

**District 7 – Southwest TX Area 68**  
**Meeting Date (04/19/2025) – Meeting Location: *Mainstream Group***  
**Final**

**Welcome - Opened Meeting: 9:00 am**

- Patricia P. (GSR, Mainstream) led the moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer

**Spotlight Presentation:**

- Group Service Chairs and Committees: (Amanda B., Alternate Delegate)
  - Importance of carrying the message through service work
  - Importance of giving members “jobs,” especially newcomers, within the group
  - Invite other members along with you when performing service work
  - Highlighted the different committees and type of service work available at Group and District levels

**Secretary (Pam J., For Sinners Only)**

- **Minutes - (02/15/2025) Meeting**
  - No questions; no comments
  - Motion to approve by Joe C. (Alt DCM, For Sinners Only), 2<sup>nd</sup> Ben E. (GSR, Hope Group)
    - **Minutes approved as presented**

**Treasurer (Jordan B., For Sinners Only)**

- Reporting based on the actual bank account cycle
- District banking cycle is approximately mid-month to mid-month
- Bank Starting Balance (02/18/2025): \$4,104.21
  - Total Contributions: \$100
  - Total Expenses: None
  - Closing Balance (03/17/2025): \$4,204.21
  - John M. (GSR Port Lavaca) questioned about the balance in the account. Tahtiana F. (DCM, Back to Basics) explained that District 7 has no prudence reserve. She added that an Ad Hoc Committee has been formed to review District 7's Policy and Procedures and they will be looking at what a healthy reserve might be for the district. (Note: Revised Policy and Procedures will be brought to the District for discussion and vote by all District voting members when the Ad Hoc Committee has finished their work)
  - Motion to approve by Mike D. (District Treatment Chair, Mainstream) 2<sup>nd</sup> Philip S. (GSR, For Sinners Only)
    - **Treasury report approved as presented**

**DCM (Tahtianna F., Back to Basics)**

- Reference full reports/updates emailed and printed
- In Laredo, our Delegate asked “what are the vital services that our groups need?”
  - As a District, we will be discussing this topic at upcoming district meetings
    - May – District and Area
    - August – General Service Conference
    - September – Alcoholics Anonymous World Service and Grapevine
- Printout provided of Area 68 Inventory Questions - GSRs to consider their experience for feedback during the Summer Assembly
- Email received from Jose M., Area Treasurer dated 4/13/2025 about the current financial health of the Area and potential challenges we may face in the future.
- Letter sent to Scott H., Chair of the General Service Board and Bob W., General Service Office General Manager dated 4/1/2025 concerning proposed changes to How the Conference Operates and subsequent memo circulated March 24 with additional revisions. The letter was signed by 49 Delegates.

- Letter received from the Scott H., Chair of the General Service Board dated 4/3/2025 regarding the resignation of Kevin Prior, Class A Trustee and General Service Board Treasurer.
- Letter received from AA Grapevine Board Director, Morgan B., dated 3/25/2025 regarding her resignation effective immediately.
- Letter received from Scott H., Chair of the General Service Board, dated 4/11/2025, regarding internal policies of the General Service Board (Whistleblower, Code of Conduct and Confidentiality).
- Offered to schedule a zoom meeting to go over any of the material.
- Email any questions or concerns

#### **Alt-DCM (Joe C., For Sinners Only)**

- Brief report given about attending the SWTA 68 Pre-General Conference in Laredo.
- Reminded everyone about District Night Out, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm at Denny's in Victoria
  - All AA members welcome, open sharing on any topics desired from our 3 legacies
  - GSRs asked to mention during announcements

**GSR Reports** – DCM requested GSRs to report only important updates. She also asked the GSRs to share about their experience as serving as GSR during their first quarter

- Burning Desire: Patrick K (GSR) - Present
- For Sinners Only: Phillip S (GSR) - Present
  - Definitely a learning process
- Hallettsville: Everett B (GSR) – Present
  - Just had their quarterly speaker meeting that was a success
- Hope: Ben E (GSR) - Present
  - Certainly, a time commitment, just jump in and learn
- Main Stream: Patricia P (GSR) - Present
  - First quarter very busy, overwhelming at first, ask for help
- Port Lavaca: John M (GSR) - Present
  - Important to have an alternate, so you don't hit January cold
  - Shared an incident involving a physical altercation that happened at his group. Able to break it up and spoke to the members involved. Those involved have not come back to the meetings, but the group has been torn apart. Asking for feedback.
    - Read the AA Safety Card at beginning or meeting; send letter to member(s) involved that they are not welcomed back until they can control their behavior; contact the DCM; call 911 and have them removed
- Unity: Francie B (GSR) - Present
  - Rotation - one drunk, one job, one time
- Victoria Women's: Barbara O (GSR) – Present
  - Lots to keep up with, learning how to prioritize and what to take back to the group

Additional registered AA Groups in District 7 not present at meeting

- GSR listed: High Nooners
- No GSR listed: Back to Basics, Flatonia, Port O'Conner, Open Arms, Karnes City, Moulton, Nixon Town AA, North Loop

#### **Standing Service Committee Reports:**

- Intergroup Liaison (Craig D., Hope) – Not present
- Public Information/Cooperation w/ the Professional Community (Manual L., Mainstream)
  - Providing literature to Detar and Library
  - Followed-up with Probation Office, but have not heard back from them

- Treatment (Michael D., Mainstream)
  - Meetings at Promise Point going well; several volunteers
  - Keeping in contact with Billy T., Gulf Bend and sober houses
  - Will schedule a Treatment Committee meeting this quarter and will coordinate with Public Information/Cooperation w/ the Professional Community

**Unfinished Business:**

- **Open Service Positions:**
  - **Corrections Chair**
  - **Grapevine/LaVina Chair**
  - **Website Chair** – DCM reported that Dave H. is helping with maintaining/updating the website, but unable to serve as chair

**New Business:**

- DCM contacted by SWTA 68 Public Information/Cooperation w/ the Professional Community Chair about hosting the 2027 Public Information/Cooperation w/ the Professional Community Conference
  - Can be one day; does not need to include professional luncheon
  - Presentations can be focused on District 7's Public Information/Cooperation w/ the Professional Community needs
  - GSRs to discuss with groups about hosting Public Information/Cooperation w/ the Professional Community Conference in 2027
  - Will vote at May's district meeting in Port Lavaca

**Other non-formal motion items**

- Ad Hoc Committee reviewing District 7 Policy and Procedures meeting every other week
  - Members include 2 GSRs, 3 District Officers, 1 District Committee Chair
  - Would like to have more GSR participation, contact DCM if interested
- DCM still seeking feedback from groups about what workshops or sharing sessions they would be interested in
- Tradition 12 workshop being planned for August, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, date to be announced
  - Sense of the body taken for narrowing down the desired Month, Day of Week, Time of Day

**Adjourn at:** 11:05 am and closed with the Declaration of Unity

**Next District Meeting:** 05/17/2025 – Port Lavaca – Grace Episcopal Church, 213 E Austin St, Port Lavaca