

**District 7 – Southwest TX Area 68**  
**Meeting Date 12/14/2024 – Meeting Location: Burning Desire Group**  
**Approved Minutes**

**Welcome - Opened Meeting:**

- Patrick K (GSR Burning Desire Group) led the moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
  
- **Sharing Session: Our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition and Contributions to other A.A. entities**
  - Pamphlet provided/excerpts review: [Self-Support: Where Money & Spirituality Mix](#)
  - Review Service entities that provide direct or indirect support to groups, consideration of what each entity offers in support: Your A.A. Group, local community resources, supporting 12<sup>th</sup> Step for alcoholics
  - Obtaining and reviewing the various treasury reports for contributions/expenses
  - GSRs shared on how their groups decide on contributions and when they contribute

**Secretary** (Pam J, For Sinners Only) *Previously advised DCM not available for meeting in December*

- **Minutes 11/16/2024 Meeting** (recorded by DCM)
  - Questions: None presented
  - Corrections: None presented
  - Motion to approve by: Ben E (GSR Hope Group) and 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Patricia P (GSR Mainstream Group)
  - **Minutes approved as presented**

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

- Starting Balance (11/01/2024): \$3,898.23
- Deposits: \$421.59
- Expenses: \$31.40
- Closing Balance (11/30/2024): \$4,288.42
  - Questions:
    - Inquiry: on minimum balances needed to avoid Bank fees
      - Per Treasurer: \$10.00 bank fee per month if one of the following is not met:
        1. Minimum Average Ledger = \$1,000.00 (Daily Balance/# Days of month)
        2. Minimum Daily Balance = \$500.00 (Closing Balance of day)
    - Were all the Registration fees for the Fall Assembly were given to Area 68
      - Treasurer confirmed Pre-registrations and Registrations at event were given to Area 68
  - Corrections: None presented
  - Motion to approve by Joe C (Alt DCM), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patrick K (GSR Burning Desire Group)
  - **Treasury Report approved as presented**

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

- Reference full report/updates e-mailed and printed.
- 2025-2026 AA Service Manual is now available for purchase
- Printed/e-mailed information on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Printing of the Book PLBB and the Editorial changes being made
- Area 68 Winter Workshops – see flyer in Kerrville – encourage GSRs to attend
  - Pending Agenda – inquired with Area Chair – should be released within the next 1-2 weeks
  - Hotel Rate Reservations Cutoff Date: January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025 – Code: SWTA68
- Printout provided to GSRs: Please Help with asking your groups what sharing sessions or workshops they would like to see District 7 support in hosting for 2025?
- Preliminary Agenda Item List – 75<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference
  - Printouts provided, Link documents sent via e-mail and posted under [Resources](#) on website
  - Reviewed Dates for upcoming Final Agenda item and Background materials
  - Will schedule 2 online sessions for early March to walk through a few of the Agenda Items and Q&A

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

- Updates for 2025 - will share during New Business

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**GSR Reports** - DCM asked for GSR sharing: What did you learn in 2024 and/or want to learn more about in 2025?

- **Burning Desire:** Patrick K (GSR)
  - Shared appreciation on being provided the blessing to serve
- **For Sinners Only:** Phillip S (GSR)
  - Shared on the large learning curve as a GSR
- **Hope:** Ben E (GSR)
  - Wednesday night meeting – New start time: 7:00pm – literature is 12 Steps and 12 Traditions book
  - Shared has gained a greater understanding of the AA structure
- **Mainstream:** Patricia P (GSR)
  - Group held successful Thanksgiving Lunch and will hold Lunch on Dec 25 after the 12noon meeting
  - Shared AA is more complex than originally understood – looking to learn more of the Service Manual, Traditions and Concepts
- **Port Lavaca:** John M (GSR)
  - Shared during this year, the group implemented several changes to help stabilize the group such as: having an agenda for their business meeting, improving focus on our primary purpose, increase in attendance at the business meetings, reaching an informed group conscience
- **Unity:** Francie B (GSR)
  - Sobriety Birthday celebration held last Saturday of every month. All are welcome to come and celebrate.
  - Focus is to continue to be open minded, learn and to serve
- **Victoria Women's:** Barbara O (GSR)
  - Small Group – Consist of 3 Home group members
  - Shared importance regardless of size of group – each group needs to have a voice and be aware of what's going on in AA. Reading the Service Manual
- **Hallettsville:** (Does not have a GSR)
  - Ben E (Hope Group) shared on behalf of Hallettsville: upcoming Quarterly Potluck @ 6:30pm and Speaker meeting @ 7:30pm
  - Flyer provided - January 9<sup>th</sup> 2025 – Speaker David M

