

District 81 Committee Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2022

Call to Order: Danny G. – Serenity Prayer

Traditions/Concept: Concept 4 read by Tiffany S.

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Danny G. with the Serenity Prayer.

Roll Call: 29 members (25 voting and 4 non-voting) and 3 visitors. 32 total attendees.

The Alt-DCM called the meeting to order. Concept 4 was read by Tiffany S. DJ said he would read Concept 5 next meeting. The Registrar performed the roll call. There were 32 attendees, including 29 members (25 voting and 4 non-voting). The meeting minutes for March 2022 were not presented. Treasurer's Report (attached) for March 2022 was presented. A motion was made by Tom B. to approve the report as presented and it was seconded by Forest L. Dana asked a question about the header of the report. Kirsten answered. The Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

1. Archives – Report (attached) presented by Wesley S. Presented a fund request through Finance and Budget (F&B) Committee for about \$400 last month. Keith M. discussed email addresses tied to each committee and suggested to go through G-Suite. Also, that the individual can set email up in G-Suite and to contact SETA for access and for an email address. Area Assembly has a G-Suite workshop and aa-seta.org has training materials.
2. Correctional Facility (CFC) – Report (not attached) presented by Darryl H. Going back into the Carol Young unit at TDC. Tom B. said get with him for application to go into Galveston County Jails. A question about CFC's finances and the "blue can" was asked by Angela.
3. Public Information/Cooperation with Professional Community (PICPC) – Report (attached) presented by Tim L. Met with 12 TDCJ parole officers. Bay Area Printing has the PSAs in newsletters for Clear Lake, League City, and Pearland areas. Future PSAs were discussed. Presented a fund request to F&B Committee for \$400 last month. Cristina asked a question about if District 81 was treated by vendors like all other non-profit organizations are so that the District is not receiving preferential treatment. Tiffany S. asked about QR codes. Tim mentioned PSA videos that are downloadable and trackable. Meet monthly on the last Thursday.
4. Grapevine – No report presented.
5. Literature – Ashely S. presented the report (attached). The report was regarding the 2022 General Service Conference agenda topics. Meet monthly on 3rd Wednesday at BAC. Paul mentioned the committee is carrying AA literature into Ukraine currently.
6. Finance and Budget (F&B) – Brandi presented the report (attached). Archive fund request for \$403 was approved unanimously. PICPC fund request for \$400 was

- approved unanimously. Web fund request for \$500-\$800 was approved unanimously. Send group treasurers to the monthly F&B meetings.
7. Treatment Facilities (TFC) – John C. presented the report (attached). 2nd Tuesday of the month at Into Action meeting. Changed the language of the Preamble back to “men and women” from “people”.
 8. Newsletter – No report presented. Committee Chair resigned.
 9. Workshop – Catherine G. presented the report (attached). Next workshop is at the same time as the TFC workshop. May move to another time. It will be an interactive workshop. Register for the workshop with Catherine G. via email. Need help setting up/tearing down. Light snacks provided.
 10. Registrar – Cindy performed Roll Call (results above).
 11. Web – Nicole C. presented report (not attached). Edited online and mobile version to appear similar. Send Nicole any new emails for committees via the website. Calendar is on the site. Every committee has its own color. Cost of web domain and subscription are both yearly costs. The Calendar may need additional add-ons which cost money. Need emails and workshop information.

Old Business:

N/A

New Business:

1. Approval of the P&P for the Website Committee – Vote on approval next month.
Move to Old Business
2. Newsletter Chair – Keith M. requested someone to stand for this position. No one did.

GSR Sharing:

Susan from the KISS women’s group said that they have a speaker meeting 2nd Sunday of the month.

