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District 81 Committee Meeting Minutes
March 5th, 2025
Kelley's - La Marque

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

Traditions/Concept: **Tradition 3** read by **John C**

Roll Call: **14** officers, **3** past DCMs, **14** GSRs, **7** Alt GSRs, **34** voting members, **13** visitors

Danny called the meeting to order. **Tradition 3** was read by **John C**. **Tiffany** performed the roll call. There were attendees with **34** voting members. The meeting minutes for **February 2025** were presented by **Elizabeth**. The treasurer's report for **February** was presented by **DJ**.

Jeff will do **Tradition 4** 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 – 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 – **Wesley S.**
 - a. **Third Friday of the month – Alvin Taylor Street – 6:00**

- b. Report given by Wesley S.
 - c. The archives committee met on Friday at 6:00pm at the Alvin Taylor Street Club on February 21st. We had two new members show up, YAY!
 - d. We had Mike from the Literature committee that came.
 - e. We agreed to buy a plain language big book from the literature committee and we will keep it for archives.
 - f. We discussed the date to move the archives to the BAC. That will be March 29th at 9am.
 - g. We discussed if the rent was going to be prorated. Alvin Taylor Street Club said that they would prorate it for us. It still has to get approved by their board but they don't think that that will be an issue.
 - h. Scott - this month's archives meeting will be the Saturday morning that the archives will be moved. March 29th, 9am.
 - i. Robert - when will the Alvin Taylor Club let us know if they will prorate or not?
 - i. There was a board meeting right after our meeting. The member texted later. Mike showed up for us. Mike texted us while he was there that there wasn't enough members to meet quorum so they pushed the meeting off until next week. The vote will happen at their next meeting.
 - j. DJ - are you still meeting regularly at Alvin Taylor or will you meet at the BAC?
 - i. That's a great question. We will let you know. It all depends on the board meeting with Alvin Taylor Street Club and how much is completed on the Saturday move day. The goal is to meet at BAC in April on the third Friday at 6pm. If the situation changes, we will let you know.
 - k. Robert - is the 29th a move day or a pack and move day?
 - i. Yes, the goal is to get it all done on that day. If you have a truck, please help!
2. Correctional Facility (CFC) – Sarah
- a. **Second Wednesday of the month - BAC - 6:30**
 - b. Report given by Sarah
 - c. At our district level there is not too much to report.
 - d. We continue to take meetings into Carole Young
 - e. Meeting in late spring which will include a panel as well as an online meeting.
 - f. This coming Sunday there is a workshop out of district 63. There will be training and a speaker, also someone to translate into English.
 - g. The blue can contributions over the last month are 5,476.98. The money spent was \$5930.47
 - h. We meet at Intergroup at 7:30 on the third Wednesday of the month for the entire area's CFC.
 - i. We're always looking for volunteers that are willing to travel outside of District 81.
 - j. You can also contribute through Correspondence Sponsorship. You can go back and forth three or four times a day like texting. You can sponsor people on the inside.

- k. Area 67 has their CFC conference on September 6th-7th at Sheridan over by the big airport.
 - l. Christina - so the contribution of 5,900 is for the area or just for our district?
 - i. \$261 from District 81.
 - m. Mike - now that the plain language big book is out, are you providing those to members?
 - i. Yes we are.
 - n. What's the balance of the blue can account for the area?
 - i. Around \$13,000
 - o. Scott - is there anything scheduled for orientation or getting people certified to go inside?
 - i. This coming Sunday there will be an online training for that.
 - p. Jennifer - what sobriety requirements are there to go in?
 - i. You have to have one year of sobriety. It takes about 4 months to go through the process of approving the volunteers.
 - q. Once you get approved to be a volunteer, don't you have to go a certain number?
 - i. If you are on a list to go into the state facility and you do not attend at least 4 times a year, then they will bump you off the list. But essentially it's up to the chaplain.
 - r. Once you've got your approved status, you have to get on a gate list. So you need to contact someone who will get with the chaplain.
3. Public Information / Cooperation w/ Professional Community PI/CPC – **Michelle C.**
- a. **Last Thursday of the month – virtually – 6:30**
 - b. Report given by **John**
 - c. We met last Thursday of February on Google Meets.
 - d. We discussed the posted publication print order for February and March.
 - e. We will use the same graphics for the billboards.
 - f. We are on target on budget.
 - g. Vacant positions: alt chair and secretary.
 - h. Robert - will the billboards be in the same location?
 - i. Yes, same graphics and same location.
4. Grapevine – **Mark**
- a. **Third Tuesday of the month – Google Meets – 6:00**
 - b. Report given by **Mark**
 - c. I called the meeting to order at 6:00 and we adjourned at 6:15.
 - d. Doubled in size - YAY! Now instead of one new member, two new members would be great! Please talk to your groups. We would like to get reps at each meeting.
 - e. Still working on an initiative. Grapevine has Carry the Message right now. There are opportunities to send the Grapevine to organizations.
 - f. Two open positions - alt chair and secretary.

