

**District 7 – Southwest TX Area 68**  
**Meeting Date 11/16/2024 – Meeting Location: Hope Group**

**Welcome - Opened Meeting:**

- Ben E (GSR Hope Group) led the moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
  
- Presentation from Area 68 Grapevine and La Viña Chair (Courtney L):
  - [Carry the message Project](#), Service committees can use Grapevine and La Viña: PI, CPC, Treatment, etc. Can order older copies in bulk of Qty 60 for less cost.
  - [Grapevine Today](#), [Monthly What's New - Example December](#) and [Complimentary Materials](#)
  - [Grapevine App](#) and [other subscriptions](#) – can gain access to all Historical articles and search for topics
  - Guidelines for [recording your story](#) and [submitting your written story, jokes, photos, etc.](#)
  - [YouTube](#), [Podcast](#) and [Instagram](#)

**Secretary (Open Position)**

- **Minutes 08/17/2024 Meeting** (*recreated by DCM*)
  - Printed copy of August Draft Minute: provided at September District Meeting, e-mailed in October and printed for November District meeting
  - Asked GSRs/District Committee to provide any missing information for updating minutes -None received
  - At November meeting - Questions: None
  - At November meeting - Corrections: None
  - Motion to approve by: Ben E (GSR Hope Group) and 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Michael D (D7 Treatment)
  - **Minutes approved as presented**
  
- **Minutes 09/21/2024 Meeting** (recorded by DCM)
  - Questions: None
  - Corrections: None
  - Motion to approve by: Ben E (GSR Hope Group) and 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Francie B (GSR Unity)
  - **Minutes approved as presented**

**Treasurer (Jordan B, For Sinners Only)**

- Bank Starting Balance (10/2024): \$5,926.04
  - Deposits: \$544.13
  - Expenses: \$2,571.93
  - Closing Balance (10/31/2024): \$3,898.23
  - Additional questions/concerns expressed:
    - Clarity requested for Area 68 Fall Assembly financials - Relation between Area 68 and Districts hosting Area Assembly/Workshops Financial responsibilities of each entity
      - Coffee, Hospitality, Food responsibility is the Host District
      - Facility Rental, Area 68 Trusted Servants hotels rooms, Conference Speakers travels responsibility is Area 68
      - Total Coffee Expenses = \$1,292.50
      - Total Expenses Host Committee = \$3,335.36 (includes check written to Area 68 for Pre-Registrations in the amount of = \$735.00)
    - Inquiry of details:
      - Pre-registrations = \$735.00
      - Contributions of Groups/Individuals/BBQ Event = \$3,696.81
        - Request made for breakdown of Contributions:
          - Groups: \$652.81
          - BBQ: \$2,653.00
          - Individuals and Hospitality Room: \$391.00
    - Suggestion made to separate accounting from District 7 treasury

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- Shared - during the Post Event Ad Hoc Comm evaluation meeting: the committee documented the suggestion to have a separate account for future hosting of large Area type events
  - Also referenced to review Summary Report provided from Ad Hoc Committee
- Corrections: None presented
- Motion to approve by Joe C (Alt DCM), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael D (D7 Treatment)
- **Treasury Report approved as presented**

