

Approved District 31 Minutes of July 17, 2022

The district meeting was opened by Cheryl M. at 2:07 pm on July 17, 2022 in person and via ZOOM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

In attendance were Alaina R, Amy C, Byron T, Catherine W, Caroline L, Christine P, Cheryl M, Darryl W, Daryl R, Don M, Doug C, Eddie M, Gary P, Hughdell Y, Kathy B, Karacinda D, Karon M, Leta D, Matthew B, Mike G, Patty H, Sergey K, and Taylor C.

Caroline L presented Tradition 7 and Eddie M presented Concept 7.

Volunteers for June: Patty H will present Tradition 8 and Don M will present Concept 8.

NEW GSRs/ 1ST TIME VISITORS/GUESTS

- Catherine W
- Kathy B
- Alaina R

SECRETARY REPORT (Don M)

- Review of June minutes- accepted.
- Please review the newsletter, especially regarding items of your group or committee.
- Special thanks to those filing their reports via email.
- Changes have been made to the roster so please review the roster and report errors to D31secretary@gmail.com

TREASURER'S REPORT (Eddie M)

- Total receipts for June were \$40.00. Total expenditures were \$325.17. Negative cash flow of \$285.17.
- Ending checking account balance is \$7992.55.
- Total additional funds necessary to fund the 2022 budget and prudent reserve is \$357.50.

DCM REPORT (Cheryl M)

- Attended July SETA Assembly, excited to see so many District 31 members there.
- Early on Saturday morning I attended the DCM Sharing meeting. We discussed how to get more participation in our District meetings. Most felt that adding food and fellowship would help.
 - We also discussed using the SETA G Suite email and share drive services. The IT team is working on them, but currently there are only a couple of districts actively using them.
 - We were also reminded that the deadline for submitting **Agenda Items for the 2023 GSO conference is September 15, 2022**, and the deadline to submit your **recovery story for the 5th Edition of the Big Book (<https://www.aa.org/submit-bigbook-english-5th>) is 10/31/2022**.
- Saturday afternoon we all participated in an Area Inventory session to identify how the Area can better serve our groups. The session was led by a prior delegate, Troy D. and involved a hot potato type circle rating the area suggested. Then breakout sessions were held to come up with suggestions of ways to implement those items.
- For the business portion of the Assembly:
 - Voting Results
 - Darryl W stood for and was elected at the Area Grapevine Committee Chair.
 - The 2023 SETA Budget was presented and approved.
 - The wording for P&P Manual Editorial changes was approved.
 - Area approved supporting the submission of a bid to hold the 2023 or 2024 Nation Bridge the Gap Conference in Houston (no funding was needed from the Area).
- Taylor C submitted an agenda item for the October Assembly to provide Translator vests for the

Spanish Translators.

- The next SETA Convention is being held in Beaumont at the MCM Elegante Hotel on January 13-15, 2023
- Our next District meeting will be on Sunday August 21st and will be a hybrid meeting.
- Next Area Assembly is October 1st & 2nd.
- Next District 31 meeting is August 21st.

ALT DCM (Karon M)

- Kudos to Essentials of Trinity and Ron C for How to Chair a Meeting Workshop.
- July 31st Steps 6 and 7 Workshop at Spring Group, Art G from District 90 will chair. Come to the workshop and get commitments from 2 or 3 friends to come with you.
- October 22nd, tentative, what is an Informed Group Conscience workshop hosted by Atascocita Group. Past delegates Troy D and Ron C will host.

GSR REPORTS

Into Action (Matthew B)

- Attendance picking up, 20 in person and 20 on Zoom.

Atascocita Group (Donna F via email, Catherine in person)

- Group working on filling trusted servant positions, three filled at last Group Conscience, others considering it.
- Next Speaker Meeting August 13, Ron H with 32 years sober.
- Attended SETA Assembly
- Members volunteered to complete building remodel.
- Had Intergroup phones July 1-5.

H.O.W Group (Daryl R)

- Recently lost a member, wife donated all AA material.
- August 8th one year anniversary, celebration not planned yet.
- Had to write a cross talk mention in meeting preamble.
- Generally 5 to 7 people, closed meeting.

Serenity Group of Goodrich (Caroline L)

- Monday and Wednesday meetings growing, 10-18, all meetings 6:30 pm. Monday and Friday in person, Wednesday Zoom id
- Speaker meeting Friday August 12th 6:30. Stephanie from Atascocita with 1 year.
- Recent birthdays of 1, 33 and 34 years

25th Hour Group (Darryl W)

- Group conscience getting good participation.
- Covering Intergroup phones one weekend in August.

494 Lunch Bunch (Karacinda D)

- Group Conscience voted to request installation of a speaker system to assist in hearing meetings better.
- AWOL ends in 2 weeks, may start it up again.
- Group purchased silverware to improve set for birthday dinners.
- All meetings are Hybrid, Zoom id 7144993468
- Prayers for Lori C, she is in the hospital.