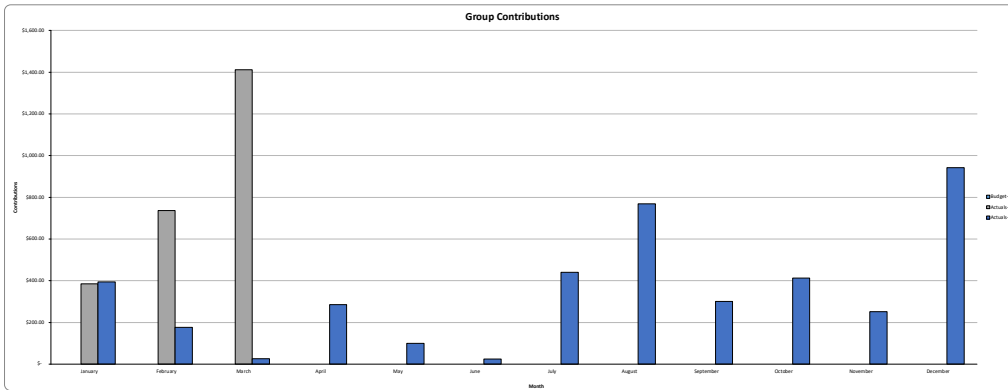
AA Group Announcements:

1. Area 67 Assemblies – One coming up this weekend and future ones discussed.
Danny G. said GSRs and Committee Members need to go. Groups need to have it in their budgets to send their GSRs to these Assemblies.
2. 75th Annual Texas State Convention
3. SWRAASA in Tulsa, OK

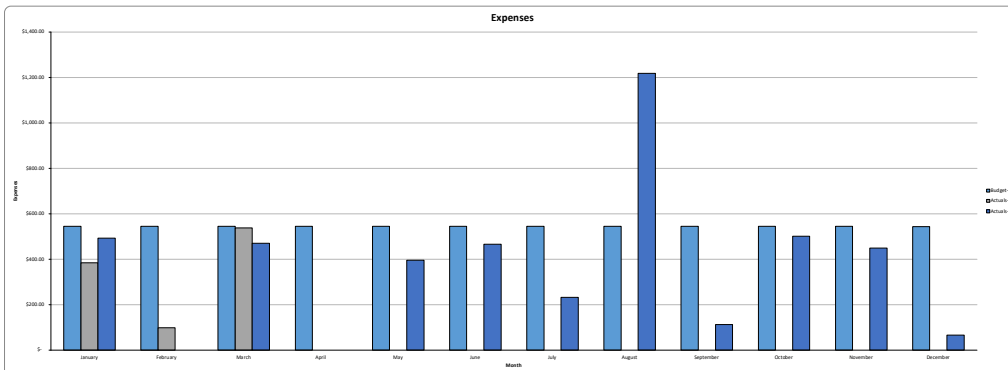
Brandi made a motion to close the meeting. Meeting closed.

Opening Checkbook Balance	\$ 12,562.53
Group Contributions	\$ 1,411.98
Other Contributions	\$ -
Less Expenses	\$ 537.12
Net Income	\$ 874.86
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$ 13,437.39
Prudent Reserve Emergency Funds	\$ (2,000.00)
Restricted Budget Deficit	\$ (5,511.54)
Available Funds	\$ 5,925.85

13531.09



Income	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	YTD
Budget-CY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Actuals-CY	\$ 385.00	\$ 736.67	\$ 1,411.98	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,533.65
Actuals-PY	\$ 394.00	\$ 177.00	\$ 25.95	\$ 284.88	\$ 100.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 440.00	\$ 769.14	\$ 300.00	\$ 412.19	\$ 252.37	\$ 941.72	\$ 4,121.25



Expenses	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	YTD
Budget-CY	\$ 544.21	\$ 544.21	\$ 544.21	\$ 544.21	\$ 544.21	\$ 544.21	\$ 544.21	\$ 544.21	\$ 544.21	\$ 544.21	\$ 544.21	\$ 544.21	\$ 6,530.48
Actuals-CY	\$ 383.88	\$ 97.94	\$ 537.12	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,018.94
Actuals-PY	\$ 493.59	\$ -	\$ 470.44	\$ -	\$ 395.17	\$ 466.21	\$ 231.96	\$ 1,218.80	\$ 112.73	\$ 501.20	\$ 449.38	\$ 66.23	\$ 4,405.71

