

**District 81, Area 67 Southeast Texas  
District Committee Meeting – March 1st, 2023**

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**We meet every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the Month from 7pm – 9pm  
Kelley’s Country Cooking – La Marque, Texas  
meet.google.com/ehm-jrvv-ifm**

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<b>Call to Order</b>	<b>Serenity Prayer</b>
<b>Traditions/Concept</b>	<b>Tradition 3 Janine</b>
<b>Registrar (Kirsten)</b>	<b>Roll Call</b>
<b>Secretary (Andrea W.)</b>	<b>Review and Approve Minutes from Feb 2023</b>
<b>Treasurer (Debra S.)</b>	<b>Review and Approve Treasurer’s Report from February 2023</b>

### **Committee Reports**

1. Archives – Tiffany S.
2. Correctional Facility (CFC) – Janine
3. Public Information/Cooperation w/ Professional Community PI/CPC – Tim L.
4. Grapevine – Jan D.
5. Literature – Ashley S.
6. Finance & Budget (F&B) – DJ
7. Treatment Facilities (TFC) – Brett H.
8. Newsletter – Gwen R
9. Workshop Chair – Open
10. Website – John A.
11. Registrar (Roll Call Results) – Kirsten Y.

### **Old Business**

- Discuss the groups thoughts on the Accessibility Ad Hoc Committee
- The agenda items for the next conference should be out this month.

- Discuss the groups thoughts on hosting a SETA 2024 hospitality suite. Do we want to volunteer to manage the hospitality suite? If so, should we create a committee?

### **New Business**

Alt. Delegate Christina S. to discuss with the district the agenda items for the 73rd General Service Conference

### **GSR Sharing**

### **AA Group Announcements:**

#### **76th Annual Texas State Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous**

**June 9-11, 2023**

Westin San Antonio North  
9821 Colonnade Blvd  
San Antonio, TX 78230

#### **SETA Assembly Dates:**

April 1-2, 2023 DoubleTree IAH  
July 8-9, 2023 DoubleTree IAH  
October 14-15, 2023 DoubleTree IAH

**Responsibility Statement.** I am responsible, when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,

I want the hand of AA always to be there, and for that. I am responsible.

District 81 Committee Meeting Minutes  
March 1st, 2023

Call to Order: Danny – Serenity Prayer

Traditions/Concept: Tradition 3 read by Janine

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

Roll Call: 47 attendees with 38 voting members

Keith called the meeting to order. Tradition 3 was read by Janine. Kirsten performed the roll call. There were 47 attendees with 38 voting members and 6 visitors. The meeting minutes for February 2023 were presented by Andrea. Catherine motions to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented; Eric seconded; motion passes.

Michelle will do Tradition 4 next month.

All Committee Meetings:

- Archives: Last Friday of the month – Alvin Taylor Street – 2:00
- CFC: Second Wednesday of the month - Location TBD - Time
- PICPC: Last Thursday of the month – Location TBD – 5:30
- Grapevine: Last Tuesday of the month - 518 & 6th Avenue, Texas City - 6:00
- 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 – Zoom – 6:30
- Newsletter: Helen Hall Public Library - Last Monday of the month - 5:00
- Website: Google Meet - Third Wednesday of the month - 6:00

Open Positions:

- Accessibilities Chair
- Hospitality suite Chair for SETA
- Archives Committee: Treasurer and Secretary
- PICPC: Secretary
- Finance & Budget: Alt Chair

Committee Reports:

1. Archives – Tiffany S.
  - a. Last Friday of the month – Alvin Taylor Street – 2:00
  - b. Report given by Wesley S.
  - c. All speaker tapes are in working condition

