

Cooperation with the Professional Community Official Meeting Minutes

February 05, 2018 - 7:30 PM

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

Call To Order: 7: 35pm with serenity prayer.

Introductions: Betsy G., Karon M., Kathy A., Michelle H., Rick M., Vern P.

Committee Purpose: Read by Vern P.

Minutes: The December minutes were approved as circulated with one minor formatting correction. There was no meeting held in January due to the holiday. Official December minutes will be posted on the Area CPC webpage in English & Spanish minutes will be provided upon request. 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- 2018's Budget is: \$1310 Total, \$560 for Lodging, \$750 for other items. Of this, I have expenses to submit of \$125.35 for lodging at the Assembly in Beaumont.

Chair Report:

- I got a response back from GSO on the use of e-mail instead of postal mail for reaching professionals/public. A copy of the response was provided to all committee members. Committee agreed that this was a great alternative to take, some research will need to be done to determine the exact cost and details of such services.
- Additional Requests from GSO:
 - An individual wishing AA to start a meeting in his facility, which he wishes to turn into a low-cost treatment type facility within the D31 boundaries- Vern called the person, and offered to help him get meetings started, but made it clear there'd need to be local people to keep it going. Vern sent all of the information needed to help guide him in starting the meeting and left it open for him to contact him for the next step. The committee discussed this opportunity and reviewed several details to keep in mind when assisting this individual in starting a meeting. Vern has included the appropriate District members to participate and will collaborate with the Area TFC Chair for further involvement if necessary. This will be moved to ongoing business and as Vern receives more feedback it will be reported on at the next meeting.
 - A request for literature for an underfunded treatment center in a correctional facility in Beaumont. Vern forwarded request to the CFC committee since they have the Blue Can funds for this specific type of request.

District Reports:

- **D31-** Kathy reported that she will meet with members of the Interfaith Community Clinic on Thursday to discuss setting a date for a PI/CPC presentation for their staff members. All

information will be provided to Vern as soon as it is available for the committee to prepare. This could potentially be a large field for this committee to explore for outreach.

- **D82-** 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 if it can be revived, the Captain is overwhelmed with work and scheduling of staff members availability. Rick will stay available for these presentations.
- **D40-** New District Rep, Jen was not in attendance, but has been included in all committee email distribution lists.

Upcoming Events:

- **GSO Exhibit Requests:**
 - NADCP: National Association of Drug Court Professionals Conference, Houston Convention Center, May 30-June 2, 2018. (already said yes)
 - NAADAC: Association for Addiction Professionals October 5-9, 2018 at the Westin Galleria in Houston. (just received today)

Literature Review: CPC Workbook pages 22-23, "Committee Services-Working with Students Attending Professional Schools." Betsy and Vern read the stated pages, Kathy had several suggestions for different types of schools to focus on in our research and outreach.

Unfinished/Ongoing Business:

- Vern and Betsy will confirm room availability and rent with SBMC for 2018
- Betsy made the committee aware of the Houston Intergroup calendar of events does not have our monthly meeting listed. Vern will take
- Alternate Chair for 2018- **OPEN**, Kathy will review the job description and consider the position wisely ☺
- Interim Secretary for 2018- **OPEN**
- 2017-2018 Projects / Goals:
 - Presentations to Districts:
 - Focus Items from workbook:
 - Contact local professional schools that train future healthcare, legal/correctional, human resources/employment professionals and offer A.A. presentations.
 - Offer to help groups communicate with their landlord about A.A. — often a professional who may deal with alcoholics in the course of their work, such as the pastor of a church.
 - Send sharing on local C.P.C. efforts to GSO.
 - Assembly Workshops / Training:

- Danae G. (D90) & Abby W. (D31) have both volunteered as new presenters for the mock presentation during the Assembly. Rick M., will be the 3rd veteran presenter.
 - The new power point presentation will be used for this. Vern will send out the written format to accompany the power point.
 - CPC Presentation at the April Assembly – PI Presentation at the July Assembly.
 - One presentation and plenty of time for all questions and suggestions for members will be sufficient.
- Intergroup asking for participation in its ad-hoc committee on disaster response – what do you all think our level of involvement should be? Rick stated that he felt like it was a moving target and does not see how we can be an effective part of this plan since we cannot predict the outcomes of natural disasters. Kathy stated that this has such a large scope of variables that without a getting a handle on some type of specific organized categories it puts AA at risk of breaking Traditions. Vern spoke with Peter at the Convention and shared that the sense of the committee was not in favor of joining in the plan due to many restrictions committee wise. The committee feels like Intergroup has a strong grip on the plan and we will do what we can to talk to the Professional Community Contacts at any time, disaster or not.

New Business:

- 2019 Budget, Vern is going to submit \$1490 for the 2019 Proposed Budget, increasing printing budget \$100 and increasing room rent \$80 from the 2018 approved budget. The committee supports this proposal.
- 2018 Project / Goals –see above list from 2017, putting emphasis on presentations to Districts and outreach to the healthcare schools, students and professionals, creating databases as well as mail outs. Any new ideas are welcome anytime!

Announcements:

- Area CPC Meeting – 03.05.18 (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 – 02.19.18 (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: 9:09pm

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.