
DISTRICT 40 NEWS

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District 40 GSR Official Meeting Minutes Southeast Area Alcoholics Anonymous

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Call to Order: Serenity Prayer, Preamble and Unity Declaration

Tradition VII/Concept VII: reading and summation by Jeff H. and Marianne O.

Volunteers for next month: Tradition VIII/Concept VIII will be Wendy A. and Betsy G.

Introduction of Attendees: (26)

Betsy G. (Past D40 DCM, Past Area 67 Delegate, God Meeting Group); **Cheryl B.** (D40 Treasurer, Katy Crossroads Group); **Chris C.** (GSR, Men's Monday Night Supper Step Study, D40 Archives Rep); **Cindy W.** (Alt. GSR, Katy 12 & 12); **Deanna F.** (Alt. GSR, Spring Shadows Group); **Deborah G.** (D40 Alt. Secretary, GSR, Rule 62 Group); **Doug B.** (Alt. GSR, Men's Supper Step Study); **Hillary F.** (GSR, Broad Highway Group); **Jackie V.** (D40 IT Rep., GSR, God Meeting Group); **Jeff H.** (GSR, Our Common Journey); **Jes K.** (D40 DCM, First Light Group); **Kate E.** (D40 PI/CPC Chair, Memorial Going Home Group); **Kyle M.** (Alt. GSR, Rule 62 Group); **Marianne O.** (GSR, Katy 12 & 12); **Michelle H.** (D40 Alt. DCM, Rule 62 Group); **Mike J.** (GSR, Katy Big Book Group); **Nancy R.** (GSR, Memorial Going Home Group, D40 Coffee Rep); **Pam F.** (Katy Big Book); **Paul W.** (Sunday Night Men's Group, D40 CFC Rep); **Peter C.** (D40 Intergroup Liaison, GSR, Journey Group); **Richard B.** (Alt. GSR, First Light Group); **Rochelle R.** (GSR, Bear Creek Women's Group); **Wendy A.** (D40 Secretary, Katy Crossroads)

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History Corner

Nelson Newcomer: Everyone seems to be talking about all the upcoming elections, both in my group and at the district and area level. The term "Third Legacy Procedure" is sometimes used in connection with the elections. What is the Third Legacy Procedure and why is it used?

Angela Archivist: Our 9th Concept, which reads in part, "Good leaders, with sound methods of choosing them, are at ALL levels indispensable." If we don't have good service leaders, our service structure, at any level, may become compromised. Care and caution should be taken in the election of each trusted servant, from the group treasurer, all the way down to the delegate, with the 3rd legacy procedure being the best method.

At SETA, the Policies and Procedures Manual has a section on voting procedures. Some positions, including delegate, alt. delegate, chairperson, secretary, registrar and treasurer, are elected using the Third Legacy Procedure. All other positions are elected using simple majority.

At District 40, although we do not have a Policies & Procedures Manual, historically, we have elected the DCM and Alt. DCM using the Third Legacy Procedure and have elected all other trusted servants by simple majority.

The Third Legacy Procedure is described in the A.A. Service Manual and is considered to be unique to A.A. Some people think that it allows for a strong element of chance because, if neither of the last remaining two candidates has a 2/3 majority, the name of the person elected is drawn by lot (from a hat). What we choose to believe is that, in that case, God selects the candidate for us, thus giving the election a truly spiritual outcome.

Some of the unusual characteristics of the Third Legacy Procedure are:

1. The names of all eligible candidates are placed on a board and are polled as to whether they are "willing and able" to serve. The voting members cast written ballots, and the tally for each ballot is posted on the board. The first candidate to receive 2/3 of the total vote is elected.
2. If no one receives 2/3 by the second ballot, the ones with less than 1/5 are withdrawn.
3. If no one receives 2/3 by the third ballot, the ones with less than 1/3 will be withdrawn.
4. If no one receives 2/3 by the fourth ballot, the one with the smallest total is withdrawn.
5. At this point, the voting members are asked if they want to go to a 5th and final ballot. If the answer is no, the names of the top 2 candidates are immediately placed in a hat. The name withdrawn is elected.

I hope that everyone who is not involved in service at any level will consider enhancing their sobriety by getting involved. You will not believe how it will change your life for the better!

Betsy G.

Normal Business:

1. **Secretary's Report** – Approved as submitted.
2. **Treasurer's Report** – June report period ending 7/8/14. Opening balance was \$6,576.62. Group Contributions received this month totaled \$258.33 with an additional \$253.00 received from the Traditions Dinner. The expenses this month totaled \$908.96 including the Traditions Dinner and printing costs. The closing balance is \$6,178.99.
 - a. Adjustment made to line item SETA-Hospitality Suite to include \$100.00 donation; Totals for Income and Expenses will be adjusted to match line item amount.
 - b. Approved as amended.
3. **Group News:**
 - a. New meetings at Post Oak called Post Oak Young People.

