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District 81 Committee Meeting Minutes  
February 2, 2025  
Kelley's - La Marque

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

Traditions/Concept: **Tradition 2** read by DJ

Roll Call: **21** officers, **1** past DCMs, **15** GSRs, **7** Alt GSRs, **32** voting members, **5** visitors

**Andrea** called the meeting to order. **Tradition 2** was read by **DJ. Tiffany** performed the roll call. There were attendees with **32** voting members. The meeting minutes for **January 2025** were presented by **Elizabeth**. The treasurer's report for **January** was presented by **DJ**.

**John** will do **Tradition 3** 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/gvk-rjzk-nad](https://meet.google.com/gvk-rjzk-nad) – 6:30
- Website: Third Wednesday of the month – [meet.google.com/ehm-jrvv-ifm](https://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 – **Wesley S.**
  - a. **Third Friday of the month – Alvin Taylor Street – 6:00**

- b. Report given by **Wesley S.**
  - c. This last meeting, we met on Friday January 17th, 2025 at 6:02pm.
  - d. Discussed ongoing project to digitize tapes and CDs.
  - e. Discussed moving repository from Alvin Taylor Club to BAC. We submitted a motion to the district which we will be voting on later this meeting.
  - f. District 81 archives and repository is separate from BAC.
  - g. Tiffany is looking for ways to memorialize John B. Discussing a plaque. We will get his name engraved on the plaque that already exists. Considering doing a little more extra.
  - h. Q: Will meeting continue to be in Alvin?
    - i. Answer: February's meeting will be in Alvin, but moving forward we are in flux so we will let you know if we change it.
    - ii. We will pay Alvin Taylor Street through this year December of 2025.
  - i. Q: We're paying for a full year of Alvin Taylor street even though we're moving to BAC in February?
    - i. We are paying because we have included it in our budget for 2025. We feel that the appropriate thing is to continue to pay Alvin for the rest of the year.
    - ii. We're operating as if we're staying there because the district hasn't voted on it yet.
    - iii. Even if it gets passed, we won't fully get out of there until June or July.
2. Correctional Facility (CFC) – **Sarah**
- a. **Second Wednesday of the month - BAC - 6:30**
  - b. Report given by **Daryl**
  - c. There's not much to report as we didn't meet last month because the district meeting was on our meeting night.
  - d. Blue can money received last month \$2,890
  - e. Spent on books \$3,648
  - f. We are continuing to take meetings into Carole Young and Galveston County jails.
  - g. Area 67 is always looking for volunteers for people who would be willing to travel outside of our district to carry the message
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. Not much new, John and I met and we talked about our goals for the year.
  - d. We have our Feb/march publication ordered.
  - e. Cancelled the voicemail line because we had zero calls in.
  - f. Still looking for volunteers to help get literature around the county.
4. Grapevine – **Mark**
- a. **Third Tuesday of the month – Google Meets – 6:00**

