

District 81 Committee Meeting Minutes  
May 1st, 2024  
Kelley's - La Marque

Call to Order: Keith – Serenity Prayer

Traditions/Concept: Concept 5 read by Andrea

Roll Call: 5 officers, 3 past DCMs, 15 GSRs, 7 Alt GSRs, 33 voting members, 5 visitors

Keith called the meeting to order. Concept 5 was read by Andrea. Kirsten performed the roll call. There were attendees with 21 voting members. The meeting minutes for April 2024 were presented by Andrea. Catherine motions to accept the minutes as written; Michael seconded; motion passes. April Treasurer's report from April is tabled to June meeting.

Robert will do Concept 6 next month.

**All Committee Meetings:**

- Archives: Last Friday of the month – Alvin Taylor Street – 6:00
- **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 – Jason's Deli & Zoom – 6:30 – ID 868-5564-9879, PW 06101935
- **Newsletter:** Last Monday of the month – Friendswood Library – 5:00
- **Workshop:** Last Wednesday of the month – Kelley's LaMarque – 6:30
- **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

**All Open Committee Positions:**

- This is a rotating year! All service positions will be up for vote in October.
- District 81 Alt. Secretary
- **CFC:** Alt-Chair
- **PICPC:** Alt-Chair and Secretary
- **Literature:** Secretary
- **F&B:** Alt-Chair
- **TFC:** Alt-Chair
- **Newsletter:** Alt-Chair
- **Workshop:** Alt-Chair

## **Committee Reports:**

1. Archives – Tiffany S.
  - a. Last Friday of the month – Alvin Taylor Street – 2:00
  - b. Report given by Tiffany S.
  - c. We had our first meeting at 6pm on the last Friday of the month
  - d. Huge shout out to the whole committee for undertaking and accomplishing the digitization efforts. All of the binders are back in the repository. We are in the process of adding to our digital repository with the donation of historical files from a member of District 81.
  - e. Mark G. has played a pivotal role in the inventory process. He is currently inventorying the cassette tapes. We will begin the digitization process of that once we have the inventory.
  - f. Discussed a fun bingo game for the shared drive and digital archives for the workshop fair.
2. Correctional Facility (CFC) – Janine
  - a. Second Wednesday of the month - BAC - 6:30
  - b. Report given by Janine
  - c. Online volunteer training workshop hosted by District 81 will be on May 11, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, on Hwy 3 in Dickinson in Wolton Hall. The same place that Dickinson Bayou Group meets every Friday night at 7PM.
    - i. Please bring a laptop or cell phone with internet access. We will read the online questions as a group and discuss answers.
    - ii. TDCJ prefers the online training, as no Warden or Chaplain needs to be in attendance. The training needs to be recertified every 2 years.
    - iii. If you have served in the CFC in the past and let the certification lapse, this is a good training to attend. Lunch and snacks will be served.
  - d. Tom reported that there's a new time for Galveston County Jail:
    - i. 7:30 for women
    - ii. 8:30 for men
3. Public Information / Cooperation w/ Professional Community PI/CPC – Michelle
  - a. Last Thursday of the month – BAC – 4:45
  - b. Report given by Michelle
  - c. Did not meet last month
  - d. Got the ads out to Postal Publications and Coast Monthly PSA's
  - e. Working on the billboards
4. Grapevine – Spencer W.
  - a. Third Thursday of the month – Google Meets – 5:30
  - b. Report given by Spencer
  - c. Handing out flyers for both of our Contests!
  - d. Will be doing a drawing on June 5th. Everyone must have their entries in by 5/31/2024.
5. Literature – Ashley S.
  - a. Third Wednesday of the month – BAC Back Porch – 7:30

