

# District 51 Meeting Minutes

Saturday, March 28, 2015

11:00AM

1. Amy started the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
2. Members Present: Members Present: Amy E. (DCM), Melissa R. (Delegate Area 67), Ron C. (Alternate Delegate Area 67), Charles H (Alt. GSR) Caring & Sharing Group, Coach (?), Lee (?), Randy H. (Alt. DCM), Ardie S. (Steering Committee Chairman) Caring & Sharing Group, Connie R. (Caring & Sharing).
3. Secretary's Report: Secretary absent & previous minutes unavailable.  
Lee: District 51 is providing paper goods for Gratitude Dinner.
4. Treasurer's Report: Coach, 2,771.00 in treasury... Amy has check from Caring & Sharing Group.
5. GSR Reports:
  9. Charles H., (Alt. GSR Caring & Sharing Group) GSR has stepped down. Concern over excessive turnover.
  10. Coach (GSR Open Door Group) Has enormous involvement @ 10am. Voting on adopt an inmate. Bought a subscription for an inmate. CFC's Roy gave a list & GvR Patty brought a name to the group. ODG handles fliers and wants spiritual pamphlets. "Many Paths to Spirituality"
  11. Ron (GSR 12 & 12 Group) 12 & 12 is growing. Birthday night had 6 celebrants, 1 - 29 years. Most service positions filled. Pushing for designated greeters.
  12. Amy stated that we have a unique opportunity to discuss group issues with the Area Delegates in attendance.
  13. Discussion on Caring & Sharing Group: Steering Committee has more enthusiasm, more interest, though a few resignations. Next agenda to fill spots. Group inventory will be discussed and will need some time to cover results. Secretary position filled by Robert H & Dave is working on agenda getting posted. Concerns: Not sticking with positions, high turnover and animosity. Not all officers showed up. How to get people to attend Steering Committee and stay.
    - o Lee suggests holding them accountable and give them something to do to make them responsible.
    - o Ron suggests that if service brings joy then share that.

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- Charles says that it's great to have Ardie as chair.
- Melissa said that it all boils down to sponsorship and needing to instill principles into sponsees. There's a lack of service interest and no vested interest in group. They need feedback on good work. Consider a workshop on sponsorship @ district level. Skit had a lot of enthusiasm. Focus on things sponsorship needs to keep sponsors interested.
- Coach says that what makes the difference: We are about our higher power, father's work and we share. We have responsibility. We were all lost and we're not able to rescue the whole world. Be encouraged to do best.

14. Old Business: NONE.

15. New Business: Delegate Reports:

- Alternate Delegate's Report:
  - (Ron) His job is opening act for Melissa and to pray for her. He also informs district about regular events and gratitude dinner. 375 people attended gratitude dinner and a basket was passed. District can donate. Location for 2015 in consideration: VFW in Katy, Joyce Bush Drive, off I-10. Parking will be issue. Try to organize carpooling and have someone direct parking. Need co-host. District 52 has shown interest. Wants save the date cards.
  - Randy: We had 2 co-chairs. One rotated off & 1 stayed to teach new host. Co-host becomes host next year.
  - International Convention: July 2-5 in Atlanta, GA. 30,000 have preregistered. San Antonio had 65-70K. State Convention in Midland has 1500-2000. Regional Forum is every other year. Joint Service office shares chair.
  - Amy: Are DCMs encouraged to go to Regional Forum?

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- Ron: Some districts pay for DCMs to attend. We should consider sending DCMs to St. Louis for Regional Forum and make a motion.
- Delegate's Report:
  - (Melissa R.) SETA delegate is going to General Service Conference. Bill wanted groups involved to carry on 12 step work. Delegate is link to Conference. Would like to see where groups stand on agenda items. AA 75<sup>th</sup> Edition Big Book came through suggestions from groups to districts to areas.
  - Agenda items:
    - Grapevine D, Item 2. 2016 Special Issue. Encourage groups to submit stories from alcoholics.
    - Page 20, Increase participation idea from 2014. Tabletop flier and registration, English & Spanish.
      - Randy: How many had costs not covered by groups?
      - Melissa: We should support trusted servants. Maybe groups cover half costs.
    - Last agenda item, page 21, Anonymity breaks.
      - Ron: Who can attend forums?
      - Melissa: Any AA.
  - Inventory this year, response forms. One form per item. Email group conscience members to respond to agenda items by next group conscience. August – final conference report.
  - Charles motions to send DCM to regional forum. Discussion not completed. Charles withdraws motion.
    - Randy: How much do we spend?

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- Melissa: Groups don't pay for meals. Limit to \$500.00.
  - Amy: Just include hotel, registration, airfare.
  - Randy: Shouldn't be burden on DCM. District should pay expenses w/ limit.
- Charles motions to pay expenses of sending DCM to Regional Forum up to \$700.00.
    - Randy seconds motion.
    - MOTION PASSES with Coach abstaining.
  - Charles: Proposal next month to consider meeting more than an hour.
8. Volunteers for Concept #'s 3 & 4 and Tradition #'s 3 & 4
- A. Coach: Concept #'s 3 & 4
  - B. Charles: Tradition #'s 3 & 4
9. Passed the basket
10. Announcements
- SETA Area Assembly in January April 11 – 12
  - International Convention in Atlanta GA July 1015
  - Regional Forum in St. Louis, MO October 9 - 11
11. Randy motioned to adjourn. Motion seconded. Closed with Responsibility Statement.