Serenity Group of The Woodlands (Kristi N)

- Formed an ad hoc committee to discuss changes to the preamble, voting next month on changes.
- Group agree to host a slot of Hospitality Room.

- Wednesday 8:00 pm meeting changed to young people's meeting.
- Group covering Intergroup phones for Memorial Day weekend.

1502 Group (Amy C)

- Meetings M-F Noon, 6pm & 8pm. Sat & Sun 10am, Noon, 6pm & 8pm. Last Saturday 8pm Birthday Night
- Voted to keep old preamble.
- Preparing for group inventory.

Good News Group (Gary P)

- Anniversary will be September 10th at noon.

190 Group (Mike G)

- Attendance is up.
- Group anniversary October 8th, after noon meeting. Planning AI-anon and AA speakers. More to follow.

Spring Group (Christine P) via email

- July 31st Workshop, Steps 6 & 7 1-4 pm.
- Group considering IT position, requesting advice from groups with IT position.
- Birthday night last Saturday 6:30 pm eat, 7:30 meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARCHIVES (Leta D) in person and via email

- Founders Day Planning continues.
 - Suggesting groups come and present how their group was formed.
 - Decided on Good News Group venue for Founders Day.
 - Looking for ways to improve attendance at Founders Day. Considering a more festive atmosphere, with families invited. Checking with Good News Group venue to consider options.
 - Tentatively 2nd Saturday in November.
 - Area Archives chair requested to attend to get submissions from groups.
 - Planning sign up sheet for food items.
- National Archives Workshop September 22-25, Wyndham Hotel North Little Rock Arkansas

CPC (Mike G) in person and via email

- Committee made contact with Fort Bend County DWI court, and they requested a presentation.
- Checking with Montgomery County DWI court.
- Continuing preparation on Bridging the Gap with hospitals.

CFC (Bahiyah W)

- No Report

GRAPEVINE (Darryl W) in person and via email.

- Kudos to Alaina R for creating the District 31 Grapevine board, she really stepped up.
- Free subscriptions will be given out at next workshop.
- Darryl W elected chair of the SETA Grapevine Committee.
- All members who won a free subscription at last workshop now getting Grapevines.
- Encourage everyone to subscribe to the Grapevine.
- Planning a presentation to district 40.

Intergroup Liaison (Patty H) in person and via email

- Intergroup bookstore open Monday-Friday 10 am until 4 pm.
- Intergroup had conference and meeting facilities that can be rented.
- Intergroup has 24/7 phone service with opportunities for groups to participate in this necessary service.
- The bimonthly Intergroup magazine can be read online or delivered through email, see website for details.
- Please update any meeting schedule changes on Intergroup website.
- Upcoming are the Events Committee inviting you to an "all volunteers" zoom meeting on August 10th at 7pm for participation in the Summer open house. Events chair is Casey M. at caseylmckinney@gmail.com and 713-894-1798.
- Intergroup Summer Open House is August 27th 10-3pm. There will be speakers, a raffle, a food truck, and lots of fellowship. I have provided several flyers that I hope you share with your group. Please contact me with any questions concerning AA Intergroup Houston.

IT (Sergey K) in person

- The IT committee is working on G Suites until July 31st.
- After July the IT committee will focus on updating the old website.

LITERATURE (Christine P) in person

- Nothing new to report.

PI (Daryl R) in person

- Working on delivering Big Books and 12&12's to libraries.
- Need locations of racks previously distributed.
- Have new racks available if any groups have a place to put them.
- Kudos to Intergroup for delivery of materials.

• **TFC** (Taylor C.) via email

- TFC Service Committee gained support of the area to put in a bid for a Bridge the Gap, National Workshop Weekend.
- Ron C., AA guest speaker, presented over zoom a brief dialogue of the importance of traditions in AA service work and the responsibility trusted leaders have to serve our fellowship. Ron C. will be giving another talk on their service concepts next weekend at district 40.
- The TFC Service Committee made an announcement that there would be an effort to host more group speakers in the future
- New announcement from subcommittee on bridging the gap volunteer signups. A form will be going out to the area soon via [SETA Announce] that is being used as a tool for those individuals interested in signing up to be reserve in our volunteer database for bridging the gap in area 67.
- I recently reached out to Woodlands Springs Behavioral Health, following up a request from our Area CPC/PI committee, in helping initiate a new meeting to be brought in. No contact connection made yet.
- If anyone knows of a facility near them that might be interested in learning more about the resources AA can provide in service to our community, please reach out to me with your recommendations.

OLD BUSINESS

October Assembly Hosting Status Update

Patty H is chairing the ad-hoc committee for the Hospitality Suite - needs groups to willing to cover a meal.

For Registration on Saturday morning we are looking for a couple of volunteers who are fluent in Spanish & English to cover registration desk.

Taylor C. will be doing the English GSR Presentation, still working on the Spanish presentation.

Don M will be doing the Tradition presentation, Cheryl M will be doing the Concept presentation.

Coffee and the AA meeting are being covered by another district.

NEW BUSINESS

CLOSING

The meeting closed at 4:00 pm with the responsibility pledge.