

**District 81, Area 67 Southeast Texas
District Committee Meeting – July 12th, 2023**

We meet every 1st Wednesday of the Month from 7pm – 9pm

Kelley's Country Cooking – La Marque, Texas

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Call to Order

Traditions/Concept

Registrar (Kirsten)

Secretary (Andrea W.)

Treasurer (Debra S.)

2023

Serenity Prayer

Tradition 7 Michelle

Roll Call

Review and Approve Minutes from June 2023

Review and Approve Treasurer's Report from June

Committee Reports

1. Archives – Tiffany S.
2. Correctional Facility (CFC) – Janine
3. Public Information / Cooperation w/ Professional Community PI/CPC – Tim L.
4. Grapevine – Jan D.
5. Literature – Ashley S.
6. Finance & Budget (F&B) – DJ.
7. Treatment Facilities (TFC) – Brett H.
8. Newsletter – Gwen R
9. Workshop Chair – Open
10. Website- John A.
11. Registrar (Roll Call Results) – Kirsten Y.

Old Business

- Ad Hoc Accessibility Committee update
- SETA Convention Hospitality Suite
- Update on 501C.3 (non-profit) status

New Business

Rick S. And to give Delegate Report at August district meeting so please make your committee reports brief.

GSR Sharing**AA Group Announcements:****SETA Assembly Dates:**

July 8-9, 2023 DoubleTree IAH

October 14-15, 2023 DoubleTree IAH

Responsibility Statement. I am responsible, when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there, and for that. I am responsible.

District 81 Committee Meeting Minutes
July 12th, 2023

Call to Order: Keith – Serenity Prayer

Traditions/Concept: Tradition 7 read by Michelle

Roll Call: 28 voting members

Dave called the meeting to order. Tradition 7 was read by Michelle. Brandi performed the roll call. There were 28 voting members. The meeting minutes for June 2023 were presented by Andrea. James motions to accept the minutes as written; Diane seconded; motion passes. The June 2023 Treasurer's report was presented by Debra. Brandi motions to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented; Michael seconded; motion passes.

Dave will do Tradition 8 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: Last Tuesday of the month – 518 & 6th Avenue, Texas City – 6:00
- 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
- Newsletter: Last Monday of the month – Helen Hall Public Library – 5:00
- Website: Third Wednesday of the month – Google Meet – 6:00
- Accessibility: Second Wednesday of each month – Virtual – Same as D81 meeting
- Hospitality: Last Monday of the month – Back porch of BAC – 6:30

Open Positions:

- Archives Committee: Treasurer and Secretary
- CFC:
- PICPC: Secretary
- Grapevine:
- Literature: Alt Chair & Secretary
- Finance & Budget: Alt Chair
- TFC:
- Newsletter:
- Website:

Committee Reports:

1. Archives – Tiffany S.
 - a. Last Friday of the month – Alvin Taylor Street – 2:00
 - b. Report given by Tiffany S.
 - c. Fun Fact: District 81 was previously District 8
 - d. District 82 will be moving their archives to somewhere closer to them. Will only be District 81 in the Alvin group.
 - e. Rent will double for the Archives
2. Correctional Facility (CFC) – Janine
 - a. Second Wednesday of the month - BAC - 6:30
 - b. Report given by Janine
 - c. Party at Carole Young with 20 pizzas, several present to hear the message.
 - i. Daryl: 6 volunteers, 19 attendees
 - d. Galveston County Jail: Tuesday night
 - i. Women at 6:30
 - ii. Men at 7:30
 - e. Tiffany: Area was talking about getting a database together with where these meetings are being held in Correctional Facilities
 - f. Robert: Form at Area to get info on who is taking meetings in correctional facilities - have a QR code for a database.
 - i. If you have an interest in getting into the database, let Robert know and he will add you to the database.
3. Public Information / Cooperation w/ Professional Community PI/CPC – Tim L.
 - a. Last Thursday of the month – BAC – 4:45
 - b. Report given by Michelle
 - c. Coastal and Postal Publications have our PSAs in them. PSAs are in the queue for July in August.
 - d. Making headway with Billboards
 - i. Significantly cheaper
 - ii. 2 in English and one in Spanish in Galveston County and will also be getting PSA in Digital Space Available (Hwy 3, Hwy 6, and 146)
 - e. Posters are printed
 - f. Making sure that libraries have books
 - g. Looking for other ways to get out into the community
 - h. John C and Michel will be doing a presentation at Board Members for the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Addiction
 - i. Michelle is filling the racks! :)
4. Grapevine – Jan D.
 - a. Last Tuesday of the month – 518 & 6th Avenue, Texas City – 6:00
 - b. No report given
5. Literature – Ashley S.
 - a. Third Wednesday of the month – BAC Back Porch – 7:30
 - b. Report given by Ashley
 - c. 20 visitors stopped by table

