

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

Call to Order: Keith – Serenity Prayer

Traditions/Concept: Concept 11 read by Danny

Roll Call: 21 officers and standing committee, 3 past DCMs, 17 GSRs, 7 Alt GSRs, 34 voting members, 7 visitors

Keith called the meeting to order. Concept 11 was read by Danny. Kirsten performed the roll call. There were 21 officers and standing committee, 3 past DCMs, 17 GSRs, 7 Alt GSRs, 34 voting members, 7 visitors. The meeting minutes for October 2024 were presented by Andrea. Forrester motions to accept the minutes as written; Michael seconded; motion passes. The treasurer's report for July was presented by Debra. Robert motions to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented; Michael seconded; motion passes.

Dana: Minutes amendment - need to add time of adjournment to the minutes

- Note: Andrea researched this and could not find any information. Emailed Dana to follow up :)

Catherine will do Concept 12 next month.

All Committee Meetings:

- Archives: Third Friday of the month – Alvin Taylor Street – 6:00
- CFC: Second Wednesday of the month – BAC – 6:30
- PICPC: Last Thursday of the month – Virtually on the website – 6:30
- Grapevine: Third Thursday of the month – Google Meets – 5:30
- Literature: Third Wednesday of the month – BAC Room E– 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 – Friendswood Public Library – 5:00
- Workshop: Third Wednesday of every month - 6:30 - Jason's Deli
- Accessibility: Second Wednesday – meet.google.com/qvk-rjzk-nad – 6:30
- Website: Third Wednesday of the month – meet.google.com/ehm-jrvv-ifm – 6:00

Committee Reports:

1. Archives – Tiffany S.
 - a. Third Friday of the month – Alvin Taylor Street – 6:00
 - b. Report given by Tiffany S.
 - c. Scott will be the new Alt. Chair
 - d. Tested digitizing cassette tapes with laptop, software, and cassette player
 - e. Scott is purchasing two digital recorders for recording stories if you would like the archives committee to record a speaker for your event or group email wesley.s@aa-seta.org.
 - f. We are looking for district 81 speaker files. Cassettes and CDs if you have them, we are soon going to be able to digitize them.
 - g. Discussed storage and preservation of the paper files. Going to a Google drive for archive purposes. Will work closely with website and all committees to make sure the use of Google drive is up to date for archival purposes
2. Correctional Facility (CFC) – Janine
 - a. Second Wednesday of the month - BAC - 6:30
 - b. Report given by Daryl
 - c. Mondays: Still visiting Carole Young on Monday
 - d. Tuesdays: Separate group of women that go to Galveston County
 - i. Would like to see more women and men volunteers for Galveston County and Carole Young
 - e. If you are interested in participating in CFC, please get with chair / co-chair
 - i. Must have 1 year sobriety
 - ii. TDC has certified state volunteer training
3. Public Information / Cooperation w/ Professional Community PI/CPC – Michelle C.
 - a. Last Thursday of the month – virtually – 6:30
 - b. Report given by Michelle
 - c. Phone Line/Rotation – November 2024
 - i. Zero calls last month; only two (2) calls this year; cancelling subscription
 - d. Public Outreach
 - i. Michelle did CPC presentation to UTMB Psychiatry Resident Program
 - e. 2024 Budget review
 - i. Will miss target expenditures (billboard placement)
 - f. 2025 Budget discussion
 - i. Phones Line - cancelling
 - ii. PSA – Print - additional placements planned
 - iii. PSA – Billboards - additional placements planned
 - iv. Literature Replenishment - descoped additional placements based on workforce availability
 - g. Vacant Positions/District Elections
 - i. Alt Chair
 - ii. Secretary

4. Grapevine – Spencer W.
 - a. Third Tuesday of the month – Google Meets – 6:00
 - b. Report given by Spencer
 - c. Nothing much to report from the past month
 - d. Will be getting Mark up to date to take over the position
5. Literature – Ashley S.
 - a. Third Wednesday of the month – BAC Room E – 7:30
 - b. Report given by Ashley
 - c. Discussed and submitted budget - double from last year, but this is to have a full hard copies of the books
 - d. Melissa reads “Conference-approved literature”
 - e. John: How can you tell if something is conference approved?
 - i. Ashley: Stamp with AA
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 request that we have received so far
 - i. Still missing: newsletter, CFC, accessibilities
 - d. Meeting on Nov. 20th at 6:30 on Jason’s Deli
 - e. Spencer sent out a request to the remaining outstanding budgets
7. Treatment Facilities (TFC) – Robert
 - a. Meeting Time: Last Wednesday of the month – Red River BBQ in League City at 7:00pm.
Google Meet Option <https://meet.google.com/uuf-pozk-bhj>
 - a. Report given by Robert
 - b. Activities during the month:
 - i. Held the Fall TFC Workshop on October 6 th at the BAC
 - ii. In person presentations during October were Into Action on October 14th and Kemah Palms on October 15th in person. October was an off month for the Bay Area Recovery Center virtual presentation
 - iii. Supported the Area TFC Committee Meeting on October 15 th
 - iv. Held the TFC Monthly Committee Meeting at Red River BBQ in League on October 30th.
 - c. Budget Report
 - i. Our balance is \$218.16. Expenditures in October were for the Fall Workshop.
 - ii. The committee voted to submit our annual budget request to the Budget and Finance Committee for \$450 for the 2025 year. This is the same budget TFC was approved for in 2024.
 - iii. The committee also voted to purchase a bluetooth device to support the monthly TFC committee meeting with a similar device used by the Accessibility Committee.
 - d. Action Items:
 - i. Upcoming meetings:
 1. Into Action – (second Monday) November 11 th , 8:00pm (in person)
 2. Kemah Palms – (third Tuesday) November 19 th , 6:30pm (in person)

