

# **District 82 Committee Meeting Minutes**

## **July 1, 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. The Twelve Traditions were read by Jeff H. including the long form of Tradition Seven.

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

The attendance sheet was passed around and there were four guests as noted on the attendance sheet.

### **SERVICE MANUAL – Kim R.**

Started reading at S23 "Stimulating Interest In General Service" and ended at S24. Tandy B. motioned to stop reading and Sherry B. seconded. Motion carried.

### **MINUTES – Angela K.**

Motion made to accept minutes by Sherry B. and seconded by Jim Bob carried.

### **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 David A. and seconded by Angela K. carried.

Send group contributions to:

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

### **GROUP ISSUES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The District 82 meetings will be held at Alvin, Taylor Street Club, 204 South Taylor Street, Alvin, TX 77511 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month (except Sep 8<sup>th</sup> and Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 2012). The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 5, 2012. See the link below for a copy of the meeting flyer.

[http://www.aa-seta.org/dcms/82/flyerdistrictmeeting%20jun12\\_2.pdf](http://www.aa-seta.org/dcms/82/flyerdistrictmeeting%20jun12_2.pdf).

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 [www.aa-seta.org](http://www.aa-seta.org).

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Archives Chair – Sherry B.**

Tandy B. agreed to stand for the position of Alternate Chairperson.

The committee is nearly finished with the emergency plan for the repository.

We now have a second archival shelf that is assembled and ready to be used.

Beth R. past Area Delegate and Southwest Regional Trustee recently gave the archives committee her service records.

Recently Jayson J., one of our members, received an A.A. history from Arthur S., NETA Archives which; he downloaded onto the archives computer. Hopefully we can use this information at an A.A. history presentation.

Everyone in the fellowship is welcome to attend our meetings. Normally we meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month at 521 N. Sam Houston Parkway East Suite 215 from 10am to 5pm; however this month is Assembly weekend so we will meet at the Sheraton like the other area committees. Hope to see some of you there.

#### **PI Chair - David A.**

The main project of the P.I. Committee last month was the Anonymity Workshop. Attached is the report.

There was discussion about the workshop.

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**The Area Public Information Committee** normally meets every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month from 6-7:30 pm at 303 Jackson Hill Street @ The Council of Alcohol and Drugs in Houston. **However, for the month of July we will be meeting at the Area Assembly on July 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**The District 82 Public Information Committee** meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month from 3-5 pm at St. Michael's Church - Wing D. The church is located at 100 Oak Drive, Lake Jackson.

### IT Liaison - Jeff H.

IT Group is on vacation mode. Some motions that are being presented at assembly are – budgetary and the IT Guidelines. Go to [www.aa-seta.org](http://www.aa-seta.org) for more information (assembly agenda items).

Goals: broaden email contact list to GSR level.

Note to posting flyers to website: no personal phone numbers, names, or raffle info so that we conform to the AA Traditions.

SETA monthly calendar will be fixed to show this meeting address for Alvin.

### TFC Chair - Laurie B.

No report.

### DCM Report – Kim R.

Area sent budget info and upcoming agenda items were sent out by email.

Hospitality Suite for 23<sup>rd</sup> SETA Convention at Greenspoint Hilton in Houston, on January 11-13, 2013 needs help: They have to meet hotel obligations – if district or group interested in hosting the hospitality suite it is \$139/night for a one bedroom suite. Districts can go in together.

Area is doing inventory and questions and answers have been sent out via email to district members and will continue to do so as the inventory progresses.

General Conference – Area 50 is posted on their webpage – delegate presentation.

## ELECTIONS

Sharon W. stood for CFC Chair. Sherry B. motioned that we elect Sharon W, as CFC Chair, Jim Bob seconded, and motion carried. Welcome Sharon!

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, August 5, 2012 at 3 pm.

Alternate Secretary  
Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee Chair (CPC)  
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.

