

Central Office of Salt Lake City, Inc.
Central Office Rep Meeting Minutes | Tuesday 9/10/2024 @6:30pm
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→ **Board of Trustees** ←

Chairperson: Wade J.

Introductions; Josh read the Central Office Preamble

Co-Chairperson: Shannon M. n/a

Secretary: Jennie S.

New Reps, send email/phone number to secretary@saltlakeaa.org or come see me after the meeting. There are flyers available (attached) for the open positions coming up for election in November.

Motion to approve the August minutes made by Max, Elan seconded.

Treasurer: Chris G.

Please find the P&L and group contributions (along with a new Purple Can sheet) attached.

- Group contributions were significantly down in August YoY, but we are still up 8.71% in 2024 vs 2023. We turned a modest profit in August.
- In other news, there were a couple of issues with payments to GSO for literature orders that I had to iron out. Apparently we had checks that bounced in 2023 and some outstanding invoices totaling \$7,772.50. I authorized payment of that balance yesterday, and it will assuredly lead to a loss this month. We also had an issue with the debit card - somehow the address was updated to SLC from Salt Lake City, and we could not place any new orders until that was corrected (also yesterday). We have sufficient funds to cover everything, but this was certainly an unexpected expense, and is a testament to why we keep a prudent reserve.

Motion to approve Financials made by Elan, Danny seconded

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

Meeting last night - they are allocating money to send 2 reps to PRAASA in Alaska. (See attached District 2 Newsletter)

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

- In District 10, there's been a bit of upheaval at the Alano Club, seeing its second resignation of a chairperson of the board inside six months. This time it came with the accompanying loss of all but one employee. A new chair stepped in and the board's been working to keep the club running for all groups. As a result, they've seen uninterrupted continuity of meetings hosted at the club. I was chatting with Todd, the DCMC before last night's meeting, and he assured me that AA has barely felt the impact. Credit to Shurone, the new chair, for doing a great job.
- During the Pre-Assembly workshop, District 10 learned that their Literature Chair's position was a bit out of sync with the standard role for that chair. Their literature chair has been acting as more of a communication chair, coordinating district happenings, finances, and meeting minutes to publish their

district dispatch. So they're presenting a motion to transition their Literature chair to a Communication Chair and then create a new chair position for literature.

- announced our upcoming Central Office elections and encouraged district members to have a visit with Central Office.
- District 10 is preparing for their own upcoming elections in September and have published a District Election Procedure guide, spending most of last night covering the upcoming event.

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

- District 11 meeting held 8/14. 21 people in attendance including 2 new GSRs
- Literature chair is partnering with District 12 to man a booth at Ogden Recovery Days in September.
- Meeting ended with presentation on Tradition Four presented by one of the GSRs

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

- Hello Central Office Reps! The District 13 GSR meeting was well attended with a headcount of 28. We had 3 visitors from Area 69. David R; Delegate, Teresa M; Alternate Delegate; and Mike F; Area Chair. They gave us both General Service Conference Updates and Area 69 Information.
- There were two new General Service Representatives (GSRs) and one new prospect checking out the meeting. There were also several others exploring and considering service positions. Dusty stood for the Communications Chair and was voted in so the New Brew should commence next month.
- There are many great meetings in District 13 and most of them are well attended. You can find large, medium, and small meetings in District 13.
- District elections are coming up in District 13 just as they are here at Central Office. If you have any questions on any of the positions please feel free to ask us questions and come have some fun with us. Thanks for your support of Central Office. We appreciate you very much.

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The vote for leaving both these positions open until elections in November PASSED unanimously last month.

→ Standing Committee Chairs ←

Hotline Telephone: Max D.

Things running smoothly - all positions filled and 2 volunteers on standby. Wade gave a shout out to Max for raising the percentage of volunteers taking calls from 26% to 100% over his 2 year term.

Twelfth Step: Charlie C.

The 12th step list has been updated multiple times. He has been in the position for 3 years so he will definitely be stepping down. He has 12th step lists to be distributed.

Activities: Kim B.

Annual Chili Cook Off is on Saturday October 5th from 5:30 to 8 PM. Location: St. Vincent DePaul, 1385 Spring Ln. (5100 S.) This is a potluck event with a speaker at 7:00 pm. There will be 3 awards and 2 honorable mentions.

Newsletter: Danny B.

