



TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 16, 2024, 7pm, Meeting

Summary

The meeting transcript covers a Treatment Facilities Committee (TFC) meeting for Alcoholics Anonymous. The key topics discussed include potential candidates for the TFC chair position, updates on outreach efforts to various treatment facilities and organizations, upcoming service events and workshops, and logistics around resources and materials for the committee. There is an extensive discussion around recommending Diane L. for the TFC chair role, with members encouraging her to “pray on” the decision and consider taking on the position. Christopher G. provides updates on his visits to treatment facilities like the VA’s Hospital and Domiciliary, Harris Center’s Jail Diversion/Mental Health Facility and PEER Hope House, and Warriors Refuge, detailing their needs for AA meetings and any challenges faced. Upcoming events like the District 81 and District 51 workshops are announced, with members determining who can attend and represent TFC. The group also debates the best way to share TFC resources like bookmarks, guidelines, and meeting mapping tools with the wider AA community.

Business Discussed

Opening and Serenity Prayer

Christopher G. opens the meeting, welcomes everyone, and leads the group in reciting the Serenity Prayer. He announces that the meeting is being recorded.

Discussion on Tradition One

Diane L. reads Tradition One and shares her perspective on why it is important, highlighting the significance of unity in helping members progress in their recovery. She emphasizes that AA is a spiritual program.

Concept Three Discussion

Christopher G. reads from the AA Service Manual about Concept Three, which outlines the right of decision for trusted servants at various levels of the organization. He explains how this allows for effective leadership while still maintaining accountability.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The group reviews the secretary’s report from the previous meeting. After confirming there are no changes or suggestions, they approve the minutes.

Treasurer Report

Taylor C. presents the treasurer’s report, stating there were no expenses in August. The committee has \$13,745.56 available in their budget.

Discussion on TFC Chair Position

Don M. recommends Diane L. for the TFC chair position, citing her regular attendance and involvement. Diane agrees to pray on the decision, expressing some concerns about balancing multiple service roles. The group provides guidance on the process and requirements.



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Outreach and Facility Updates

Christopher G. shared updates from his visits to various treatment facilities like the VA Hospital, VA Domiciliary, Harris Center Jail Diversion & Mental Health Facility, Harris Center PEER Hope House, and Warriors Refuge. He details their needs for AA meetings, any challenges faced, and the processes required for volunteers.

Upcoming Events and Workshops

The group discusses upcoming AA service events and workshops, including ones hosted by District 81 on October 6th and District 51 on September 17th. They determine who can attend to represent TFC.

Resources and Materials

There is a lengthy discussion around how to effectively share TFC resources like bookmarks, guidelines, and meeting mapping tools with the wider AA community. Don M. cautions about sharing zipped files, suggesting PDF formats may be more Accessible.

Closing

The group closes the meeting by reciting the Responsibility Statement.

Action Items

1. Diane L. to pray on the decision of standing for the TFC chair position and provide an update at the next meeting.
2. Christopher G. to follow up with the Harris Center Jail Diversion & Mental Health Facility about adjusting meeting times to evenings or Sundays to accommodate more volunteers.
3. Christopher G. to purchase a box of AA workbooks and pamphlets for distribution and submit receipts to the treasurer.
4. Christopher G. to attend the District 81 Workshop on October 6th and represent TFC
5. Don M. to create a PDF with the Bridge the Gap QR code and information to distribute more widely.
6. Christopher G. to send the zipped TFC resource files to the Area officers and determine if they can create a shared drive for access.

Meeting Attendees

Area TFC Officers

Chris G.	Chairperson
Taylor C.	TFC Treasurer
NottaBot	Temp Secretary

Area TFC Committees

Don M	BTG Subcommittee Chair
Diane L.	Literature Chair