

District 7 – Southwest TX Area 68
Meeting Date (04.20.2024) – Main Stream
Approved Minutes

Welcome - Opened Meeting:

- Patrica P (GSR Mainstream) led the moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer

Spotlight Presentation:

- A.A. Group Histories (Charlie B Area 68 Archives Committee Chair)
- Tradition 4 – Autonomy and consultation (Joe C District 7 Alternate DCM)

Secretary (Presented by DCM)

- **Minutes - 2.16.2024 Meeting**
 - DCM e-mailed out on 02.29 and 04.01
 - No corrections as presented
 - Motion to approve by Phillip S (GSR For Sinners Only), 2nd Patrica P (GSR Mainstream)
 - Results: Minutes approved as presented

Treasurer (Open Position - DCM gave report)

- Per February District 7 Minutes
 - Motion for DCM to reconciled 2023 Financial Report
 - Reconciled report e-mail to District contacts by DCM: February 29th and April 1st 2024
 - Any additional comment/corrections presented: None
 - Motion to approve by Ben E (GSR Hope), 2nd Phillip S (GSR For Sinners Only)
 - Results: Reconciled Treasury Report approved as presented

- Bank Starting Balance (03.01.2024): \$2448.91
 - Total Group Contributions: \$0.00
 - Total Expenses: \$613.24
 - Closing Balance (03.31.2024): \$1,835.67
 - Any additional comment/corrections presented:
 - No corrections presented
 - Inquiries made on any estimated upcoming expenses: shared the next month of expense is July for the Area 68 Summer Assembly, potential of Committee Chair projects, August Workshop and Fall Conference
 - Motion to approve by Patricia P (GSR Mainstream), 2nd Michael D (AA members Mainstream)
 - Results: Treasury Report approved as presented.

DCM (Tahtianna F)

- Shared on new items located on aa.org “What’s New” page and District 7 “Resources” page: Box 459 and Quarterly Report from GSO
- Reference DCM report e-mailed to District 7 distribution list on April 1st – contains a summary of the results from the Area 68 Spring Assembly: 74th General Service Conference Delegated requested Agenda items and the 2 Proposed Agenda Items voted on is to be supported by Area 68.
- Informational flyers available on table and on website including open District service positions, Save the Date: District 7 Workshop, and more.
- GSRs: Questions on reporting back to your Home Groups from the Spring Assembly, please let me know.
- What’s Next for GSRs? Summer Assembly – Delegate Reports to us on the 74th General Service conference – reference 2024 At A Glance and the District website for details
- Reviewed pending status responses on Groups Hosting upcoming District 7 meetings

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Alt-DCM (Joe C)

- Shared on importance of Groups being represented at District 7 meetings and the Groups being a part of the informed Group Conscience

Secretary (Carrie W)

- May District Meeting will be hosted by Port Lavaca AA Group. On the 18th of May at the usual time 9:30 am. At Grace Episcopal Church located at 213 E. Austin Port Lavaca, TX 77979.

GSR Reports

- Back To Basics Group: Currently does not have a GSR
- Burning Desire: Patrick K (GSR)
 - Nothing new to report
- Edna: DCM visited – Group not meeting – set to inactive
- Flatonia: Not Present
- For Sinners Only: Phillip S (GSR)
 - ~ 32 people per meeting
 - Recent distribution of \$1000.00
 - Group raised prudent reserve
 - Big Book Study - Open meeting
- Golden Slippers: Charlie B (Home Group Member)
 - 3-5 people per meeting - Need more attendance
 - Big Book study
- Open Arms: Not Present
- Hallettsville: Not Present
 - Ben E shared attends meetings - 15-20 people per meeting
 - GSR position open
- High Nooners: Not present
 - Manuel L shared attends meeting - 20-30 people per meeting
- Hope: Ben E (GSR)
 - 10-12 people per meeting Sunday @ 8pm
 - 6-8 people per meeting Wednesday @ 8 pm
 - As Bill Sees it, Book study
 - Shared on Tradition 4: Example of Group changed their name due to the affiliation with the city 'Schulenberg'
 - Ben shared experience at Area Assembly:
 - Encourages attendance at Area Events
 - Commitment and Service

