

District 82 Committee Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2012

CALL TO ORDER – Kim R.

Meeting was called to order around 3 pm by Kim R. Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer, reading of the District 82 Preamble, and The Twelve Traditions. Introductions and passing of the attendance log followed.

INTRODUCTIONS, GUESTS, AND ATTENDANCE – Kim R.

The attendance sheet was passed around and there was one visitor – Dick S. from Intergroup.

INTERGROUP – Dick S

“The Link” was distributed. It is their main way to communicate with groups. Today is Dick S’ AA birthday and was happy to be here! Congratulations Dick!

Question concerning phone numbers. The 800 number is listed in meeting directory. It is answered by an alcoholic. This 800 number may be a potential solution to our districts’ phone services.

Is intergroup part of AA? Yes, see the AA Service Manual. They are a service organization not part of the service structure. They provide service to groups. For an example there is the “Nightwatch Program” which is a 24 hour service. Calls to intergroup are way down, but their website gets over 800 hits per day. There are two volunteers in the office during the day and at night and on the weekends large groups take over the phones. They can refer to other 12 step programs, Al-Anon, etc.. Five to ten percent are calls from alcoholics needing a twelve step call. The website is taking over more and more of that function. They are still refining the website.

What Intergroup does – handout distributed. Maintains Nightwatch, www.aahouston.org, 12 Step call list, Publishes “The Link”, communicates with A.A. General Service Office, Cooperates with SETA, Finances the cost of qualified signers for the hearing impaired, Provides support & services to Intergroup CFS who works with SETA CFC, maintains a list of detox, rehab, and half-way houses, and provides a fully stocked bookstore.

The bookstore – if you order from GSO direct you might save a few pennies, but you have to prepay, pay for shipping, and order in case quantities. The bookstore is providing 60% of Intergroup’s income. There is one full time and four part time paid employees. They make \$8 to \$14 per hour. If they had donations from groups by following the pamphlet outline, they could give away big books instead of selling them. They price so they break even at the end of the year.

Distributed a trifold pamphlet saying what Intergroup does and how they operate. There will be more at the assembly.

Announcements:

1) Intergroup will have a Tax Free day at the bookstore on June 30th. It will be an Open House and Summer Cookout. Located at 4140 Directors Row, Suite D & E, Houston, TX 77092.

2) Intergroup Association, Inc. - 50 Years of Miracles Convention. The dates are March 8-10, 2013 at the Westin Hotel at Memorial City. Pre-registration is at www.aahouston.org Speakers will be from around the country and a there will be a large talent contest for A.A. people.

All groups can send two intergroup delegates (nothing to do with AA service structure) to Intergroup. Most districts have an Intergroup Representative but that person wouldn’t qualify to be a group intergroup delegate.

Questions: The Online Bookstore – is working now but they are getting ready to redo it. Intergroup sends literature to SETA Assembly – big books and stuff, but not committee workbooks – workbooks he is not familiar with or if they have ever carried. He will try to get some in for assembly. What intergroup does – list of detox, halfway houses, how can we access that? Nighwatch people has information. Can call 800 number to get info. Are local facilities on there? Abbreviated list has only facilities that have AA meetings. How do they get on the list? Someone tells intergroup that they are there and working and then intergroup will get information to put on list. Not in the business of recommending. They don’t publish to handout, but is a way to get access. The volunteers’ numbers are never given out. They call the volunteer and give them the caller’s number. They are listed by zip code for contacts. Medical detox – hardest thing to locate – can call them about it. Riverside hospital is the only one they know about.

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MINUTES – Angela K.

Motion made to accept minutes by Dennis and seconded by David carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Tandy B.

The Financial Report is being sent as a separate file with the minutes. David A. motion to accept Treasurer’s Report by and seconded by Rick M. carried.

Send group contributions to:

**District 82 Treasurer
520 Acker St
Clute, TX 77531**

GROUP ISSUES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The District 82 meetings will be held at the St Michael’s Catholic Church, 100 S Oak Dr., Wing E, Lake Jackson, TX from 3:00 – 5:00 pm on the 1st Sunday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 6, 2012.

Beginner’s Group – new meeting: Contacted Brazos Place and started a new meeting on Friday at 8 pm at BAC to accommodate the people in Brazos Place. Alternating weeks for men and women. They would like to have support from other members. Will be non-smoking.

The location for the SETA Quarterly Assembly is the Sheraton North Houston at George Bush Intercontinental, 15700 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Houston, TX 77032. Phone: (281) 442-5100. For more information go to aa-seta.org.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archives Chair – Sherry B.

Budget meeting yesterday – went better than previous ones with attendance and came up with a fairly good budget that will pass. They got new projector screen, shelves, and have plenty of chairs if anyone wants to come visit. Donation from last SETA convention – banner donated. Our Area doesn’t have an edition of the first edition big book. Contributions are way down at Area. IT Committee put all the motions from 1973 on the website for the Area.

PI Chair - David A.

