

District 81 Committee Meeting Minutes
May 7th, 2025
Kelley's - La Marque

Call to Order: **Andrea**– Serenity Prayer @7:01

Traditions/Concept: **Tradition 5** read by **Jeff**

Roll Call: **13** officers, **0** past DCMs, **14** GSRs, **12** Alt GSRs, **35** voting members, **6** visitors

Andrea called the meeting to order. **Tradition 5** was read by **Jeff**. **Tiffany** performed the roll call. There were attendees with **35** voting members. The meeting minutes for **April 2025** were presented by **Elizabeth**. Update to Literature Report was made for date on Literature Committee. The treasurer's report for **April** was presented by **DJ**.

Elizabeth will do **Tradition 6** next month.

All Committee Meetings:

- Archives: Third Friday of the month – Bay Area Club (NEW LOCATION) – 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

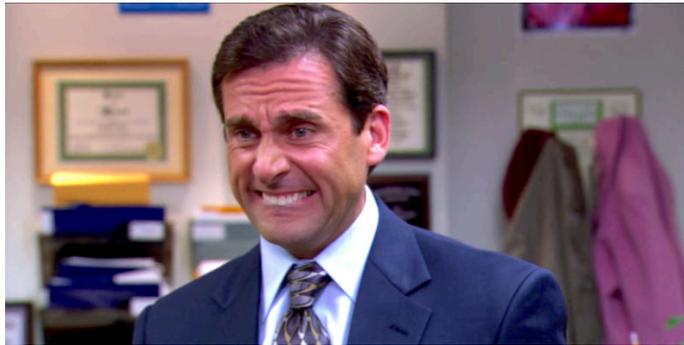
Open Positions:

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

Committee Reports:

1. Archives – Wesley S.

- a. Third Friday of the month – Bay Area Club – 6:00pm
- b. Report given by Wesley S.
- c. Archives committee met for the first time at the BAC on 4/18 in the F room.
- d. We paid rent. Discussed prior rent and received copies of checks for previous year's rents.
- e. Archives have been hung on the wall that reads District 81 Archives with some of the materials that came over from Alvin Taylor Street.
- f. Still working through what various displays will look like and how often archives will rotate out.
- g. Currently working on a project for each group. We are trying to get pictures of each group (image of inside the rooms where each group meets with no one in the picture for anonymity purpose). Pictures can be emailed to wesley.s@aa-seta.org.
- h. Let the record reflect, Wesley wears the pants and not Tiffany.



- i. Working on getting speaker tapes on the SETA website and will be working on getting them on the District 81 website eventually.
- j. Q: you are planning on rotating the pictures on the walls for the archives? Right now there are no District 81 archives being displayed.
 - i. A: the plan is to rotate them out, but we are discussing the plan.
- k. Q: if there are people from each group with historical pictures, would we be able to submit them to you to display?
 - i. A: yes. Just email them to Wesley. Also discuss whether the group is comfortable with the pictures being displayed and people have given their permission. Especially since the BAC is a public space and we want to remain clear with anonymity.
- l. Q: what if they are deceased?
 - i. A: the anonymity statement mentions life and death. If you have permission from the family of a member after death, then it is okay.

2. Correctional Facility (CFC) – Sarah

- a. Second Wednesday of the month - BAC - 6:30
- b. Report given by Sarah

- c. Wonderful turnout for our workshop held this past Saturday the third. We had a little panel and were able to do a training to get 10 more volunteers trained, and awaiting approval.
- d. We are continuing to take meetings into Carole Young and Galveston County, which are both in our district.
- e. There will be an anniversary celebration held at the Carole Young medical facility on June 23. It will be celebrating the 11 years of the sisters of the 12 steps. We have been meeting weekly and it is being well attended.
- f. As far as the blue can contributions, they are as follows.
 - i. Contributions for last month were \$5171.90 for the area. That gave us \$17,975 as a current balance that is available to purchase literature.
 - ii. There was \$1558.60 spent and \$601 of that was for literature in our district. The contributions from district 81 total \$15.42.
 - iii. The Cfc committee asks to please go to your home groups' group conscience and please discuss considering passing the blue can once again. If desired someone will be happy to attend your group conscience to answer any questions.
- g. District 81 Cfc meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM in the small room across from the coffee bar at the Bac
- h. The area committee for Cfc meets the third Wednesday of every month in Intergroup at 7:30 PM.
- i. Intergroup is located at 5151 Mitchelldale. We also encourage attending to see just how active we are in area 67. If attendance in person cannot be made we offer Google meets. You can go to the website under Cfc and find the link there.
- j. Q: Did I hear that you had \$17,975 in the account? Why are we asking to put out the blue can now?
 - i. A: Really what that means is that we have some districts that are more able to contribute to the blue can and others. The money is managed at the area level but the money is recorded as coming out of district 81.
- k. Jeff: What we give to the blue can is absolutely abhorrent. I know there was some non-transparency with the amount of money. I think in the last three months, our district has contributed under \$50. We are spending more money every month than what we are bringing in. The account will continue to dwindle. As soon as we get the plain language books in Spanish, we will be spending more money.
- l. Forrest - our district spent 40% of what the whole area spent this last month? It seems out of whack.