- g. When are the meetings?
 - i. Third Thursday at 6pm on Google Meets.
5. Literature – **Mike A.**
- a. **Third Wednesday of the month – BAC Room F – 7:30**
 - b. Report given by **Mike A.**
 - c. We had two members make the meeting! Riley is the co chair.
 - d. The Secretary position is now filled! Yay 😊
 - e. Committee displayed 61 pamphlets and a lot of books at the Gratitude Meeting in Pearland last month at the GSR workshop.
 - f. We displayed literature at the BAC. told them if they are interested in seeing the collection, let us know so that we can bring it to any groups.
 - g. Shared a PPT presentation on how to get to district 81 or area 67 website on any forum.
 - h. Discussed having our meeting online instead of in person. We talked to Adrian to about this to figure out about setting up our own Google Meets.
 - i. Discussed the unused funds for rent at the BAC. we paid through June of 2026 and we could possibly leave it to the archives group if they need.
 - j. Discussion on updated plain language big book. They look the same, but you can look at the second page of the book to see an update of 1st edition second print vs. first print.
 - k. 70,000 books printed for first printing. Second printing was 100,000.
 - l. Robert - you talked about unused funds and rooms at the Bay Area Club. Are you talking about offering the room?
 - i. We are talking about doing the meeting online. So we are paying for the room. If we move to zoom, do we ask for the money back or do we donate it to the archives group.
6. Finance & Budget (F&B) – **Spencer**
- a. **Third Thursday of the month – Google Meets – 6:30**
 - a. Report given by **Spencer**
 - b. Not a whole lot to report.
 - c. Meeting will be the third 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 had a good turnout this last meeting. Danny came and spoke about traditions. We have been looking at script changes and we are going back to the drawing board.
 - c. TFC Workshop on May 4th at the BAC. we are working on getting speakers set for that.

- d. We are adding atleast one more treatment center to us - Way Out because they are now in our district.
 - e. We are also looking at the Well, but they fall within District 70. We have reached out to District 70 to see if they can support. If not, District 81 will absolutely be able to support.
 - f. Robert – did you pick a date for the workshop?
 - i. May 4th
 - g. The last two people have mentioned updates to the meeting locations and times. How do we make these current?
 - i. Email Gwen and Adrian.
 - ii. Newsletter has the correct chairs but not the correct meeting information.
 - iii. Website and newsletter don't match up.
 - iv. We need to get the website updated.
 - v. If you see that information is not updated, please go check it out and send an email if it is not correct.
8. Newsletter – **Dawn**
- a. Last Monday of the month – Friendswood Public Library – 5:00
 - b. Report given by **Dawn**
 - c. The march newsletter is beautiful! Thank you everyone.
 - d. If you have something wrong, please get with Dawn.
 - e. Inside there are flyers, please send flyers for all your events going on!
 - f. Scott W transcribed a talk and we put it in the newsletter.
 - g. There is a QR code on the back of the grapevine if you want to read it digitally or share it!
 - h. We meet most Sundays at Dawn's house.
 - i. Gwen is making a tutorial for future members for people on how to make Grapevine.
9. Workshop Chair – **Debra W**
- a. **Third Thursday of every month at Jason's Deli in League City at 6:30**
 - b. Report given by **Debra**
 - c. We had our last GSR workshop in February at the BAC and it was awesome. 35-40 people came - YAY!
 - d. We have our next workshop for 5/17 at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church 1pm-4pm over emotional sobriety.
 - i. Outline for the workshop is done. Working on speakers.
 - e. Our next meeting will be 3/19. Our last meeting was on 2/19 and we had two people in attendance.
 - f. Looking to have another workshop in August or September. Need ideas! Please share ideas with us.
 - g. Stay tuned....we are working on something EPIC for next year.