During our last District 82 Public Information meeting on 3/18/12, the committee continued to read and discuss the Public Information Workbook. In the workbook, on page 43, it describes how the local P.I. Committees can be instrumental in supplying local media with a press release prepared of the Triennial A.A. Membership Survey. This survey is due to be released soon and the committee requested this information from the GSO concerning the latest release so that we might do this work. The Public Information Coordinator at the G.S.O responded with the following comments:

“Thank you for writing to ask about the 2011 Alcoholics Anonymous Membership Survey. It’s great to hear you are planning to share the information with the local media. The latest data has been compiled and will be reviewed at the upcoming General Service conference. If the Conference approves the pamphlet it will be published in the late summer and all P.I. chairs will be mailed a copy. “

The District 82 P.I. Committee is once again distributing meeting schedules in hotels in Bay City and West Columbia and soon will be distributing in the Brazosport Area. KKHA radio station in Bay City has agreed to air the latest Public Service Announcements that have been produced by the G.S.O. District 82 P.I. Committee also continues to work on the Anonymity Workshop that will be held on June 16th at Marks Lutheran Church, in Lake

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Jackson. The flyer for the event is completed and has been distributed to the District Committee Members and we ask for your help in passing this along. The flyer has been sent to the SETA webmaster for inclusion in the District 82 Events page on the SETA website. Funding for the workshop needs to be addressed. The rent of \$150 has been paid for the facility by our district and the Area 67 Public Information Committee is providing the funding for the Internet Guidelines (MG-18), AA Tradition How It Developed (P-17), and Understanding Anonymity (P-47). An itemized budget worksheet has been provided to this committee to obtain funding for the remaining expenses. A motion will be made following this report to fund the workshop. The following motion is proposed out of the P.I. Committee:

Motion: That groups or individuals of the groups of District 82 provide the following items found on the document titled **Budget Worksheet for Anonymity Workshop** or approve the funds to cover the expenses for those items not expected to be in excess of **\$225.**

Attachment Budget Worksheet for Anonymity Workshop

To complete the funding of the Anonymity Workshop on June 16th the Public Information Committee will be putting a motion before the district.

Motion before the district:

That groups or individuals of the groups of District 82 provide the following items found on the document titled **Budget Worksheet for Anonymity Workshop** or approve the funds to cover the expenses for those items not expected to be in excess of **\$225.**

Budget Worksheet for Anonymity Workshop Supplies for 50 persons		
Item	Donated By	Budgeted Cost
<u>Banana Splits:</u>		
Ice Cream: 9 gallons		\$55
Bananas		\$10
Boats		\$18
Toppings		\$30
Syrup		
Chopped nuts		
Whipped cream		
Cherries		
Sub Total		\$113
<u>Picnic supplies:</u>		
150 paper plates (cheap)		\$5
150 Cups (coffee and drink)		\$5
Coffee, creamer, sugar (reg & 0 cal)		\$20
Gingham (checkered) table cloths		\$25
Lemonade	Anonymous	\$0
Ice	Anonymous	\$0
Decorations	Anonymous	\$0
Sub Total		\$55
<u>Workshop Supplies:</u>		
Rent	District 82	\$150 (paid)
Writing paper and pencils (or pens)		\$10
Literature (pamphlets)	Area 67 P.I. Committee	\$31 (paid)
Printing		\$40
Sub Total		\$50
Funds required to complete		\$218

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There was a motion to use the worksheet and try to get donations. Whatever is not donated the District will provide. Tandy stated, as Treasurer, that we have \$619 in available funds, so if we would need to fund the \$225 we have the money to do that. Motion passed. Rick will go to TDECU to get party packs. Needs the address updated on the flyer so that he can take one with him.

The District 82 P.I. Committee meets the 3rd Saturday of every month at 3 p.m. at St. Michaels in Lake Jackson. Our next meeting (at the time of this mailing) will be on April 21st. We invite all groups to participate in our committee.

IT Liaison - Jeff H.

He will donate ant mounds for the Anonymity Workshop. There is a draft version of the SETA quarterly letter with a write up on the IT Committee. They finished the draft of the web guidelines and submitted for Area approval – hope to do it at the April Assembly so they can put them in force. Also, focus is on doing some kind of web mail training to find opportunity at April meeting. If interested he has list of email address for distribution. For posting to SETA website, encourage going through DCM. The new web guidelines will cover all of this.

TFC Chair - Laurie B.

New member – Amy (Welcome Amy!) They will be going to Brazos Place on the 2nd Friday of each month at 1 pm. Also will be checking out assisted living and nursing homes to see if there is a need. Announcing at meetings to see if anyone is interested in being a temporary contact. Her hope is to go to all the meetings in our district.

DCM Report – Kim R.

Went to St Patrick's to delegates informal get-together (8 attended. Found out there are no coffee pots for the assembly. It was a good time and got to learn more about the delegates and alternate delegates. On the agenda handout is how you can go to the web-site to look at all the specifics for any GSC agenda items – this is not for publication. Encourage all to go to SETA Assembly April 14, 15th. Roundtable discussions.

ELECTIONS

The following positions remain unfilled. Anyone wishing to stand for the following positions is asked to come forward at the next district meeting on Sunday, May 6, 2012 at 3 pm.

- Alternate Secretary
- Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee Chair (CPC)
- Correctional Facilities Committee Chair
- Grapevine Committee Chair
- Intergroup Liaison
- Literature Committee Chair
- Multi Lingual Committee Chair
- Alternate PI Chair

OLD BUSINESS

District 82 Event Calendar – Tandy B.

Will be sent out with minutes.

Hosting for 2012 SETA Election Assembly October 6-7th – Rick M.

GSR's ask groups if they want to get involved. Still need someone to man Literature Table and many other individual positions that are needed. Get with Rick M. for further information.

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District 82 Workshop in September – All

No activity yet.

Delegate Questionnaire

Still time to give feedback.

Unity Day 2012

Nothing new.

Next District Meeting Host 5/6/12

Plantation group volunteered.

NEW BUSINESS

National Directory

Went over the groups and which ones were inactive and the ones that needed updating.

Phone Service

They are wanting to get rid of phone service for the Brazosport area. Past Ad-hoc committee didn't find a solution in the past. Rick M. sent email to David A. for the PI Committee to investigate or review. The PI Committee will discuss it. \$80/month for Brazosport number is how it is covered now.

Areas for Improvement – Tandy B.

That the agenda will try to be distributed before next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Rick M. was seconded by Phillip T. Motion carried and the meeting closed in the usual manner.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela K. [REDACTED]
District 82 Secretary

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