Committee Reports:

- a. **Archives** – Chris C. reported the Archives committee meeting was held 6/14/14. Follow-up from "Gathering of Eagles" convention in Dallas. No Area 67 Archive display was set up this year but the committee passed motion to set up a display next year. 1 member is reaching out to Spanish speaking districts for Archival cooperation, and having some success.
- b. **Coffee** – Nancy R. reported that all is well! Suggested that the person who takes the last drop of coffee, please turn off the pot warmer.
- c. **Public Information/Cooperation with Professional Community – PI/CPC** – Kate E. reported at June meeting they finalized their outreach to the Emergency Clinics. Each member of the committee will be visiting one or two clinics before the next meeting and leaving the business cards for the clients and pamphlets for the staff. They will evaluate the response at their next meeting. They are also in the process of developing job descriptions for each position on the committee so those that would like to stand for a position in October will be aware of the responsibilities. Next District 40 PI/CPC committee meeting will be held on July 26th 1-3PM at the Spring Branch Memorial Club.
- d. **Correctional Facilities Committee – CFC** – Paul W. reported that the committee is looking for bilingual members to help draft flyers and materials; SETA – CFC 2014 Conference is September 12-14 at the Crown Plaza Suites Hotel, 9090 Southwest FWY, Houston, TX 77074.
- e. **Grapevine** – OPEN; Michelle H. reported there is now a Daily Quote book available. Can be ordered online at www.aagrapevine.org
- f. **Intergroup** – Peter C. reported the delegates met on June 19th. About 350 attended Intergroup Open House and bought about \$6500 worth of books and other stuff. Last printed edition of the Link was in June; all future issues will be distributed by email only. If you wish to receive it, go to www.aahouston.org and subscribe on the front page of the website.
- g. **Information Technology – IT** – Jackie V. had no report due to IT Committee having to reschedule meeting the same weekend as the State Convention.
- h. **Literature** – Taylor K. was absent; No report.
- i. **Treatment Facilities Committee – TFC**– Trent P. was absent; No report. Position is now OPEN.
- j. **Newsletter** – Corrie H. was absent but will email newsletter out.

Current Items:

1. **2014 Gratitude Dinner – Cheryl B. (Co-Host Chair)**
 1. Committee has met all obligations
 2. Flyers are already posted on SETA website and will be available at the Area Assembly. This will be at cost to D40.
 3. Food is Tex-Mex but is still in the decision phase due meat prices.
2. **Visitation Committee- Nancy R.**
 1. More meetings have been visited and there are still more to visit.
 2. Reported Expenses \$12.59; Already been reimbursed by D40 Treasurer
 3. More materials were purchased to begin visiting the meetings which contribute money to D40 but have no GSR; Reported Expenses \$12.59. Already been reimbursed. Would like to take "Thank You" for donations and extend invitation and encourage the groups to send a GSR to District meetings.
 4. Next month: materials and sheets for donating groups will be available for District members to start visiting these as well.
 5. Notebook passed around for members to take a meeting sheet, sign name by group name and take a baggie of info to give to visiting group.
3. **July 2014 Area Assembly Overview – Jes K.**
 1. Area Delegate will be reading his Conference Report again that was read on June 28th.
 2. Assembly is a great way to learn about what committees do by attending the meetings.
 3. Reminder: It is the responsibility of ALL GSR's to attend ALL Area Assemblies and report back to their home groups.
4. **2014 Job Descriptions/Preparation for Elections – Michelle H.**
 1. D40 elections are in September for 2 reasons:
 - i. District funds the incoming DCM to attend SWRSAA in October
 - ii. Area elections are held in October
 2. October is Budget Month – if your committee needs a line item, please have it by October.
 3. Be sure to take D40 Chair Position's' descriptions back to groups to discuss and consider
 4. PI/CPC – the D40 Chair Position for PI/CPC is only elected by someone the committee has recommended to the District.

Announcements:

- **District 40 PI/CPC Committee Meeting:** July 26, 2014, 1:00-3:00 PM, Spring Branch Memorial Club, 1200 Blalock, Ste. 378, Houston, TX 77032
- **Area Assembly:** July 12-13, 2014, Sheraton North Houston, 15700 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Houston, TX 77032
- **2014 SWRAASA:** October 10-12, 2014, Omni Hotel, 960 North Shoreline Drive, Corpus Christi, TX
- **ICYPPA Conference:** August 21-24, 2014 at the Hyatt in San Antonio, \$35 for Registration.
- **Southeast Texas Area 67 Correctional Facilities Conference:** September 12-14, 2014, Crowne Plaza Suites Hotel, 9090 Southwest FWY, Houston, TX 77074