- d. **Treasurer and Secretary positions open**
  - e. Tom - Group history reports can be emailed - get with him
  - f. John - Archives can be put on website
- 2. Correctional Facility (CFC) – Janine
  - a. Second Wednesday of the month - Place - Time
  - b. Report given by Janine
  - c. Missed one Carol Young because of Covid lockup
  - d. Talked about get a face-to-face trainings so that more people can get into the facilities
    - i. Area 70 has a training on April 29th
  - e. Galveston County Jail on Tuesday at 6:30 and 7:30
    - 1. Anyone can go into Galveston County
- 3. Public Information / Cooperation w/ Professional Community PI/CPC – Tim L.
  - a. Last Thursday of the month – TBD – 5:30
  - b. Report given by Tim
  - c. Literature Rack Update - Racks restocked; need to order more literature in Spanish (Michelle)
  - d. PSA picture and message for 2023 - voted for male silhouette with whiskey bottle (message of despair) for Bay Area Printing PSA
  - e. Postal Publications and Coast Monthly PSA's - Will alternate between family silhouette (message of hope) and message of despair throughout the year.
  - f. Coast Monthly put on hold after passing of Kristy Neal; need to determine replacement (Tim)
  - g. PI-CPC Website PAGE - Will work with District 81 webmaster to determine parameters for webpage design (Tim and Michelle)
  - h. BILLBOARDS 2023 - Tabled until March meeting
  - i. Phone Line Rotation – Dawn volunteered
  - j. **Open position – Secretary**
  - k. Youth involvement ideas for 2023 tabled until March meeting. Local high schools and colleges
  - l. Tom has receipts to submit for annual phone bill and back-ordered literature
  - m. Do we want to conduct annual parole officers training in the spring? Resounding Yes; Tom will coordinate with TDJC
- 4. Grapevine – Jan D.
  - a. Last Tuesday of the month at 6:00 in 518 & 6th Avenue, Texas City
  - b. Report given by Jan
  - c. Had 4 people - Might want to do a presentation on Grapevine
- 5. Literature – Ashley S.
  - a. Third Wednesday of the month – BAC Room E – 7:30
  - b. Report given by Ashley
  - c. 5 groups in attendance at last meeting
  - d. 36 page agenda items - condensed this to where it pertains to literature
  - e. **Highlighted list are the ones that they want us to take back to the groups**
- 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 at Jason’s Deli in League City, TX at 6:30 on 02/22
  - d. Danny talked to Maggie at Moody Gardens about Hospitality Suite
    - i. Room is \$675 a night with tax and round up is \$1500
    - ii. We have \$618.49 so if we get the room will technically be over budget but as of right now we are fully funded
  - e. **We’d suggest bringing this to your groups at GC**
  - f. Further Discussion on:
    - i. Policy and Procedures
    - ii. Digital Thank You’s to GSR’s once a month or quarterly
  - g. **Looking for an alt chair for the committee as well**
7. Treatment Facilities (TFC) – Brett H
- a. Last Wednesday of the month – Zoom (ID: 868-5564-9879, PW: 06101935) – 6:30
  - b. Report given by Robert
  - c. In February went to Into Action and Kemah Palms
    - i. Into Action: Tuesday Feb. 14th 8:00 (in person)
    - ii. Kemah Palms: Feb 21st 6:30 (in person)
    - iii. Bay Area Recovery Center: no meeting this month
  - d. Spring TFC Workshop Planning
  - e. Recruiting new TFC Members
8. Newsletter – Gwen R
- a. Helen Hall Public Library - Last Monday of the month - 5:00
  - b. Report given by Gwen
  - c. Discrepancy between PDF and hard copy - Website committee is incorrect. Email John to get Google Meet invite.
  - d. Looked into Canva - \$13 a month or \$156 a year
  - e. Template service will look different but will be easier to pass off in the future
  - f. **Requesting more word seekers :)**
9. Workshop Chair – Open
- a. Report given by Open
  - b. No report given
10. Website – John
- a. Google Meet - Third Wednesday of the month - 6:00
  - b. Report given by John
  - c. Website Updates:
    - i. Restructured the ribbon/banner
    - ii. Add a “Is AA for you” button
    - iii. Added AA Literature page
      - 1. Can go and download all docs from AA.org
    - iv. Added this month’s newsletter
    - v. Committee meetings page
  - d. Please don’t hesitate to call with emails/suggestions/ideas about the website

