

District 81 Committee Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2024
Kelley's - La Marque

Call to Order: **Keith** – Serenity Prayer

Traditions/Concept: **Concept 12 read by Brandi**

Roll Call: 20 officers, 1 past DCMs, 13 GSRs, 7 Alt GSRs, 37 voting members, 5 visitors

Keith called the meeting to order. **Concept 12** was read by **Brandi**. **Kirsten** performed the roll call. There were attendees with **37** voting members. The meeting minutes for **November 2024** were presented by **Andrea**. **Tim** motions to accept the minutes as written; **Michael** seconded; motion passes. The treasurer's report for November was presented by **DJ**. **Robert** motions to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented; **Michael** seconded; motion passes.

Spencer will do **Tradition 1** 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

Open Positions:

- Archives Committee: Treasurer and Secretary
- CFC:
- PICPC: Secretary
- Grapevine:
- Literature: Alt Chair & Secretary
- Finance & Budget: Alt Chair
- TFC:
- Newsletter:
- Website:

Committee Reports:

1. Archives – **Tiffany S.**
 - a. **Third Friday of the month – Alvin Taylor Street – 6:00**
 - b. Report given by **Scott.**
 - c. Purchased two digital converters to transfer cassette speakers over to digital files. Process has started but we are still looking for more speaker tapes.
 - d. Purchased a CD and DVD writer to transfer these media types to online format
 - e. Purchased large bins for printed materials.
 - f. We are in the beginning discussions to relocate archives from Alvin Taylor Street to somewhere that is climate controlled and more centrally located. We wanted to get some feedback from the group on where we might house the archives.
 - i. Preliminary discussions with the Bay Area Club.
 - g. Andrea asked how much space is necessary to house the archives? Scott answers that he is unsure. He will work on getting the answer to that because it will impact the relocation decision.
 - h. Tom - did Tiffany say anything about getting a guy name K Ball Whitters information? Scott answers that it was not brought up in the meeting but he will bring it up to Tiffany during the next meeting.
 - i. Robert - next board meeting for the BAC is on the 20th and it will be voted on.

2. Correctional Facility (CFC) – **Daryl**
 - a. **Second Wednesday of the month - BAC - 6:30**
 - b. Report given by **Daryl**
 - c. Carrying the message into Galveston County Jail and Carole Young Unit. There are about 15 people that come to the Carole Young Unit consistently weekly.
 - d. Come visit us during our meeting to join in on what's going on. Always looking for volunteers. Especially lady volunteers for the county jail.
 - e. Holiday schedule for 12/16 to take in pizza to eat and fellowship. There is also a guest speaker lined up.

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. Coasting along. There is nothing old to resolve and nothing new in the books. Just focused on getting literature and PSAs out.
 - d. Still looking for an alt-chair and a secretary.
 - e. YAY - there are PSAs out there that are awesome.
 - f. Lynn: How many people are attending the meetings? Michelle: Two people - John and I. We need help. Trying to get service participation for all of the committees at various different meetings.
 - g. John: November's grapevine had a few articles about PICPC that were pretty interesting.

4. Grapevine – **Spencer W.**
 - a. **Third Tuesday of the month – Google Meets – 6:00**
 - b. Report given by **Spencer**
 - c. Met with Mark about transferring the Grapevine over to him. Nothing really big or new is happening at the end of the year.

5. Literature – **Ashley S.**
 - a. **Third Wednesday of the month – BAC Room E – 7:30**
 - b. Report given by **Mike**
 - c. Met last month but Mike was the only one there. If nobody makes a meeting that means that no one has a literature chair.
 - d. Old business - we submitted our 2025 budget.
 - e. There was a question about the laptop that was purchased. It belongs to Mike and is available for the committee to use during the terms. But Mike owns it.
 - f. I would like to thank all the chairs and alt-chairs of the committee for the last two years. They have given so much.
 - g. Talked to Danny G. about getting access to the meeting minutes. Danny said that we would bring that up at the next district meeting to make sure that everyone has access.
 - h. Plain language big book is on sale for \$11. It's 192 pages and in a soft-covered format. You can purchase it through GSO or talk to Houston Intergroup.
 - i. Danny G - that will be the only printing of the first edition of the Plain Language Big Book because there will be a second printing with numerous revisions.