District 40 Financial Report Period Ending 08/12/14	Current Month	Budget*	Year to Date	Current %	YTD %
INCOME					
Traditions Dinner Donations		\$140.00	\$253.00		
Service Workshop Donations					
State Conv - Hospitality Suite			\$100.00		
SETA -Hospitality Suite					
Fellow ship Fest (Ice Cream Social)					
Group Donations	\$2,126.44	\$7,095.00	\$353.00		5.0%
Just For Today Group	\$3.28				
Katy 12 & 12	\$10.00				
Rosewood Thursday Night Group	\$15.10				
Another Chance Group	\$23.70				
Our Common Journey Group	\$23.90				
Bunkerhill Tuesday A.A. Group	\$25.00				
Post Oak Group	\$25.00				
Tuesday Night Step Study	\$29.44				
Into Action AA Group	\$30.00				
Katy 164 Group	\$31.50				
Hockley Group	\$45.00				
Memorial Going Home Group	\$59.88				
Chapelwood Tues 8pm	\$68.18				
Outpost Group (Men's)	\$140.00				
Katy Crossroads Group	\$207.00				
Spring Shadows Group	\$255.00				
Friends of Bill W.	\$384.46				
SBMC-Rush Hour Group	\$750.00				
Total Income	\$2,126.44	\$7,235.00	\$5,307.37	29.4%	73.4%
*** EXPENSES ***					
DCM		\$500.00	\$296.70	0.0%	59.3%
Alt. DCM		\$500.00	\$77.25	0.0%	15.5%
Secretary / Copying		\$100.00	\$19.65	0.0%	19.7%
Treasurer		\$75.00		0.0%	0.0%
New sletter		\$221.00		0.0%	0.0%
Rent/Coffee Donation		\$180.00		0.0%	0.0%
Coffee		\$25.00		0.0%	0.0%
PO Box		\$70.00		0.0%	0.0%
Literature Committee		\$100.00		0.0%	0.0%
PI/CPC	\$49.00	\$2,380.00	\$242.83	2.1%	10.2%
Grapevine		\$80.00		0.0%	0.0%
CFC		\$250.00		0.0%	0.0%
TFC		\$0.00		0.0%	0.0%
Archives Committee		\$100.00		0.0%	0.0%
Intergroup Liaison		\$0.00		0.0%	0.0%
IT Committee		\$100.00		0.0%	0.0%
Miscellaneous		\$100.00		0.0%	0.0%
***Gratitude Dinner		\$300.00	\$40.59	0.0%	13.5%
*** Fellow ship Fest		\$250.00		0.0%	0.0%
*** Traditions Dinner		\$800.00	\$899.31	0.0%	112.4%
*** Service Workshop		\$250.00	\$164.98	0.0%	66.0%
***SWRAASA (Even Years)		\$1,500.00		0.0%	0.0%
*** The Forum (Odd Years)					
*** State Convention Hospitality Ste					
***SETA Assembly Host District					
*** SETA - 2014 Hospitality Suite ***					
Total Expenses	\$49.00	\$7,881.00	\$1,741.31	0.6%	22.1%
*Budget Approved as of 10/8/13					
<i>Beginning Bank Balance</i>	\$6,178.99				
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$49.00				
<i>Total Income</i>	\$2,126.44				
<i>Prudent Reserve (0.25xBudget)</i>	\$1,970.25				
<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	\$6,286.18				
Ending Balance / Total Funds	\$8,256.43				
<i>Unspent Portion of Budget</i>	\$6,139.69				

Deposit 08/12/2014	
Check #	Amount
8458	\$31.50
1829	\$255.00
13212	\$25.00
1031	\$140.00
1054	\$3.28
1109	\$30.00
9815816663	\$23.90
11378	\$25.00
2476	\$207.00
1095	\$29.44
1393	\$45.00
20017	\$15.10
1027	\$10.00
116	\$68.18
1035	\$13.70
9642	\$59.88
3463	\$10.00
1086	\$384.46
7735	\$750.00
\$2,126.44	

Treasurer's Report - July report period ending 8/12/14. Opening balance was \$6,178.99. Group Contributions received this month totaled \$2,126.44 . The expenses this month totaled \$49.00 for printing costs for the PI/CPC committee. The closing balance is \$8,256.43.

DISTRICT SERVANTS

DCM

Jes K. –
dcm-40@aa-seta.org

Alternate DCM

Michelle H. –
dcm-40-alt@aa-seta.org

Secretary

Wendy A. –

Alt Secretary

Deborah G.–

Treasurer

Cheryl B. –

Alt Treasurer

OPEN

Literature Chair

OPEN

Treatment Facilities Chair

OPEN

PI/CPC Committee

Kate E. –

CFC Chair

OPEN

Intergroup Liaison

Peter C. –

Grapevine Rep.