Group Name:	Group #:	Budget	Month												YTD	
			January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December		
1500 Group	605576	\$ 8,010.00			\$ 150.00											\$ 150.00
33rd Street Galveston	112991		\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00											\$ 100.00
6th Street Group	130132															\$ -
Alvin Group	112839				\$ 876.98											\$ 876.98
Back To Basics - Texas City	677753															\$ -
Bacliff 11th Street Group	692944			\$ 250.00												\$ 250.00
Broad Highway	?????															\$ -
Breakfast Club	?????															\$ -
Certain Steps	?????															\$ -
Clear Lake City Group	127766															\$ -
Daily Bread	174610															\$ -
Dickinson Bayou Group	135993															\$ -
Early Birds????	173796															\$ -
Early Workers Group	637694			\$ 133.33												\$ 133.33
Edgebrook Group																\$ -
Fresh Start Group	176723															\$ -
Galveston Day Group	120778															\$ -
Happy Destiny Group	720976															\$ -
Happy Hour Group (BAC)	173018															\$ -
Hitchcock Group	653384															\$ -
Hope Seekers (Pearland)	652766															\$ -
Houston, We Have a Solution (BAC)	????															\$ -
Imperfect Nooners	699570															\$ -
Jamaica Beach	142623		\$ 110.00													\$ 110.00
Keep it Simple Sweetheart- KISS (BAC)	165384															\$ -
Keep On Steppin (Friendswood)	669720															\$ -
Lambda-Galveston	129176															\$ -
Live at 5 (BAC)	625071			\$ 217.95												\$ 217.95
New Day Group	173527			\$ 100.00												\$ 100.00
Night Owls	???															\$ -
Pearland Beginner's Group	689399															\$ -
Pearland Monday Night Group	617706															\$ -
Pearland Thursday Gratitude	663342				\$ 150.00											\$ 150.00
The Phoenix AA Group (Galveston)	143647															\$ -
Phoenix Women's (Pearland)	667965															\$ -
Post Office Men's Group	696589															\$ -
Pearland Promises Group	658274															\$ -
Seabrook Serenity Sisters	702461															\$ -
Safe Haven P-11	721635															\$ -
Santa Fe AA Group	164289															\$ -
Serenity Group (BAC)	165186				\$ 185.00											\$ 185.00
SIS Group (UTSC)	175066															\$ -
Steps To Freedom	????															\$ -
Sunrise Group - Friendswood	697994			\$ 35.39												\$ 35.39
Sunshine Women's	161959															\$ -
Sobriety of Two Wheels (BAC)	705422															\$ -
Texas City Group	113214															\$ -
Waterfront Group/Noon at the Creek	632178															\$ -
West Isle Group	112992		\$ 225.00													\$ 225.00
What's the Point	672040															\$ -
This Side of the Lake (UTSC)	626940															\$ -
Young, Wild & Free (BAC)	713122															\$ -
Total Group Contributions:			\$ 385.00	\$ 736.67	\$ 1,411.98	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,533.65
% of Budget			4.8%	9.2%	17.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	31.6%
Other Contributions:			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Contributions:			\$ 385.00	\$ 736.67	\$ 1,411.98	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,533.65

	Original Budget	Budget Amendments	Revised Budget	Month												YTD	Variance to Budget Favorable/(Unfav.)	
				January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December			
Administrative Expenses																		
DCM	\$ 745.00		\$ 745.00														\$ -	\$ 745.00
Alternate DCM	\$ 495.00		\$ 495.00														\$ -	\$ 495.00
District	\$ 850.00		\$ 850.00		\$ 50.00	\$ 291.70											\$ 341.70	\$ 508.30
	\$ -		\$ -														\$ -	\$ -
Secretary	\$ -		\$ -														\$ -	\$ -
Treasurer	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00														\$ -	\$ 50.00
Registrar	\$ -		\$ -														\$ -	\$ -
D81 Website	\$ -		\$ -														\$ -	\$ -
Regional SWAARSA	\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00														\$ -	\$ 300.00
Service Expenses																		
Archives	\$ 480.00		\$ 480.00	\$ 120.00		\$ 245.42											\$ 365.42	\$ 114.58
Correctional Facilities	\$ 800.00		\$ 800.00														\$ -	\$ 800.00
PI/PCP	\$ 1,110.48		\$ 1,110.48	\$ 263.88													\$ 263.88	\$ 846.60
Finance & Budget	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00														\$ -	\$ 100.00
Grapevine	\$ -		\$ -														\$ -	\$ -
Treatment Facilities	\$ 400.00		\$ 400.00														\$ -	\$ 400.00
Literature	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00														\$ -	\$ 100.00
Newsletter	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00														\$ -	\$ 100.00
District Events																		
Assembly Hosting	\$ -		\$ -														\$ -	\$ -
Workshop	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00		\$ 47.94												\$ 47.94	\$ 952.06
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -											\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 6,530.48	\$ -	\$ 6,530.48	\$ 383.88	\$ 97.94	\$ 537.12	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,018.94	\$ 5,511.54

