

(Approved)
District 31 Minutes of October 22, 2023

Jennifer opened the meeting at 2:00 October 22 2023 with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Jennifer announced that we were switching to Google Meet from Zoom at this meeting. She requested that all speakers come to the microphone so the folks on Google Meet could hear.

In attendance: Amber, Annelisa S, Byron T, Cheryl M, Cristina A, Darryl W, Daryl R, Darryll W, Don M, Donna F, Doug C, Jennifer C, Julia G C, Kate M, Karacinda D, Kim N, Kristi N, Leslie S, Leta D, Meredith Z, Nosa, Patty H, Steffanie J, Stephanie F, and Taylor C.

Kate presented Tradition 10 and Taylor C presented Concept 10.

Volunteers for November: Steffanie J will present Tradition 11 and Don M will present Concept 11.

NEW GSRs/ 1ST TIME VISITORS/GUESTS

- No new GSR's were identified.

SECRETARY REPORT (Jennifer C)

The September minutes were accepted with no changes.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Kristi N)

- Kristi N presented information on the procedures for next years budget and formed an ad hoc committee to participate in forming the budget. The budget is planned for next meeting.
- Leslie (Grapevine rep) agreed to allow money for subscriptions at workshops and Founder's Day.

DCM REPORT (Jennifer C) *(Full DCM Report Attached at end of minutes)*

- Jennifer reported on her trip to the Forum in El Paso and some of the interesting things that occurred.
- Cheryl M reported on a Service Manual workshop that is ongoing and would send Jennifer a link that anyone who wanted could have.
- Jennifer reported that her and some other members of District were having a Traditions study that would restart soon.
- Group Treasurers are reminded to put their group ID and name on their checks to Area.
- Policy and Procedures manual for SETA was changed to allow less than quarterly meetings that require two days.
- Area ended their contract with the hotel and will seek other venues.
- Area canceled sending area chairs to the Forum and SWRAASA for the next two years.
- Delegate will narrow down the questions for the next General Service Conference in February.

ALT DCM (Doug C)

- Doug reported on his trip to the Regional Forum.
- Doug is working with Byron on a workshop.

GSR REPORTS

Lunch Bunch (Karacinda)

- Group wants a workshop on Emotional Sobriety
- Groups still meets at Noon Monday through Saturday as hybrid.

Atascocita Group (Don M) in person and via email

- Group voted to restart donations to AA entities including the Blue Can.
- Group posted item to change prudent reserve to two months.

Kingwood Group (Cristina A) in person

- Workshop November 18th Noon til 3:00 pm How to Chair a Meeting.
- Christina working with Patty H to understand responsibilities.

Serenity Group of The Woodlands (Stephanie F)

- Group Conscience third Monday at 7:05.
- Have open service positions and have had.
- Halloween Party after Saturday birthday night.

1502 Group (Leta D)

- Just held elections, not all positions filled.
- Just added and event coordinator position.
- 50th Anniversary coming up in February, Flyer to follow.

Early Bird Group (Annalisa) in person

- Group Conscience 2nd Saturday after 7:30 meeting.
- Group is looking at their connection to district and area.

Spring Group (Steffanie J)

- Spanish speaking meeting has been tabled.
- Planning Christmas dinner flyer forthcoming.
- Groups has a lot of enthusiasm for the newer members for service.

25th Hour Group (Dell Y)

- Group Conscience last Thursday 6:00 pm
- Halloween Party after the Noon Meeting October 27th.

H.O.W Group (Daryl R)

- Group anniversary was postponed.
- Birthday night had a 32 and a 48 year chip.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARCHIVES (Leta D) in person and via email

- Founder's Day November 4th 10:30 am Until 3:00 pm
- Eddie R, area Archivist, will give a presentation on AA history in Houston area.
- Committee meetings are the 2nd Monday on Google Meets, link on SETA page.

CPC (Open)

CFC (Eddie R)

- No report.

GRAPEVINE (Leslie S) in person and via email.

- The Grapevine App is out and can be downloaded at your app store.
- Current a holiday subscription sale, buy one and get one for \$13.00, but not the app.
- Books 20% off November 1st through the end of the year with free shipping.
- Grapevine will be 80 next June and they're looking for submissions about your favorite GV stories.

