

District 81 Committee Meeting Minutes
March 6th, 2024
Kelley's - La Marque

Call to Order: Keith – Serenity Prayer

Traditions/Concept: Concept 3 read by Terri

Roll Call: 17 officers, 18 GSRs, 5 Alt GSRs, 39 voting members, 2 visitors

Keith called the meeting to order. Concept 3 was read by Terri. Brandi performed the roll call. The meeting minutes for February 2023 were presented by Andrea. Tim motions to accept the minutes as written; Spencer seconded; motion passes. Debra presents the Treasurer's report. Forrest motions to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented; Brandi seconded; motion passes.
Forrest: Alt DCM Jan and Feb expense

Eric will do Concept 4 next month.

All Committee Meetings:

- Archives: Last Friday of the month – Alvin Taylor Street – 2:00
- CFC: Second Wednesday of the month – BAC – 6:30
- PICPC: Last Thursday of the month – BAC – 4:45
- Grapevine: Third Tuesday of the month – Google Meets – 5:30
- Literature: Third Wednesday of the month – Back porch of BAC – 7:30
- F&B: Last Wednesday of the month – Jason's Deli League City – 6:30
- TFC: Last Wednesday of the month – Zoom – 6:30 – ID 868-5564-9879, PW 06101935
- Newsletter: Last Monday of the month – Helen Hall Public Library – 5:00
- Website: Third Wednesday of the month – meet.google.com/ehm-jrvv-ifm – 6:00

Our Area Rep, Rick, went through the final agenda and picked out these 13 to go through with you.

Pick out 2 or 3 and bring it back to your group to discuss.

- Forrest: How did you narrow it down? Rick: Many of the agenda items are about reviewing progress or are standing agenda items for committees.
- Plain language Big Book - the delegates will have 2 hours to review it. Once we get into discussions, they can do one of three things: Recommend it (goes to the floor - could be approved or turned down - will require a ⅔ vote), Take no action (not come to substantial unanimity), or Send it to Literature committee.
 - Plain language will be 190 pages.
 - Diane: What is the danger of copyright if we do not go through with the Plain Language? Rick has not researched this.
 - Tiffany: When was this put forth? What conference? Rick: Agenda item for 70th conference, 2020, but was forwarded to the 71st conference, where it was approved.
- The board made a draw of \$1 million from the reserve.
- 5th edition will not be ready for the 2025 conference.
- Founder's writings explanation: at last years' conference, the finance committee said that "we need a policy on how to handle founder's writings" to the trustees literature committee, they sent a survey to understand what the fellowship wants.

Committee Reports:

1. Archives – Tiffany S.
 - a. Last Friday of the month – Alvin Taylor Street – 2:00
 - b. Report given by Tiffany S.
 - c. Monitoring the digitization of the binders, but have chosen to wait for the final cost until we know the exact cost of this service.
 - d. Discussed the service fair plans put on by the workshop committee.
2. Correctional Facility (CFC) – Janine
 - a. Second Wednesday of the month - BAC - 6:30
 - b. Report given by Janine
 - c. Going in to Carole Young TDCJ facility, with 1-3 volunteers and 13-16 sober "Sisters of the 12 Steps" group. Darryl, Janine, Texas, Sarah and Michelle are the primary volunteers. We schedule through GroupMe texts.
 - d. Contacted Pat W. at Galveston County Jail. She reports that John M is no longer coordinating volunteers. She has my application, since 2023 and will meet with volunteers on the last Saturday in March at the IHOP on 96 in League City. My SS Card and driver's license have different names, but Pat will speak with a Sargent, to get me into GCJ with my valid Passport and TDL, because they match. I plan to go to the courthouse and change my name, as I am called by my middle name.
 - e. Volunteers are scheduled thru March 31. Pat W will report if she needs me in for an emergency replacement. I plan to get on the schedule to go in on Tuesdays in April - December.
 - f. Correctional Facilities Committee is scheduling a training workshop in district #81, on May 1, 2024, at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, where Dickinson Bayou Group meets every Friday.