**Contact Rick M. for further information.** No report.

### Unity Day 2012

The date, location, and times are August 11th, Bay City Service Center from 2 – 5 pm. There will be an AA speaker on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tradition and an Al-Anon speaker on the 12<sup>th</sup> Tradition. We will have hamburgers provided by District 82 and prepared by the Bay City Group. The Bay City Group will also set up for the event. Kim R. will provide the decorations. The condiments & veggies will be supplied by Plantation Group. The Beginner's Group is supplying tea. The flyer is on the SETA website [www.aa-seta.org](http://www.aa-seta.org). We should plan on 80 people. Sherry B. will bring paper plates. **We need other groups to bring desserts, chips, buns, paper & utensil supplies & desserts (again).** ☺

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### **Budget Committee – Kim R.**

Everyone on the committee should start thinking about next year's budget.

### **District 82 Workshop in March 2013– All**

Shirley S. will take it before the Alvin Group and the Board to see if we can have it in Alvin on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Tandy B. motioned that we have the workshop on March 9, 2013 10 am – 2 pm at the Alvin Group facility pending approval. Jeff H. seconded motion and motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Area Assembly Voting in July**

There was discussion on how District 82 feels about the motion the Alt. Delegate proposed.

Area Budget - was sent out with the district email list

Archives Repository – need approval for a place for doing archival work and storage

### **Next District Meeting Host 8/5/12**

The Alvin Group

### **Areas for Improvement**

No report

### **Elections in September**

Review job descriptions to see what position you may want to stand for.

Motion to adjourn by Shirley S. was seconded by Sherry B. Motion carried and the meeting closed in the usual manner.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Angela K.  
District 82 Secretary

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### **Anonymity Workshop Report**

SETA District 82 held an Anonymity Workshop June 16, 2012 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Lake Jackson. Twenty-six persons attended including the Area 67 Public Information Chair, Debra R. who came from District 90, Lunch Bunch Group in Baytown. District 82 Alternate DCM, Rick M. of the Beginners Group made the initial presentation on the importance of Anonymity in AA. After a picnic lunch we divided into 5 groups to discuss various aspects of anonymity as found in our literature. The following is a list and summary of the items that were discussed and the consensus of the different groups.

#### **Table 1, Facilitator, Rick M. of the Beginners Group, AA Comes of Age (pp 132)**

- Privacy is essential especially for newcomers to feel safe and protected is what we need to feel when we first get here.
- Breaking our anonymity to help another alcoholic isn't something that should affect the character of our whole society.
- Much of social media is directed at self and we need to give up our personal desires for the common good.

#### **Table 2, Facilitator Tandy B. of the Freeport Groups , Language of the Heart (pp 17-18)**

- In today's technology the principle of personal anonymity is still a good practical principle.
- The future, safety and effectiveness of AA does depend upon the continued preservation of personal anonymity.

#### **Table 3, Facilitator Kim R. of the Bay City Group, AA Guidelines for the Internet (MG 18).**

- Websites – Homebound use password protected websites and it needs to be paid for self support reasons. When we blog or post know that it is public and may break someone else's anonymity.
- When posting AA service minutes on-line one copy with last names and the other that is posted should not have last names.
- When sending service email use BCC "blind copy" to keep from breaking anonymity.

#### **Table 4, Facilitator, Jim M. Plantation Group AA Traditions How it Developed (pp 41)**

- Honesty – rigorous honesty applies to the individual in their personal inventory and not necessarily full disclosure to the public.
- We need the virtues of great modesty an humility are needed by every A for his own permanent recovery and to AA as a whole.

#### **Table 5, Facilitator, Dennis G. of the Beginners Group, Twelve Step and Twelve Traditions (pp 187)**

- Breaking anonymity is a personal choice and it is okay to do so to reach out to a newcomer.
- If we are too anonymous then no one would find us.
- Do not discuss someone else's recovery.
- Relapses can harm the public view of AA. So we don't need to put ourselves out there for scrutiny.
- Be accountable for your actions and make sure you do things for the right reason. Respect AA.

After the discussions and presentations we had a feedback on how to improve the workshop. The main feedback was that the workshop was very good and should have been announced more. There was a suggestion to have the next workshop on sponsorship. And also there was some confusion on how to gather the information during the discussion and that there was a lot of good discussion that did not get properly captured and reported. Try and work out a better system of gathering the information at the tables.

Sincerely,

David A. (not for publication).  
District 82 Public Information Chair