

District 81 Committee Meeting Minutes
January 3rd, 2024 at 7:00 PM
Kelley's - La Marque

Call to Order: Keith – Serenity Prayer

Traditions/Concept: Concept 1 read by James

Roll Call: 44 attendees with 33 voting members
22 officers, 3 past DCMs, 14 GSRS, 8 alt GSR, 40 voting members, 3 visitors

Keith called the meeting to order. Concept 1 was read by James. Brandi performed the roll call. There were 44 attendees with 33 voting members and 3 visitors. The meeting minutes for December 2023 were presented by Andrea. Catherine motions to accept the minutes as written; Michael seconded; motion passes. Debra motions to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented; Brandi seconded; motion passes. Catherine motions to accept the November treasurer's report that was not sent out last month; Tim seconds; motion passes.

Terry will do Concept 2 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 Thursday 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

Committee Reports:

1. Archives – Tiffany S.
 - a. Last Friday of the month – Alvin Taylor Street – 2:00
 - b. Report given by Tiffany S.
 - c. Procured a 2nd edition Big Book.
 - d. Archive has a hard copy binder of District 81's data. Tom has done this for 20 years. We will continue to do this for 2024, but we are also digitizing prior years of this. We print all officer reports, keep the monthly newsletter, and save any district event flyers we can find.
 - e. Per the Archives monthly committee meeting Friday, December 30, we will begin to concurrently keep all records in the hard copy binder and as a soft copy stored on the shared drive.
 - f. Before beginning this process, the archives committee reached out to the website committee to see if we could work together to offer resources to the district committee chairs, as well as direction on how to best use the shared drive. It is our goal to have all pertinent District information saved on the shared drive so that if we were all hit by a bus or got drunk, the next people would have access to the data necessary to make a seamless transition.
 - g. It is our aim to **submit a motion and background information, in writing, for the district to consider in February**. Stay tuned for more details. Please reach out if you have any questions or thoughts.
 - h. Keith: Area has moved to the Google Suite - place for us to store information and documents. Should be a discussion on what the requirements should be for each of the committees. We would not have to print out and bring things to the meetings.
 - i. John: Have a base folder structure with specific folders (receipts, minutes, etc.). All the committees have to want to do that. Whoever takes up the position after the current one, will have all of the current information.
 - i. TFC has done this with past and current information.
 - j. Data storage question: we would discuss the best practice for storing information.
 - k. Permissions would be necessary.
 - l. Lynn: Is it searchable by name?
 - i. Keith: No, you must have a SETA email to access any of the files and it is not searchable.
2. Correctional Facility (CFC) – Janine
 - a. Second Wednesday of the month - BAC - 6:30
 - b. Report given by Janine
 - c. Going into Carole Young Facility Mondays at 6:50 for Sisters of the 12 steps. If you want to join at Carole Young, contact Janine.
 - d. Galveston County on Tuesday nights.
 - i. 6:30 - Women's meeting
 - ii. 7:30 - Men's meeting
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. Met **18 Dec 2023**, 1:00 PM at Red River BBQ
 - d. New business card design: **Michelle C will bring final draft to January meeting for final discussion/approval. Cards will provide contact information/available resources for getting the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.**
 - e. **Health Fair in Galveston on January 10th at 10 am.**
 - f. Phone Line Rotation
 - i. **Zero calls in December**
 - ii. **Michelle C is January volunteer**
4. Grapevine – Spencer W.
- a. Third Thursday of the month – Google Meets – 5:30
 - b. Report given by Spencer
 - c. Had monthly meeting as scheduled with 3 total attendees
 - d. Decided to purchase eight hard copy subscriptions with our 2023 available budget, to team up with TFC to bring them to the local treatment centers in district 81.
 - e. Catherine: Could buy old copies of Grapevine for discounted price to give out
5. Literature – Ashley S.
- a. Third Wednesday of the month – BAC Back Porch – 7:30
 - b. Report given by Ashley
 - c. Discussed the p11 template
 - d. Daniel will be hosting literature table at SETA and will be giving a presentation next month.
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 on December 13th at Jason’s Deli
 - d. We cross referenced the group information with the Registrar to see which groups are still meeting and contributing to district
 - e. Discussed processing the audit at the next F&B meeting making sure everything matches the notations and the running balance in the checkbook
 - f. Going to work up a draft of thank you letters to groups for their contributions and bring it to the next meeting to edit and approve to send to the GSR’s emails
7. Treatment Facilities (TFC) – Robert
- a. Last Wednesday of the month – Zoom – 6:30 – 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) January 8 th at 8:00pm (in person)
 - ii. Kemah Palms: (third Tuesday), January 16 th , 6:30pm (in person)
 - iii. Bay Area Recovery Center: (fourth Tuesday), January 23rd, 6:00pm (virtual)
 - e. We finished out 2023 with a balance of \$59.41. We will start 2024 with a budget
 - f. of \$450.
 - g. Engage the BTG process and database. If anyone is interested in being a BTG contact to help someone from treatment or jail get to meetings let me know and Robert H can add you.
 - h. 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.

