

SANTA CLARITA VALLEY CENTRAL OFFICE OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MINUTES

Recorded by Douglas W., Chairperson

Monday, November 25, 2024

- Meeting called to order: 7:00 PM by Doug W.
- Opening Prayer: Serenity Prayer (All)
- Statement of Purpose: Read by Susie R.
- Motion to Accept Minutes: Motion by Susie R., seconded by Judy F. Minutes accepted.

Chairperson's Report – Doug W.

- Urged members to contribute stories for the newsletter.
- January's Literature Share most likely Leslie M., (on vacation)

Literature Share – Hailey W.

- Shared insights on GSO's F-228 pamphlet on Group Safety, highlighting the importance of having a process in place to address disruptive or predatory behavior.
- A mention of the availability of the District 7 Safety Workshop presentation (September) at area93district7.org.
- Noted that a statement in the Gratitude Gazette (7th Tradition page) on Venmo privacy settings.

Treasurer's Report – Judy F.

- Monthly Revenue/Expenses: -\$1,187.17 (in the red).
- Individual Contributions: \$1,573 (up).
- Group Contributions: \$207 (down).
- Checking Account Balance: \$10,154.
- Prudent Reserve: \$16,140.69.
- Taxes: 2023 taxes filed and accepted by the state and federal government (pro bono by CPA). Next year's filing may cost approximately \$1,500.
- Gratitude Month Contributions (as of 11/25): \$1,240.
- Motion to Accept Report: Motion by Susie R., seconded by Patty G. Report accepted.

Office Manager and Literature – Judy F.

- **Gratitude Month:** November focus.
- **Plain Language Big Book:** Now in stock. Noted changes issued for the second printing (GSO update 11/24).

- **Intergroup Contribution Discussion:** Considering donating a percentage of Gratitude Month funds to GSO in New York. Decision tabled until after Gratitude Month.
- **Visit to Henry Mayo's BHU (Behavioral Health Unit):**
 - Judy F. and Doug W. met with Ashley, the director, to discuss cooperation (non-affiliation with professional communities).
 - Central Office provided books and pamphlets for staff. H&I provided five softcover Big Books and QR literature cards for the patient library.

Inquiries/Website – Doug W.

- Website updated with a new button on the homepage for *Gratitude Gazette* articles (2024).

Outreach Report – Tobiah N.

- Not present

Public Information – Patty G.

- No Report

Facilities – Judy F.

- The Central Office is decorated for the Holidays.

Old Business

- Bank Account Issue: No changes made yet due to challenges with cash deposits when switching to a digital banking platform.

New Business

- **Computer Upgrade:** Proposal to purchase a Dell laptop for \$602 (supports Windows 11) from TechSoup to replace the office desktop. TechSoup provides Office 365 for \$1 per user/month. Motion passed (motion and seconder not specified).

Announcements

- Judy F. explained the 24/7 hotline process:
 - Central Office handles calls on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.
 - On those days after-hours calls forward to Judy's phone until 9:00 PM, after which Jeff C. manages calls for the remainder of the week and times.

Basket

- Passed jar

Birthdays – November

- Patty G. (November 15): 12 years of sobriety! 🎉

Meeting closed at 7:45 pm with “I AM RESPONSIBLE” Pledge