- d. Received a big box of stuff from previous literature chair
 - i. A lot of stuff to go through
 - e. Asking people for ideas on workshops
 - f. Area is thinking of doing a similar workshop as the one that they completed.
- 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. Met at Jason’s Deli in League City on 07/05/2023 at 6:30. Rescheduled because he was under the weather.
 - d. Hospitality budget:
 - i. Discussed the \$1500 needed for Hospitality.
 - ii. Would need to be added to the budget next year.
 - e. Accessibilities Ad Hoc committee budget
 - i. Discussed the budget request from the Accessibilities Adhoc Committee.
 - ii. Motion coming out of committee: approved from the committee a first and a second the \$130 for the equipment which included:
 - 1. a) Bluetooth microphone= \$70
 - 2. b) External aux cable speaker= \$20-\$30
 - 3. c) Mic Stand= \$15-\$30
 - iii. As a committee we did not approve the request for a wifi hotspot for \$50 a month. Consensus was too expensive for just meeting once a month. Wondering if there were more options to look into that were more affordable?
 - 1. Lynn: Discussion of hotspot: work out something with Kelley’s, but this may be passed down to someone who does not have a hotspot.
 - 2. Dave: unsure of whether this is a longer contract
 - 3. Lynn: It is a longer contract, but only submitting until the end of the year. Plans are transferable. With Verizon, you are renting the equipment and hotspot for a given period of time.
 - 4. Danny: we need to be self-sustaining, hopefully it is a matter of moving an access point closer to us
- iv. **Motion passes**
 - f. **Need 2024 budgets from D81 Committees for October at the latest!**
 - i. Committees will be given forms at September meeting
- 7. Treatment Facilities (TFC) – Robert
 - a. Last Wednesday of the month – Zoom – 6:30
 - b. Report given by Robert
 - c. In June went to Into Action and Kemah Palms
 - d. Upcoming: Into Action, Kemah Palms: next Tuesday, Bay Area Recovery Center: Virtual
 - e. Good attendance for presentations
 - f. No changes in the budget. ½ for workshop in Spring, ½ for workshop in
 - g. Workshop done at Area Assembly

- h. Goal is to get involved in the the Bridge the Gap database
 - i. Trying to collaborate with District 70 and TFC
 - j. Houston will be hosting the Bridge the Gap conference
- 8. Newsletter – Gwen R
 - a. Last Monday of the month – Helen Hall Public Library – 5:00
 - b. Report given by Gwen
 - c. Less stories to add for July so incorporated different information
 - d. Will be adding Rick’s report
- 9. Workshop Chair – Open
 - a. Report given by Open
 - b. No report given
- 10. Website – Jon
 - a. Third Wednesday of the month – Google Meet – 6:00
 - a. Report given by James
 - b. Posted a banner that District meeting will be today.
 - c. If you want to add something to the website less John know!
- 11. Registrar (Roll Call Results) – Kirsten
 - a. Brandi performed Roll Call (results above)

Old Business:

- 1. Ad Hoc Accessibility meeting – Lynn
 - a. Second Wednesday of each month - Virtual - Same as D81 meeting
 - b. Discussed running a meeting virtually
 - i. Must raise hands
 - ii. Adding a personal computer
 - iii. Making it a positive environment
 - c. Set up a mock meeting before this meeting
 - d. Sent Keith the new Google Meets info
 - e. Need to advertise to the groups that a virtual option is available
- 2. Hospitality Suite at SETA – Andrea
 - a. Last Monday of the month - BAC back porch - 6:30
 - b. No one attended last meeting.
 - c. Put together a sheet so that groups can sign up!
 - d. Spoke with Jennifer and she does not have an update on the hospitality suites.
The chair of SETA was supposed to send out an email months ago, but that has not happened. I want to move forward with the room to ensure that we have somewhere to host it.
 - e. I have put together a list of the groups from the registrar list. Let me know if you want to participate.
 - f. **BRING THIS BACK TO YOUR GROUP!**
- 3. Ad Hoc Tax Exempt
 - a. Ad Hoc Committee - Tax-Exempt filing requirements.

- b. In order to avoid paying Texas Sales and Use tax, the District must be registered as a not for profit entity with the IRS, and then registered with the Secretary of State of Texas. Once that is done, the District can file for a Sales and Use Tax Exemption. The document received from the State can be given to our vendors for the sales taxes to be waived, or complete a State provided form for each vendor.
 - c. In order to be registered with the IRS, the District must do the following:
 - i. Apply for an EIN as a tax exempt organization to obtain a tax ID number.
 - ii. File Form 1023 "Application for Recognition of Exemption" with the IRS. With that filing include the Twelve Traditions, which includes Tradition 9 that AA should not be organized.
 - iii. IRS has in the past recognized the "not organized" aspect of AA, hopefully this should be approved quickly.
 - iv. We will not be recognized as a "Corporation" or any other type of legal entity.
 - v. The District will be required to file Form 8879TE annually with the IRS through a CPA. Cost of the filing may vary depending on the tax preparer, but we've heard it's \$750-\$900/year.
 - vi. Keep in mind that the District Treasurer has to know these filing requirements to be passed at committee rotation
 - vii. Tiffany will discuss cost-benefit projections, but keep in mind that for this to be cost effective, every committee should recognize that when making purchases, the District Sales Tax Exemption letter must be given to every vendor that we use in the purchase of products, but not services, as those are exempt from sales tax.
 - d. Ashley: knows a CPA that does this for \$325
 - e. Catherine: who is going to guard the Sales Tax number for District? Area is very protective. The accountant will stand behind us for the IRS. You as a district need to think this part through.
 - f. Lynn: every transaction is going to have to go through the books.
 - i. Our treasurer does not keep the books
 - g. Catherine: \$59.99 for Quickbooks
 - h. Keith: would have to be documenting to
 - i. Brandi motions that we do not become tax-exempt. Motion passes.
- Catherine: What can district do to get the GSRs to Area Assemblies? Has district 81 done a GSR workshop this year?
- Diane: Looking for a District to host.
 - Danny: With SETA, we may want to wait until after SETA to host the Area Assembly.
- Keith: Information can get lost in the wash, but the Area assembly is fun!
 - DJ: people just did not know!
 - Keith: Option to use Zoom.

- Intergroup is pushing our information over to Meeting Guide, been getting a lot of newcomers from it

Motion to close