

Cooperation with the Professional Community Official Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2017 - 7:30 PM

Spring Branch Memorial Club, 1200 Blalock Rd. Suite 378, Houston, TX 7705

Call To Order: 7:33 pm with serenity prayer.

Introductions: Betsy G., Deborah G., Edwin C., Kate E., Kathy F. , Michelle H., Peter C., Renee, Rick M., Sarah, Sue, Vern P.

Traditions: Were not read this meeting.

Committee Purpose: Read by Vern P.

Minutes: The October minutes were approved as circulated. There was no meeting held in November. Official October minutes will be posted on the Area CPC webpage, a set of translated minutes will be sent to Edwin for review and once approved he will send to webmaster for posting as well. All such future minutes will be handled this way. Vern also reported that the current Secretary is working out of the country for FEMA and does not have a return date at this time, so this position is in need of being covered for her until she is available.

Finance Report- 2017 rent was paid in the amount of \$100, YTD expenses totaled \$578.08, leaving \$736.92 remaining in the overall budget, \$560 of which goes towards Convention/Assembly lodging, so effectively \$76.92 is the unspent portion of the budget and Vern discovered a few receipts for committee expenses that he will turn in resulting in a spent budget.

Chair Report:

- D90 Presentation on December 3rd was a huge success for both the Area CPC Committee and the D90 CPC Committee.
- D32 Presentation confirmed for December 10th at Noon located at the Champions Club. Edwin and Vern will attend, but all committee members are welcome to come participate. Vern will send out a reminder email with the presentation format attached for reference.
- Vern reported the new Area website changes will be cool and benefit all members in the ease of making all documents translated.
- GSO contacted Vern regarding the NADCP Exhibit May 30-June 2, 2018, will extend the opportunity to D81 & we will accept the request. Second exhibit request for October 5-9, 2018, this date is conflicting with SWRAASA, so the committee will continue to discuss if this will be possible.

District Reports:

- **D32-** ongoing committee work
- **D82-** 2 new members came to visit the committee to learn more about what we do and why. Both members contributed in various discussion and were very helpful in our work and morale as a committee. Rick has worked with the District CFC Committee to establish

contact with the Captain of the local jail to bring in literature racks for the visitation waiting rooms on both sides (male/female) of the jail as well as giving a total of 4, 15 minute presentations to the staff members hoping to make it a possibility for the CFC Committee members to bring meetings and literature behind the walls for the intimates. These presentations will take place after the first of the year.

Upcoming Events:

- SETA Assembly, Oct 14th – 15th, Sheraton N Houston, 15700 John F Kennedy Blvd, Houston, TX, 77032. The committee needs to prepare for setting up, tearing down and manning the table display throughout the weekend.

Literature Review: This will be skipped this month to make time for practice presentation.

Unfinished/Ongoing Business:

- Alternate Chair for 2017-18- *open*
- Interim Secretary for 2018- *open*
- 2017 Projects / Goals:
 - Presentations to Districts & of course ongoing new requests
 - Requests from April Assembly Workshop: 5 Group, 4 District, 1 District just PI. Vern is working on organizing these presentations
 - Assembly Workshops- *This will be worked on after the first of the year, next Assembly is not until April.*

New Business:

- **Power Point and Practice Presentation:** Vern and Kathy gave a practice presentation to the committee to help train Kathy as a CPC Committee member. The presentation was excellent and the choreographing of the verbal presentation with the new power point presentation was a true asset to the committee. Vern and Kathy were very prepared for the practice. The committee decided to change one part of the power point to include in the introduction slide the addition of standard verbiage stating that no one member is the spokesperson for AA as a whole, all opinions are their own. The committee also stressed the importance of using the words 'illness' or 'malady' instead of 'disease' in any verbal communications with the public, professionals or non-alcoholics.
- **Intergroup Ad-Hoc: Disaster Response Plan:** Peter C. joined the committee to review the Disaster Response Plan that he has created in an effort to join with the Area Service Committees to finalize a response plan in the event of a disaster. This is a result of the recent hurricane Harvey that affected us all in some capacity. The main goal is to ensure that books and meetings are available to all those in need. The committee asked several questions regarding the compiled research and decided that his would have to be ongoing work due to the amount of time it would take to study and further research the best possible ways to determine how to carry out this plan and with whom ownership should actually fall in accordance with Traditions, as well as Area policies. This will be picked back up in February.

- The committee decided to not meet in January due to the holidays and the SETA Convention.
- No other new business- Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to All!

Announcements:

- Area CPC Meeting – 02.05.18 (1st Mondays), 7:30pm, Spring Branch Memorial Club (SBMC) 1200 Blalock Rd #378, Houston, TX, 77055 or Go To Meeting:
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/meeting/join/444753277>
- Phone: +1 (630) 869-1013 Access Code: 444-753-277
- Area PI Meeting – 12.18.17 (3rd Mondays), 7:30pm, Spring Branch Memorial Club (SBMC) 1200 Blalock Rd #378, Houston, TX, 77055 or Go To Meeting:
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/meeting/join/918247669>
- Phone: + 1 (213) 493-0622 Access code: 918-247-669

Close with Responsibility Statement: 9:23 pm

I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that I am responsible.