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District 81 Committee Meeting Minutes
January 8th, 2025
Kelley's - La Marque

Call to Order: **Danny** – Serenity Prayer

Traditions/Concept: **Tradition 1** read by **Spencer**

Roll Call: **20** officers, **2** past DCMs, **16** GSRs, **5** Alt GSRs, **32** voting members, **8** visitors

Danny called the meeting to order. **Tradition 1** was read by **Spencer**. **Tiffany** performed the roll call. There were attendees with **21** voting members. The meeting minutes for **December 2024** were presented by **Elizabeth**. **Spencer** motions to accept the minutes as written; **Brandi** seconded; motion passes. Minutes were approved as written by the committee. The treasurer's report for **December** was presented by **Debra**. **X** motions to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented; **name** seconded; motion passes.

Name will do **Tradition 3** 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 – Red River BBQ in League City at 7:00pm. Google Meet Option <https://meet.google.com/uuf-pozk-bhj>
- 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

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 – Wesley S.
 - a. Third Friday of the month – Alvin Taylor Street – 6:00
 - b. Report given by Wesley S.
 - c. Did not meet last month but Scott has an update on the Alvin Taylor Street vs. BAC site for archives.
 - d. Scott - had some scheduling conflicts and didn't meet. We approached the BAC board and they voted unanimously to move the archives to the BAC at the same cost as being paid now.
 - e. Everyone go back to your groups and get feedback and we will add this move to new business for a future meeting so that we can discuss and vote as a committee. There will be a public display space so that we can view them, the rest will be stored in the attic.
 - f. Forrest - in reporting this change back to my group, what's the impact or change?
 - i. Scott - There was not a display at Alvin Taylor Street. Where the archives are is not climate controlled at Alvin Taylor Street. No one had access to it. The move to the BAC will be much more accessible and things will be visible via display cases. Archives can be rotated in and out to have what the committee feels like is a better representation of archives.
 - ii. Forrest - historically at Alvin, we were sharing with District 82?
 - iii. Scott - yes, District 82 moved their
 - iv. Dana - Is the new place climate controlled?
 - v. Scott - no, but it is a lot cleaner than where the archives are currently.
2. Correctional Facility (CFC) – Sarah
 - a. Second Wednesday of the month - BAC - 6:30
 - b. Report given by Sarah
 - c. Ended December with Christmas and an end of year party at Carol Young. We need volunteers!
 - d. We have a lot of facilities in Area 67 that need meetings being brought to them.
 - e. 130 groups in Area 67 that contribute to blue can, approximately 20 groups in District 81 donate to the blue can.
 - i. \$18,000 available for all Area 67 to buy materials.
 - f. New PO Box - address is being shared.
 - g. There was a lot of controversy about how funds were being used. Area will be submitting receipts and getting reimbursed like the rest of the committees. Copies of the bank statements will be sent to the treasurer of the area for transparency.
 - i. Dawn - why is \$18,000 sitting in the bank account?
 - ii. Sarah - We are getting about 6000 a month donated. The money goes out (about 6-7K to facilities). The surplus is from Covid when we couldn't get into the prison systems.
 - iii. Dawn - How soon do you think that the 18K will be used?

- iv. Sarah - The plain language book is popular but cannot be purchased right now because they stopped printing for now. We've got 43 prisons and we take them in as often as we can.
 - v. The average monthly expense of literature into the prison system is \$6,500.
 - h. Daryl - I go into Galveston County Jail. We have several guys going, we have a pretty good rotation. We need more volunteers. You don't have to have the TDC certification, just send in a copy of your SS card and your DL.
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. Michelle is not present to give report. They did not meet in December. Nothing to report.
 4. Grapevine – Mark
 - a. Third Tuesday of the month – Google Meets – 6:00
 - b. Report given by Mark
 - c. No report given.
 5. Literature – Mike A.
 - a. Third Wednesday of the month – BAC Room E – 7:30
 - b. Report given by Mike A.
 - c. We met in December and three groups participated.
 - d. We discussed the budget and forwarded it to the finance and budget group and it was approved from what we heard.
 - e. Finance and budget for 2025 went from 500 and not 250 but it got approved.
 - f. We need displays to display racks to display literature for group functions. If we can share the racks with other groups then we could share the racks.
 - g. Working on getting phone numbers for people who are non-responsive to SETA emails.
 - h. Literature committee will obtain a complete hard copy of all AA approved literature. We did not have this before. This is what the GSO recommends that we keep.
 - i. Plain Language Book - second printing is coming out soon.
 6. Finance & Budget (F&B) – Spencer
 - a. Last Wednesday of the month – Jason's Deli League City – 6:30
 - b. Report given by Spencer
 - c. We did not meet over the holidays due to scheduling. Nothing new to report.
 - d. We are meeting this month and there are positions to fill.
 7. Treatment Facilities (TFC) – Mike R.