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- Hope.God.Love.Farm (Virtual): Not Present
 - DCM shared – New Online Group Registered under District 7 Website
- Karnes City: Not Present
- Main Stream: Patricia P (GSR)
 - 25-35 people per meeting - Meets MTWT-S
 - Manuel L commented recent issue with people coming to meeting, soothing out issues with Traditions
 - Patricia shared experience at Area Assembly
 - Energy, Service, Passion
 - Learning about structure for service
 - Coming together with conflict but working through
 - Serving AA despite differences
 - AA serves thousands
- Moulton: Not Present
- North Loop: Not Present
- Port Lavaca: John M (GSR)
 - 8-10 people per meeting - Meet M-W-F @7pm
 - Group Conscience meeting discussed proposed changes in Literature
 - Fear of watering down original AA literature
 - Shared learning the importance of staying involved between District meetings
- Port O' Connor Fellowship: Not Present
 - Joe C (Alt DCM) visited group - 5-7 people per meeting
 - Active and carrying the message
- Unity: Colin R (GSR)
 - 15-20 people per meeting
 - Saturday open discussion meeting ~25 people per meeting
 - Every third Saturday Birthday bash
 - Monday step 3 meeting
 - Thursday As Bill Sees It
- Victoria Women's: Tammy K (GSR)
 - Low attendance
 - 5:30 meeting may be a bit early
 - Mary F (Alt GSR) shared experience at Area Assembly
 - Great Experience
 - She realized how big AA is
 - Passion and connecting with other AA
 - Encouraged in service by attendance
- Yoakum: Not Present
 - Pat shared: ~3 people per meeting
 - Group is struggling – not always meeting
 - Meeting place is under construction

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- Mentioned by Charlie B - New Group: Hopeful Home
 - Meets Meet M, W & F
 - Salvation Army Victoria TX at 6:15am
 - Breakfast included

Standing Committee Reports:

- Corrections (Open Position)
 - DCM reported: Packet of Big Books, Grapevine Magazines and Behind Bars AA newsletter - sent to Inmate in Kenedy Texas – Connally Unit
- Grapevine/La Viña (Open Position)
- Intergroup Liaison (Craig D)
 - Hello to All, greetings from sunny Central Florida. I pray everyone is safe and sober. In March I sent all District 7 GSR's information on service opportunities available to their group members. These included information on the CBIA helpline and 12th Step volunteer sign up list. If anyone did not receive this information please contact me. If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact me.
Remember to tell your group members they can use the websites of Area 68, District 7 and CBIA to access a plethora of resources and information about AA in our community.
 - DCM polled GSRs to see if they received the e-mail. DCM will suggest to resend e-mail and asked GSRs to check spam/junk as well.
- Public Information (PI)/Cooperation w/ the Professional Community (CPC) (Manuel L)
 - "We Need Your Help" flyers, ask to take them back to home group
 - Professional Side: Getting information to professionals to help direct people to AA for help
 - Encourages group liaisons to contact him to get pamphlets and flyers

Discussion

 - Ben E asked clarity: Getting information into publications about meeting time and place? Shared home group placed an advertisement in the local newsletter
 - Manuel L answer: PI CPC placing flyers at public places with QR code with information about AA
 - Jerry H commented on difficulty getting information into schools, Principle he spoke with not receptive to making school facilities available
- Treatment (Open Position)
- Website Chair (Open Position)
 - DCM shared: Please get to know our District 7 website: swtadistrict7aa.org
 - If you have not visited the website in 2024 – there are a bunch of changes
 - District Meetings being updated
 - Service Events
 - Resources
 - New page: AA Group Events – please review and if your Group is having an event that meet the guidelines for positing – please submit a flyer.
 - Starting with 2024 – Anonymity protected - District 7 Meeting Minutes

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Unfinished Business:

- **Open Committee Positions: Corrections, Grapevine/La Viña, Treatment, Website, Treasurer**

Treatment

- Michael D: 5 years sobriety, came from Kerrville area, willing to fill position
- Mainstream Group member
- Tammy offered to help with treatment for women
- No objections made by voting body

- **Open Positions**

- **Corrections**
- **Grapevine /La Viña**
- **Website**
- **Treasurer**

Treasurer: DCM asks those in attendance to go back to group asking for someone to fill District Treasurer position

New Business:

- **Review – Hosting Fall Assembly/Conference**
 - Need Subcommittee Chairs for Registration, Volunteers and Hospitality
 - Hotel open for reservations
 - Review/Open floor for preliminary questions and discussion
 - Coffee
 - Discussion on providing our own coffee at the Assembly
 - Hospitality Room

Motion to Adjourn by: Patrick K (GSR Burning Desire)

- **2nd by:** Joe C (Alt DCM)
- **No objections made, Meeting closes**

Closed Meeting: Patricia P (Mainstream GSR) lead us in the Declaration of Unity/Responsibility Statement

Next District Meeting: May 18th **9:30am-11:30am** @ Port Lavaca