

District 7 – Southwest TX Area 68
Date: Feb 17, 2024 Location: For Sinners Only Group
Approved Minutes

Welcome - Opened Meeting

- Joe C (Alt DCM) led with moment of silence, Serenity Prayer and read “Why We Need A Conference”

Spotlight Presentation:

- Topic(s) (Joe C, Alt DCM)
 - General Service Representative (GSR): Importance/Responsibilities
 - What Is An Informed Group Conscience?

Secretary (Not present) – DCM acting for meeting

- **Minutes - 12.16.2023 Meeting**
 - DCM e-mailed out on 02.04.2024
 - No corrections presented
 - Motion to approve by Ben E (GSR Hope), 2nd Francie B (GSR Unity)
 - **Results:** December Minutes were approved

Treasurer (Open Position - DCM gave report)

- Bank Starting Balance (12.01.2023): \$1,766.01
 - Total Group Contributions December: \$460.00
 - Total Expenses December: \$104.80
 - Closing Balance (12.31.2023): \$2,121.21
 - DCM shared there are a few discrepancies in the totals. All individual transactions are accounted for on the spreadsheet. Change may simply be a starting balance or a formula change needing to be made.
 - DCM indicated willingness to review the full year and make corrections for the Year End if the District would prefer.
 - Any additional comment/corrections presented:
 - Discussion held on whether or not to accept the report or motion to postpone until April so DCM can have the time to review further.
 - Motion to postpone and have corrected spreadsheet presented in April by Patricia P (GSR Mainstream), 2nd Patrick K (GSR Burning Desire)
 - Results: Yes = 5 No = 3 --- DCM will review and present a reconciled 2023 Year End spreadsheet for April
- Bank Starting Balance (01.01.2024): \$2,255.61
 - Total Group Contributions: \$59.50
 - Total Expenses: \$167.20
 - Closing Balance (01.31.2024): \$2,147.91
 - DCM checked mailbox Thursday: 3 checks to be deposited early the following week
 - Report also reflected financial transactions up through February 16 2024
 - No corrections presented
 - Expressed was a consideration to change the parenthesis from indicating Credits to indicating Debits as is common practice accounting. DCM confirmed to make change for next reporting.
 - Motion to approve January Financial Report by Joe C (Alt DCM), 2nd Ben E (Hope Group)
 - **Results:** January financial report was approved

DCM (Tahtianna F) Summary of information and discussion provided in DCM report

- **74th General Service Conference (GSC) – Gather an Informed Group Conscience**
 - Review: Final Agenda Item List
 - Access to Background Materials: www.aa-swta.org/delegates-report/gsc_en/
 - Password: Panel74 - *Important: Do not post password on any public platform*
 - Gathering an Information Group Conscience on:

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- 6-8 Final Agenda Items (*Specific items asked for review from our Area Delegate*)
- Co-Founders Writings – 2 Questionnaires (Surveys)
- Area Business: 2 Proposed Agenda Items (PAIs)
 - Timeline and Special meetings online to help (see document provided by DCM)
- Visit District 7 Website swtadistrict7aa.org - Documents, District Meeting info, Service Events and more...
- Southwest Texas Area 68 (SWTA) Spring Assembly *March 15-17* - Responsibilities as General Service Representative (GSR)
- Southwest Region A.A. Members - In depth study of A.A. Service Manual (Flyer provided with information_
- What is happening in
 - A.A. as a whole? www.aa.org/news-and-announcements
 - What is happening in A.A. Grapevine? www.aagrapevine.org/important-updates
- DCM January/February Activities
- Important Dates for General Service Representatives (GSRs)
 - District 7 - Host Group and Schedule (2024) - District 7 is looking for Group(s) to Host
 - District 7 Meetings: May, June, August, September, November and December
 - District 7 Workshops: Looking to hold two (2) Workshops in 2024

April 20	District Meeting NOTE Time: 9:00am-11:00am	Main Stream	3002 Miori Lane Victoria TX. 77901 (<i>St Francis Church</i>)
May 18	District Meeting	Need Host Group	<i>Address</i>
June 15	District Meeting	Need Host Group	<i>Address</i>
August 17	District 7 Inventory	Need Host Group	<i>Address</i>
September 21	Local Delegate Report Back	Need Host Group	<i>Address</i>
October	<i>District 7 is Hosting the Area Assembly/Conference – No District Mtg</i>		
November 16	District Meeting	Need Host Group	<i>Address</i>
December 21	District Meeting	Need Host Group	<i>Address</i>

