

Central Office of Salt Lake City, Inc.

Central Office Meeting Minutes | Tuesday 05/14/2024 @ 6:30 pm

"Serving our community for over 75 years"

→ Board of Trustees ←

Chairperson: Wade J.

Opened with introductions and the CO preamble was read.

Co-Chairperson: Shannon M. excused

Secretary: Jennie S.

Excused; Declan filling in. Vote to approve April Meeting Minutes tabled until next month.

Treasurer: Chris G.

- April was another strong month for the Central Office - both March and April contributions were higher than those of last year. Donations continue to be high in 2024.
- Our tax return was handled by our accountant, but apparently we haven't paid them for the past two years, so those costs will be incurred this month.
- Now that my wedding and honeymoon are in the rearview mirror, I'm going to work with our accountants to update cost-of-goods-sold (COGS) in Square. We should update COGS as we order materials - this is not currently being done by anybody with regularity. We've been profitable regardless, but it would be nice to have a clearer understanding of our margins.

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

- D2 is hosting a few area events on August 11, (refer to the D2 Newsletter attached). Central Office is now receiving the D2 newsletter every month to be included in the email along with the minutes.
- D2 is hosting Area elections in September. Service positions are filled, but they're asking for volunteers. Last night, a PI/CPC rep was elected, which was a big deal since that position had been vacant for some time.

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

- The last D10 committee meeting was held on Monday the 6th. 31 attendees were present.
- Following her report, the treasurer approached me and shared a nice surprise: D10 generously contributed \$866.67 to Central Office.
- A paper copy of the District 10 Dispatch is available for interested reps (no digital copies available).
- DCMs reported active involvement visiting groups throughout their sections.
- Betsy, the corrections chair who visited us last month, recorded 913.5 hours of service in corrections from January through March, or just over 70 hours per week, and recorded 25 good day forms, which are earned by inmates for ten completed meetings.
- The jail has made a few policy changes for AA volunteers. Oxbow security classes will no longer be required on a yearly basis, relaxing to every two years, but one-time training and background checks will become yearly requirements, which is causing a bit of an administrative hassle.

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

- Rick with Bridging the Gap reported that he is receiving a steady flow of released inmates from Betsy. One of his contacts just reached five years of sobriety last month.
- The total contributions didn't cover travel and lodging expenses by Kristen's guests, so they covered the overage. Following the Districts' donations, I spoke with Alan B about taking the lead to ask about a matching \$250 allotment to Kristen B.
- While the Alano Club is a separate entity from AA with 46 AA meetings on location, its changes can impact us so I wanted to note that the club held its second quarterly meeting earlier this month. Brooke, the president of the club, resigned her position, and the board shuffled a bit to fill her role and the vacant spot was filled with an alternate.

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

- District 11 meeting was held April 10. 22 Attendees.
- PRAASA reports were given by 4 district persons who attended. Positive reviews.
- The district voted to pay for prorata share of expenses for speaker traveling to corrections workshop.
- SDRC (in District 11) information at CO needs to be updated
- D11 is hosting an area event next weekend, May 18th.

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

- The April District 13 GSR Meeting was well attended by GSRs as well as by Kristen D; Area 69 Corrections Chair
- Everyone had good things to say about the pre-conference assembly and several reports were given.
- Most GSRs reported strong, steady attendance at their meetings.
- District 13 won the Pre-Conference Assembly for 2026.
- Kristen D; Area 69, Corrections Chair spoke and reported that she is working towards bringing in a Class A (non-alcoholic) Trustee for the upcoming Bridging the Gap Workshop. Her name is Nancy and she has been in the corrections business for over 30 years. There was a good conversation regarding bridges and how they are working. She is asking for contributions from each District in the amount of \$250. She is also asking the Salt Lake Central Office to contribute \$250. Thus far most districts have obliged. ----There was a motion made to increase the District 13 budget by \$250. It was seconded. The vote was unanimous. District 13 will donate \$250 and I am asking or will be asking and motioning that we do the same here at Central Office.
- The Area 69 CPC has had to step down. That position is open if someone would like to serve until September please reach out and we will get you connected.
- There were two positions filled at the meeting: Todd stood and qualified for the District 13 Corrections / BTG Chair and Melinda stood to be a District 13 DCM
- Attached is the District 13 Newsletter, New Brew which will give you information on all things District 13 is doing. Thanks for letting me serve and let me know if I can help you or your group in any way.