10. Website – **Adrian**

- a. Third Wednesday of the month – Google Meet – 6:00
- b. Report given by **Alan**
- c. Adrian got Alan involved in the website so he has access to put information on there.
- d. Updated newsletter on the website and some committee information. Added the workshop flyer on the workshop. Working on updating group contact information with SETA.
 - i. District specific committees with SETA.
 - ii. Not all committees have one right now, but they can.
- e. There are discrepancies between newsletter and website and email information. Will be reviewing the minutes for contact information and to update.
- f. DJ - my email needs to be updated on the website for all of the expense reports.
 - i. Danny - we got a lot of website stuff. After this meeting, write down everything you got and need updated.

11. Accessibility - **John**

- a. Second Wednesday – meet.google.com/gvk-rjzk-nad – 6:30
- b. Report given by **John**
- c. We had a meeting this week to go over the technical issues we've been having with Google Meets these past meetings.
- d. Also looking at the Accessabilities Workbook to see what we can do that would change things for the better.

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

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

Old Business:

1. 1. Christina, our Area 67 delegate, will be discussing the GSC proposed agenda items (PAIs)
 - a. All information can be found in the email that Christina sent or on the website.
 - b. The webmaster has added these to the Delegate page at aa-seta.org along with a feedback form.
 - c. Christina read through all of the items (lots) and helped synthesize the items to about 20 items that she felt like groups would be most interested in.
 - d. Asking each group to take 2-3 items from the list of high leverage items sent and discuss it. Fill out the form to provide feedback under the Delegates page on aa-seta.org.
 - e. Christina's contact information
 - i. Email: christina.s@aa-seta.org
 - ii. Phone number: 281-857-4809
2. Groups getting set up directly with SETA email/G Suite?

- a. There aren't any group addresses at the SETA level. I did bring it up but it will go to the whole committee. The temperature was not warm.

New Business

1. Getting a SETA Gmail email
 - a. Having trouble getting information on how to get a SETA gmail email.
 - b. We can get a walkthrough or get with people after the meeting to help you.
 - c. Need to get a SETA email account? → [CLICK HERE](#) for the digital form for creating an email account.
2. How to get and fill out forms to reply to GSC PAI's
3. Lynn -
 - a. Area is considering changing the current policy for only providing the minimal amount for the delegate to travel to GSO. Rather fully funding the delegate instead of giving GSO a check.
 - b. It was also brought up in the meeting that the area committee budgets have not changed at all even though hotels were taken out.
 - c. This could be an agenda item at Area.
 - d. Katherine - Our next F&B budget is next Thursday at 8pm. We definitely need to fund our delegate. We should write a letter explaining that this is not sustainable.

Announcements

1. Paul - here representing the Texas State AA convention. We are encouraging people to pre-register. Anyone who pre-registers will be put in a drawing to reimburse people
2. Area assembly is Saturday April 5th in person or online.
 - a. In person is at San Jac North (channelview)
3. SWARSA 2026 has some open positions! If you are interested in being a part of that committee please reach out to Bella L. October 9th - 11th in Baytown. Only comes to our area every 22 years!
4. Texas City group is celebrating 77 years! Speakers and food.
5. March 15th 10-1:30 at Intergroup there will be a workshop on sponsorship.

Spencer motion to close, Andrea second, Meeting adjourns

Time of close: 8:40pm

Thanks,
Elizabeth H.