

**District 7 – Southwest TX Area 68**  
**Meeting Date (05/17/2025) – Meeting Location: *Port Lavaca Group***  
**Final**

**Welcome - Opened Meeting: 9:30 am**

- John M (GSR Port Lavaca Group) led the moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer

**Spotlight Presentation:**

- What Vital Services do the AA Groups need from District 7? Area 68? (Tahtianna F, DCM, Back to Basics)
  - District 7
    - Two-way communication
      - Information to groups, keeping it updated and easy to access
      - Feedback from groups as to what they need
    - Serve as a resource to AA groups/members
      - Understand traditions
      - Coordinate committee service work within the district
      - Share at groups when invited
      - ignite interest and take the mystery out of service
  - Area 68
    - Communication
      - Passing information up and down the triangle
      - Leave out bias when communicating, remain neutral
      - More frequent updates from conference actions
      - Description of service positions
      - Structure of triangle
    - Right person for the position
      - Qualities include integrity, honest, service oriented, open mindedness
      - Vision, future impact of decisions

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

- **Minutes - (04/19/2025) Meeting**
  - No questions; no corrections
  - 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 (approximately mid-month to mid-month)
  - Bank Starting Balance (03/18/2025): \$4,204.21
  - Total Contributions: \$144.21
  - Total Expenses: \$457.17
  - Closing Balance (04/15/2025): \$3,891.49
  - Tahtianna F (DCM, Back to Basics) stated that she did not report her travel expenses because she covered the travel expenses for Amanda B (Alt Delegate) who visited last month. Keeping the Area's financial situation in mind, Tahtianna felt that there wasn't enough time to ask the district to cover Amanda's expenses so she made the decision to cover them herself, a total of \$60.00
  - Motion to approve by Patricia P (GSR, Mainstream), 2<sup>nd</sup> Manuel L (District Public Information/Cooperation with Professional Community Chair)
    - **Treasury report approved as presented**

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

- Reference full reports/updates, emailed and printed
- Area 68 Summer Assembly and Workshops (June 6-8)
  - Delegate to report back on 75<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference

- Area 68 taking its inventory
- Save the date – August 2nd - 12 Tradition Workshop, 9:00am – 1:00pm at Back-to-Basics location

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

- Threw out two questions for consideration
  - Financial responsibility, how does it affect vital services?
  - How can District support Area?

#### **GSR Reports**

- Burning Desire: Patrick K (GSR) - Present
- For Sinners Only: Phillip S (GSR) - Present
- Hallettsville: Brian J (Alt GSR) – Present
  - Group conscience every three months
  - Expressed group's concern over AA finances and board resignations
- Hope: Ben E (GSR) - Present
- Main Stream: Patricia P (GSR) – Present
  - Reviewed progress of Ad Hoc Committee revising suggested group guidelines
  - Discussed group's responsibilities to St. Francis Church
- Port Lavaca: John M (GSR)
  - Group to take inventory; looking for outside facilitator
- Unity: Geri B (Group Secretary) - Present
  - Updated meeting format pertaining to sponsorship
  - Incorporated QR code for contributions

Additional registered AA Groups in District 7 not present at meeting

- GSR listed: Golden Slippers, High Nooners, Victoria Women's
- 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 Group) – Not present
  - Communication received from Craig that he will continue to attend quarterly Intergroup meetings but will not be able to attend District meetings
- Public Information/Cooperation w/ the Professional Community (Manuel L., Mainstream)
  - Planning a workshop for the fall, details to follow
  - Next committee meeting scheduled 05/31/2025, 2:00 pm, Mainstream Group location
- Treatment (Michael D., Mainstream) – Not present
  - Next committee meeting 05/31/2025, 1:15 pm, Mainstream Group location

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- **Open Service Positions:**
  - Corrections Chair
  - Grapevine/LaVina Chair
  - Website Chair

#### **New Business:**

- **Motion Presenter:** Tahtianna F. (DCM, Back to Basics)
  - **Motion:** *District 7 host the Area 68 PI and CPC workshop in 2027*
  - **Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by:** Joe C. (Alt DCM, For Sinners Only)
  - **Discussion**
    - Good idea; highlights District 7
    - Promotes communication between groups, District and Area; service work
  - **Vote:** Yes:   9   No:   1

- **Minority Opinion:** Jordan B. (District Treasurer, For Sinners Only)
  - Ad Hoc Committee still working through District 7 Policies and Procedures and a lot can change between now and 2027
  - ***Motion to Reconsider not presented***
- **Result:** Motion Passed

**Other non-formal motion items**

- Rotation is coming up; need to start talking about who might fill GSR position, district positions; start thinking about rotating on
- Ad Hoc Committee making progress reviewing District 7 Policy and Procedures meeting every other week
  - DCM initiated discussion on current qualifications for elected servants that state they attend District meetings. She wanted to get a sense of the district either in support of or to change this policy.
  - After discussion, members present felt this policy needed to be change and possibly include criteria what is an excused vs unexcused absence.
- District Night Out will continue 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm at Denny's
- DCM still seeking feedback about what workshops or sharing sessions groups would be interested in
- Informal vote taken to move August's District meeting from 08/16/2025 to 08/09/2025 due to conflict with Texas State Convention (8 yes; 3 no). Meeting will be held at Unity Group location.

**Adjourn at:** 11:40am

**Closed Meeting with:** responsibility statement

**Next District Meeting:** July 19, 2025, Victoria Women's Group – Delegate Report Back