

# District 82 Committee Meeting Minutes

## May 6, 2012

### **CALL TO ORDER – Kim R.**

Meeting was called to order around 3 pm by Kim R. Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer, reading of the District 82 Preamble, and The Twelve Traditions. Introductions and passing of the attendance log followed.

### **INTRODUCTIONS, GUESTS, AND ATTENDANCE – Kim R.**

The attendance sheet was passed around and there were two visitors – Tom K., Area Literature Chair, and P.J., Area Grapevine Chair.

### **SERVICE MANUAL – Kim R.**

Started reading at S19 “The Conference Charter”. Rick M. motioned to stop reading and Jim B. seconded. Motion carried. We will start at S20 “Why Do We Need a Conference” & “Third Legacy Procedure”.

### **MINUTES – Angela K.**

Motion made to accept minutes as noted by Sherry B. and seconded by Dennis G. carried.

**Correction from April 1, 2012 meeting minutes:** Phone Service – Replace “They are wanting to get rid of phone service for the Brazosport area” with “They would like to pass on the responsibility for the Brazosport area phone service.”

### **TREASURER’S REPORT – Tandy B.**

The Financial Report is being sent as a separate file with the minutes. Motion to accept Treasurer’s Report by Rick M. and seconded by Jim B. carried.

Send group contributions to:

**District 82 Treasurer  
520 Acker St  
Clute, TX 77531**

Note: Budget committee will revisit budget sometime next month.

### **GROUP ISSUES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The District 82 meetings will be held at the St Michael’s Catholic Church, 100 S Oak Dr., Wing E, Lake Jackson, TX from 3:00 – 5:00 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 3, 2012.

The location for the SETA Quarterly Assembly is the Sheraton North Houston at George Bush Intercontinental, 15700 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Houston, TX 77032. Phone: (281) 442-5100. For more information go to [aa-seta.org](http://aa-seta.org).

The Freeport Group is celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Thursday, May 31, 2012 from 8 – 9 pm.

The Beginners Group’s new meeting at 8 pm for Brazos Place attendees has been going well. There has been a good turnout. Anyone who would like to participate, please come join them.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Archives Chair – Sherry B.**

There will be another Area budget meeting before July because we did not balance the budget at the last meeting.

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There will be an Archives workshop at the July Assembly. The Area Chair has asked that we have a workshop on the funding of the Archives Repository.

In April the Archives received a gift from a member of the fellowship. We were given a scanner/copier, a case of paper, and \$300.00. This contribution will greatly help the Repository and the Archives Committee continue to function.

Everyone in the fellowship is welcome to attend our meetings. The Area Archives Committee meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month at 521 N. Sam Houston Parkway East Suite 215 from 10am to 5pm. Hope to see some of you there.

Note: The Area Archives Committee has a billboard banner that anyone is welcome to reuse. Also, the Area Archives is looking for a 1<sup>st</sup> Edition Big Book.

### PI Chair - David A.

During our last District 82 Public Information meeting on 4/21/12, the committee continued to finalized the plans for the Anonymity Workshop which will be next month 6/16/12 at St. Marks Lutheran Church. Since our last meeting a couple of members of Plantation Group have provided \$40 to go towards ice cream for the banana splits. We could still use some contributions on the toppings and banana boats. Also we may need to pay for some printing. Please help us pass the word and distribute flyers for this event. The flyers for this event can be downloaded from the District 82 Events page at <http://aa-seta.org/> Your participation is needed for a good turnout and the workshop can be a big benefit to increased awareness of Anonymity and the spiritual principals associated with it. Most A.A. members would agree that our experience in Alcoholics Anonymous has shown that the spiritual principals associated with Anonymity will enhance our personal recovery as well as strengthen our Fellowship as a whole.

Last month I reported that the hotel schedules had been distributed in Freeport, Bay City and West Columbia. Since then, the Tandy B. of the Freeport group has updated the Brazosport area hotels with the schedules too. Due to small size of our committee it is not possible for us to cover the entire district like we should. If you would like to participate in doing service work of this nature we could use your help.

**Brasosport Phone Service Update:** At the last meeting the District Public Information Committee was asked to look into doing something about the taking over the Brazosport Phone Service because it has become a financial burden on a few of the members who are keeping it up and running. It is important for us to keep access our local AA meeting places. The local Brazosport number is published in the phone book and in the Brazosport Facts and may be in other publications. The local Brazosport number is forwarded to an answering service to make sure someone is on the other end of the phone in case we have a suffering alcoholic that needs to talk to someone. Several years ago there was an ad hoc committee that looked into what to do with this situation and that committee did find out that Intergroup had toll free number **877-390-6300**. At that time, no further action was taken because Intergroup did not want us to publish the toll free number. The toll free number is not an ATT number and it may not get published into the phone book without paying for advertising. It has been suggested by one of our members (aka. O.B. of the Plantation Group) that we might should consider dropping the phone service and forward the local number to the Intergroup toll free number. This would be alleviate the need for an answering service and it may be cheaper to keep the local number than paying for advertising in the yellow pages. At least this might be the next step and it could save us some money for now and we would have a Alcoholic answering the phone instead of a answering service. If we make this change we need to make sure that Intergroup has plenty of contact persons from our district so that we could make the 12 step call when needed.

