

Tulare County Hospital & Institution Committee
Minutes
November 8, 2025 10:00 am, Bridge St, Visalia, CA

Opening: Joyce R. Opened the meeting at 10:02 am with the Serenity Prayer

Statement of Purpose: Jeff Q read the Statement of Purpose

Twelve Traditions: Tommy read the 12 traditions

Introduction/Sign in: New members: Charley D., Tommy C. and Lynn S.

Attendees: Joyce R, Sean A, Violet Q, Jeff Q, George J, Melanie M, David G, Matt R, Mike S, Gary B, Greg O, Carlos N, Charley D, Tommy C, Lynn S, and Mike Mc.

Anniversaries: Matt R 8/15/23, Lynn S 10/1/06, Melanie M 9/26/10

Approval of Minutes: Mike S made a motion to approve the minutes from September 13, 2025 and Melanie M second the motion. The minutes were approved by a majority vote.

Treasurer Report: Gary B- \$211.30 was given to the Speaker Jam. Current balance is \$730.52 and \$47 was collected during the 7th Tradition.

Old Business:

- Open Positions: Joyce will need a replacement a year from this meeting, if interested reach out to her and you could take the co-chair for the year to learn the position. Open positions Regional Chair, Meeting Leaders at TLC 1st Wednesday, Navigation Center 2nd and 4th Wednesdays and Pine 3rd Saturday.
- AI Transcription device: We would need a device that does not run on WiFi since Bridge St does not have WiFi. Lynn and Joyce will review some devices that run between \$50-\$100. The meeting would be recorded then after being transcribed and edited by the Secretary the recording would be deleted. The committee agreed to purchasing an AI device for transcription.

New Business:

- **Prudent Reserve:** Currently there is just over \$700 in our account. Previously, we had set the Prudent Reserve at \$1,000 as it was possible that we would need to rent a storage unit for our literature. Jeff Q. is able to keep the literature at his home so a storage unit is not needed at this time. It was noted that in January, we will receive our 5% from Norcal which last year was close to \$400.00. The Committee agreed that we were comfortable making the Prudent Reserve \$500.00. Therefore, it was agreed to distribute \$500.00 and send 50% to Central Office, 25% District 47, and 25% Norcal H&I.

Reports:

Area Chair: Joyce R

- NorCal H&I had a budget meeting and currently they are using the Prudent Reserve. They felt it was the committee's responsibility to adjust the budget so that they were not using the Prudent Reserve. Each meeting should be spending about \$25 dollars per month and currently we are at \$33 which is acceptable.

- Tulare County has contributed \$7,454 as of September and our current expenses are \$10,036.
- Make sure that the volunteers are sitting amongst the residents and that you are not using a panel format.

Area Co-chair:

No report currently vacant

Regional Chair: Joyce R

The requirements are five years sobriety if interested let Joyce know.

Literature: Jeff Q

- He introduced the Pink Can at the Alano Club, and gave them a couple cans. If you go to a meeting that does not have a Pink Can and would like one, speak to Jeff and he will get you one.
- Jeff has a list of facilities and keeps track of what they take so that he has a count of books being given out and to where.
- If a meeting leader needs books, reach out to Jeff and he will coordinate a meeting place to meet you with the books.

Valley Speaker Series: Robert C sent in report

- At Sober Fest Mike spoke and they collected \$67.

Prison: Bill H Sent in report

- IVSS has 200 prisoners participating, 36 of which are incarcerated at Corcoran, Avenal, and SATF. Each location has a waiting list as we need more sponsors. Requirements include 5 years sobriety, experience being a sponsor, and a smart phone. If interested, there is a QR code on the flyer to complete a short application.
- Need volunteers for the prisons. Avenal currently has 5 volunteers cleared and are making 2 Meetings. Corcoran and SATF each have 11 cleared volunteers. The number of meetings being attended by the volunteers is a very small percentage of the meetings being held. If interested please reach out to Bill.

Tulare Co. Jail: Mike S

- September there were 3 meetings in 3 units.
- October there were 5 meetings, a 6th was scheduled but issues caused them to cancel.
- November 4 meetings are planned.
- Currently there are 5 applicants and 1 is waiting for orientation. There are 2 Spanish applicants but the county does not have a process for Spanish only so it is unknown when those applications will be processed.

- The County has had lots of changes so we are having to be flexible and patient. We can have 20 volunteers and are looking to fill those positions.

Turning Point: Daymond V sent in

- Going well, lots of guys there. Mike and I are meeting buddies and have had great volunteers.

Pine Recovery:

- Greg O: A couple months ago only 2 guys showed up and they were shocked that we would hold a meeting just for them. We told them if they show up, we will be here. The next meeting there were 5 guys and the last meeting they had a full meeting. Pine has a class set of books so they do not usually take literature but we encourage them to have literature of their own.
- Joyce R: Saturdays have had a sparse set of volunteers.

Women's Recovery Home: Violet Q.

- There have been lots of babies in the house. The last meeting was a small group but that was a great opportunity to answer questions. We have had a few new volunteers which has been great support.

TLC: Melanie

- Melanie filled in since Joyce was recovering. At this facility you never know what you are going to get. We had about 6 residents and we read the daily reflections. We had to get the group back on track because two residents were back and forth. One resident was giving the new resident advice on how to get help and navigate the facility. It was great seeing the resident reach out and try and help but we had to redirect so that we could get back to topic.

Robertson House:

- Sean A: There has been lots of good participation. Some guys tend to come in and out of the meetings and it does not feel that it has to do with appointments with staff. Not sure why it happens more at that house.
- Matt R: The meetings are going well. The guys are responding and are attentive. There is no problem with participation and we keep to a time limit for some residents that like to go on. They appreciate the literature and Matt does give a speech about limits and if they really need something to let him know.

Visalia Recovery Center: Clayton N sent in

- Great turn out! The staff is outstanding. There were 8 people attending other than the volunteers.

New Hope: Melanie M

- 5 Volunteers went to last month's meeting and there were all new residents. The 2-3 veteran volunteers helped show the new volunteers how the meeting goes.

Navigation Center: David G

- Since this facility is temporary housing there has been lots of turnover. We get returning residents maybe 2 meetings in a row. We do topic meetings and we usually have 3-4 volunteers and 3-4 residents, which makes for a great meeting.

CSR Liaison: George J

- At the Central Office meeting he presents what we talk about at our business meetings. He informs them about what is happening in the jails and prisons and our financial report. He lets them know what we spend on literature that we give out in the facilities. He encourages them to donate to the Pink Can in their meetings.
- The Big New Years Eve event put on by the Central Office was looking for volunteers.

District 47 meeting: David G

- The Election assembly is next weekend. District 47 needs people to step up and be of service so that our voice is heard. He will be stepping down as secretary in January and they will be needing his replacement along with a couple other positions.
- Since David will no longer be the secretary, we will need a new District 47 representative because he will not be attending the meetings.

Adjourn: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:07 am. The next orientation is January 10, 2026 at 9:00 am followed by the business meeting at 10:00 am at 526 N Bridge St.

Violet Q