Additional registered A.A. Groups in District 7 - not present at meeting

- GSR listed: Golden Slippers, High Nooners
- No GSR listed: Back To Basics, Flatonia, Open Arms, Karnes City, Moulton, Nixon Town AA, North Loop, Port O' Connor Fellowship

### **Standing Committee Reports**

- Intergroup Liaison (Craig D, Hope Group)
  - Next CBIA Quarterly meeting will be in January – all are welcome to attend
  - Shared information on the 12 Step call and hotline guidelines – also now available for download on the D7 website under [Resources](#) page
  - Discussion/sharing held on importance of volunteering and Q&A took place
  - Noted copies available of flyer for the [CBIA Jamboree](#) coming up in February in Corpus Christi
- Public Information and Cooperation w/ the Professional Community (Manual L, Mainstream)
  - Not present – sent brief report to DCM - A PSA in Spanish is airing on the local television station
- Treatment (Michael D, Mainstream) - Not present
- Website Update - DCM: As a follow-up to our conversation from the November District 7 meeting, David and I did meet and started the transition to helping with maintain and updating the website.

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

**Unfinished Business:**

- **Open service positions**
  - Grapevine/La Viña Committee Chair – No one stood for position
  - Website Chair – No one stood for position
  
- **District 7 Meetings 2025** - Reviewed the pending Groups decision if to Host the same months as 2024?
  - **Mainstream – April:** Patricia P (GSR) - will review with group during this month’s business meeting
  - **Port Lavaca – May:** John M (GSR) - confirmed Group is able to Host in May
  - **Women’s – July:** Barbara O (GSR) will review - Pending response
    - **Note:** Delegate Report back occurring in July
  - **Burning Desire – December:** Pat K (GSR) will review - Pending response

**New Business:**

- **New Open service position**
  - Corrections: No one stood for position

**Postponed from November Meeting:**

- **District 7 – Distribution of remaining funds from Area 68 Fall Assembly - \$1,096.45**
  - Summary Report provided via email, in print Nov/Dec District 7 meetings + Treasury Report
  - Reiterated steps taken from November meeting, review of recommendation for remaining funds from Hosting Area Assembly and explanation on the recommendation vs needing a formal motion which can be the recommendation or some other motion for distribution.

**Motion presented:** District 7 to retain 50% of the unused funds and District 7 to distribute 50% of the unused funds to Southwest Texas Area 68

Motion By: Craig D (District 7 Intergroup Liaison) and 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Francie B (GSR)

- Questions of clarity - District 7 retains \$548.23 in its general fund, contribute \$548.22 to Area 68
- Discussion - None presented

**Vote:** Yes = 10 No = 0

**Motion Result:** Unanimous vote -- Motion carries

- **District 7 - Inventory Ad Hoc Committee:**
  - Recommendations sent out via e-mail October 10<sup>th</sup>, Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, posted on Website “[Resources](#)”, and physical copies provided - Next Steps for District 7
  - Review and implement recommendations as we move forward in 2025
    - **Reviewed Question 1 – Recommendation 1** - creating an Ad Hoc committee to visit the Website cost and platform. DCM to bring draft Ad Hoc Committee Scope to February meeting for review.
    - **Reviewed Question 2 – Recommendation 1** – Alt DCM shared starting in 2025
      - District Night Out - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 6pm at Denny’s in Victoria, TX.
      - All AA members welcome, no District business will be conducted, we will have open sharing on any topics desired from our 3 legacies

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- Please bring the packet of the Inventory to every District 7 meeting as we will be visiting the recommendations throughout 2025. Preliminary review is of benefit and consider recommended involvement of the service positions
  
- **Formally dissolve Inventory Ad-Hoc Committee**
  - No further questions presented to the Ad-Hoc Committee
  - No objections received for dissolution
  - Inventory Ad Hoc Committee was dissolved

**Additional Questions/Sharing:**

- Inquiry posed and discussion held on a GSR representing more than one Home Group – brief excerpts read from the literature “[AA Group...where it all begins](#)”, review of voting at District and Area for only one group allowed, review of having a voice vs a vote in several groups, spiritual nature of having one home group
  
- Port Lavaca AA Group discussion and concern with Traditions regarding the Church where they meet listing their meetings on the Church Website with the commonly known logo of the circle and triangle
  
- “Inside Job” Group and Port Lavaca AA Group reviewed discussion held – DCM will visit further with Jesse and John regarding status of the meeting or group “Inside Job”

**Meeting Adjourned** at 11:50am and closed with the Responsibility Statement

**Next District Meeting:** February 15, 2025 at For Sinners Only Group