Area 69. The Committee, in carrying out its duties, will refer to the GSO A.A. Guidelines and Kit for direction and Guidance.

Treatment Facilities and Accessibilities: Charlie T.

Attended PRAASA at the beginning of March. Nationally they are looking to create ASL podcasts for the Grapevine. Still working to get the word out to the deaf community here in Utah regarding availability of interpreter service..

Corrections: Serena C.

Asked for extra Grapevines (due to discussion) for Metro jail; they take the staples out and sew them. Meetings are up and running again at Oxbow Jail on Fridays. Still lots of lockdowns at SL Metro Jail, especially on weekends. District 10 corrections chair is holding another meeting of the volunteers on a Saturday in April. Ways to shuffle volunteers and organize more efficient pods. CO reps, be sure to support the effort of getting big books behind the walls. Ask your groups to put their spare dollars in the Pink Can.

Cooperation with Professionals: Karmina B.

Cornerstone Counseling rescheduled appointment to get AA materials out to them.

Coins: Kathy M.

Thanks to the Chip Committee, reorders and inventory are up to date.

Technology: Elan B.

MS Office installed with no problems. The Tech budget still has around \$500 so he is going to purchase a laptop such as a Chromebook for Central Office to permanently accommodate Zoom meetings (we are currently using Elan's personal computers, tablet, and phone).

Additional Comments

Charlie found out at PRASSA that out of all the registered groups, only 30% contribute to GSO. Please ask your groups to consider donating.

Declan recently attended a business meeting at Alano Club where he saw a lack of knowledge about Central Office and the value of donating to us. CO Reps in District 10: please spread the word about Central Office. Also, to all Central Office Reps: let us know how we can support you with spreading the word about what we do at Central Office - the various committees, literature, volunteer opportunities, etc.

Adjourn and close with the Responsibility Statement

→ **Next Central Office Rep meeting will be held on 04/10/2024 @6:30pm** ←