#### DCM (Tahtianna F, Back To Basics)

- Reference Reports sent: DCM October (via e-mail) and November (e-mailed/printed)
- 1 Proposal passed during Fall Assembly – this proposal will be heard during the March/Spring Assembly
  - Please review and gather your Home Group conscience
    - **Pro and Con documents** from Fall Assembly were linked in the DCM Report.
      - **Please make note:** In the **Con presentation** it was indicated reprinting of the Area Service Structure and Procedure document would cost \$2,000.
      - Per my review with both our Area Treasurer and Area Secretary:
        - In March 2024 for printing Qty 150 English and Qty 100 Spanish = \$317.00
        - In September 2024 for printing a Qty 100 English = \$131.00
        - **Total for 2 separate print runs in 2024 = \$448.00**
- Ad Hoc Committee District 7 Inventory Recommendations
  - Ad Hoc Committee completed review of recommendations – See new business for further review
- Ad Hoc Committee Host of Area 68 Fall Assembly and Conference 2024
  - Closing documented provided – recommendation of remaining funds to be addressed in New Business
- Review of Hosting District Meetings in 2025 – Printout of 2024 provided and e-mailed – see New Business
- **SWRAASA DCM attendance** – not submitting reimbursement due to being on the Host Committee as my final commitment before moving from Area 65 -- Future reference:
  - Mileage = \$200.40, Hotel = \$316.86, Assembly Registration = \$20.00
  - Hotel Room shared – actual expense = \$158.43
  - Total Expense = \$378.83
- **Need Host Group:** January District 7 Orientation (2<sup>nd</sup> Year)
  - *“A.A. Service Structure via our Third Legacy of Service” -- Possible Dates: Jan 12, 25, 26*
- **New Literature Releases from AAWS:** Plain Language Big Book and Literature Workbook

#### Alt DCM (Joe C, For Sinners Only)

- Nothing new to report

#### GSR Reports

- Back To Basics: (Does not have a GSR)
  - Nothing new presented
- Burning Desire: Patrick K (GSR)
  - Not present – nothing new presented
- Flatonina: (Does not have a GSR)
  - Not present – nothing new presented
- For Sinners Only: Phillip S (GSR)
  - Not present – nothing new presented
- Golden Slippers: Phillip V (GSR)

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- Not present – nothing new presented
- Open Arms: (Does not have a GSR)
  - Not present – nothing new presented
- Hallettsville: (Does not have a GSR)
  - Nothing new presented
- High Nooners: Cathy R ( GSR)
  - Not present – nothing new presented
- Hope: Ben E (GSR)
  - Effective December 4<sup>th</sup> 2024 – Change Wednesday meeting starts at 7:00pm Book Study – 12 Steps and 12 Traditions
- Karnes City: (Not Present)
  - Nothing new presented
- Main Stream: Patricia P (GSR)
  - Reported by (Manual L) – Group held their business meeting - based on Area 68 financials reported during Fall Assembly, contributed additional funds to the Area 68.
- Moulton: (Does not have a GSR)
  - Not present – nothing new presented
- Nixon Town AA (Does not have a GSR)
  - Not present – nothing new presented
- North Loop (Does not have a GSR)
  - Not present – nothing new presented
- Port Lavaca: John M (GSR)
  - Not present – nothing new presented
- Port O’ Connor Fellowship (Does not have a GSR)
  - Not present – nothing new presented
- Unity: Francie B (GSR)
  - Invitation to their Monthly Sobriety Celebration held on the last Saturday of every month
  - October – the Unity Group celebrated their 22 Years
- Victoria Women’s: Barbara O ( GSR)
  - Not present – nothing new presented

### Standing Committee Reports

- Corrections (Open Position)
  - Due to changes in her availability of time, Kay advised DCM of need to step out of this service position
  - Please share with your Home Group members the position is open. If anyone is interested in serving - I’d greatly appreciate being able to talk with them before standing.
- Intergroup Liaison (Craig D, Hope Group)
  - Four new Trustees elected during the last quarterly meeting in October – Serving 2025-2026
  - November CBIA Newsletter “The Bender” now available: [Access to Newsletters](#)
  - Helpline Manual and 12<sup>th</sup> Step Calls documents are available via e-mail.
    - Inquiry by DCM if of benefit to add to the District 7 website for downloading – Agreement to review and if needed, Craig will e-mail documents for adding to Resources page
- Public Information and Cooperation w/ the Professional Community (Manual L, Mainstream)
  - Committee meeting held November 9<sup>th</sup>

