

District 81 Committee Meeting Minutes  
February 7th, 2024 7:00 PM  
Kelley's - La Marque

Call to Order: Danny – Serenity Prayer

Traditions/Concept: Concept 2 read by Terri

Roll Call: 17 officers, 2 past DCMs, 18 GSRs, 9 Alt GSRs, 39 voting members, 5 visitors

Keith called the meeting to order. Tradition 1 was read by Jane M. Brandi performed the roll call. There were XX attendees with XX voting members. The meeting minutes for January 2024 were presented by Andrea. Dana motions to accept the minutes with amendments; Brandi seconded; motion passes. Brandi motions to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented; Spencer seconded; motion passes.

Brandi helped to switch the 2023 to 2024. The budgeted money is -\$4000 from available funds to have a fully funded budget. In order to complete all the work we want to do, our contributions will need to be increased from the previous year.

- Christina: on average, how much of the budget do we spend?
  - DJ: about 40% - 60% of the budget. Last year we used 64.9%.
- The DCM and alt-DCM travel money is no longer needed. The budget committee may need to reevaluate the 2024 budget.

Terri will do Tradition 3 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: Third Tuesday of the month – Google Meets – 5:30
- 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 – ID 868-5564-9879, PW 06101935 – 6:30
- Newsletter: Last Monday of the month – Helen Hall Public Library – 5:00
- Website: Third Wednesday of the month – [meet.google.com/ehm-jrvv-ifm](https://meet.google.com/ehm-jrvv-ifm) – 6:00
- Accessibility: Second Wednesday – [meet.google.com/qvk-rjzk-nad](https://meet.google.com/qvk-rjzk-nad) – 6:30

## **Committee Reports:**

1. Archives – Tiffany S.
  - a. Last Friday of the month – Alvin Taylor Street – 2:00
  - b. Report given by Tiffany S.
  - c. In the Archives Shared drive, there's a miscellaneous folder, there's the committee reports. Met and discussed our 2024 budget and plan to
  - d. Outsource the digitization of the archival data. About \$300 - reallocated the funds for digitization and put this on the shared drive.
    - i. Had 18 binders - shown in the broken down inventory
  - e. Looking at obtaining pictures for D81 display board. Can be buildings, kelleys, etc. Add to folder in the shared drive.
  - f. Eric: For group history,
    - i. A: Guide on the GSO website, that explains a neat way of explaining the history. Historically, names are part of it. Minutes have last names.
    - ii. Christina: Full names can cause problems for personal/professional relationships.
  - g. Lynn: How do we get to the drive?
    - i. A: John walks the group through the process of getting to the drive.
2. Correctional Facility (CFC) – Janine
  - a. Second Wednesday of the month - BAC - 6:30
  - b. Report given by Janine
  - c. Going into Carole Young Facility Mondays at 6:50 for Sisters of the 12 steps. If you want to join at Carole Young, contact Janine.
  - d. Galveston County on Tuesday nights.
    - i. 6:30 - Women's meeting
    - ii. 7:30 - Men's meeting
    - iii. Priscilla: Pat W is doing the jails.
  - e. Planning a workshop to get into TDCJ facility
    - i. At Dickinson Bayou group church
    - ii. Date TBD Late April/Early May
  - f. Danny: Would like to see those going into TDCJ and the CFC chair cooperate for future rotations of this position
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. We have started transferring docs and creating folders in the SETA email.
  - d. We went to the Health Fair in Galveston on January 10th
  - e. New business cards will be in this meeting
  - f. Plan to use all of the 2024 budget
4. Grapevine – Spencer W.
  - a. Third Tuesday of the month – Google Meets – 5:30
  - b. Report given by Spencer
  - c. We met with Three Members in attendance, Fran, Rhonda, and Josh.

- d. We are going to be giving away (6) Grapevine subscriptions. Will be a random drawing on June 1st by our committee. We will be creating a list of names from now until May 31st. And the winners will be announced at the district 81 meeting on June 6th 2024.
  - e. Also for our subscription drive we have changed it up a little bit because we did not get done all that we wanted to. The Contest will begin January 1st and end September 30th. Our contest is going to have a “World Series Theme” and the winner will be getting a trophy with a nameplate on it!
    - i. Previous subscriptions are counted!!!
  - f. This week, Spencer will be getting with John, and Adrian to get a Grapevine SETA email for adding your name to the Subscription giveaway, and also to keep track of our subscription drive!
  - g. Michelle: Getting older copies to pass around and drum up interest?
5. Literature – Ashley S.
- a. Third Wednesday of the month – BAC Back Porch – 7:30
  - b. Report given by Ashley
  - c. Daniel K is the area literature rep and will be presenting about Area literature
    - i. Purpose of the committee is to raise awareness of AA approved literature
    - ii. They can come to different community events, quarterly assemblies
    - iii. They also do workshops!
      - 1. AA Founders’ Original Writing Discussion
        - a. March 16th 1:00 - 4:00
        - b. Church of the Holy Apostles
        - c. 1255 W. Grand Pkwy S, Katy, TX 77494
    - iv. Area literature meeting is on Third Tuesday of each month
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. Reviewed 2023 books to ensure it aligned with the bank account.
  - d. Reviewed the Thank you letter drafts and sent an email to the GSRs of groups that contributed.
  - e. Ask your group members to come to the F&B Meeting!!
7. Treatment Facilities (TFC) – Robert
- a. Last Wednesday of the month – Zoom – 6:30
  - b. Report given by Robert
  - c. In January went to Into Action and Kemah Palms
  - d. Upcoming
    - i. Into Action: second Monday at 8:00pm (in person)
    - ii. Kemah Palms: third Tuesday at 6:30pm (in person)
    - iii. Bay Area Recovery Center: fourth Tuesday at 6:00pm (virtual)
  - e. Bridge the gap - contacted those on the list to see if they wanted to stay on the list. Most wanted to stay on the list.