O.B of the Plantation Group proposes that we the district provide a list of contacts to Intergroup by June 30 and that he would make sure that the phone is rolled by July 1<sup>st</sup> and that the answering service is discontinued.

At the Area 67 Public Information Committee meeting on 5/6/12, it was reported that the GSO will be sending the Public Information display and loads of literature to be distributed at the NAACP Convention that will be on July 7-11 this year. The NAACP Convention will be held at the George Brown Convention Center and the Area is requesting that each District provide some members to represent AA. at the Convention and pass out literature and answer questions. If you can participate in this event please Contact our Area Public Information Representative Debra R. by email at [pi@aa-seta.org](mailto:pi@aa-seta.org). At the Area P.I. meeting we also discussed what to do to get the committee started again on P.I. talks. It was decided that instead of just reading the literature, it was preferred that we work with an experienced presenter and that we have a unified message of presentation. The Alternate Delegate Patrick C. has many years experience in Public Information and he has agreed to work with me personally to study and develop the talk with me before giving a practice presentation. In the upcoming

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months it is my goal to develop understand and give at least a practice presentation under the auspices and direction of an experienced presenter.

**The Area Public Information Committee** meets every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month from 6-7:30 at 303 Jackson Hill Street @ The Council of Alcohol an Drugs. It is a very nice building and we have a standing invitation to join District 20 for fellowship and food after our meeting. There is a speaker meeting in the building at 8:00 PM.

**The District 82 P.I. Committee** meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month from 3-5 PM at St. Michaels Church - wing D. The church is located at 100 Oak Drive, Lake Jackson.

### **IT Liaison** - Jeff H.

Jeff went to the Area IT Committee meeting and they made more corrections to the SETA Web Guidelines. They will have them ready for the July assembly for approval. One of the changes was in the preference given to certain email addresses that were sending requests. Some will still have to be investigated. There are links highlighted for contacts pages. Question about the National Directory – Area Registrar or Kim will get information to Jeff.

The Area IT Committee was looking into creating email addresses for district level service at one time. Are they still working on it or not? Jeff will bring it up at the next Area IT Committee meeting. GSRs may be up on email list.

### **TFC Chair** - Laurie B.

No Report

### **DCM Report** – Kim R.

Kim received another email from the Area Registrar to confirm the National Directory inactive groups. Those were verified and confirmed. Rick gave the District 82 report at the April assembly because Kim was unable to attend.

## **ELECTIONS**

The following positions remain unfilled. Anyone wishing to stand for the following positions is asked to come forward at the next district meeting on Sunday, June 3, 2012 at 3 pm.

- Alternate Secretary
- Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee Chair (CPC)
- Correctional Facilities Committee Chair
- Grapevine Committee Chair
- Intergroup Liaison
- Literature Committee Chair
- Multi Lingual Committee Chair
- Alternate PI Chair

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **District 82 Event Calendar** – Tandy B.

Will be sent out with minutes.

### **Hosting for 2012 SETA Election Assembly October 6-7th** – Rick M.

GSRs ask your groups if they want to get involved. We still need someone to man the Literature table. We also need volunteers to help proctor the elections (about a dozen people). It could be a long day if history repeats itself. **Contact Rick M. for further information.**

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### **District 82 Workshop in September** – All

Nothing new has developed.

### **Unity Day 2012**

Jeff is working on it.

### **Phone Service**

See the P.I. Committee report. **GSRs are asked to go back to their groups and ask for contacts for 12<sup>th</sup> step calls that may come in from the Brazosport number rolling over to the Intergroup 877 phone number.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Budget Committee Meeting** – Rick M.

Before the next District meeting, at 2 pm there will be a District Budget Committee meeting. The District Budget Committee consists of the Treasurer, Chair, & anyone having budget needs or a budget. Please review the expenses to date and what is expected for the remainder of the year concerning your position/committee's budget.

### **District Committee Meeting Place -**

The Alvin Group volunteered the Alvin Group building as a meeting place for the District Committee. The District Committee needs to make a decision next month. Rick M. will also get with John B. to find out information about staying at the St Michael's Catholic Church in Lake Jackson. The district has been paying the St. Michael's Catholic Church \$12/meeting.

### **Presentation for Area Literature Committee – Tom K.**

Jeff H. – brought up question on what he can do to get information pamphlets to sheriff's office, probation office, etc. Suggestion was giving the people that come in literature to take back to their probation officer, etc. Another suggestion that some people may not realize they have a problem with alcohol until they are around for a while.

### **Next District Meeting Host 6/3/12**

Beginner's Group

### **Areas for Improvement** – Tandy B.

That the agenda will try to be distributed before next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Dennis G. was seconded by Jim B. Motion carried and the meeting closed in the usual manner.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Angela Kramer  
District 82 Secretary