- i. Encourage more existing TFC members to participate and recruit more new members to be able to have more monthly presentations at additional facilities
- 8. Newsletter – Gwen R
 - a. Last Monday of the month – Helen Hall Public Library – 5:00
 - b. Report given by Gwen
 - c. **Need submissions!!! Please submit them to Gwen at gwen.r@aa-seta.org**
 - i. **GSRs read this out to your homegroups!!**
 - d. Printed out 40 extra copies to bring to SETA.
 - e. Christina: Add that these opinions do not speak for AA as a whole? Gwen will add this.
- 9. Workshop Chair – Debra
 - a. Meeting time is TBD
 - b. Report given by Debra
 - c. Will be meeting with Catherine in the coming month to get information
 - d. If you have ideas of things that you would like to see in a workshop, please send it to Debra!
- 10. Website – Jon
 - a. Third Wednesday of the month – Google Meet – 6:00 – call or email for invite
 - b. Report given by Jon
 - c. Meeting Time: Third Wednesday of the month – Google Meet – 6:00 (call or email for invite)
 - d. Most everyone received an email notification, but if you didn't, please be sure to add Adrian (adrian.l@aa-seta.org) to any emails pertaining to the Website Committee. Adrian has graciously stepped up and volunteered to be the Website alternate and I want to be sure that he gets all the correspondence that I get.
 - e. Tiffany with Archives would like to work with the Website committee and all other standing committees towards a goal of getting us all more digitized. With that said, the website committee would like to have our monthly meeting in the month of January involve a 'show and tell' session about the opportunities available within *SETA IT Services* to all of the committees. Please contact John or Adrian to get your name on the meeting list for the Google Meet meeting (you need a SETA email for this)
 - f. If you don't have a SETA email yet you're late, it's 2024! Please contact us and we can help get you set up.
- 11. Accessibility – Lynn
 - a. Meets virtually - Google Meets on the agenda - second Wednesday at 6:30
 - b. Figured out to bug from last district
 - c. Discussed what it looks like to make this district more accessible.
 - i. Potentially, wanting to work with BTG to see if there's an opportunity to use bring people to meetings.
 - d. Working on P&P for Accessibility
- 12. Registrar (Roll Call Results) – Kirsten
 - a. Brandi performed Roll Call (results above)

Old Business:

- 1. SETA Convention hospitality suite update
 - a. We will be joining Area on the first floor.
 - i. Room is half of the cost ~\$650. TBD for exact price.

- ii. Two suites attached to the room - Jane M. will be taking the other room.
- b. 33 and P will be donating \$250 for the hospitality snack and such - thanks!
- c. Schedules are aligned, but will be working with Jennifer, the hospitality chair for SETA.
- d. Will be attending the hotel walkthrough on Sunday.
- e. No hot plates, no crock pots, etc. Chafing dishes, sternos are okay....
- 2. Would the district like to put on a GSR workshop
 - a. Debra and Keith did talk about this - may have more next meeting or quarter.
- 3. Regional Trustee challenged our area to bring an official agenda item
 - a. Bring ideas from your groups.
 - b. The more eyes we have and the more informed group conscience we have, the more God we have.
 - c. Catherine: We had a workshop on this specific topic.
- 4. Knowing your role and responsibilities for your service commitment. Job Descriptions
 - a. Forrest: Do we need to hold all positions? Can always ask for guidance, but not direction
 - b. Robert: Reviewed Area and handbook
- 5. Proposed Agenda Items Questions
 - a. PRESENT THESE TO YOUR GROUPS! Background material should be available Feb. 15th.
 - b. March District meeting - Area rep will be here to discuss Agenda Items.
- 6. Area Assembly location changes
 - a. April Assembly will be different.
 - b. All DCMs will give a report on Google Meets
 - i. Will be all about the roundtables to inform the delegate about how you feel about the agenda items.
 - ii. San Jacinto College on Uvalde St, lunches are provided on a Saturday.

New Business

- 1. Standing committees: Do you have a co-chair that is learning the position and ready to step in? If not, be vocal and let others know so that the transition is easier.
 - a. This is a voting year in September. Have someone ready to roll in, in September.
- 2. Committee reports for SETA assembly.
 - a. Used to have committee chairs send in what they want us to say.
 - b. Send in a paragraph for each committee.

GSR Sharing:

AA Group Announcements:

2024 SETA Convention
 January 19th-21st
 Moody Gardens Convention Center
 7 Hope Blvd, Galveston, TX, 77554

Motion to close

Thanks!

Andrea W. - District 81 Secretary