Intergroup Liaison (Leta D)

- Had delegates meeting last Thursday, 4 new trustees elected.
- Just had the 50th Anniversary of Houston Intergroup, great speakers.
- Open House December 9th, flyer forthcoming.

IT (Cheryl M)

- Committee meeting last Tuesday of the month instead of Thursday via Google Meets.
- Webmaster working on new website in WordPress.

LITERATURE (Open)

PI (Byron T) in person and via email

- Been working on restarting Humble Road Group on 7418 East Houston Road.

TFC (Taylor C)

- District 81 is having a TFC workshop November 5th at 1:30 pm at the Bay Area Club.
- Alternate chair was removed for lack of attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

Open positions were announced and Jennifer Nosa (goes by Nosa) stood for Alternate DCM and was elected unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Kristi N formed an ad hoc budget review committee. She is sending out a Google form to all budget holders to get input on their needs.

Discussed a cabinet to store district goods in.

CLOSING

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

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FORUM

Thank you to the district for supporting me to the Forum. It was very educational in the service structure of GSO, AA Worldwide, Grapevine and La Vina. It was as if the service manual came alive.

- **NOTE: Regional and Area Forums provide opportunities for AA members to connect with people throughout the AA service structure. At forums members can exchange information with representative of the General Service Board, Grapevine and GSO.**
- Over the next couple of months I will be sharing information about our service structure and concepts using the regional Area Delegates talks heard during the workshops. The first one is **“using the concepts in the home group, district, and area and trusting your trusted servants”**. We got to meet the Class A and B trustees and talk with them throughout the Forum. At times I felt there was some tension between the fellowship and the Trustee but as the weekend went on the mood changed by listening and practicing the principles of AA. I was very and still am grateful to be a small part of an awesome program.

AREA ASSEMBLY

As D31 DCM I attended the October Area Assembly. A brief update from the assembly is given below.

- A motion to change the Policy and Procedure Manual to relieve the Area requirements for a quarterly two-day assembly was **passed**.
- A motion to end our 2024 hotel contract without penalties **passed**. This provides flexibility with planning dates and meeting locations for the future.
- Motion to suspend all regional pools for SWARRSA and the FORUM in the years 2024-2025, until we have a complete understanding of our budget. **This passed**. Decided to review with budget committee meeting in 2025 for the 2026-27 service years.

DCM Breakout Session Updates

The Area Delegate will attend D31 meeting on March 17, 2024 to discuss the agenda items pre-conference. (Delegates & Alternates receive items in mid-February. They will review all 164 items and narrow it down to 12 questions. Delegates will solicit feedback and discussion for the general service conference. (Earmark new or old agenda items) The information will be given to the district with the background for our review and discussion to take back to groups. We may not get the background information until or around February 23, 2024.

- **D31 GSR ACTION:** Please provide me with the dates/times your home groups hold group conscience so we can be sure you have the information to share and obtain feedback.
- **Suggestions to manage or lesson agenda items was presented. Examples are:**
Updates to the Illustrated 12 Traditions pamphlet have been in the works for five years going back and forth through the process of being updated. Do we need to review each revision every time or can the delegates use time more effectively to focus on the new agenda items and trust our delegates to handle minor revisions in a trusted manner.
- International conference 2025 in Vancouver Canada. Passports will be required to attend (CANADA). Make plans early. Check your passport.
- Grapevine seeks Native American stories for publication.
- The Trustees are going to open a discussion with the fellowship about evenly establishing policy to preserve our co-founders writings. They will be sending questions out to see how people feel about changes or not. Looking for a comfortable policy with unity to protect co-founders writings.
Examples: 1. Address changes in how we pass items, instead of ⅔ majority maybe higher. Take two years in the voting process at conference. The 12 steps, tradition, warranties are protected by the concepts.
2. Page 164 in the Service Manual Appendix U The path for an idea to become an agenda item

GSR ACTION ITEMS from DCM

1. Ask your group treasurer to **always include Group ID numbers and the district number** on all CHECKS and/or contributions. (This is for GSO, AREA or District contributions.)
2. Kindly provide me with the date/time of your group conscience meetings so I can ensure that we share information with your group in a timely manner.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer C
D31 DCM
October 2023