- i. CFC has permission from Sandi and the eldership of the church. CFC just needs to plan a plan for online/in-person TDCJ training, in district # 81. We will read the online questions as a group, discuss answers as a group and submit answers to TDCJ online test. This will allow every volunteer to take the message of recovery from alcoholism into state and local correctional facilities.
- 3. Public Information / Cooperation w/ Professional Community PI/CPC – Tim L.
 - a. Last Thursday of the month – BAC – 4:45
 - b. Report given by Tim
 - c. Open Positions: Secretary
 - d. Postal Publications and Coast Monthly PSA's – Next PSA is April/May - Michelle to do a check request for \$400.
 - e. Discussion on 2024 PSA
 - i. Decision was to rotate the current PSA's we have (Woman, Man, & Hope)
 - f. BILLBOARDS Scheduled for May – Michelle and Tim to meet in March to work on logistics.
 - g. New Business cards / New Committee stamp are in.
 - h. District 81 ideas for TV/Radio PSA's – Researching local radio and TV contacts for information about future PSA's. KUHT (channel 8) is a PBS member television station in Houston, Texas, United States. Owned by the University of Houston System, it is sister to NPR member station KUHF (88.7 FM).
 - i. Tim is going to pursue this goal. He will visit them in person to see who we need to meet with in order to get some traction here.
 - i. Phone Line Rotation – March 2023 - Cory W volunteered
 - j. 2024 Budget review for goals: Actions are to complete the next PSA and Billboards as scheduled in the budget.
 - k. New Volunteer needed for Literature distribution: Please announce in meetings
 - i. Must have time during normal business hours and can lift the boxes
 - l. Tim will be stepping down as PICPC Committee Chairperson/
 - i. Tim's last meeting as chair is April 3rd.
 - ii. Committee has voted to put up alt chair
- 4. Grapevine – Spencer W.
 - a. Third Tuesday of the month – Google Meets – 5:30
 - b. Report given by Spencer
 - c. Met VIA teams, we had 6 people in attendance. Discussed our subscription drive, and the contest, and just went over details to streamline the process.
 - d. Just got a Grapevine SETA District-81-grapevine@aa-seta.org email set up!
 - e. Will have two flyers sent out with directions and instructions for both Grapevine subscription contest and giveaway coming out soon!
- 5. Literature – Ashley S.
 - a. Third Wednesday of the month – BAC Room E – 7:30
 - b. Report given by Ashley
 - c. Defer to the attached phenomenal document!
 - d. Called out for meeting on the back porch at BAC and now must pay rent.
- 6. Finance & Budget (F&B) – DJ
 - a. Last Wednesday of the month – Jason's Deli League City – 6:30

- b. Report given by DJ
 - c. Went over the budget extensively
 - i. Group contributions went down considerably last year compared to previous years.
 - ii. Some budgets were not used.
 - d. Dave, alt chair, will be stepping down.
 - e. Area F&B CFC has only given 2 reports over the past year.
 - f. Send someone from your group to F&B
7. Treatment Facilities (TFC) – Robert
- a. Last Wednesday of the month – 6:30 – Zoom ID 868-5564-9879, PW 06101935
 - b. Report given by Robert
 - c. In Month went to Into Action and Kemah Palms
 - d. Upcoming
 - i. Into Action: second Monday - March 11th at 8:00pm (in person)
 - ii. Kemah Palms: third Tuesday - March 19th, 6:30pm (in person-if allowed)
 - iii. Bay Area Recovery Center: fourth Tuesday - March 26, 6:00pm via GoTo app or website
 - e. No expenditures since last month
 - f. Discussion on dates for Spring workshop: Robert to check availability of BAC for following dates: 4/14, 4/28, 5/19 as potential.
 - g. Ongoing projects:
 - i. Recruiting new TFC Members to staff more presentations and encourage existing members to participate
 - ii. Getting more advertisement out to AA meetings and clubs
8. Newsletter – Gwen R
- a. Last Monday of the month – Helen Hall Public Library – 5:00
 - b. Report given by Gwen
9. Workshop Chair – Debra
- a. Report given by Debra
 - b. Service Fair:
 - i. May 18th 11-2 - Bayshore Park - Spillway,
 - ii. All the committees can have information ready to hand out, this will be advertised
 - iii. Potentially plan to have fun Carnival games, Amazon or come up with your game
 - iv. Will be a scavenger hunt
 - c. GRAPE suit requested
 - d. Next committee meeting, please have your ideas ready.
 - e. Setup starts at 10 am for committees
10. Website – Jon
- a. Third Wednesday of the month – Google Meet – 6:00
 - a. Report given by Jon
 - b. Updates to committee meetings page:
 - i. Added Accessibility Committee information
 - ii. Added Robert H. as CFC Chair
 - iii. Updated Literature Committee meeting location to back porch at BAC
 - iv. Removed Hospitality Suite Committee

- c. Updates to District Info page
 - i. Added Accessibility google meet link to district committee meeting
 - d. Pending Items:
 - i. Accessibility Committee Page?(Discuss ideas with committee)
 - ii. Grapevine Committee Page? (Discuss ideas with committee)
 - iii. Add Workshop Committee meeting information
 - e. it-admins@aa-seta.org is the address to help with support
 - i. If you want an email address, this is the place to go
 - f. Newsletter questions
11. Accessibility: Continues to evaluate what this committee will be for going forward.
 - a. Doing a good job of providing access to this meeting.
 12. Registrar (Roll Call Results) – Kirsten
 - a. Brandi performed Roll Call (results above)

Old Business:

1. Standing committees do you have an alt chair ready to step in?
2. Area Assembly new location on April 6th, Area Committee Meeting March 23rd online and Round tables. San Jacinto College
 - a. Suggest getting group's opinion on the info that Rick passed out (
 - b. Anyone can come - not just GSRs. The roundtables are just a discussion, not a voting.
 - i. Rick will get someone to facilitate the round tables. Every round table will have a recorder to record notes. Rick will use these notes to understand the area's opinion on the agenda items.
 - ii. Dana: we send out delegate informed, not instructed. He has the autonomy to change his mind.

New Business:

1. Adhoc committee to add to the job descriptions in the P&P and Adhoc is also going to review the entire P&P at the same time.
 - a. Tiffany: drafted a proposal for the line that we are going to the job descriptions.
 - b. Will also be looking at the entire P&P.
2. Rick M. to discuss the PAI with us for the upcoming GSC.
3. Open positions:
 - a. PICPC chair and Alt Secretary

Brandi motions to close; Spencer seconded

Thanks!

Andrea W. - District 81 Secretary