- i. A: It varies by month. Jeff brought up a good point with the plain language big book. There has been an increased demand for spanish books and we haven't been able to get our hands on that many plain language big books. We foresee some increased expenditures in the future.
 - m. Michelle - thank you Jeff for clearing up about the transparency. Now that we have a handle on it at district, the GSRs can take it back to the groups and share that it's okay to start passing the blue can again.
 - i. A- I have to give it to Sarah for transparency. We weren't trying to hide anything, we just weren't putting a lot of emphasis on that. But we see how important that is, so we've been trying to get those numbers for everyone.
 - n. Mike - the plain language big books are about \$17. I'm not sure about how much it would cost for the Spanish version.
 - o. Miko - the Spanish plain language big book is only \$2 more.
- 3. Public Information / Cooperation w/ Professional Community PI/CPC – **Open**
 - a. **Last Thursday of the month – virtually – 6:30**
 - b. Report given by **John C**
 - c. Michelle is stepping down from her position after this meeting because she is moving.
 - d. We met last month and discussed billboards, literature routes, publications, and how we can get more people on the committee.
 - e. April and May posted publications are getting printed right now so they will be out next week.
 - f. John and I are working on getting the billboards printed and set up before Memorial Day weekend.
- 4. Grapevine – **Mark**
 - a. **Third Tuesday of the month – Google Meets – 5:30pm**
 - b. Report given by **Mark**
 - c. We met April 17th and had a group of 3 in attendance.
 - d. Discussed old business and began talking about the new materials to post to their groups.
 - e. The publication has not changed the last few months with the serenity prayer and traditions checklist.
 - f. We picked one of the postcards of the month. It's from the Language of the Heart. A one-pager that you can mail. Language of the Heart is available as an audiobook for \$9.99.

5. Literature – Mike A.

- a. Third Wednesday of the month – Online on google meets – 5:30
- b. We have moved the meeting time from 7:30 to
- c. Met on 4/17 and there were two groups - Keep on Stepping Group and the Daily Bread Group.
- d. We have added a purpose for our committee - To help groups and districts understand the vital role Conference-approved literature has in carrying the A.A. message
- e. We will hold up on getting a SETA-Announce notification until the new online meeting is set up and working. For now, anyone can join the online meeting in April at meet.google.com/nua-xrkx-tzc
- f. Still waiting on the District Newsletter and IT committees to update the information on our new District 81 online meeting -- meet.google.com/nua-xrkx-tzc
- g. Mike is working to get a refund (\$30) back from the Bay Area Club to the district for unused rent for 2025
- h. Working on preparing a second pamphlet book for Riley and/or Jennifer to carry around to AA functions and/or groups in the district
- i. Discussed who will create and present portable display board for workshops and other events
- j. A new Literature Workbook was purchased for the district. It was created in Oct/Nov of 2024. It will go with the literature group when my two years are up. It discusses the importance of literature (conf approved, non-conf approved, and invaluable literature materials).
- k. Discussed Literature Committee online minutes with Jennifer. She will forward to Mike for reviewing, posting and saving – Thank you Jennifer!
- l. A donation of 3 books were given to the Workshop Committee for the next workshop on May 17, 2025 Emotional Sobriety in Dickinson Texas at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
 - i. The Language of the Heart, Emotional Sobriety, Emotional Sobriety II

6. Finance & Budget (F&B) – Spencer

- a. Third Thursday of the month – Google Meets – 6:30
- a. Report given by Spencer
- b. We did not meet this past month because of scheduling conflicts.