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- Committee considering hosting the Area 68 2025 PI/CPC Conference. Committee declined to host. Possibly will look at holding something for and by District 7 supported in 2025
- Local TV station is now running PSAs – committed selected a few PSAs to start, sent two more recently for 60 sec timeslots. Inquired on availability to run a Spanish PSA – pending response.
- Treatment (Michael D, Mainstream)
  - Committee meeting held November 9th
  - Looking to start scheduling volunteers for carry meetings – looking to solidify dates in December
  - Next invitation from Billy T Cattan is for January – Michael will select one individual to share their story

**Voting members:** GSRs (Alternate GSR if the GSR not present), District 7 Committee Chairs, District 7 Officers

### Unfinished Business:

- **Open service positions**
  - Grapevine/La Viña Committee Chair – No one stood for position
  - Website Chair - No one stood for position
    - General discussion held to consider if District 7 needs a formal Website Chair or actually needs a Web servant. Review of examples where Areas having a Technology Chair vs a Web servant: in some Areas the web servant is not a voting member, is at times not a funded service position and at times does not have the requirement to show up in person at meetings/functions
    - Dave from Hope Group shared knowledgeable, available and willing to help with upkeep on the website but cannot attend the District 7 meetings, therefore, not able to stand as Website Chair.
    - Suggestion provided from floor was to help alleviate the DCM from having this additional responsibility by involving Dave to “help” in the website effort. No expressed opposition was given. DCM will reach out to Dave for review in moving forward with assisting.

### New Business:

- **New Open Service Positions**
  - **Secretary**
    - Pam J Stood for position – Home Group: For Sinners Only
    - Provided relevant Service Resume and confirmed meeting requirements/qualifications
    - Voting took place with a unanimous vote reached
    - Pam J was elected as District 7 Secretary
- **District 7 Meeting December 21<sup>st</sup> scheduled – Review if to move meeting date to December 14**
  - Review took place – DCM confirmed with Patrick (GSR) Burning Desire can host on either day 14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>
  - **Motion:** To hold the December District 7 Meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup>  
Motion by: Craig D (D7 Intergroup Liaison), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ben E (GSR Hope Group)
  - No Questions or Discussion presented  
  
**Vote:** Yes = 7 and No = 0
  - **Result: Motion passed**
- **District 7 Meetings 2025:**
  - Revised printout for 11.2024 - received Area 68 updates on Workshop/Assembly schedule for 2025.
  - No general concerns expressed on focusing to follow the same 2024 schedule

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- DCM inquired of those present – What Groups have agreed to Host the same months in 2025:
  - ➔ Unity Group - August
  - ➔ Back To Basics - September
  - ➔ Hope Group - November
- DCM will follow up with GSRs of the other groups to see if agreement/concern have been expressed
- **District 7 - Host Area 68 Fall Assembly Ad Hoc Committee**
  - Summary report provided via email and in print + November 2024 Treasury Report
  - **Formally dissolve Ad-Hoc Committee**
    - No questions presented
    - No objections received for dissolution
    - The Host Area 68 Fall Assembly Ad Hoc Committee was dissolved
  - Review for action on remaining funds from Hosting Fall Area Assembly
    - Explained recommendation from host committee vs needing a formal motion which can be the recommendation from the Ad Hoc committee or some other motion.
    - Additional considerations provided:
      - Include Intergroup in the Distribution percentages
      - Open a Savings Account for future Hosting of Area 68 major events
  - **Consensus: Postpone item of business to December** meeting, allowing GSRs to seek their Group Conscience

**Following items scheduled for New Business on November Agenda were not address due to time  
– DCM will add to December Agenda:**

- **District 7 - Inventory Ad Hoc Committee:** Recommendations sent out via e-mail October 10<sup>th</sup> and again Nov 6<sup>th</sup> and posted on Website “Resources”, provided full printouts
- **Our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition and Contributions to other A.A. entities**

**Motion made to Adjourn meeting – no objections made**

**Next District Meeting:** 12.14.2024 – Burning Desire Group

**Note:** Address for December Meeting: 102 E Live Oak St. Cuero TX – At Grace Episcopal Church