- 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 Mike R.
 - b. We met on December 18th which is not our normal date. We had 8 people show up, yay!
 - c. Little change to our current literature packet that we share. We want to add some things to it. We are working on finding the happy medium on how it will fit within traditions,
 - d. Our spring workshop - working on dates and lining up speakers
 - e. We've been having great turnout, trying to recruit new members
 - f. Jeff is working on an in person at BARC as an additional or in lieu of.
8. Newsletter – Dawn
- a. Last Monday of the month – Friendswood Public Library – 5:00
 - b. Report given by Dawn
 - c. Brian is doing the technical side and Gwen is staying on the committee.
 - d. Please go back to your homegroups and see if there is anyone who wants to be of service.
9. Workshop Chair – Debra
- a. Third wednesday of the month at Jason's Deli at 6:30
 - b. Report given by Debra
 - c. We are looking to have a workshop on Feb 8. Place is TBD. Date might be March 8th depending on the facility. It is going to be a GSR based workshop. I will be reaching out to Alt DCM and past for information. We are working with website to make sure that everything is accessible.
 - d. Please send any ideas for workshops to us.
 - e. Meeting is next Wednesday at Jason's Deli.
 - f. Information for workshop will come out as soon as we
 - g. Robert - we did approve the location for February 8th. You are good to go!
 - i. Debra - YAY! We have a location 😊
 - ii. Hot off the press - GSR workshop at BAC on 2/8 from 1-4pm
 - h. Mike - we have pamphlets for GSR. Do y'all purchase them?
 - i. Debra - we do, but if y'all have them then we can work together.
10. Website – Adrian
- a. Third Wednesday of the month – Google Meet – 6:00
 - b. Report given by Adrian
 - c. No report given. If you have any questions, reach out to Adrian.
 - d. Website is aa.district81.org
11. Accessibility - John
- a. Second Wednesday – meet.google.com/qvk-rjzk-nad – 6:30
 - b. Report given by John

- c. John and Lynn had a meeting in December and discussed getting the computer set up. We're not there yet, but we are working on it!
- d. We talked about the accessibilities workbook needing to be updated. It doesn't include zoom as an option for hearing or vision impaired.
- e. Talked to AA WS and talked to accessibilities chair. Emailed her and she responded saying thank you. She said it doesn't have to be an agenda item and as the book runs out and needs to be reprinted, it can be updated then.

12. Registrar (Roll Call Results) – **Tiffany**

- a. **Tiffany** performed Roll Call (results above)

Old Business:

- 1. Approve job descriptions to the P&P?
 - a. Accessibilities P&P. Has been sent out to everyone, everyone should have read it.
 - b. No comments or discussion.
 - c. For - 26
 - d. Opposed - 0
 - e. Passes. Yay!
- 2. Update on Hospitality at SETA Brandi W.
 - a. Hospitality suite at Area was a success. Thank you everyone for putting forth the money for pizza. We had plenty of food and helpers.
 - b. Robert - I saw Brandi working all weekend long at the hospitality suite. Everybody was really happy. Hats off to you!
 - c. Our district showed up and showed out!

New Business

- 1. Welcome all new GSR's
 - a. Your voice is what matters. The officers are just here to get this meeting going. You are at the top of the triangle. If you have something to say, say it. If you have a question, or think something needs to change, please bring it up. We are here to listen to what you have to say.
- 2. Communication of information
 - a. We are here for you guys and your groups. If you would like me, Andrea, or past DCMs to come to your group conscience and help out in any capacity that we can.
 - b. Anytime there is a question or a concern, let us know. This deal is about communication of information. We want to communicate to you so that you can take it back to your groups.
- 3. Getting a SETA email mail
 - a. When I take a position, I need to be checking my gmail because this is where a lot of the information will be sent.

- b. Everything goes through Google.
 - c. In order to access all of that, you need to get a Gmail account. Our area pays to have that done. Go to the aa-seta.org spot. There is a spot where you can request to have a SETA email.
 - d. If you need support, get with Danny or Andrea.
- 4. Importance of an ALT./Don't halt the ALT
 - a. Involve your alt! Just because you are the GSR, don't act like you have to do everything. That way, when the time comes, they will be ready to stand up.
 - b. We want the alt to be able to step in and take over whatever chairperson transition might exist.
- 5. Assembly Report
 - a. All positions have been filled at the area level.
 - b. Discussion about CFC. Really good communication about that.
 - c. Different conferences are coming up.
 - i. You can always go to Seta Announce to find all of that online.
 - d. 1,077 total attendance at SETA.

Open Forum

- 1. Tribute to Tom.
- 2. Tiffany - please encourage everyone to carry on Tom's legacy as a district. As you plan things, please send digitally to the archives so that we can have a log of all things going on.
- 3. Keith - 2027 SETA will be in Galveston. If you are interested in serving or helping, please get the ball rolling.

Spencer motion to close, Robert second, Meeting adjourns

Time of close: 8:05

Thanks,
Elizabeth H.