

District 81 Committee Meeting Minutes
June 5th, 2024
Kelley's - La Marque

Call to Order: Danny – Serenity Prayer

Traditions/Concept: Concept 6 read by Robert

Roll Call: 16 officers, 1 past DCMs, 20 GSRs, 4 Alt GSRs, 33 voting members, 8 visitors

Danny called the meeting to order. Concept 6 was read by Robert. Brandi performed the roll call. There were attendees with 21 voting members. The meeting minutes for May 2024 were presented by Andrea. Rob motions to accept the minutes as written; Michael seconded; motion passes. Debra presents the April 2024 Treasurer's Report. Brandi motions to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented; Michael seconded; motion passes. Debra presents the May 2024 Treasurer's Report. Robert motions to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented; Michael seconded; motion passes.

Brandi will do Concept 7 next month.

All Committee Meetings:

- Archives: Third Friday of the month – Alvin Taylor Street – 6:00
- CFC: Second Wednesday of the month – BAC – 6:30
- PICPC: Last Thursday of the month – Virtually on the website – 6:30
- Grapevine: Third Thursday of the month – Google Meets – 5:30
- Literature: Third Wednesday of the month – 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 – ID 868-5564-9879, PW 06101935
- Newsletter: Last Monday of the month – Friendswood Public Library – 5:00
- Workshop: Third Wednesday of the month - 6:30 - Jason's Deli
- Accessibility: Second Wednesday – meet.google.com/qvk-rjzk-nad – 6:30
- Website: Third Wednesday of the month – meet.google.com/ehm-jrvv-ifm – 6:00

Committee Reports:

1. Archives – Tiffany S.
 - a. Third Friday of the month – Alvin Taylor Street – 6:00
 - b. Report given by Tiffany S.
 - c. Changed the archives committee meeting from the last Friday of the month to the 3rd Friday of every month at 6:00 p.m.
 - d. Made edits as a committee to the archives committee chair job description
 - e. We changed the meeting to the third Friday at 6pm the newsletter is not updated
2. Correctional Facility (CFC) – Janine
 - a. Second Wednesday of the month - BAC - 6:30
 - b. Report given by Janine
 - c. Going into Carole Young every monday at 7:00 pm - most awesome position
 - d. 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 – virtually – 6:30
 - b. Report given by Michelle
 - c. Attended D81 Service Fair – some interest in the committee
 - d. Discussed open positions and how to get more participation
 - e. Voted for new meeting time – virtually at 6:30 on last Thursday
 - f. Alt chair and secretary are open
 - g. PICPC needs people to get involved!
4. Grapevine – Spencer W.
 - a. Third Thursday of the month – Google Meets – 5:30
 - b. Report given by Spencer
 - c. Did the drawing on May 31st, 5 people participated, so 5 people got the prize. This will be emailed out Monday.
 - d. Please send your Grapevine subscriptions for your homegroup!
5. Literature – Ashley S.
 - a. Third Wednesday of the month – BAC Back Porch – 7:30
 - b. Report given by Ashley
 - c. Able to review all the literature pamphlets from 2022, organize into binders, brought them to display at District Chair.
 - d. Mike A is the new literature Alt. Chair!
 - e. Ruffled off baskets at the District Service Fair.
 - f. Shout out to John for putting together the QR code. Go to the website and link to the website to print or view virtually.
 - g. Working to put more visual tools together.
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. New people joined us - Courtney is able to join us. Hopefully, she will be the New Alt. Chair.