Release of Funds

Remaining Restricted not Including the Prudent Reserve \$ 5,511.54

% of Budget 5.9% 1.5% 8.2% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 15.6%

District 81 Treasurer's Report February 2022
Prepared by Kirsten Yoder

Balance per Bank as of March 31, 2022	\$	13,531.09
Add: Deposits in Transit	\$	-
Less: Outstanding Checks:		
Check# 1901	\$	93.70
Check#	\$	-
Check#	\$	-
Check#	\$	-
Check#	\$	-
Check#	\$	-
Check#	\$	-
Adjusted Bank Balance:	<u>\$</u>	<u>13,437.39</u>
Balance per Bank as of January 30, 2021	\$	11,923.80
Add: Interest Income from bank:	\$	-
Less:		
NSF Checks and Fees	\$	-
Bank Service Fees	\$	-
Adjusted Checkbook Balance:	<u>\$</u>	<u>11,923.80</u>
NET INCOME:	\$	1,513.59

Friday, 3/25/22 | 2pm

District 81 Archives Meeting

Dana H, Tom B, Ned H, Wesley S, Tiffany S, Ellen R, Johnny S

Committee Positions and Agreements:

Dana: President

Tom: Treasurer - out

Ned: Outreach and Interest

Wesley: Key holder/ Audio Archiver

Ellen: Secretary / Scanned Document Archiver - phone

Tiffany: Interviewer / Visual Display Archiver

Johnny: Mascot - out

Projects Discussed:

#1 *Per Dist. 81 meeting Mar. 2nd access to AA Archives email address: TIFFANY*

- Action: Each committee member to go to seta web and register for seta archives Gmail (inner organizational communication device).
- Task Master: Tiffany, Ellen, Tom, Dana (Wes is now Dist. 81 Secretary and will have one through his new office)

#2 *Digitizing archive documents & audio library of cassettes for future Dist. 81 website and other opportunities*

- ***We need to price an external hard drive for Archives: Tiffany did!***
- ***We hope to make all newly digitized archive items available on the new seta website.***
- Action: Scanning hard copy documents and organizing digital copies into an easily accessible format. ***Ellen took 2 selected documents for scanning to be returned at next archives meeting, TBA: Ellen Broke Leg.*** Plan to scan “Diary of Two Motorcycle Hobos” from Pete L. by Lillie Mc (Lowery, TX Archive copy) and “A Pre-AA History Book” by Bob S

Ellen: Would like to print scanned documents for web as well as AA conventions, club events and archives meeting purposes to represent Dist. 81

- Action: Purchase cassette to MP3 converter and organize digital copies into an easily accessible format. ***Wesley and Tiffany have one!***

- Task Master Documents: Ellen has access to digital emailing scanner at Unity Bay Area Houston
- Task Master Audio: **Wesley took record and cassettes to try**

#3 Proposed monthly archives meeting, *name TBA*, at BAC to gain more awareness and interest

- Action: Aggregated Meeting Topics/ Purpose, Chairperson commitments, and date and time for use of Room E&F (by the coffee bar) approved by the BAC.
- Task Masters: **Ned and Wesley**
Ned and Wesley came up with a meeting structure and suggested that we inquire among existing meetings (Live @5 weekends or 6:30pm Weekdays at BAC) to host a monthly or bi-monthly Archives meeting.

Ned will come up with a meeting “pitch” for this new meeting.

Ellen suggested that we use these meetings also as an opportunity to interview old timers for the archives as speaker meetings.

#3b Recording Old Timers Project

- Action: Overview the Archives Workbook to learn suggested method and questions of interest to AA Archives.
Ellen emailed committee Archives Workbook with Interview guidelines and suggestions.
- Action: Select and confirm Old Timer, scheduling a date and time/ IF on the spot, having list of AA Archive questions on hand and a recording device (phone)
- Task Masters:
Could be done at archives meeting

#4 Dist. 81 Display upgrade for AA Conventions, Club events and Meetings

- Required Action: New board materials, updated printing of original documents on Archive paper
- Task Master: **Tiffany & Ellen**
 - ***Action: Tiffany found and priced several modern options to display archives materials. Tom has put in a money request for a standing 6 way***

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul

facing display that can be walked around. Very eye catching and professional. Tiffany also found great digital options for later!