- b. Report given by **Mark**
  - c. It was a small meeting this month - it was just me.
  - d. We need to get an email blast out to see if we can get some volunteers for the grapevine.
  - e. Looking for people in local meetings to post the monthly information from the Grapevine. Would like to get contacts with each groups.
  - f. Wants to get with CFC to see if there are
  - g. Q: our group has a grapevine rep that is interested but the Area Grapevine meeting happens at the same time as yours.
    - i. Would absolutely be willing to adjust the meeting date/time to help get more volunteers.
  - h. Q: Post grapevine info where?
    - i. To their groups.
5. Literature – **Mike A.**
- a. **Third Wednesday of the month – BAC Room E – 7:30**
  - b. Report given by **Mike A.**
  - c. We had a small meeting - just me.
  - d. Secretary position is open. Please ask your group to see if anyone is interested!
  - e. Started buying more racks to display literature at events. I'll be at the workshop this weekend.
  - f. Melissa R will not be able to participate anymore, but she will miss everyone!
  - g. Attended the workshop meeting at Jason's Deli.
    - i. Gave 12 GSR pamphlets but they needed more.
  - h. John Riley is our new alt chairperson for the literature committee.
  - i. Plain Language Big Book is still coming out.
  - j. AA service manual & 12 concepts has been revised and updated. On sale now.
  - k. Q: I got your expense report, who do you want me to make the check out to?
    - i. You can make it out to me.
6. Finance & Budget (F&B) – **Spencer**
- a. **Second Thursday of the month – Google Meets – 6:30**
  - b. Report given by **Spencer**
  - c. Went over the job description of what a F&B chair does and I got clarification which was nice.
  - d. Sent out thank you letters to the GSRs of the home groups that donated to district 81. Go back to your homegroups and say thank you!
  - e. We are looking for a cochair and a secretary.
  - f. Q: When did you decide to meet?
    - i. The 2nd Thursday of each month via google meets.
7. Treatment Facilities (TFC) – **Mike R.**
- 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 **Mike R.**
  - b. We met last wednesday at Red River at 7pm. We had 7-8 people there.
  - c. In discussions about the wording in our script. We tabled the discussion. We are asking our DCM to attend the next meeting to help provide more insight.
  - d. We are planning our spring workshop. We have narrowed it down to 3 days, but we are doing our due diligence to look at all of the other events. Ideally, our date will be chosen by next meeting and we will begin to decide on our speakers.
  - e. We are looking at adding a 4th treatment center to our agenda: The Well is a new treatment center. Same ownership/management as Into Action.
8. Newsletter – **Dawn**
- a. Last Monday of the month – Friendswood Public Library – 5:00
  - b. Report given by **Dawn**
  - c. Gwen and Brian do all the work - thank you!
  - d. We get a lot of comments that home groups are not receiving copies of the Newsletter. Please make sure to take copies are going back to your groups.
  - e. We meet three out of four sundays at Dawn’s house at 5:00pm. There are treats, yay! Basically get in contact with Dawn.
  - f. We absolutely need flyers. If you have events anywhere in Texas that are AA related, please send them to me.
  - g. Q: are you sending this information for the website?
    - i. Yes we are. All of the information is also on the District 81 website.
  - h. Q: my email is wrong...who do i contact?
    - i. Brian
  - i. Q: at the workshop this weekend, we have a literature PPT for all the GSRs. I’ll have a copy of the newsletter to give them too.
9. Workshop Chair – **Debra**
- a. **Third Thursday of every month at Jason’s Deli in League City at 6:30**
  - b. Report given by **Debra**
  - c. The workshop is having the first workshop on GSRs this Saturday at 1:00 a the BAC. It’s for all people in service! Not just related to District 81.
  - d. We had requested that each chair of committee to come give a little blurb about who they are and what they do.
10. Website – **Adrian**
- a. Third Wednesday of the month – Google Meet – 6:00
  - b. Report given by **Adrian**
  - c. We transferred Wix account management.
  - d. I am working with PICPC so that they can get their own Gmail workspace.
  - e. If any other committees would like to have their own SETA account for the workspace, let me know. I am working with IT about this.
  - f. GSRs please get with me so that I can send you the link for how to set up a SETA gmail account.

- g. There is an events page and a calendar page on the website.
- h. If you need to update anything on the website, please send me the information.
- i. Q: Do you know of any committee that already have a committee SETA account?
  - i. I will get with IT to see if there is already one.
- j. The area is also offering to do presentations on Google Workspace to groups.
- k. Q: All the emails/contacts for each committees are wrong. Can we please also get this updated.
  - i. A: Elizabeth will send all of the updated information.
- l. Q: Expense reports that they enter online are still going to the old treasurer.
- m. Q: So you're saying that we can now have a google account for a group?
  - i. A: No just a committee within each district.
- n. Q: are the groups going to have that opportunity?
  - i. A: I will ask and get back to you.