OPEN

Newsletter Editor

Corrie H. –

Coffee Chair

OPEN

Archives Chair

Chris C. –

IT Liaison

Jackie V. –

5%

As we prepare for the next round of elections, I cannot help but feel a deep gratitude for my home district & all of the opportunities it has given me. Where my home group has & continues to grow, teach & support me in my 12 step work & personal recovery, my home district has & continues to grow, teach & support me in fulfilling my third legacy of service. It is in both aspects of my recovery that I first heard about (& saw) how 5% of the members do 95% of the work! I was also told that I could be a part of it if I wanted too, all I had to do was be willing to learn. I was encouraged to ask for help from those who had gone before me & to try my best. I was taught that I can be a trusted servant the moment I behave like one.

Just last night I had a phone conversation with a fellow member about the “thankless privilege of doing the group’s chores” even when we are tired because at the end of each day we are truly grateful to serve that which saved our lives. It can be hard at times to accurately relay all the blessings that have been given us as we walk together in this path. By choosing to be a part of, I’m not *just* serving to give back, I’m getting to live a quality of life that has become priceless.

I encourage all who come across this article to look around their lives of recovery & find those fellow members that are providing any type of service from making coffee to serving as your Delegate & let them lead you by example into the 5%. Fulfilling all three legacies to the best of my ability is not only my responsibility it is my solution. For me it has been the best percentage I can get to ensure that I do not have to die an alcoholic death. Bill W. states in his essay on Leadership in AA: Ever a Vital Need, “We thank God that Alcoholics Anonymous is blessed with so much leadership in all of its affairs.” See you at the elections...we’ve got some work to do together!

Michelle H.
D40 Alt.DCM

Upcoming Events

1. **District 40 PI/CPC Committee Meeting:** September 27, 2014, 1:00 p.m., **I-Hop, 11225 Katy Frontage Rd**, Houston, TX 77079
2. **SETA Assembly, Area elections for 2015-2016:** October 4-5, 2014; Sheraton North Houston, 15700 John F. Kennedy Blvd, Houston, TX 77032
3. **SETA CFC Conference:** September 12-14, 2014, Crowne Plaza Suites Hotel, 9090 SW FWY, Houston, TX 77074
4. **2014 SWRAASA:** October 10-12, 2014 Omni Hotel, 960 North Shoreline Drive, Corpus Christi, TX.
5. **SETA Gratitude Dinner:** November 16, 2014, 2:00 to 6:00p.m., VFW Hall, 1560 Foley, Houston TX 77055

The following Committees meet at:

The Delta Club
6400 Westpark, Suite 355, Houston, TX 77057
Telephone (713) 972-0034

Grapevine Committee

3rd Thursday of the month - 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Correctional Facilities Committee

3rd Wednesday of the month - 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm

*Public Information Committee

4th Saturday of every month at Noon (Except for Assembly Months)

IT Committee

Meets every 4th Saturday from 10:00 am to Noon at:
Spring Branch Memorial Club
1200 Blalock, Suite 378
Houston, TX. 77055 Telephone: 713-468-9103

Literature Committee

Bay Area Club located on Webster Ave., Webster, TX at Noon on the 2nd Saturday of the month

The following Committee meets at:

The Council on Alcohol and Drugs Houston
303 Jackson Hill, Houston, TX 77007
Telephone (713) 942-4100

Cooperation with the Professional Community

1st Monday of the month at 7:15 pm

Archives Committee

Meets 2nd Saturday of the month at 10 AM at 521 N. Sam Houston Pkwy, Ste. 215.

*Treatment Facilities Committee

Meets quarterly at the Area Assembly at 4:30 pm

District 40 PI/CPC Monthly Committee Meeting

Last Saturday of the month from 1-3 p.m. At the Spring Branch Memorial Club

*All committees meet at the Area Assembly in the months of April, July and October at 4:30 PM Sheraton North Houston - 15700 John F. Kennedy Blvd. Houston, TX 77032 During the remaining months, the committees meet at the above locations and times.

THE NEXT DISTRICT MEETING IS
SEPTEMBER 9, 2014 AT 7:00 PM
Just starting a group in District 40 and wish to add it to this newsletter? Send group information, location and meeting times to SETA-40@aa-seta.org and intergroup@aahouston.org. You can also call Intergroup at 713-686-6300.

District 40 of the Southeast Texas Area is a territory bounded on the North by US HWY 290; on the South by Westheimer Rd.; on the East by Loop 610 and on the West by State HWY 36. If your group falls within these boundaries, please contact us SETA-40@aa-seta.org and attend the monthly District meeting at the Bear Creek Community Center. HWY 6 at Patterson Rd.