GOAL: have this display in hand and ready to view by April 30th BAC Spring Fling

#5 Connecting with other districts and the area for Archive Workshops

- Required Action: Connect with other districts and the Area 67 Archive to see if such a thing exists.

Dist. 82 Archives returned

- Action: contact Dist. 81 DCM inquire Archives and contact.
- Task Master: Tom took care of this!

PARKING LOT ITEMS:

AA Obituaries

Who will speak for Archives Dist. 81 Rep Apr. 6:

District 81 PI-CPC Committee Meeting

Minutes

03.31.2022 | 5:00 PM | Meeting at BAC

Meeting called by:	Tim L	Attendees:	Tom B.
Type of meeting:	PI-CPC Committee		Dawn F.
Facilitator:	Tim L.		Marcella S.

Agenda Items:

- Discuss TDCJ Outreach on 3-24-22
Tim, Paul, and Tom attended. Approximately 14 Parole officers in attendance. Covered what AA does and does not do. Used revised professional outreach document we updated.
- Review Bay Area Printing and Community Newsletters that cover Clear Lake, League City, Friendswood, and West Pearland Area Community Newsletters.
Sending in new PSA message of Hope. Looks like there will be no cost for new PSA.
- Discuss future PSA's possibly families in recovery.
Discussed asking district finance committee for funds for a ¼ page PSA in June/July Postal Publications. PSA will be \$400.00 reaching 32,000 homes in county.
- Discuss upcoming Health Fairs
Hope to hear back from A & M Galveston soon and Alvin should be scheduling one soon.
- Reviewed GSO new PSA's announcement of the 2 new video PSA's.
- Discuss BIG BOOK and 12 & 12 Library audits
Marcella S is taking on this project. Will coordinate with the Assistant Librarian (Darla) at Helen Hall Library in League City to audit Galveston County Libraries to see how many Big Books and 12 & 12's will be needed to ensure each library has one of each. Audit results due by 4-25-22. Will then place order for inventory.
- Announced new Zoom meeting the "Free and Serene" group held daily on Zoom at 11:30am. Meeting information is on the BAC website. The group was formed due to the Live Serenity Group voting to separate the Zoom Group in their Group Conscious.

Looking forward to our meeting,
Tim L - District 81 PI-CPC Chair

2022 General Service Conference Agenda Topic Summaries - California Northern Coastal Area
06 Pre-Conference Assembly April 2-3, 2022 (AA Confidential – Not for use outside the Fellowship)

{We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Assembly, but you can share them with the Delegate via email, through a web form on the Area website, or by phone.}

- 1.) What does your group or committee hope is included in a pamphlet directed to mental health professionals? What information do you think can help mental health professionals effectively address suffering alcoholics?
- 2.) Does your group or committee think a pamphlet specifically targeting doctors is necessary? Why or why not?
- 3.) Does your group or committee have any suggestions regarding materials that should be added (or removed) from the Corrections Kit and Workbook?
- 4.) Does your group feel that the term “person in custody” should be reconsidered? Why or why not?
- 5.) Does your group feel there is a need to limit changes to the book Alcoholics Anonymous? Why or why not?
- 6.) Does your group feel there is a need to limit changes to the book Alcoholics Anonymous? Why or why not? The 71st General Service Conference passed two advisory actions to develop a Fifth Edition of the Big Book.
 - a. First, that a Fifth Edition of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, be developed, including an update of stories to better reflect current membership, keeping in mind the 1995 Advisory Action that “The first 164 pages of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, the Preface, the Forewords, ‘The Doctor’s Opinion,’ ‘Doctor Bob’s Nightmare’ and the Appendices remain as is.”
 - b. Second, that “Pending its development, the draft Fifth Edition of the Big Book would include a new foreword, an updated preface, and updates to expand on existing ideas in Appendices III and V.” There are two requests in the background that were combined into this single item.
 - i. The first one cites the second advisory action noted above and expresses the sentiment that the protection of Bill’s writings from the 1995 Advisory Action was taken away by the actions of the 71st Conference. They also note that updates to Appendices III and V can be via additional information immediately following the existing text of the respective appendix.
 - ii. The second submission included in this item also asks that no changes be made to the Big Book except for updating stories. The reasoning behind their proposal is that they feel that outside issues are being brought into A.A. and into A.A. literature. They quote Tradition 10 and the Preamble as well as our co-founder Bill Wilson. There is a comparison to the Washingtonian Movement and how outside issues destroyed that movement and how they feel Alcoholics Anonymous is heading in that direction. The submitter also expressed concerns on “cancelling pronouns” being the start of changes throughout the literature with of a possible progression of removing “musts” to eventually removing God.
- 7.) Does your group feel that changes to our A.A. literature are done at a pace that keeps our primary purpose in mind? Why or why not?
 - a. This submission comes from a long-time member who feels that “considering making any changes to the Big Book and any literature is a mistake while the world is challenged by distance due to the Covid-19 pandemic.” He asks us to keep the lesson of the Washingtonians in mind