Alternate Trustee At Large: Patty N. N/A

Alternate Trustee At Large: OPEN

→ Standing Committee Chairs ←

Hotline Telephone: Max D. n/a

Twelfth Step: Charlie C. n/a

Activities: Kim B.

- The activity with the Bees has been canceled for now. We could not get price and ticketing that would work for us at this time.
- Have the reps take plenty of Founders Day flyers. Let's really get the word out of our breakfast on June 9th at Fairmont Park from 10am till 1pm.
- I sent the secretary a digital form of the flyer to pass to the people online.

Newsletter: Danny B

- Needs funding for postal. Wade said Bob can use the card for this.
- The Grapevine needs to be renewed.
- Looking for a one-page story regarding Step Seven for the July Lifeline; needs it by the 2nd weekend of June. Thanks to all the groups for sending stories for the June edition!

Outreach: Jack H.

Needs help with outreach down in Utah county - there are a lot of meetings not being reached down there.

Website: Jeff P.

Everything is running pretty smoothly. Traffic up just a tiny bit to just under 5k visitors. Most traffic goes to the meetings page.

By-Laws: Brad C.

Committee has started!. Received multiple submissions in email and in person. Next meeting is online on Tuesday at 6pm.

Volunteer: Bob C.

Concerned about A/C and about the lawn, but those matters are being addressed.

Literature: Jim S.

- I ordered the books and we are in the process of receiving the second shipment of grapevine material.
- I picked up the business cards, and some are in the desk some in the storage room.
- Two pending orders. Pamphlets are going up in price. Some are double or triple the price (see attached literature lists). The Grapevine order from May 2 is delayed to a tentative date of the 17th; apparently they had a glitch in their system and everything placed on that day was lost. Some of the books have been very popular, including the Twelve Steps.
- The new price list for the pamphlets has been entered in our POS system, Square.

Literature: Jim S. (continued)

- Wade explained that GSO supplements the shortfall with literature. If contributions drop, GSO has to raise prices; if every member of AA donated \$8, then GSO would be able to sell literature at cost... Central Office works the same way.
- Jim will provide a complete literature price list to be sent out with the minutes.

Archives: Ben H.

Thanks for all the donated archive materials!

Treatment Facilities and Accessibilities: Charlie T.

At PRAASA, a group of six deaf and himself worked out ideas on how to improve AA for the deaf. They can't do a podcast, but they're currently looking for translators to do a vodcast.

Corrections: Serena C.

- Oxbow security training will now only be required every TWO years instead of every year. They're also going to be doing background checks on the volunteers every two years. We'll need to resubmit a Jail Access Application Form along with the copy of the front side of our driver's license each time. It may be a bit confusing at first; the dates of the training and the background checks aren't necessarily the same. (These two things are done by different offices.)
- Pink can money is still coming in, thanks to everyone who contributes. Betsy discovered war rooms with stashes of literature mixed in with Books of Mormon and cookbooks.

Cooperation with Professionals: Karmina B.

Lacy, a deaf member of AA, will be speaking at an upcoming panel on the 25th.

Public Information: **OPEN**

Coins: Kathy M.

Prices are changing on chips and the board approved the new prices earlier this month. 2 will go up and 1 down:

- Aluminum chips will go up from 0.50 to 0.70 cents.
- Bronze chips are going up from \$1.25 to \$1.35.
- Tri plates going down from \$15 to \$13

Technology: Elan B.

Declan getting automated emails with the message "email could not be sent", so Elan will look into it.

Old Business - None

New Business

Area 69 requests a \$250 donation from Central Office to help bring out a couple of Bridging the Gap speakers for a Corrections workshop on June 15th in Heber City. (referenced in Phillip, Alan and Declan's reports as well). They are \$390 short right now.

...Motion made by Alan to vote on donating \$250 to the Area 69 Corrections Workshop tonight. Declan seconded. Reps unanimously voted to support the Area on this. Wade asked Alan to get the funds to Chris.

Motion to adjourn, seconded. Meeting brought to a close with the Responsibility Statement.

→ **Next Central Office Rep meeting will be held on 5/11/2024 @6:30pm** ←

Att: April P&L, New Brew District 13 Newsletter, District 2 Newsletter, Founders Day Breakfast flyer, AA World Services Literature Price List with Central Office pricing (2 pages)