

District 81 Committee Meeting Minutes
October 2nd, 2024
Kelley's - La Marque

Call to Order: Keith – Serenity Prayer

Traditions/Concept: Concept 10 read by Christina

Roll Call: 21 officers, 2 past DCMs, 20 GSRs, 8 Alt GSRs, 40 voting members, 5 visitors

Danny called the meeting to order. Concept 10 was read by Christina. Kirsten performed the roll call. There were attendees with 21 voting members. The meeting minutes for September 2024 were presented by Andrea. Michael motions to accept the minutes as written; Rob seconded; motion passes. The treasurer's report for July was presented by Debra. There was an issue with the TFC receipts being submitted. They will work this out before the next meeting. Spencer motions to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented; Eric seconded; motion passes.

Eric will do Concept 11 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 – 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 – Red River BBQ in League City at 7:00pm. Google Meet Option <https://meet.google.com/uuf-pozk-bhj>
- Newsletter: Last Monday of the month – Friendswood Public Library – 5:00
- Workshop: Third Wednesday of every 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. Discussed a strategic plan to archive stories of old timers as well as plans to record stories at different events throughout the district.
 - d. Purchasing equipment to do this
 - e. Planned a 2025 budget proposal for district approval.
 - f. We had a new member join!

2. Correctional Facility (CFC) – Janine
 - a. Second Wednesday of the month - BAC - 6:30
 - b. Report given by Daryl
 - c. CFC - attended conference in the beginning of September
 - d. Still attending Carole Young every monday
 - e. Males are still attending Galveston County on Tuesdays
 - f. Working on a TFC event for around Thanksgiving.

3. Public Information / Cooperation w/ Professional Community PI/CPC – Michelle C.
 - a. Last Thursday of the month – virtually – 6:30
 - b. Report given by Michelle
 - c. Agenda Items:
 - d. TAMUG Health Fair –
 - i. Talked to several students and other resource agency POCs.
 - e. Phone Line Rotation – Oct 2024 - Michelle.
 - i. Zero calls in Sep.
 - f. 2024 Budget review - Executing on target
 - g. **Vacant Positions: Alt Chair and Secretary**
 - h. Still looking for new members!
 - i. Making announcements at meetings to generate interest and potential members.
 - i. No outstanding old business; no new business

4. Grapevine – Spencer W.
 - a. Third Tuesday of the month – Google Meets – 6:00
 - b. Report given by Spencer
 - c. Winners of the World Series
 - i. Honorable Mention: Happy Hour
 - ii. 1st Place: Keep on Stepping!

5. Literature – Ashley S.
 - a. Third Wednesday of the month – BAC Room E – 7:30
 - b. Report given by Mike

- c. 3 groups in attendance!
 - d. Elected Melissa as the Alt Chair for 2025
 - e. Open positions: Secretary**
 - f. Ashley is digitally compiling minutes
 - g. Looking forward to compiling a library of conference approved literature by EOY 2025
 - h. Lynn: What is the difference between AA Approved and AA Conference Approved literature?
 - i. Danny: Check to see if your literature racks are up to date!
 - i. Mike: Mike is willing to update!
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. \$350 Contributions from:
 - i. Early Morning Workers contributed \$250.
 - ii. 33rd and P contributed \$100.
 - d. \$82.49 in Expenses for Newsletter
 - e. Talked about Printing out budget sheets for next district meeting
 - f. Had 4 in attendance
 - g. Shared info from Area Finance Committee
 - h. Looking to get budget request forms before November District Meeting - They are on the Google Drive!**
 - i. Danny: If you do not submit your budget by the November meeting, we will just submit the same budget from the previous year!**
 - i. Spencer attended and showed interest in becoming F&B chair next year
7. Treatment Facilities (TFC) – Robert
- a. Meeting Time: Last Wednesday of the month – Red River BBQ in League City at 7:00pm. Google Meet Option <https://meet.google.com/uuf-pozk-bhj>
 - b. Report given by Robert
 - c. Activities during the month:
 - i. Presentations during August were *Into Action* on September 9th and *Kemah Palms* on September 17th in person. *Bay Area Recovery Center* presentation was provided on September 24th
 - ii. Held the TFC Monthly Committee Meeting at Jason’s Deli in League on September 25th.
 - d. Budget Report
 - i. Our balance is \$351.61
 - ii. There were no expenditures in September. We will be turning in reimbursements for the Fall Workshop next month
 - e. Action Items:
 - i. Upcoming meetings:
 - 1. *Into Action* – (second Monday) October 14th, 8:00pm (in person)
 - 2. *Kemah Palms* – (third Tuesday) October 15th, 6:30pm (in person)