- **Southwest Texas Area 68 (SWTA 68)** - Details Visit Website: aa-swta.org/events/

March 15–17	Pre-General Service Conference (Business Motions) <i>Location: Mission, TX</i>
<i>Pending (Usually July)</i>	Summer Workshops – Delegate Report Back <i>Location: San Antonio, TX</i>
<i>August 9-10</i>	<i>Public Information (PI) and Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)</i> <i>Location: Round Rock Texas</i>
October 4–6	Fall Conference (Business Motions) <i>Location: Victoria, Texas</i>

Alt-DCM (Joe C)

- Nothing additional to report at this time

GSR Reports

- Back To Basics Group (Does not have a GSR)
 - Flyers provided by Group: 12 Traditions Study and March Quarterly Speaker meeting
- Burning Desire: Patrick K (GSR)
 - Nothing new to report
- Edna (Not present)
 - DCM advised of plans to visit during their listed meeting times to confirm if the Group is inactive
- Flatonia (Not Present)
 - DCM reported having reached out to and spoken with their GSR/Main Contact

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- GSR confirmed they do consider themselves part of District 7
- For Sinners Only (Not Present)
- Golden Slippers (Not Present)
 - Charlie advised the Group celebrates their 4th Anniversary
 - Group will be voting during their next Business Meeting if to continue meeting.
- Open Arms: David H (Group Treasurer and Acting GSR)
 - Currently meeting on Thursday – clarified they meet across from the Church
 - DCM confirmed meeting schedule on the District website does have this location description
- Hallettsville (Not present)
 - Craig reported on their next Quarterly Speaker meeting:
 - April 11, 2024 - Potluck/Fellowship at 6:30pm - Speaker Meeting at 7:30pm
 - Flyer will be available soon
- High Nooners (Not present)
- Hope: Ben E (GSR)
 - Confirmed Meeting days/times
 - Mentioned the “Sample Ideas” printout provided by DCM for GSRs reporting at their home Group or at the District will assist in having a more informed report moving forward
- Karnes City (Not Present)
- Main Stream: Patricia P (GSR)
 - Based on a recent disruption situation having occurred at the Group, the Group members held a business meeting and reviewed several pieces of literature and the Traditions on how to address these types of concerns. Group agreed on a letter and procedure for moving forward. The letter addresses conflicts using our Traditions. Offered to send the letter to any other GSRs who may want to review.
- Moulton (Not Present)
- North Loop (Not Present)
- Port Lavaca: John M (GSR)
 - In support of the principle of rotation, the Group has elected new officers
 - Several changes to conducting their business meetings, now includes following an agenda
 - Corrections Rep attended the Area 68 Corrections Facility Conference held in February
 - Asked for shared experience from other groups who may have changed their Group name
 - Ben E (Hope Group) shared on their recent Group Name change as being a relatively simple process. Select name, submit Group Change Form, make change on the Group Bank Account
- Port O’ Connor Fellowship (Not present)
- Unity: Francie B (GSR)
 - Last Friday of every month is Sobriety Celebration at 6:30pm
- Victoria Women’s: Mary F (Alt GSR)
 - Submitted the updated Change form with Alt GSR information
 - Group is growing in meeting attendees
 - Currently the Group has 4 Trusted Servants: GSR, Alt GSR, Secretary and Treasurer
- Yoakum (Not Present)

Standing Committee Reports:

- Corrections (Open Position)
 - DCM shared: Read letter received from Inmate in Kenedy Texas – Connally Unit
 - Posed question to GSRS and discussion occurred
 - Reviewed cost for different type of BB books
 - Consider also sending gently used Grapevine Magazines? Joe C shared from his last service at District being the Grapevine Rep, we have an abundance of magazines we can go through to select and ensure we only send those without staples.