when making changes, that our message has worked for 86 years, and that our primary purpose should remain clear.

8.)

**2022 General Service Conference Agenda Topic Summaries - California Northern Coastal Area
06 Pre-Conference Assembly April 2-3, 2022 (AA Confidential – Not for use outside the Fellowship)**

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE LITERATURE-

{We will not hear group consciences on this item at the Assembly, but you can share them with the Delegate via email, through a web form on the Area website, or by phone.}

- A. Annual review of recovery literature matrix.
- B. Review draft language regarding safety and A.A. to be included in Living Sober and the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship.”
- C. Review draft pamphlet based on A.A.’s Three Legacies.
- D. Review draft pamphlet “The Twelve Steps Illustrated.”
- E. Review progress report regarding the pamphlet “The Twelve Concepts Illustrated.”
- F. Review progress report regarding the pamphlet “Too Young?”
- G. Review draft of the revised pamphlet “Young People and A.A.”
- H. Review progress report regarding update of the pamphlet “A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic.”
- I. Review progress report regarding update of the pamphlet “A.A. for the Native North American.”
- J. **Review progress report regarding development of a Fourth Edition of the book *Alcohólicos Anónimos*.**

- i. **In 2021, the Conference approved the development of the Fourth Edition of the Spanish Big Book. History regarding the development of the current Third Edition is in the background, along with requests for revisions related to translation “errors and omissions” sent in by members over the years.** The progress report includes information on the working group timeline and call for stories, with plans for presentations and story writing workshops at numerous A.A. events. A call for stories will come soon. The seven members on this working group have been chosen for their experience as native Spanish-speaking members of the Fellowship. Their heritage includes Mexico, Central and South America, Spain, and the Caribbean and they are all very active in service at different levels. The working group will collect stories from the broad diversity of Hispanic A.A. members in the U.S./Canada structure only, noting that countries outside the U.S./Canada structure can obtain licenses from A.A.W.S. that would allow original stories from their respective countries to be included in Big Book editions they publish themselves. The working group is mindful of translation concerns. The Publishing department will work with a professional translator to provide drafts, which the members of the working group will then review in sections to ensure that the text encompasses the diversity of the Spanish-speaking population. They will use the list of corrections and suggestions received as a reference when they review the drafts from Publishing, and they are taking notes on what they hear from the Fellowship.

ii. *LITERATURE MEETING DISTRICT 81 MARCH 16TH, 2022:*

- i. We all agreed a favorable approval of requested revisions.***

- K. **Review progress report regarding the translation of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous (Fourth Edition)* into plain and simple language.**