3. *BARC* – (fourth Tuesday) Off month

- f. Goals:
 - i. Conduct the Fall Workshop on October 6th at 1PM.
 - ii. Possibly add additional in person presentations to *BARC*. Jeff F is currently in discussion with *BARC* house managers.
 - 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 with a goal of a recommended support of at least one presentation in a quarter as well as at least one TFC Committee meeting.

- g. Announcements:
 - i. Reminder for the Fall TFC Workshop on Sunday, October 6th at the BAC from 1-4p. Speakers include DJ M., Christina S. and Tiffany S., and COO of Kemah Palms, Paul Dyne. There is an option to join virtually using the District Google Meet. Flyer is in the District newsletter and has been sent out via SETA Announce.
 - ii. The next TFC committee meeting will be the last Wednesday, October 30th at 7pm at Red River BBQ (1911 E Main St) in League City. We will also provide a Google Meet for those that need to be remote.
 - iii. 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. Kathleen will stand for newsletter editor!! Woohoo!
 - i. Gwen still would love help!
 - d. Continue to submit to the newsletter!

- 9. Workshop Chair – Debra
 - a. Third Wednesday of the month
 - b. Report given by Debra
 - c. Workshop on November 9th for Anonymity
 - d. GSR workshop is being planned for 2025
 - i. If you have been a GSR, please feel free to reach out and be of service

- 10. Website – Jon
 - a. Third Wednesday of the month – Google Meet – 6:00
 - b. Report given by Jon
 - c. Updated location of TFC
 - d. Website cost will increase by \$78 per year.
 - e. Lynn: Google Drive, SETA email - could we introduce this to the new officers?

- i. PDF on the drive also has information on how to get a SETA email address
- f. Tiffany: Google Drive is a good place to keep track of minutes!
- g. Elizabeth: Screen recordings of how to navigate the Google Drive could also be helpful!
- h. Christina: Area IT committee has a lot of documents about Google.

11. Accessibility - Lynn

- a. Second Wednesday – meet.google.com/qvk-rjzk-nad – 6:30
- b. John O and I hammered out responsibilities and job descriptions. Shared this with Tiffany. Will continue to write out Policies and Procedures.
- c. Discussed the technical challenges of this position.
- d. Once discussed will have a proposed budget for 2025.
- e. GOal of the committee is to raise awareness of accessibility issues for all meetings. Happy that we have a ton of people online

12. Registrar (Roll Call Results) – Kirsten

- a. Kirsten performed Roll Call (results above)

Old Business:

1. Ad hoc committee for Job Descriptions:
 - a. Vote on the job descriptions for every job except for Accessibility
 - b. Tiffany gives a summary, but the changes are below:
 1. (e-mail) to electronically
 2. chairman to chairperson
 3. instead of stating positions "Attend quarterly SETA meeting" changed to "It is recommended..."
 4. Suggested all Chairpeople collaborate with Area as necessary
 5. Added the statement "Save and maintain important documents (to be determined by the committee chairs and district officers) on the aa-seta.org shared drive, in the designated area, to ensure the district's ability to effectively carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers."
 6. Added the statement in "Voting Rights" to all positions, "The alternate chairperson shall cast the committee vote in the chairperson's absence."
 7. Removed any direction to submit committee reports to the newsletter - the newsletter is currently operating differently than it was when these job descriptions were previously submitted. There used to be very limited forms of information distribution. We currently submit the reports to the secretary, who adds them to the minutes which are emailed out and can be found on the SETA drive in the D81 Secretaries folder. Additionally, committees have the option to make all their "important" documents, like minutes and reports available to the fellowship by saving them in their SETA drive.
8. Registrar:
 - a. The Registrar and Alternate Registrar will have just one vote between them. The Alternate Registrar may vote in the Registrar's absence. Changed from - The Registrar and Alternate Registrar shall each have a vote.
 - b. Change contact information to mean, name, phone number and email.