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- Print 8 copies: Sharing From Behind The Walls – Fall of 2023 - 4 pages total
 - Attendee shared that if we had a Corrections Chair, and according to the description in the Policies and Procedures document for District 7, they would have discretion to use up to \$100.00 for service
- **Result:** Agreement purchase 8 Big Books (soft cover) for a Cost \$88.00 and Grapevine Magazines
- Charlie shared his experience from attending the Area 68 Correctional Facilities Conference held in February. Shared on specific message given from a Chaplain assuring that the message of A.A. is wanted to be carried into correctional facilities.
- Grapevine/La Viña (Open Position)
- Intergroup Liaison (Open Position)
- Public Information/Cooperation w/ the Professional Community (Manuel L)
 - In communication with the Area 68 PI and CPC Committee Chair to attend a future District meeting for a presentation.
 - Has started to review the resources and literature pertinent to the PI and CPC service
- Treatment (Open Position)
- Website Chair (Open Position) - See DCM report for updates and changes

Unfinished Business:

- **Open Committee Positions:** Corrections, Grapevine/La Viña, Intergroup, Treatment, Website
 - **Intergroup Liaison**
 - Craig D (Hope Group) stood for the position
 - Shared service experience and acknowledged having read the description and responsibilities
 - No objections were made
 - **Craig D was elected as Intergroup Liaison**
 - **Corrections**
 - Kay B (Women’s Group) expressed desire to stand
 - Shared personal desire for helping in this service commitment
 - DCM inquired if familiar with position requirements/duties in the Policies and Policies.
 - Kay agreed to review, any questions review with DCM, if no concerns will stand during April meeting

New Business:

Request made to DCM for a formal count of Voting Members:

- GSR: 5
- Alt GSR: 1 (*GSR not present*)
- District 7 Committee Chairs: 2
- Alternate DCM: 1
- DCM: Will only vote in case of a tie

DCM briefly reviewed printed document referencing:

- General Process Flow of a Motion
- Voting on a Motion, Minority Opinion, Who Votes on a Motion
- **Motions Presenter:** Tahtianna F DCM (*Motion originally submitted November 2023 – Tahtianna F GSR*)
Motion (verbatim): Add into the District 7 Policies and Procedures (“P&P”):
 1. Duties for the Alternate District Committee Member (“Alt DCM”)

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2. Funding the Alt DCM: District service and attend the 4 Area Assemblies per year.
Attachment provided: Proposed update to P&P document (*additions in green*)

- **Motion 2nd by:** Mary F (*Alt GSR Women's Group*)
- **Questions of clarity occurred**
- **Discussion points**
 - Redundant to send both the DCM and Alt DCM to Area Assembly/Workshops – this is not common practice from their experience. District can only have 1 Vote at Area Assemblies
 - Agreement for the need to add duties into the Policies and Procedures document
 - Concern of current policies does not provide duties or any funding to Alt DCM
 - Spirit of Rotation – if we have the funds good to get the alternates involved so they are ready to serve
 - Example given of last Panel, DCM had a personal family situation and was not able to attend Area or District, Alt DCM was not properly prepared to step in
 - A very large geography for 1 person (DCM) to cover alone
 - Suggestion to consider amending the motion: mirror Area 68 where the Alternate Delegate is also the Literature Chair – Alt DCM can have Committee Chair duties added and therefore funding is provided
 - DCM clarified that a formal amendment can be made to the motion
 - Individual indicated not desiring to formally make an amendment
- **Vote:** Yes: 5 No: 2
- **Minority Opinion:** Expressed
 - No request made for a new vote to be taken by majority
- **Result:** Motion Passed with Substantial Unanimity

- **Motions Presenter:** Craig D, Alt GSR, Hope Group (*Motion from December 2023 – Craig D GSR*)

Motion (*verbatim*): Add a Group Events page to the District 7 Website.

- **Motion 2nd by:** Ben E (*GSR Hope Group*)
- **Questions of clarity occurred**
- **Discussion points**
 - In support if it aids in recovery and unity
- **Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0**
- **Minority Opinion** (*not applicable*)
- **Result:** Motion Passed Unanimously

Treasurer Position

- **Due to personal reasons Treasurer needed to step out of the commitment**
 - DCM asked for all to share with their Home Group members the importance for a District 7 Treasurer
 - Questions? Please contact the DCM for review of specific duties/responsibilities

Motion to Adjourn by: Joe C (Alt DCM)

- **2nd by:** Patricia P (GSR Mainstream)
- No objections

Closed Meeting

Next District Meeting: April 20th – 9am-11am @ Mainstream