Looking for Step 10 and 11 submissions, as well as additional Group Birthdays.

Outreach: OPEN**Website: Jeff P.**

Traffic essentially identical to July - 5300 visitors, some event submissions.

By-Laws: Brad C.

Monthly meeting will be held in-person on 9/26 at 6 PM at the Alano Club in Murray. He's collected 16 suggestion submissions over Zoom that need to be sorted out. Email: bylaws@saltlakeaa.org

Volunteer: Bob C.

Central Office had some electrical problems that were cleared up by the landlord of the building. They worked with Rocky Mtn Power and an electrician, and it seems that they made things more efficient.

Literature: Jim S.

Resolved credit card issue with GSO. He increases discounts through bulk ordering but essentially holds a prudent reserve in book inventory. Wade's directive: Don't run out of Big Books and 12/12's! Pocket editions of Big Book have been ordered and on their way. Bob has been making Newcomer packets.

Archives: Ben H.

Ben Alcoholic and Archives. Thanks to Morris for his book drop off. A new area of the display case is being used. A lot of new cassette tapes are in the audio soundcase. Thanks for all the Archives drop offs and thanks for letting me be of service.

Treatment Facilities and Accessibilities: Charlie T.

Looking at moving meetings into nursing homes. Grapevine's vodcast is up and running as of July 1st. Salt Lake has sent around \$1000 in donations to support the vodcast, and **his** specific homegroup has authorized him to use purple can collections.

Corrections: Serena C.

SL Metro inmates now have access to correspondence forms to be completed and sent to New York World Services. They have a pen pal program for inmates who have at least 6 more months left on their jail sentence. It allows regular AAs on the outside to correspond with inmates from other states. We're also working toward a list of AAs who are willing to sponsor inmates upon release.

Cooperation with Professionals: Karmina B. excused

Still trying to get in with Sego Lily abuse center.

Public Information: OPEN**Coins: Kathy M.**

Supply of Tri Plates coins might be affected in the near future, but we are currently good.

Technology: Elan B.

Front desk phone is working again and he made specific notes for his predecessor. The NAATW workshop is this weekend so he will report on this next month. It was decided that John S. will be the 3rd attendee.

Old Business: 2 ITEMS

Item #1: Review verbiage (for By-Laws) describing the “Alternate Technology Committee Chair” position we established last month. See italicized text below:

7.3.15 Technology Committee

Responsible for the maintenance of Central Office computer hardware and software, network infrastructure, cloud services, and all software licensing compliance. Assists the hotline and website committees with the maintenance of their respective systems when requested.

The Technology Committee Chair may delegate responsibilities but must maintain administrative access to all systems under the purview of this committee. Wherever possible the committee should favor open-source solutions and leverage the tax-exempt status of the Central Office.

An Alternate Technology Committee Chair may be elected to fill in and perform the duties of the regular Technology Committee Chair when the Chair is unable to do so. The Technology Committee Chair is expected to provide extensive training to their Alternate Chair so that they are able to assist at the same level as the regular Chair. The Alternate Chair will be provided with the same level of access as the normal Chair so they can be of the same level of service; however, this access can be revoked by the normal Chair at any time.

⇒ Motion to accept verbiage **PASSED** unanimously.

Item #2: Discussion/Vote on creating a memorial board for Rusty.

Questions on the scope - is this only for Rusty? If not, how would we decide whom to memorialize? Motion taken to spend \$50 for a picture for Rusty had several dissenting votes. Minority opinions were heard:

- Sullivan’s group was against this based on the concept of Anonymity and the fact that in the past, Dr. Bob refused a memorial.
- Lisa from an AA Group concurred, and also brought up the historic precedent that Dr Bob didn’t want a memorial.
- Jeff D. (online) also spoke against the motion based on breaking the spiritual principle of anonymity.
- Brad wanted to remind everyone that anonymity, as stated in the 12 Traditions, is at the level of press radio and films.

Result: Several people changed their vote based on minority opinion so Wade reopened the discussion. Vote was retaken and the result was 16 yes/14 no.

⇒ Motion **DID NOT PASS**. Motion tabled, will need to be reopened next year with the new Chair if desired.

New Business: None.

Adjourned at 7:35 pm with the Responsibility Statement.

→ **Next Central Office Rep meeting will be held on 10/8/2024 @6:30pm** ←