- d. Went over job descriptions and emailed corrections to district
 - e. Still need people to come support the F&B committee.
7. Treatment Facilities (TFC) – Robert
- a. Last Wednesday of the month – Zoom – 6:30
 - b. Report given by Robert
 - c. In June went to Into Action and Bay Area Recovery Center
 - d. Upcoming
 - i. Into Action:
 - ii. Kemah Palms:
 - iii. Bay Area Recovery Center:
 - e. Activities during the month:
 - i. Presentations during May were *Into Action* on May 13th in person and *Kemah Palms* on May 21st in person. *Bay Area Recovery Center* was held virtually via GoTo Meeting on May 28th.
 - ii. Supported the Area TFC Monthly Committee Meeting on May 15th. Forrest L is the District TFC rep to the Area TFC.
 - iii. The committee participated in the Spring Workshop on May 18th. The table saw many visitors. Mari Kay C will be the TFC lead for the Service Fair.
 - iv. Held the TFC Monthly Committee Meeting via Zoom on May 29th
 - f. Budget Report:
 - i. Our balance is \$351.61
 - ii. Expenses in May were for the Service Fair and upcoming workshops.
 - g. Action Items:
 - i. Upcoming meetings:
 - ii. Into Action – (second Monday) June 10th at 8:00pm (in person)
 - iii. Kemah Palms – (third Tuesday) June 18th, 6:30pm (in person)
 - iv. BARC – June is an off month for BARC
 - h. Goals:
 - i. Continue to engage interest in an Alt Chair for the committee
 - ii. Begin holding monthly TFC committee meetings in person on a bi-monthly or quarterly basis on month's that are off for BARC presentations.
 - 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
 - i. Announcements:
 - i. June TFC committee meeting will be last Wednesday, June 26th at 7pm at Jason's Deli in League City. The July TFC committee meeting will return to Zoom
 - ii. GSRs please announce to your groups about our awesome committee and great service opportunity.

- j. Forrest report: Area level has been doing a reevaluation and hosting a group inventory.
 - i. Criticism: too much focus on BTG and the meetings were not productive, needed to align the committee work with the goals in the TFC workbook, traditions, concepts 3, 4, and 9.
 - ii. Action items:
 - 1. Study the traditions.
 - 2. Shorting the meeting agenda.
 - 3. Set up a quarterly group meet / zoom meeting with DCM and other AA volunteers interested in participating.
 - 4. Sharing the workload.
 - 5. Open positions to fill.
 - 6. Called a special group conscience meeting on June 11th.
 - 7. Will be meeting on the 17th via google meeting.
 - k. Remi: Curious about who is participating at BARC? Answer: All of the houses are participating.
- 8. Newsletter – Gwen R
 - a. Last Monday of the month – Friendswood Public Library – 5:00
 - b. Report given by Gwen
 - c. Went to the Friendswood Public Library on Monday, May 27 only to realize that was a holiday and the Library was closed. So I had my meeting at 5pm on Monday, June 3, 2024. No one else attended.
 - d. I got several awesome submissions, including the 12 Promises of Drinking sent in by Tom B., an article by Janet R., some jokes sent in by Robert H., and an interview of Dawn F. by Kathleen H., in what will hopefully be an ongoing column entitled “Let’s Talk Recovery”, which I am super excited about!
 - e. I plan on meeting again at 5pm on Monday, June 24, 2024 at the Friendswood Public Library.
- 9. Workshop Chair – Debra
 - a. Report given by Debra
 - b. Meets the Third Wednesday of every month - 6:30 - Jason’s Deli
 - c. Hosted the District Service Fair
 - d. Spirituality Workshop: Tentatively August 3rd
 - i. Still confirming a location for the work
 - e. End of October will be the last workshop of the year,
 - f. GSR workshop at the beginning of 2025
- 10. Website – Jon
 - a. Third Wednesday of the month – Google Meet – 6:00
 - a. Report given by Jon
 - b. CC Adrian on all communications
 - c. Updated the time and location of the PI/CPC meeting
 - d. Worked on getting the Grapevine email issue resolved (Spencer, check email response from SETA-IT)
 - e. Site Analytics Highlights from Wix:

- i. Site sessions up 51%
 - ii. Site visitors up 67%
 - iii. Returning visitors up 29%
 - iv. Traffic sources - Google 35, Direct 20, Bing 4, Yahoo 4
- 11. Accessibility: Lynn - Second Wednesday – meet.google.com/qvk-rjzk-nad – 6:30
 - a. Non-sponsee attended the meeting
 - b. Looked at the job description and what this job entails when this role is passed on
 - c. Handbook: Discusses how to keep AAs with disabilities involved and involved in service
 - d. Next meeting will be reviewing the questionnaire and Job Descriptions (maintain virtual access and participate in this meeting, what is it going to look like to the Chair)
- 12. Registrar (Roll Call Results) – Kirsten
 - a. Brandi performed Roll Call (results above)