7. Treatment Facilities (TFC) – Mike R.

- a. Meeting Time: Third 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 our regular committee meeting. Our new permanent time is the third wednesday of the month at 7pm at Red River BBQ.

- c. We have postponed our service workshop. There was a lot going on and people had other commitments. New date is July 13th at the Bay Area Club from 1pm-4pm.
 - d. We have added a 4th facility to our lineup. Our first meeting was taken into the Well. We will be going there bi-monthly going forward. It is part of the Into-Action umbrella. They maintain around 20 clients.
 - i. They have shared that they would appreciate any handouts or fliers for AA events so that they can bring their clients to AA events outside of treatment.
8. Newsletter – **Dawn**
- a. Most Sunday's – Dawn's House – 5:00
 - b. Report given by **Dawn**
 - c. We would welcome articles or thoughts on different components of recovery. We would love some input into the newsletter!
 - d. We have about 6 people that are currently showing up. Please see if people from your homegroup would like to be a newsletter representative.
 - e. Send any flyers for monthly speaker meetings, events, etc. and we will get them in the newsletter.
 - f. Q - what is the deadline for submitting it?
 - i. A - a few weeks before the district meeting. Or as soon as you can 😊
9. Workshop Chair – **Debra W**
- a. **Third Thursday of every month at Jason's Deli in League City at 6:30**
 - b. No report given
10. Website – **Adrian**
- a. Third Wednesday of the month – Google Meet – 6:00pm
 - b. Report given by **Adrian**
 - c. Committee meeting schedules have been updated. If you need anything updated, please send an email so that we can get it adjusted.
 - d. We would like to change the name of the committee to the "District 81 Information Technology to align it with the district."
 - i. Danny - we would also need to change the PNP and job description as well. It would look like a proposal and we would discuss and vote on it as a committee.
 - ii. Bring it as a motion out of committee and we can discuss next time.
 - e. If you need a SETA account, please get with us. We will also be working on adding a link on our website that will send you directly there.
 - f. File sharing is also in the works so that everything can get updated on the website.
 - g. Website was adjusted to be a little cleaner and update. Please take a look and provide feedback!

11. Accessibility - **John**

- a. Second Wednesday – meet.google.com/qvk-rjzk-nad – 6:30
- b. Report given by **John**
- c. David and I met this last month to discuss some things. Everything is going well with the zoom.
- d. We will be looking into some new ideas at the next meeting to help get this committee up and running (potentially an accessibilities workshop, etc)

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

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

Old Business:

1. PI/CPC position open
 - a. John C. stands and qualifies himself
 - i. Linda H motion to accept John by acclamation. Spencer seconds. All are in favor.
2. Alt Registrar position open
 - a. Ed stands and qualifies himself
 - i. Elizabeth motions to accept Ed by acclamation. Spencer seconds. All in favor.

New Business

1. Christina will be attending the August meeting to speak to us about GSC
2. What happened at the Assembly?
 - a. We had our round tables and we prepared our delegate to be informed.
 - b. There was a lot of talk about our area convention. Some stuff is going on with it and whether we want to continue with it. Financial losses were discussed. We have an ad-hoc committee for the area committee. There was a proposal to put a half on any future conventions starting in January. We would still have an assembly, just not a convention. They still have permission to plan moving forward in 2027. Beamont will still happen because the contract is already signed. Please make sure to always look at financials when thinking about groups and different entities (specifically about where your money is going and how your money is spent)
 - i. Q: Did the area publish a financial statement?
 - ii. A - yes, Cody sent it out. We actually took about \$6,000 in losses. They are transparent on everything that was spent and how it was spent.
3. Our July 2nd meeting falls during the time people might be traveling for the international conference.
 - a. Motion to move the July district meeting to July 9th.
 - i. All in favor. Motion passes.

Announcements

1. Area assembly at San Jac North on 7/19
2. 78th Texas State AA Convention
 - a. August 15th - 17th, 2025
 - b. Royal Sonesta Hotel - Houston Galleria Area
 - c. 2222 W. Loop South, Houston, TX 77027
3. Emotional Sobriety Workshop
 - a. May 17th 1-4pm
 - b. Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
 - c. 4613 State Hwy. 3 Dickinson, TX 77539
4. Andrea W. is telling her story the first Sunday of June.

Elizabeth motion to close, **Spencer** second, Meeting adjourns

Time of close: 8:21

Thanks,
Elizabeth H