

District 31 Minutes of January 22, 2023 - approved

The district meeting was opened by Karon M. at 2:04 pm on January 22 in person and via Zoom with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

In attendance: Karon M, Marty W., Fran C, Kristi N, Donna F, Eddie M, Mike G, Leslie S, Leta D, Sergey K, Byron T, Taylor C, Leann, Amy C, Karacinda D, Greg M, Hope T, Daryl R, Matthew B, Julia G, Jennifer C, Steffanie J, Doug C.

Presentation: Mike G. **Tradition #1** – Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depend upon AA Unity. How to work together as groups means we each need to consider others and in faith must find real strength in unity. Leann. **Concept #2** The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole society in its world affairs. In 1955 the AA groups confirmed the GSC permanent charter – the actual voice and effective conscience for our whole society.

Volunteers for February: Tradition #2 Kristi N., Concept #1 Eddie M.

NEW GSRs / 1st TIME VISITORS / GUESTS

- Hope T Early Bird Group
- Richard P Good News Group
- Don M Atascocita Group
- Bryce
- Meredith
- Mark

SECRETARY REPORT (Fran C)

- Review of December Minutes – Accepted.
- Please review newsletter for accuracy, especially items for your group or committee
- Roster changes in progress – please forward updates to D31secretary@gmail.com
- Updates for the SETA committee listing. Updated Copy will be distributed to D31 roster.

TREASURER's REPORT (Eddie M transitioning to Kristi N) via email

Total receipts were \$45.00, total expenditures were \$655.00, a negative cash flow for the month of \$605.00. The ending checking account balance is \$6,219.20 less our prudent reserve of \$1,875.00. We have a balance of \$4,344.20 going into 2023. However, we have increased budget to \$8,100 (was \$7,300) so we need to be mindful as the year continues. We are hopeful that group donations will increase as well. *From Eddie, "A big thank you for allowing and trusting me to be the D31 Treasurer for the past two years, it was my pleasure serving you."*

DCM REPORT (Karon M) via email

Welcome to a New Year and new rotation. I am excited to see what we can accomplish this year. I was fortunate to attend 2023 Annual SETA Convention and first Quarter Area Assembly. Of note:

- Rick M, our new delegate assigned to CPC committee
- Cost of AA literature will increase by 10% soon to offset rising prices
- Jacketed and non-jacketed Big Books soon to be available. (Non-jacketed books were produced to get around the supply issue with paper.)
- Plain Language version of the BB will be available to the entire conference for review and access limited (kept under lock/key) to protect AA copyrights.
- Experience, Strength, Hope Spanish translation is free and available at www.aa.org
- Contributions to GSO have finally reached PRE-Covid levels.
- GSO received over 2800 story submissions for Version 5 of the BB
- GSO Conference Agenda will be available sometime in February for district discussion and we can decide what items we would like to have discussed at groups so we can make comments to our delegate and his vote will represent our district's conscience.
- SETA Area unfinished business – Troy D presented Advisory Actions provided by the SETA Area Inventory. There were five advisory actions. Four passed included additional training for DCMs and Committee Members. One action was tabled and will be discussed at assembly in April. If you have questions, please contact me.

ALT DCM REPORT (Marty W)

- Marty ask that GSRs ask their groups to recommend workshop ideas for this year. She is grateful to be serving the district.

GSR REPORTS

1502 Group - Amy C / Alt Leta D

- Good Representation at SETA.
- 49th Group Anniversary on March 25 – details to come
- Group to vote on hosting Traditions Workshop and How to Chair a Meeting
- Group would like to invite a D31 rep to visit group conscience –held 1st Thursday meeting at 7:05pm

190 Group - Mike G

- Group now has a Book Study Rotation of AA approved literature Wednesday's
- Group providing beverages and ice at the February Yellow Rose Conference

494 Lunch Bunch Karacinda /

- Working to provide a remote cash app for group attendees
- Still have group service positions open. New GVR is Sheldon
- Group is hosting an AWOL study on Wednesdays

Atascocita Group - Don M via email

- Don new GSR for group
- Group hosting Intergroup phones weekend of Feb. 10-12
- Group voted to host Service Workshop with input from District and Area
- Group working on policies of property safety.
 - (When to summon police/how to ban individuals that pose a threat to the group)

Cleveland Camel Group - Greg M

- Attended SETA and very exciting and great learning experience
- Group completed updates to Policy and Procedures manual
- Trusted Servants all filled except GVR
- Group birthday celebrations 4th Saturday of month

Early Bird Group - Hope T

- Attended SETA and attended new GSR workshop; volunteered time in hospitality suite

Good News Group – Fran C / Alt Richard P

- Attended SETA and attended new GSR workshop and Assembly Sunday meeting
- Alternate GSR, Richard P attending first D31 meeting today
- Group Anniversary and Round Robin in planning stages for September
- Meetings at 7:30pm: Tues (closed) Wed (AA literature study) Thurs (open)

H.O.W. Group – Daryl R

- Noon Meetings and Tuesday 6:30 AA Literature Study

Into Action Group – Matthew B

- Group meetings schedule M-F 7:00 am (zoom/in person) Sat 7:30am (zoom/in person)
- Sunday at 7:30 am ZOOM ONLY