Old Business:

- 1. Policies and Procedures were submitted. Three motions were made: Motions come from the committee.
- 2. Motion 1
 - a. Preamble – in keeping with the group conscience of Alcoholics Anonymous the committee respectfully puts forth the change to the preamble made in 2021.
 - i. 30 people voted; 20 to approve
 - 1. Yes: 18
 - 2. No: 12
 - ii. Minority opinion:
 - 1. Jon: I don't agree with the changing anything with AA.
 - 2. Ashley: People who come to our literature committee are those that are upset with the changes. Seeing these changes to the literature, being consistently changed back.
 - 3. Jon: Survey?
 - a. Tiffany: previous update to manual was in 2017, may be another 10 years to make the change. At 2021 GSC, it was already decided.
 - 4. Tina: when are they changing the first 164 pages?
 - a. Danny: focused on the wrong thing. Nothing to do with opinions.
 - iii. No changes to votes
 - iv. Motion does not pass
- 3. Motion 2
 - a. The Ad-Hoc committee made changes reflecting the addition of two standing committees to the district, Accessibilities and Website. These changes were made:

- i. Under the District Committee Operations heading under the Chairperson of Standing Committees
 - 1. subheading pg 11
 - ii. Under the District Committee Operations heading, under the Voting Eligibility, Rights and Privileges
 - 1. subheading pg 15
 - iii. Under the Finance and Budget headings under the Chairpersons of Standing Committees
 - 1. subheading pg 24
 - b. Discussion:
 - i. Catherine: Be aware that there is a difference from an ad-hoc committee
 - ii. Lynn: If accessibilities is going to commit to these committees, there will be a cost. Lynn is using his computer and phone. There will be additional funds needed.
 - 1. Danny: budgets are coming down for SETA assembly meetings
 - iii. Jon:
 - c. 27 people voted; 20 to approve
 - i. Yes: 27
 - ii. No: 0
- 4. Motion 3
 - a. Change: District 81 Committee Members will first approve any such function with a substantial unanimity vote.
 - b. To: The committee has the autonomy to utilize an informed group conscience to decide on other, creative modes of carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous within the context of a workshop and/or convention setting.
 - c. Made the change to the Workshop-Convention committee procedure to reflect current operating procedures.
 - d. Discussion:
 - e. 28 people voted; 20 to approve
 - i. Yes: 28
 - ii. No: 0
- 5. Please announce in meetings that this is a voting year and all positions are available.
 - a. We really need an Alt Secretary. Help do the minutes, recommendation of 2 years of sobriety and 2 years of service
- 6. Delegate to give GSC report in our Aug meeting.
 - a. Login to the meeting for those not able to attend the actual meeting.
- 7. Danny and I are available to visit any groups GC to talk about the importance of service.

New Business:

- 1. We've been asked to host Area Assembly in October
 - a. Will be a voting assembly
 - i. Helping with registration, coffee, etc.
 - ii. In the past the person that has headed up that committee is the Alt DCM. Danny is willing to do this.

- iii. Assembly will be moving around.
 - iv. San Jac North - date is TBD.
 - v. Area will supply everything needed and man the tables.
2. Voting for our district officers will be in September.
 3. July 3rd is the first Wednesday - Motion to move to 2nd Wednesday (July 10th)
 - a. Vote yes: 18
 - b. Vote no: 7
 - c. Motion passes as long as the Kelley's can move it.
 4. Catherine: Keith and Catherine will be holding a workshop: Don't halt the Alt
 5. Catherine: August 15-17 2025, in charge of greeters. Whoever wants to be on the greeter volunteer list, get ahold of Catherine. Royal Sonesta in the Galleria.
 6. Assembly and voting coming up in July. Second weekend of July.
 7. SWAARSA will be in Dallas.

Group Announcements:

1. Tina: Speak and Eat on the 13th. Tommy H will be speaking. Potluck is at 7:00, speaker at 8:00.
2. SETA: Jan 3-5, 2025 - website is open, available to register. Royal Sonesta in the Galleria.
3. DJ: ICYPAA will be July 4th weekend.
4. Cam G. passed away last night.

Motion to close, seconds. Motion passes.

Thanks!
Andrea W.