- b. Report given by Ashley
  - c. See the handout from the meeting
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. Didn’t meet last month - out of town at EACYPAA
  - d. Group Contributions in March and April were higher than the contributions we got during those months last year but the total of contributions is still down from 2023. For example, we didn’t get any contributions from meetings at the BAC this past month. So just check with your club/group treasurer to make sure they are being sent out.
  - e. There is a budget report on the wall.
  - f. Robert: There have not been any requests to the BAC to send out money.
  - g. Christina: This is an example of why we don’t allow outside entities to handle AA business. Can a treasurer take care of the money?
  - h. Janine: QR codes on the tables and Blue Can - is there any accountability for that money? John: the money is accounted for to the appropriate group.
  - i. **Open Positions: Alt Chair**
7. Treatment Facilities (TFC) – Robert
- a. Last Wednesday of the month – Zoom – 6:30
  - b. Report given by Robert
  - c. Activities during the month:
    - i. In April, we went to Into Action and Kemah Palms
    - ii. Supported the Area TFC Monthly Committee Meeting. Forrest L is the District TFC rep to the Area TFC.
    - iii. The committee decided to not continue with hosting a Spring Workshop in favor of supporting the District Service Fair on May 18. A table with activities will be provided. Mari Kay C will be the TFC lead for the Service Fair.
    - iv. 4 AA pamphlets were selected for use in the TFC workshop packets and will be available at the Service Fair. An order was placed with A.A. World Service.
  - d. Budget Report
    - i. Our balance remains \$450. We had no expenses in April. Upcoming expenses are planned for the Service Fair and plans for a Fall TFC Workshop.
    - ii. Action Items:
  - e. Upcoming meetings:
    - i. Into Action – (second Monday) May 13th at 8:00pm (in person)
    - ii. Kemah Palms – (third Tuesday) May 21st, 6:30pm (in person)
    - iii. BARC – (fourth Tuesday) May 28th, 6:00pm (virtual with GoTo meeting)
    - iv. Continue preparation for the TFC table at the District Service Fair.
  - f. Goals:
    - i. Engage interest in an Alt Chair for the committee

- ii. Begin holding monthly TFC committee meetings in person
  - iii. Evaluate the current treatment centers in our district to get an idea of which ones are open and if they are taking their clients to AA meetings.
  - iv. Encourage more existing TFC members to participate and recruit more new members to be able to have more monthly presentations at additional facilities
- g. GSRs please announce to your groups about our awesome committee and great service opportunity.
- 8. Newsletter – Gwen R
  - a. Last Monday of the month – Friendswood Public Library – 5:00
  - b. Report given by Gwen
  - c. Continue to submit to the newsletter!
- 9. Workshop Chair – Debra W.
  - a. Report given by Debra W.
  - b. Service Fair May 18th 11-2.
    - i. Looking for people to help setup of other activities.
    - ii. Need volunteers to help with serving of food: hot dogs, chips, treats
  - c. Setup for service committees is at 10 am.
  - d. Groups should have an activity planned for their table.
  - e. A Scavenger Hunt at the Service Fair is being organized.
  - f. We will have tables under the covered pavilion.
  - g. Catherine: Will you have tables for Area reps to come talk about service?
- 10. Website – Jon
  - a. Third Wednesday of the month – Google Meet – 6:00
  - a. Report given by Jon
  - b. PLEASE CC Adrian when emailing anything website related**
  - c. We've added a couple meetings to the "Meeting Finder"
  - d. Updated the newsletter
  - e. Updated the calendar with a couple events
  - f. Reminder: Please, get creative, challenge us. If you'd like to see something new or think there is a reason for something to be revised, please let us know. Not promising it can, or will be done, but still...ask 😊
- 11. Accessibility: Lynn - Second Wednesday – [meet.google.com/qvk-rjzk-nad](https://meet.google.com/qvk-rjzk-nad) – 6:30
  - a. Had a full committee meeting of 3 people this month
  - b. Had an active discussion about accessibility
  - c. Continuing to develop a Responsibility statement for the committee.
  - d. Continuing to provide video access to the district meeting
  - e. There is no Area established committee for accessibility.
  - f. Will be developing a poll/questionnaire to understand what the accessibility issues are for your group and what access is not given to those who want to participate in AA or service.
  - g. Want to challenge each meeting to update information on Intergroup
  - h. Also looked at accessibility at Intergroup
- 12. Registrar (Roll Call Results) – Kirsten

- a. Kirsten performed Roll Call (results above)

Old Business:

1. P&P Ad Hoc Committee - report given by Tiffany
  - a. Redlined doc and explanation for the changes are being sent at 5/1 9:00 pm
  - b. 3 motions to change
    - i. It has been submitted and shared 30 days prior to the next meeting, so it will be voted on at the next meeting.
  - c. We will also be looking at Job Descriptions. Hoping to have those ready by the end of the summer.

New Business:

1. Open Positions:
  - a. Alt. Secretary - no one stands
2. Rick will be here in August to give his report.
3. SETA assembly will be on July 13th. Agenda and format is TBD.
  - a. Let the committee know your opinions on the format.

Open Forum:

1. What about a GSR workshop?
  - a. It has not been scheduled yet, but it will be scheduled in the next quarter.
  - b. Should we have one in the spring and the Fall?
2. Open Positions discussion: Danny and Keith are willing to come to your group conscience to get people excited about service.

Tiffany motions to close, Michael seconds, meeting is adjourned.

Thanks!

Andrea W.