- i. **In 2021, the Conference approved a recommendation that a draft version of the book, *Alcoholics Anonymous (Fourth Edition)*, be translated into plain and simple language and be developed in a way that is accessible and relatable to as wide of an audience as possible.** The detailed progress report from the Tools to Access the Big Book (TABB) subcommittee is available in the background. TABB reviewed all the feedback from the Fellowship on the video that was made available last year by a previous subcommittee (RIPTAB). Some information on their review carries over into the related Item L below. The TABB subcommittee also reviewed a number of proposed agenda items sent in this year to stop the development

of a plain language Big Book. **Of note in these proposals were concerns regarding political intentions, eradication of God, and the removal of all gendered language.** The TABB subcommittee affirmed in the report that the objective is to achieve a translation into plain language that meets the accessibility needs of those with a 5th grade reading level. The request to prospective translators noted specifically that “we are seeking simplification of vocabulary, syntax and style to bring it into alignment with current plain language guidelines” and that “sensitivity to A.A.-specific language will be key.” While the translator is a professional, this will be a collaborative effort. A.A. members through the TABB subcommittee, G.S.O., the trustees’ Literature Committee and ultimately the General Service Conference will guide the process. Also in the report is a roadmap to guide workflows and address the unique circumstances of this sort of translation, including touchpoints with the General Service Conference. Of particular note is that some unedited samples of the translated text from the Big Book are included in this report. While very preliminary in nature, the TABB subcommittee recognizes that there is “a high level of interest in the process for the plain and simple language translation, and that there are those with concerns regarding the intent of this project. It is hoped that this early transparency, and of sharing materials that have yet to even be edited, will serve to provide the Conference Committee on Literature the opportunity to see exactly where this project is at this point in time and offer any early feedback that they may have.”

- ii. **LITERATURE MEETING DISTRICT 81 MARCH 16TH, 2022: Split Concerns**
 - i. **Pro - When someone first gets sober, they may benefit from simple language.**
 - ii. **Con - Altering the original text may be a slippery slope to other changes, it also could take away original intent behind the words/meaning.**

L. Review progress report regarding requests to develop study guide workbooks for A.A.

- i. **In 2021, the Conference Literature committee requested that the trustees’ Literature committee consider the development of workbooks to help study the program of Alcoholics Anonymous, as reflected in the most current edition of the book, Alcoholics Anonymous, and that a feasibility report be brought back to the 2022 Conference Committee on Literature. This year the trustees’ Literature committee also received proposed agenda items to consider creating an individualized workbook to accompany the Big Book, and the development of a contemporary and comprehensive new workbook to study the Twelve Steps, Traditions and Concepts. A detailed progress report from the Tools to Access the Big Book (TABB) subcommittee is available in the background, along with the report from a previous subcommittee (RIPTAB). There is some overlap in the report from the related Item K above. In January 2022, the trustees’ Literature Committee discussed the work done by the TABB subcommittee regarding requests to develop study guide workbooks for A.A. The committee agreed on requesting feedback from the Fellowship on the following options:**
- ii. **Option 1 – Take no action, as suggested by the 1985 advisory action which reaffirmed previous Conference actions that there was no need for a Step study guide.**
- iii. **Option 2 – Turn to the Grapevine and leverage its ample archive of articles on practicing the Steps to show variation in approach and style. Future Grapevine podcasts could serve a supplemental role and help enrich this effort.**
- iv. **Option 3 – Create a General Service Conference-approved study guide workbook to aid in studying the Twelve Steps. Possibly with inclusion of the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts. Note: Options 2 and 3 to primarily be a print-based product, with the potential of supporting and/or companion material via digital, video, and/or podcast.**
- v. **LITERATURE MEETING DISTRICT 81 MARCH 16TH, 2022: Split Concerns**
 - Option 3 – Create a General Service Conference-approved study guide workbook to aid in studying the Twelve Steps. (Other 12 Step Programs have them. It could be a useful tool. They already have individual Step Work books.)**

Option 1 – Take no action. (The 12 tradition encourages one alcoholic to work with another. This could result in voluntary sponsorship and self-appraisals. Relapse prone individuals could benefit from new experiences in working with a new sponsor.)