Kingwood Group – Cristina C / ALT Julia G

- Group voted to discuss stories in the back of the book at the 3:30pm Wednesday weekly meeting
- Changed Group conscience to 7:30pm second Tuesday of month
- Short on money

Serenity Group of the Woodlands – Kristi N via email

- New Candlelight meeting
- Group discussing length to hold trusted servant positions. Considering 6 month commitments with elections twice a year. Currently hold elections in October
- Group currently covers Inter-Group phones 3-times per year

Spring Group – Jennifer C / ALT Steffanie J

- Attended SETA convention and assembly
- Several group members at the GVR table
- No new business, group elections in July
- Grapevine Workshop scheduled
- Taylor visiting group to present about getting back into treatment centers and bridging gap to AA

TRIVIA BREAK (Karon)

Step One - 12 & 12 – page 21

"We perceive that only through _____ are we able to take our first steps toward liberation and strength".

Answer- Utter defeat

Tradition One

In Tradition 1, in the 12 & 12, page 131, Bill W used the story of what war hero as an example of the importance of unity and the common welfare of the group for survival?

Answer- Eddie Rickenbacker

Concept One

Concept 1 states that the ultimate and final authority for AA world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole fellowship, which Tradition of AA is this concept rooted in?

Answer- Tradition 2

Bonus Question:

What year was the "AA Preamble" first published? Answer- June 1947

Written by Tom Y., Grapevine's first editor, it was based on the forward to the first edition of the Big Book

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARCHIVES (Donna F) via email

- SETA had archive displays
- SETA planning workday Feb 11 and Feb 12 to review materials and update as needed
- Founders Day planned for Saturday, November 11, 2023 (no vote needed)

CFC (Eddie M)

- CFC will present to District at the February meeting to educate groups and solicit support and help
- Former incarcerated AA members can take the message into the jails/prisons

CPC (Mike G)

- CPC servants and Mike hosted the CPC information table at SETA January convention
- CPC trying to boost committee meeting attendance and outreach
 - Chair to attend meetings to reinitiate interest and volunteers
 - Reaching out to Hospitals for 12 step calls
 - Increase outreach to probation officers, courts, nursing programs
 - Presented to Fort Bend County and contacting Harris and Conroe counties to schedule visits

GRAPEVINE (Leslie S) via email

- Story submissions wanted
 - AA in Military due Feb 5
 - Young & Sober due March 15 (details on GVR attached flyer)
- District Grapevine updates
 - Considering a GV subscription drive. More to come
 - 2/12/23 D31 Writing workshop at Spring Group (flyer attached)
 - 3/25/23 BAC in Clute TX holding writing workshop 3/25. Details to come
 - Updating district grapevine rep list and contacting for news and events

INTERGROUP LIAISON (Leta D) via email

- District 33 – 33rd Annual Unity Conference, Friday 2/24 5pm – Sat 2/25 11:59pm
 - Kurten Community Center, 13055 E State Hwy 21, Kurten, TX 77862
- Q&A Workshop for 2025 International Convention
 - Sunday, Feb 29 4:00pm-5:00pm / online/hosted by New England Bid for ICYPAA
- Delegates' Meeting at Intergroup
 - Thursday, Feb 16 8:00pm-9:00pm

IT (Sergey K) via email

- IT team working hard to update Google workspace
- Updating emails and systems is a work in progress – patience appreciated
- IT committee meetings held last Thursday of each month 6-8pm

LITERATURE (OPEN)

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PI (Byron T)

- Bought 18-Big Books and 18-Twelve and Twelve's for District Library's. Let Daryl know if you can help with distribution.
- Daryl continues to monitor Literature and Racks. If you are holding on to any or if they need refilled please communicate with Daryl.

TFC (Taylor C) via email

- Area Treatments (TFC) committee partnered with Area Corrections (CFC) and introduced first ever Bridging the Gap (BTG) table at SETA in January. Volunteers answered questions and recruited new volunteers. The committee was hard at work educating our area members about the importance of TFC service, even giving away committee workbooks free of charge to all interested. The committee also introduced a new awareness campaign, distributing colorful bookmarks that highlight Bridging the Gap, fully equipped with QR code technology for interested individuals to learn more about the program.
- Current Projects of TFC Committee seeking volunteers
 - Treatment Facility Mapping
 - Temporary Contact Google Form
 - Intergroup Bridging the Gap Information Page
 - Bridging the Gap Area Workshop (June/July)
 - Bridging the Gap National Workshop Host/Planning Committee
- TFC to present at the Feb 7 Spring Group conscience. If your group is interested in hosting a TFC presentation please contact Taylor. Topic samples:
 - Carrying the message, how our area TFC works, Bridging the Gap, the future of TFC

OLD BUSINESS

- District Literature Rep open. Leann P. elected to the Literature Rep position.

NEW BUSINESS

- Will provide new GSRs with information

CLOSING

Meeting closed by Karon M. at 3:45 p.m.