- f. Planning a spring and fall workshop
    - i. Possibly having a virtual option
  - g. TFC is a great service opportunity!!
- 8. Newsletter – Gwen R
  - a. Last Monday of the month – Helen Hall Public Library – 5:00
  - b. Report given by Gwen
  - c. This month’s newsletter is what a full newsletter looks like!!!
  - d. GSRs take it back to your homegroup for upcoming events.
  - e. Let Gwen know if your committee meeting times/location change.
- 9. Workshop Chair – Debra W
  - a. Report given by Debra W
  - b. Met with committee trying to get off the ground
  - c. Proposing May 18th:
    - i. Service fair: each committee would set up a table/booth and explain what their committee does and where they meet
    - ii. Looking at doing it at an outdoor park in Galveston - simple food like hot dogs, chips
    - iii. Have a scavenger hunt designed
    - iv. Every committee would plan how you set up your table/booth - welcome to have a game
  - d. Getting an AA SETA email this weekend.
- 10. Website – Jon
  - a. Third Wednesday of the month – Google Meet – 6:00
  - b. Report given by Jon
  - c. Show and tell of the website!! Aadistrict81.org
  - d. Will be adding a tab for Grapevine, Accessibility, and Workshop!
- 11. Accessibility – Lynn
  - a. Meets virtually - Google Meets on the agenda - second Wednesday at 6:30
  - b. Report given by Lynn
  - c. Unable to meet this month
- 12. Registrar (Roll Call Results) – Kirsten
  - a. Brandi performed Roll Call (results above)

Old Business:

1. Would the district like to put on a GSR workshop?
  - a. Punted to the Workshop committee.
2. Regional Trustee challenged our area to bring an official agenda Item
3. Knowing your role and responsibilities for your service commitment and job descriptions
  - a. If you need help, ask the previous trusted servants
4. Proposed Agenda Items Questions: no questions
5. Standing committees: Do you have a co-chair that is learning the position and ready to step in? It is important that you have a co-chair that is ready to take this position.

6. Archives committee motion:
  - a. Below is the background info and proposed motion which has come out of the archives committee with a first and a second, for the shared drive usage motion.
  - b. BACKGROUND
    - i. District 81 Archives committee has compiled archival data of business happenings from 1983. This data is printed and stored in approximately 35, 4" binders in the repository at Alvin Taylor Street.
    - ii. Beginning 2024, the committee has decided to begin keeping the same data it normally stores as a hard copy, digitally.
    - iii. In cooperation with the website committee and the IT liaison we would like to utilize the SETA shared drive for consistency and a safety net, for all officer positions and committee chairs.
  - c. MOTION
    - i. Amend each district officers and chairpersons job description, so that all pertinent information (TBD by each officer and committee) is stored on the SETA shared drive.
    - ii. Motion passes: 34 aye, 0 opposed
    - iii. Ad hoc committee is typically is formed
      1. Tiffany would like to stand for the ad hoc committee to update P&P
7. Update for hospitality suite
  - a. We had a very successful hospitality suite at SETA
  - b. Below is a breakdown of the money
  - c. Receipts are [here](#).

<b>Total Donations</b>	\$1,457.25
<b>Total Spent</b>	\$1,178.26
<b>Remaining balance from donations</b>	\$278.99
<b>Owed to D81 (minus \$250 New Day Group check written to D81)</b>	\$28.99

1. TFC committee chair position open:
  - a. Robert H. stands
  - b. Forrest motions to accept Robert by acclamation; Spencer seconds; motion passes
2. Discuss: How should we treat A.A. Founders Writings?
  - a. Literature committee asked the General Service Board to send out this survey
  - b. Go back to groups and ask the groups how they want to answer the questions to the survey
  - c. Rick, our area delegate, is going to the General Service Conference April 13 - 20th. Recommend sending survey responses by April 1st.

- i. [rick.m@aa-seta.org](mailto:rick.m@aa-seta.org)
    - ii. Rick has also sent a digital version of the survey
  - d. Rick was suggesting that you bring it back to your group and get the group consciences' opinion.
- 3. Area Assembly new location on April 6th and Area Committee Meeting March 23rd online and Round tables.
  - a. Area Assembly Meeting April 6th  
San Jacinto College North  
5800 Uvalde Rd.  
Houston, TX 77049
  - b. 8:30 am - ???
  - c. Will get the agenda items to the district by Feb 15th, tentatively.

Brandi motion to adjourn; Spencer seconds; meeting adjourned

Thanks!

Andrea W. - District 81 Secretary