- M. Review progress report regarding development of a Fifth Edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*.
- N. Discuss the existing version of the pamphlet “Twelve Traditions Illustrated.”
- O. Discuss G.S.O. Publishing updates per the A.A.W.S. print policy: O1 - Review the draft update of the pamphlet “Is A.A. for You?” O2 - Review the draft update of the pamphlet “Is There an Alcoholic in Your Life?” O3 - Review the draft update of the pamphlet “Frequently Asked Questions About A.A.” O4 - Review the draft update of the pamphlet “This Is A.A.”
- P. Review progress report regarding strategy to make current literature accessible in all possible formats.
- Q. Review progress report regarding Literature Committee workbook.
- R. **Discuss changes to the text of the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* as directed by the 71st General Service Conference.**
 - i. **In 2021, three recommendations to change the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* were passed by substantial unanimity at the 71st Conference.**
 - ii. **1. A revision was made to page 117, replacing the phrase “mate of the opposite sex” with the word “partner.”**
 - iii. **2. A revision was made on page 66 in the chapter “Step Six” to replace the sentence “No one wants to be angry enough to murder, lustful enough to rape, gluttonous enough to ruin his health.” The new sentence is: “No one wants to commit the deadly sins of anger, lust or gluttony.”**
 - iv. **3. The long form of each Tradition is now included at the end of each essay for that Tradition in the book (with the complete set of Traditions still at the back of the book as before). New printings of the book in 2021-2022 have included these changes.**
 - v. The General Service Office has since received 40 requests to reverse or rescind one or more of these changes, and/or to preserve, unaltered, the text of the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, as originally published. The proposed agenda items, excerpts of which are sampled in the background information, fell broadly into four categories: 1. References to previous Conference advisory actions and the sentiment that Bill’s writing should not be changed. 2. The “slippery slope” concern, that these changes could lead to endless future changes. 3. That the COVID pandemic, or other issues, didn’t allow for a fully informed group conscience. 4. That the changes are the result of outside issues and therefore not in keeping with Tradition 10, or other Traditions. Also in the background is a History of Proposed Changes and Editorial Updates (2002 – Current) for *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* prepared by the Archives department.
 - vi. **LITERATURE MEETING DISTRICT 81 MARCH 16TH, 2022:**
 - i. **Unanimously agreed to requests to reverse or rescind all of these changes, and to preserve, unaltered, the text of the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, as originally published.**
- S. Consider an update of the book *Experience, Strength and Hope*.



DISTRICT 81 of the SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA 67

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Finance & Budget Committee of District 81 Agenda March 30, 2022

FnB Committee: Brandi W. Chair, Kirsten Y. Treasurer, Danny G. Alt DCM, Visitor Sandy H.

Meeting @ Jason's Deli at 6:30pm

- We reviewed GSO agenda items for Finance
- Discussed extra funds from last year in the amount of 3392.20

New Business:

- Archives request for \$403.43 for new display board was approved by committee and will go for a vote to district.
- Website additional expense for 2022 budget of \$800 was approved by committee and will go for a vote to district
- PSA for PI Committee for \$400 was approved by committee and will go for a vote to district.

Closed meeting at 7:30

Ongoing projects the committee is working on are:

1. Tax filing by the district entity: are we obligated or not?
2. Investigating 501.c.3 eligibility
3. Revising the Budget form to ease completion
4. Meeting TIME & PLACE discussion: rotating or fixed, 4th or last Wed?
5. Form revision and integration onto the website.
6. Annual Thank-you letters to groups for contributions.

TFC Monthly Report to District 04-06-2022

Activities during the month:

- Held our monthly committee meeting 03-30-2022, 6:30 via zoom.
- Five were in attendance, one new
- Presentations during March were at Kemah Palms 3-9-2022, Into Action was supposed to be 3-15-2022, miscommunication, so we're now doing it second Tuesday of every month, 8:00pm; GotoMeeting for BARC on March 23 at 6:00.

Action Items:

- Planning for our workshop Saturday, May 14, 1:00 to 3:00 at Bay Area Club.
- Committee voted to keep old language of the Preamble "men and women" instead of "people".

Goals

- Recruit more manpower to have more monthly presentations.

Announcements:

- Next TFC committee meeting the last Wednesday of the month April 27 at 6:30 via Zoom.
- GSR's please announce to your groups about us

Workshop Committee March Report

The Committee met several times and much has been accomplished and set in place

- Location is set 1st United Methodist Church of Dickinson
- May 14th 1-4
- We could use a few folks to help set up and take down as the custodial staff does not work on Saturday
- This is a non-smoking facility
- We have the interactive format set and are excited for the participants
- Flyers are here and please feel free to take extras to share with other groups
- We strongly suggest that participants preregister to the listed email on the flyer there are packets that need to be printed and we would like to have a close approximation of expected attendees so all may have a packet. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.
- Light snacks will be served along with coffee and iced tea

Thank you for the opportunity to serve District 81

The workshop committee