#### 11. Accessibility - **John**

- a. Second Wednesday – [meet.google.com/gvk-rjzk-nad](https://meet.google.com/gvk-rjzk-nad) – 6:30
- b. Report given by **David**
- c. I've been asked to hang our hat on progress not perfection.
- d. Good news - video is working. Growth - we need to get audio fixed.
- e. There has been a discussion about the accessibility work book and how we can make changes to it.
  - i. John made a call into GSO and they don't have any plans, so any changes will likely happen at the committee level.

#### 12. Registrar (Roll Call Results) – **Tiffany**

- a. **Tiffany** performed Roll Call (results above)

#### Old Business:

- 1. Moving the archives
  - a. There as been a motion and a second coming out of the archives
  - b. Christina - if we're going to pay for the whole year, then I think that we should not move until the contract is up so that we can be good stewards of AA's money.
  - c. Robert - would we be willing to host it and not take payment until 2026.I can take this to the board for consideration so that we can try to get the archives into a climate controlled environment.
  - d. John: How much stuff is in the archives and where will it be housed?
  - e. Scott: there is display cases to showcase at BAC. Wall space display also. Rest of the archives will be in the attic.
  - f. John: that space has a lot of stuff up there.
  - g. Scott: we were told by the BAC board that the space is clean and there is plenty of room to house what we need.
  - h. Robert: we voted that if the district voted yes, we would take it.

- i. John: has the committee gotten with the board about how they will store it up there? I am concerned about security.
- j. Tiffany: we have arranged it with the BAC board to have it under lock and key. I also will say that I think its important for us to pay our own way to be self-supporting, so we could potentially look at something prorated with the BAC. The binders are currently disintegrating.
- k. Brandi - if we moved the archives, even though we've payed for it, I would think that Alvin Taylor
- l. John: meeting & storage space
- m. Robert: we would honor the same rate and agreement that they had with the Alvin Taylor.
- n. Dana: there has been airflow.
- o. Spencer: was the charge to pay Alvin Taylor & pay the BAC in the budget?
- p. Chistina: how are we going to make clear that this is District 81 archives and not BAC archives?
- q. Scott: everything will be clearly labeled and separate. It will say District 81 Archives.
- r. Called to a vote. The motion coming out of the committee is to move the archives from the Alvin Taylor to the Bay Area Club
  - i. Yes - 24
  - ii. Opposed - 2
    - 1. Christina shares minority opinion - we have no guarantee that we can get it prorated, and we are also
    - 2. Michelle - I think that there are still too many unanswered questions. Once we have specific ideas on how it will be separated. I also don't think we should accept a gift from BAC.
  - iii. Motion passes

#### New Business

- 1. Christina (delegate) will be here in March to discuss the General Service Conference and the PEIs.
  - a. Q: will the agenda items be sent out in advance?
  - b. Christina: we are supposed to be getting the final agenda items later in February. I am putting together a list of the few that I might have questions on or will need additional information on. I will send everything to you all before.

#### Open Forum

- 1. Dana shares that the family of Tom was very grateful following the memorial service.
- 2. John L - I had heard through the GSO website, but its also on Sound Cloud. It made me curious if that's something that we should vote in?
  - a. Danny explains - its through GSO. No faces and no full names. It's just another way that they're trying to carry the message. We also have to give them the right to decision.

3. Spencer - we had someone come into our meetings about passing the blue can.
  - a. Christina - each group is autonomous. The can is for Area 67, not District 81.
  - b. Visitor - we had someone come in our meeting and say that CFC already had a ton of money and we didn't need to pass the blue can.
  - c. Michelle - they're trying to get their hands on how much money that they have.
  - d. Daryl - On its face, it looks like there is a lot of money in the account. There is a good bit of money, but you can see that this past month we took in 700 less than we got. Covid impacted the money we were able to spend which explains the back log. If you want to help out the inmates, then do it if its on your heart. If its not on your heart, then don't.

Elizabeth motion to close, Spencer second, Meeting adjourns

Time of close: 8:16

Thanks,  
Elizabeth H.