- 3. BARC – (fourth Tuesday) November 26 th (virtually via GoTo)
 - ii. Review the presentation script to add any meeting etiquette guidelines that are not sufficiently covered. Any changes will be voted on at the next committee meeting
 - e. Goals:
 - i. Possibly add additional in person presentations to BARC. Jeff F is currently in discussion with BARC house managers.
 - ii. Evaluate the current treatment centers in our district to get an idea of which ones are open and if they are taking their clients to AA meetings.
 - iii. Encourage more existing TFC members to participate with a goal of a recommended support of at least one presentation in a quarter as well as at least one TFC Committee meeting.
 - f. Announcements:
 - i. The next TFC committee meeting will be the last Wednesday, November 27th at 7pm at Red River BBQ (1911 E Main St) in League City. We will also provide a Google Meet for those that need to be remote. This is the day before Thanksgiving, but the committee voted to keep the regular schedule for November. The December meeting will be rescheduled for December 18 th due the regular day being Christmas.
 - g. GSRs please announce to your groups about our awesome committee and great service opportunity.
8. Newsletter – Gwen R
- a. Last Monday of the month – Friendswood Public Library – 5:00
 - b. Report given by Gwen
 - c. Will be making an instructional video to show how to make the newsletter
9. Workshop Chair – Debra
- a. Last wednesday of the month
 - b. Report given by Debra
 - c. Understanding Anonymity at the Dickinson Church
 - d. In January, we will be doing a GSR workshop
 - e. The following workshop will be on Sponsorship.
10. Website – Jon
- a. Third Wednesday of the month – Google Meet – 6:00
 - b. Report given by Jon
 - c. Submitted a budget
 - d. Website is current through the year: domain, wix, and calendar
 - e. Next upcoming expense is in January: domain
11. Accessibility - Lynn
- a. Second Wednesday – meet.google.com/qvk-rjzk-nad – 6:30
 - b. Report given by Lynn
 - c. Worked on Duties and Responsibilities - provided to Keith and Tiffany, who gave some feedback
 - d. Next meeting is to finalize the budget
 - e. Brought some additional tech to check that the new chair could stream meeting

12. Registrar (Roll Call Results) – Kirsten
 - a. Kirsten performed Roll Call (results above)

Old Business:

1. Feedback on Group Inventories
2. SWAARSA - Report given by Danny
 - a. We send our incoming DCM to SWAARSA and Forum
 - b. Our trustee, Theresa J.
 - i. Financials are much better for AA, bills are current
 - ii. Grapevine is at a net loss of \$672,000, but this is normal
 - c. Scott - general service board inventory - out of this, the General Service Board is completing leadership training and taking steps to make sure that they are serving us better.
 - d. Danny sat through concepts 1 -12
3. Next SWAARSA will be in the Houston area in 2026.
4. Budget for the hospitality suite at SETA for Friday Dinner
 - a. SETA is January 3rd, 4th, and 5th
 - b. Registrations are down - y'all register!!

Group Sharing:

1. The Texas City group has lower attendance.
 - a. Group inventory could be helpful
 - b. Potentially include a treatment center
2. Daryl: Thanks to everyone who puts money in the blue can.
 - a. If you have old Grapevines laying around, bring them to us!!
 - b. Robert: Where was the money and was it being used for?
 - i. Sometimes the balance may get a little high because we are buying books
 - ii. Catherine: around \$40,000 - COVID caused a stockpile of money because we could not go into prisons
3. John: Workshop on Saturday will include anonymity and the internet.
4. Catherine: There is \$9085.47 unused from this current year, so this coming year, will we have that money going into next year. Last year it was \$16,XXX.
 - a. Advises committees to pare down the budget to make it a fully funded budget.
 - b. Tell us what you need for 12th step work.
 - c. Area will be fully funded this year or next. If we are asking GSO to be fully funded, we should do the same.
5. John: Has there been a fall off in cash in the groups that are located at the BAC?
 - a. Yes, but there has been an increase in the past couple of months.

Brandi motion to close, Ashley second, Meeting adjourns
Time of close: 7:53 PM CST

Thanks,
Andrea W.