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. The proposed 2025 Budget was passed out to attendees. The 2024 budget and 2023 budget was also included for comparison.
 - d. The budget for this year is 14,189 which is slightly less. Problem is that we do not currently have that on hand. We currently have 10,502.67 so we would not be fully funded.
 - e. The budget this year that we have spent is 57.4% of the total budget.
 - f. Proposed budgets were sent back to committee chairs to see where we could make some cuts.
 - g. Contributions have been down and expenses have been up.
 - h. It was clarified that the year of 2024 was fine and we were fully funded, but the concern is moving into 2025.
 - i. Keith - did any committees go back and adjust their budgets? You can always ask for more later on in the year.
 - i. Michelle - I did not see the request. We can cut the PSA in half and that's \$2000.
 - ii. Danny - are you saying you won't need it?

- iii. Michelle - i would like to have it, but instead of every quarter we can cut it to twice a year.
- iv. DJ - did you not receive the email?
- v. Michelle - I may have, I just didn't see it.
- vi. Danny - if you are using the money that's fine, but we don't want to kick the money down the road if we're not using it. If we budget 500 and only use 150, then we don't need to be budgeting for 500. We want to make sure that we are budgeting for exactly what we need and we are spending it.
- vii. Danny - forum will be this year because it is every other year. Forum will be in Albuquerque.
- viii. Michelle - I see these budget numbers for 2023-2024 but do we have the actual amount that people are spending?
- ix. Keith - the important thing to look at is what we have planned for the year and what it will cost.
- x. Danny - we aren't doing hotel assemblies anymore so we took the hotel cost off for DCM and Alt-DCM. But if we need more, we will come back and ask for more.
- j. Committees please revisit their budget and we will meet December 18th.
- k. GSRs and Alt-GSRs please go back to your group and share how money at district is being used and look at contributions.

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>
- a. Report given by Robert
 - i. Activities during the month:
 - 1. In person presentations during November were Into Action on November 11th and Kemah Palms on November 19th in person. Virtual presentation for the Bay Area Recovery Center was held on November 26th
 - 2. Supported the Area TFC Committee Meeting on November 15th
 - 3. Held the TFC Monthly Committee Meeting at Red River BBQ in League on November 27th.
 - ii. Budget Report
 - 1. Our balance is \$180.07. Expenditures in November included the purchase of an Air Hug for use during virtual TFC meetings and workshops. Our underrun this year is the result of hosting only one workshop in 2025 due to the Service Fair held in May.
 - 2. The committee discussed reducing our annual budget request for the 2025 year in response to Catherine G's comments on helping the district have a fully funded budget. The committee would like to retain our original submittal to accommodate 2025 plans including hosting two workshops, supporting a service fair, and

other treatment center activities being proposed. The committee will review actual expenses when developing the 2026 submit.

iii. Action Items:

1. Upcoming meetings:

- a. Into Action – (second Monday) December 9th, 8:00pm (in person)
- b. Kemah Palms – (third Tuesday) December 17th, 6:30pm (in person)
- c. BARC – (fourth Tuesday) Off month

2. Review the presentation script to add any meeting etiquette guidelines that are not sufficiently covered

iv. Goals:

1. Possibly add additional in person presentations to BARC. Jeff F is currently in discussion with BARC house managers.
2. 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.
3. 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.

v. Announcements:

1. The next TFC committee meeting will be the 2nd to last Wednesday, December 18th at 7pm at Red River BBQ (1911 E Main St) in League City. The meeting will be one week early in December due to Christmas. We will also provide a Google Meet for those that need to be remote.
2. 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. My prospective replacement had something come up in her life that made it not possible for her to take over the newsletter.
- d. We need a newsletter editor!
- e. There are some good things in this month's newsletter. There are opinion pieces and amazing stories. Please read it and share it in your meetings.
- f. Teri: it's so important to share any changes to minutes, group times, etc. with the newsletter editor so that it can be reflected in the newsletter.
- g. Dawn stands for chair of the newsletter committee.
 - i. Keith asks for a motion to accept Gwen by acclimation. Spencer motions. Michael seconds.
 - ii. All in favor.
 - iii. Dawn is accepted as the chair of newsletter by acclimation.

9. Workshop Chair – Debra

- a. Last wednesday of the month
- b. Report given by Debra
- c. We did have a workshop last month.
- d. A couple of workshops are already in the works for next year: GSR in February, and sponsorship.
 - i. Already talked to the website chair to share any ideas/things that people would like to see in the workshops.
- e. Reach out and let Debra know if you have any other ideas for additional workshops.
- f. Meeting December 18th at 6:30pm at Jason's Deli.
- g. Danny - do we want workshops in the district?
 - i. Big Mike - it depends on how it's being advertised at the group level. Literature group wants to get involved and help with participation.
 - ii. Andrea - I think that workshops are good. Do we think it has to do with the topics?
 - iii. Debra - it has to do with promotability. The last one we had ran up against another competing event. I think some of it had to do with the timing of the year.
 - iv. Danny - I brought this up because when we vote on things and spend money on things, it's important that we support things.
 - v. Lynn - I know in the past, we have done workshops with other districts. It may be that we could increase participation if we invite other DCMs and districts into the conversation.
 - vi. Andrea - the only reason I brought that up, have we asked GSRs to take back the homegroups about different ideas for workshops that they would want to see? If so, would you be open for feedback?
 - vii. Mike - when Lynn came back and discussed about conference approved and non-conference approved literature, there had been a previous workshop that was not heavily attended from those in our district.

