

District 31 Minutes of September 16, 2023 - approved

September 16 at 2:00 pm, Jennifer C. opened the district meeting at the 494-meeting hall with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

In attendance: Jennifer C, Fran H, Doug C, Kristi N, Daryl R, Steffanie J, Kate M, Karacinda D, Stephanie, Patty H, Annelisa S, Taylor C, Sergey K, Amber C, Jonna N
On Line: Mike G (190), Daryl (HOW), Jonna/Tamara (Willis), Leta

Presentations Tradition #9 Fran / Concept # 9 Byron T

Volunteers for OCTOBER: Tradition #10 OPEN Concept # 10 OPEN

NEW GSRs / First TIME VISITORS / GUESTS

Guests: Amber,

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SECRETARY REPORT (Fran)

- Minutes Approve for August
- Assembly, Flyers, Newsletter emailed
- Continue to update mailing list/roster

TREASURER's REPORT (Kristi N) via email

- Total receipts were \$259.12 and total expenditures were \$233.50 leaving a positive cash flow for the month of \$25.62. Ending checking account balance is \$7,785.19 less our prudent reserve of \$1,875.00.
- We have a balance of \$5,910.19
- Everyone asked to check their budget line items to make sure they know how much they have left to spend this year. We now have enough money to cover the remaining budgeted items for 2023. If you are thinking you might go over your budget and need more money, it will have to be brought to District (as a group) to vote for allocation of additional funding.

DCM REPORT (Jennifer C)

- The SETA.ORG home page of D31 is being updated to include meeting minutes, newsletters, committee contacts and other pertinent D31 information. Also, the SETA.org shared drive files will be updated with minutes, newsletters, financial reports, etc. Committee chairs are asked to send information to DCM or Secretary to share.
- Plan to provide an update at October meeting regarding visits to groups in D3 using a district map that shows meetings with active GSRs and those without GSRs. Will ask for volunteers to visit groups and do some "role-playing" on how to visit and attract (rather than promote) more group participation.
- I will start reaching out to Area 67 committee chairs and invite them to our district meetings for updates.
- Reminder to all trusted servants that our **Service Manual** provides great information. I.e. Page 11 provides GSRs with information about creating reports and updating information to share. Check out the "What's New Button" on the AA.org website if you do not have a SETA email.
- Young People in AA Item P-4 had been revised and redesigned available for ordering.
- Challenge every GSR to bring a friend or someone new to the district meetings.

ALT DCM REPORT (Doug C)

- GV Workshop 7/23 attended by 171. Gave two 1-year subscriptions away in drawing
- As requested by Area Registrar I am currently reviewing D31 unknown groups and the status of said groups.
- Working with D31 to host another workshop before year-end.

GSR REPORTS

25th Hour Group –Darryl W

- Still meeting in-person.
- Grapevine meeting new on Wednesdays at Noon
- Struggle to get members to commit to service positions. Looking for GSR
- Got rent reduced due to finance struggles since COVID19.
- Still working to get a prudent reserve

1502 Group – Amy

- Covering Intergroup phones weekend of October 9

190 Group – Mike G * (online)

- Noon meeting held ONLY on Saturdays (due to decrease in participation during week.)
- Officer Elections upcoming

494 Lunch Bunch - Karacinda

- Group renewed Grapevine Subscription
- Hybrid meetings 6 days a week

Atascocita Group - Don M* via email

- Group decided to move the start time of the group inventory on October 8th to noon and will hold a preliminary group discussion of the inventory on Sept 23 (2-4)
- Hosting a Halloween Dance October 28th 8-11 pm. (Costumes optional!)
- A proposal to raise the group food budget for birthday night from \$100 to \$200 will be voted at next grp conscience.
- A proposal to reduce the wait time for reconsideration of issues from 6 months to 3 months will be voted on next group conscience.
- All of our trusted servant positions are filled.

Cleveland Camel Group - Greg M

- Unable to attend

Conroe-Willis Group – Tamara L & Jonnan (online)

- Nothing to report

Early Bird Group - Annelisa S

- Nothing to report

Good News Group – Fran C*

- Round Robin/Group Anniversary was huge success (approximately 70 attendees)
- Group Conscience to discuss SETA hospitality support at next meeting
- Elections in November

H.O.W. Group – Daryl R* (online)

- Group 2nd Anniversary October 4 at 6:30 ALL INVITED
- Two birthdays Rochelle B 32 and Daryl 48

Into Action Group – Matthew B

- Not in attendance

Kingwood Group – Cristina C

- Unable to attend

Livingston Unity Group – Linda

- Not in attendance

Serenity Group (Woodlands) – Stephanie F *

- Group hosted INTERGROUP Phones this weekend – great experience

Spring Group - Steffanie J* / Kate M* New Alt GSR

- Spanish speaking meeting doing ok – hope to see increase in October
- Finished updates to the Meeting format and guidelines
- All trusted servant positions filled

Waterfront Group – Jonathan M (absent)

- Golf tournament planned for November 4

TRIVIA BREAK – THANK YOU Jennifer

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARCHIVES Donna F (email)

- No money spent since May.
- Several positions open: Co - Archivist 3) Speaker meeting recorder 4) Newsletter Editor 5) Researcher 6) Archives Service Coordinator. Any interested person can come and be a part of Archives
- Discussed & voted on "according to committee WHO are considered Old-timers?" Vote to consider 35-50 years
- **Founders Day, Nov 4, 2023** –Location secured, speakers committed
 - Asking groups to do a story board for Founders Day / Supplies-Instructions handed out
 - Announced Panel: Milton H, Gene J, Randy H, Daryl W, Eddie R

CFC Eddie M

- Main objective of Conference held Sept 15-17 was to recruit AA's to help bring the message to incarcerated alcoholics. Panels included those involved doing the work and those AA's who have benefitted. Onsite opportunity to sign up, get training and authorization to go into Texas Dept of Criminal Justice facilities.
- Blue Can donations to CFC literature for Area 67 was \$6,168.94 from 36 groups. If your group needs blue can or information reach out to CFC committee.
- Henry N is the new Harris County Jail (HCJ) Administrator for 12-step programs. HCJ wants to re-start AA in the post-pandemic era. Many inmates want AA and scheduling meetings continues to be difficult. The program is run through Chaplain's offices because AA is considered religious program. He would like to bring in the current edition of the Big Book and also in different languages. New meetings may be started on weekends. He is interested in how BTG may help released inmates. Training and even meetings for the HCJ staff may also be an option. He provided his contact information for the committee.

INTERGROUP Leta D (email)

- Attached Delegate report and Next Delegate meeting October 19 at 8:00 pm

GRAPEVINE Leslie S*

LITERATURE - OPEN

PUBLIC INFORMATION Byron T*

- Working to establish East Mt Houston meeting
- Would like to host a workshop before year-end

TFC Taylor C *

IT Sergey K *

- Asked group to move from Zoom to Google Workshop (Savings of \$199)
- Group approved and IT will work to update and use Google Workspace going forward

OLD BUSINESS – for September Meeting

- D31 Literature Chair OPEN – elect replacement
- Move October D31 Meeting Date

NEW BUSINESS – for September Meeting

- Update D31 Policies & Procedures
- Discuss Funds for line items (misc) in budget
- SETA 2024 asking Districts to participate/host Hospitality Rooms/ Jan 2024 SETA Meeting (Galveston)
- Discuss D31 hosting another workshop before year-end

CLOSING

Meeting closed by Jennifer C. at 3:55 p.m. with the Responsibility Pledge