- c. made a change to reflect obtaining alt. registrars contact info as available.
- 9. Secretary:
 - a. The Secretary and Alternate Secretary will have just one vote between them. The Alternate Secretary may vote in the Secretary's absence. Changed from - The Secretary and Alternate Secretary shall each have a vote.
- 10. Spell out DCM for the first time to District Committee Member
- 11. Treasurer
 - a. The Treasurer and Alternate Treasurer will have just one vote between them. The Alternate Treasurer may vote in the Treasurer's absence. Changed from - The Treasurer and Alternate Treasurer shall each have a vote.
- 12. Archives:
 - a. Remove any reference of joint committee secretary and submitting minutes reports to the Newsletter editor
 - b. files - to paper and electronic files
 - c. tapes to recordings
- 13. Grapevine
 - a. The Committee is responsible for spreading the word and creating enthusiasm for using the Grapevine or LaVina to carry the message of A.A. to members - Changed "or" to "and"
- 14. Literature
 - a. The Committee is responsible for ensuring literature is available for A.A. groups, service meetings and other A.A. events. This is accomplished through displays, supplies of A.A. catalogs and order forms.
 - b. Added AA Website, "through displays, supplies of A.A. catalogs, AA website, and order forms."
- 15. TFC
 - a. Added, "Host a Treatment Facilities Workshop (minimum 1 per year) to allow interested members to learn about taking meetings to the members in treatment facilities.
 - b. This may need to apply to all committees (or at least discuss).
- 16. F&B
 - a. Changed the statement from, "Assist the treasure on any matters where help is sought, " to "Assist the treasurer."
- 17. Vote to approve the documentation changes put forth by the ad hoc committee:**
 - a. 38 vote to approve the changes put forth by the ad hoc committee**
 - b. None opposed!

2. Keith and Danny are always available to visit group conscience.

3. Hosting Area Assembly:

- a. Elections at Area Assembly
- b. Danny and 2 others will be there at 7:30
- c. Officially need help by 8:00 am, need non-voting help
 - i. Registrations, ballots, registration,
- d. Elections start at 9:00 AM

4. Committee Chairs:

- a. Finance and Budget: Spencer
 - i. Christina Motions to accept by acclamation, Elizabeth seconds
- b. Newsletter Editor: Kathleen
 - i. Tom Motions to accept by acclamation, Spencer seconds

- c. Grapevine: Mark
 - i. Brandi Motions to accept by acclamation, Spencer seconds

New Business

- 5. Assembly Update
 - a. Christina: Changing the wording from recommendation to suggestion
- 6. Budgets: Need to get these in by next district meeting
 - a. Budget request forms are available on the Google Drive
 - b. They will also be sent by email.
- 7. Agenda items for district / area / GSC
 - a. We can submit those for discussion.
- 8. Group Inventory: There's always room to grow! Facilitating these can help improve the group.
 - a. If this is something that you would like to help facilitate, let's get a group together that would want to do this.

GSR Sharing:

- 1. Brandi is chairing the hospitality suite for Area 67. We would like around \$600 - 700 for sandwiches
 - a. Brandi makes a motion to provide dinner for the Area 67 hospitality suite. Tiffany seconds.
- 2. General Assembly (Elections)
 - a. Saturday October 5, 2024 - In Person & Online
 - b. ** New Location **
 - c. San Jacinto College North
5800 Uvalde Rd.
Houston, Texas 77049
- 3. SWRAASA
 - a. October 11-13th, 2024
 - b. Renaissance Dallas Richardson Hotel
- 4. TFC Workshop
 - a. Fall Workshop October 6th 1-4pm
 - b. Bay Area Club
- 5. Sunrise Group - Friendswood - Oct 16th 9:30 with breakfast
- 6. Alvin Group Anniversary - starts at 2

Spencer motion to close

Thanks,
Andrea W.