10. Website – Jon

- a. Third Wednesday of the month – Google Meet – 6:00
- b. Report given by Jon
- c. Our rates went up about \$80, so we didn't have much to trim out of the budget.
- d. John - it has been a joy and pleasure to serve you all.

11. Accessibility - Lynn

- a. Second Wednesday – meet.google.com/qvk-rjzk-nad – 6:30
- b. Report given by Lynn
- c. We had 2 participants in our last meeting. We worked on defining duties and responsibilities. This committee has some technical challenges.

- d. Discussed having the district purchase a computer or internet capabilities so that we are okay as far as this committee is concerned. We determined that most people serving in AA have jobs.
- e. Someone allowed us to use a computer and we have hotspots so our budget is 0.
- f. The purpose of this committee is to continue to shed light on accessibility needs within groups.
- g. For the time being, David L. is going to stand up and facilitate the computer and wifi for the district meetings.

12. Registrar (Roll Call Results) – Brandi

- a. Kirsten performed Roll Call (results above)

Old Business:

- 1. Approve job descriptions to the P&P?
 - a. Accessibilities was sent into Tiffany.
- 2. PAI's for district/area/GSC?
 - a. Proposed agenda items can also be done here for district or area. Anything that you guys have that you want to talk about, email to Keith or Danny.
- 3. Any feedback on Group Inventories?
 - a. No additional discussion.
- 4. Hospitality at SETA Brandi W.
 - a. The district is buying pizza for Friday night's hospitality suite. If you would like to volunteer, get with Brandi. Dinner is at 5pm.

New Business:

- 1. Newsletter chair position open
 - a. Was filled earlier during meeting
- 2. Update on 2025 proposed budget from DJ
 - a. Danny - it doesn't mean that it couldn't
 - b. Brandi - could I make a motion to approve the budget with an amendment to the budget with the change to the PICPC? I would like to have an approved budget going into January.
 - c. Big Mike - second.
 - d. Danny - this is a district budget as a whole, not one individual budget.
 - e. Lynn - If we go into January without a budget, does that mean that anyone who spends money in January won't get paid out by the treasurer? If so, we probably need to have a minimal budget.
 - f. Danny - reads requirements for budget.
 - g. Tom - budget has always been approved going into January.
 - h. Lynn - if we had a \$16,000 budget last year and we spent \$10,000. If we go into next year with \$14,000, will we probably spend the same? Can we amend anyone's budget moving into next year? I say as a district we
 - i. Tom - I will make a motion that we approve the budget as written.
 - i. Brandi seconds.

- ii. Follow up question-
 - 1. We know that we're not going to spend what we budgeted for 2024. Could we ask the committees to send in a revised budget for next year?
 - iii. Debbie - just so everyone knows, we have spent more money than we have taken in. The only reason that we still have money in the bank is because we didn't spend money during COVID. The money is going down and the reserves are not going up.
 - iv. Keith - it is very important to go back groups and discuss the need for looking at percentages of allocations.
 - v. Lynn - I think PICPC is the last place that we should take money from. Just wanted to share that comment.
3. DCM Keith M.
- a. Please create a contact form for anyone changing positions.
 - b. Get with Danny, Brandi, or Keith to get a SETA email address if you don't have one yet.
 - c. Our January meeting falls on New Year's Day.
 - d. Michelle - motion to move the meeting back a week.
 - i. Andrea second.
 - ii. All in favor.
 - iii. Motion passes.
 - iv. Next district meeting will be 1/8/25
4. Keep on Tookin': 3 Day Conference at Moody Gardens - Weekend after SETA.
- a. Focus on what does it look like for someone to be a strong member of the three legacies of Alcoholics Anonymous
 - b. January 10th-12th
5. Thursday, December 12th potluck and then speaker at Alvin Taylor Street

Andrea motion to close, Spencer second, Meeting adjourns

Time of close: 8:15pm

Thanks,
Elizabeth H.