

District 81 Committee Meeting Minutes
October 4th, 2023

Call to Order: Danny – Serenity Prayer

Traditions/Concept: Tradition 10 read by DJ

Roll Call: 51 attendees with 36 voting members

Danny called the meeting to order. Tradition 10 was read by DJ. Kirsten performed the roll call. There were attendees with 21 voting members. The meeting minutes for September 2023 were presented by Andrea. John motions to accept the minutes as written; Michael seconded; motion passes. Debra motions to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented; Tiffany seconded; motion passes.

John will do Tradition 11 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

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. There was much discussion about how the district and the groups want the district archives committee to serve them.
 - d. Still looking for every group's group history! See Tiffany to update your group's history
 - e. Still sprucing up the repository
 - f. They will be taking inventory of the repository during the next regular meeting.
2. Correctional Facility (CFC) – Janine
 - a. **Second** Wednesday of the month - BAC - 6:30
 - b. Report given by Janine
 - c. Discussed how they can get the message of AA into the facility
 - d. Carole Young was closed down this past month, except for 10/2.
 - e. Galveston County
 - i. Men: 7:30
 - ii. Women: 6:30
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. Postal Publications and Coast Monthly PSA's – Next PSA is October/November.
 - d. PI-CPC Website PAGE – John A (IT) updated the PI/CPC web page with dedicated phone numbers for information on Presentations and Literature request.
 - e. Researching local radio and contacts - District 81 ideas for TV/Radio PSA's –
 - i. 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).
 - f. Phone Line Rotation – October Dawn F volunteered to field calls.
 - g. Texas A&M Health Fair Report – Event was successful. Spoke to a lot of students and potential community partners.
 - h. Focusing on College / High School outreach for 2024
 - i. 2023 Budget line items left discussed.
 - j. 2024 Budget presented – Reviewed changes/additions.
 - k. District Meeting 10-2-23 – (John/Michelle) -EOI and Clicks
 - l. EOI – 807 K x 4 wks. = 3,228,000.00 – PSA/AD's – 809 QR scans/606 unique clicks (doubled YTD)
 - m. New Business cards – Design tabled for next meeting.
 - n. Next meeting is 10-26-23 at BAC 4:45pm.
4. Grapevine – Spencer W.

- a. Third Tuesday of the month - 5:30 - Google Meets
 - b. Report given by Spencer
 - c. I have spoken with Danny and Keith about receiving previous Grapevine chair contacts.
 - d. Will have our first meeting in October Via zoom.
 - e. Plan on attending Area 67 Grapevine committee meeting on the third Thursday of October.
- 5. Literature – Ashley S.
 - a. Third Wednesday of the month – BAC Back Porch – 7:30
 - b. Report given by Ashley
 - c. Small committee this week.
 - d. Need attendees. Discussing the upcoming ideas: Traditions
 - e. Offering pizza for attendees - what are workshops that you want to see from the literature committee?
 - f. Upcoming SETA will have a literature table
- 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. Sheet that was sent out is a comparison of 2023-2024
 - d. Itemized version will be on the website and on Google Drive
 - e. Bring it back to groups to get feedback about the budgets!**
 - f. Questions can be answered next month. We can potentially pass then.
- 7. Treatment Facilities (TFC) – Robert
 - a. Last Wednesday of the month – Zoom – 6:30
 - b. Report given by Robert
 - c. In September went to Into Action, Kemah Palms, and BARC
 - d. Upcoming: Into Action, Kemah Palms, Bay Area Recovery Center
 - e. TFC Workshop: November 5th at BAC 1:30 - 3:30
 - i. JD will be one of our speakers
- 8. Newsletter – Gwen R
 - a. Last Monday of the month – Helen Hall Public Library – 5:00
 - b. Report given by Gwen
 - c. Take back to groups!
 - d. If you have a story or anything that you want to put into the newsletter, as long as it is AA approved.**
- 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 Jon
 - b. No report given.
 - c. Adrian L will be the alt chair

- d. Added a 'Hospitality Suite' tab to the drop down for Committee Meetings. This will take you to a page with additional information on how you can provide service work for the D81 hospitality suite at the 2024 SETA convention. This includes an email address and a link to the signup genius, there's also a QR code available. [thanks for the input Andrea]
 - e. Updated the events page [thanks for the input Robert]
 - f. Updated the PI/CPC page on the site with contact information at the bottom of the page [thanks for the input Tim]
 - g. Created a 'Group Forms' page and added a tab to the header. This page allows users to download two fillable PDF documents, either the **Group Change** or the **New Group** form. You can fill it out and upload it to the site and it will be sent to Kirsten, the D81 registrar. Or you can download, fill out, print and bring to the D81 meeting and give to Kirsten. [thanks for the input Kirsten]
 - h. Created a 'Newsletter Archive' page and added a drop down tab to the Newsletter tab.. This will allow users to view past Newsletters. (Currently only the year 2023 is available) [thanks for the input Angelia - Serenity Group]
 - i. Reminder: please contact me if you need assistance setting up the SETA IT Services with Google.
 - j. Be sure to email John.A@aa-seta.org if you want to attend a Google meeting to discuss the website for anything.
 - k. Mark: upload group documents? No on the district
11. Accessibility - Lynn
- a. Second Wednesday of the month - 6:30 - virtual
 - b. Chair of the committee was to provide login credentials for the district meeting
 - c. Separate speaker is not necessary
 - d. How to handle votes, assists, and registrar and who is a voting member and who is not?
 - i. If you are a voting member, we have some rules that will be put into the virtual
 - e. Next meeting: going through accessibility literature, what is accessibility
 - f. Goal of next calendar year: Develop policies and procedures
 - g. Can this be added to the website and newsletter?
12. Registrar (Roll Call Results) – Kirsten
- a. Kirsten performed Roll Call (results above)

Old Business:

- 1. SETA Hospitality Suite:
 - a. Saturday night dinner is still open

- b. Volunteer opportunities are still available
- 2. Would the district like to put on a GSR workshop?
 - i. New GSR workshops at
 - b. Traditions and Concepts?
 - c. Tiffany: Would this need to be budgeted for?
 - i. \$1000 for workshop committee
 - d. TAKE THIS BACK TO GROUPS!

New Business:

- Southwest Regional Forum Report - Danny
- Forum - we get to put a face to and ask questions to our General Service Board, General Manager of GSO, La Vina Editor, Grapevine Chair, and more.
- Can go to the Forum site to review everything that was talked about at the Forum.
- Increasing group and member contributions to take back the power.
 - Literature sales are making the majority of sales and only 1/3 of our groups are contributing.
- Grapevine and La Vina: Has a 5 year goal to be fully self-supporting
- GS Boards and GSO were challenged during questions.
- Struggles of carrying the message to other areas. AA is no where near as progressed around the world.

SWAARSA in Richardson in October 2024 - will have trainings on concepts & traditions.

Area Assembly: October 14-15, 2023 Doubletree IAH

- It is your responsibility as GSR to go.
- Sunday is the better day to go because it is voting.
- Zoom is an option!

GSR Sharing:

- TXSCYPAA: Oct 27-29th - would love for all of y'all's support
- GSO: Patrick C is the 2025 Convention Coordinator.
- GSO Conference docket is scheduled September 15th for 2024 for 2025 docket: would like to receive ideas from each group
- Alvin 57th Anniversary: Oct. 8th 5PM, Keith will be speaking!

Motion to close