11. Registrar (Roll Call Results) – Kirsten
  - a. Kirsten performed Roll Call (results above)

### **Old Business**

#### Discuss the groups' thoughts on the Accessibility Ad Hoc Committee.

- Could be used for workshops
- Groups' concerns:
  - Were curious what else would be included in this committee
  - Concerns that we have haven't filled the current positions
  - Concerned about the difference between standing vs ad hoc committee
  - Only for people who do not want to come to the District 81
- Clarification on Ad hoc committee
- Bill: Thought this was tabled because of needing to update pricing for multiple mics
- Came out of committee: Motion and second to form an Accessibility committee and the expenditure of moneys (\$700-\$1100) to purchase and maintain the equipment. Would follow the guidelines of AA.org Accessibilities.
- Catherine: Does the F&B have the funds right now?
  - Yes, \$2400 - We are a fully funded district.
- Vote:
  - 19 in favor
  - 13 opposed
  - Minority opinion: Too many open ended questions - Do we have someone to stand? Do we have the money? How many potential users?
    - Funds are there. Fully funded budget.
    - We don't know how many people will attend.
    - Would people from your groups be interested in attending but are unable to make it?
  - Changed votes: 0
  - Motion passes
- Take it back to your group **Open Position: Accessibilities Chair**

#### Discuss the groups thoughts on hosting a SETA 2024 hospitality suite. Do we want to volunteer to manage the hospitality suite? If so, should we create a committee?

- Many groups liked this idea
- Catherine: SETA Chair is reaching out to other districts to help support Hospitality Suites so that districts are not burdened with supplying all resources
- Tom: Motions that we do it! Second: Jan
- **Open Position: Need a chair for hospitality suite**
  - Responsibilities/benefits: Chair will get the room associated with it, Create a (big) budget, Organize group donations
- Question: How do we come up with money?
  - 7th tradition basket

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## **New Business**

### Alt. Delegate Christina S. to discuss with the district agenda items for the 73rd General Service Conference

- **If you see things that are important to you, Rick and Christina need to know!** Can fill out the form and email it to Rick or can drop it into the box at Assembly. We do not want Rick to go up there and not know what the groups want. He want to take Area 67's opinion to GSC.
  - If he gets to GSC and gets new info, he will let us know.
  - Rick is on the Cooperation with the Professional Community: Will need information on CPC
- **Recommend GSRs take 1 or 2 hot buttons items back to groups**
- **Send into Rick by April 15th**
  - Please participate and send this stuff in so that Rick can represent our area
  - Can find these items at aa.seta.org -> Delegate -> Background information
- **Area Assembly round tables will be at Doubletree IAH - April 1st at 2:30**, recommend getting there at 2:00 so you can be put into round tables. There will also be a Zoom meeting at 2:30.
  - Area round tables are open to any member in SETA.
  - Do not have to hold a position to go to the round tables.
- A few items that we have found with most districts - below is an overview:
  - Finance committee: instead of separate line items, they grouped them together, this is a concern.
  - Literature:
    - 12 & 12 changes: revert back to Bill's original essays and reverse changes made at last conference
    - Spanish community wants a 4th Edition Big Book
    - 5th edition: Foreword and changed stories in the back, first 164 pages and Bill's Story
    - Plain language Big Book: Translation to the Grade Level of a 5th grader from 71st GSO
      - Trustees are working with a vendor to change the language
      - At the GSC - Will have a room with first 3-5 chapters of the plain language Big Book. No phones, tablets, or electronics allowed to make sure there are no copyright issues
- Other news: Jimmy D is the interim Chair because the past chair was asked to resign. All delegates met last night. Jimmy D was open and transparent. Rick will send an email on Friday 3/3 at the latest.

**GSR Sharing**

Betsy, a past delegate, was honored this past Saturday 2/25.  
Texas City Group celebrating anniversary - March 18th - 2:00pm

Motion to close