

DISTRICT 51 MEETING MINUTES
SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2016

Meeting started at 11:06am. Amy opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Attendees: Amy (DCM), Steven (Alt DCM, GSR-Open Door), Loretta (GSR-Caring & Sharing), Rebekah (Alt GSR – C&S), Coach (Lit Chair), Lee (Treasurer), Connie (Sec), Ron (Alt Delegate), Christene (GSR – Bellaire 12&12), Sara (GSR – We've Just Begun), Tom K (Intergroup Liaison), Gordon (The Free Coffee Ask It Basket)

1. Secretary's Report: We reviewed December minutes. Christene motioned to accept and Steven 2nd. All in favor. Minutes were approved as read.
2. Treasurer's Report: Account was transferred into Lee's name. New checks received and address updated. Balance \$2965.84. Basket money is deposited w/ district. Rent to Delta Club is \$60/yr. Lee will write DC a check and place in safe. Loretta motioned to accept report and Christene 2nd. All in favor. Motion passes.

3. GSR Reports:

Caring & Sharing (Loretta) – Birthdays were successful and well attended. Most positions and their alternates filled. C&S is having a Big Book and 12&12 Drive.

The Free Coffee Ask It Basket (Gordon) – Submitted a written report. “In the past month, the Ask it Basket group changed its name to "The Free Coffee Ask It Basket”... The group also discussed the question posed of how to handle the sharing of the dually addicted when the sharing is regarding drug use. The group decided to handle the sharing as we would any other. If the person got off topic or subject, we would cut him or her off and request that he or she get back on topic. The group believes that discussing drug use is not off topic per se.”

Open Door (Steven) – New keys, locks changed. Celebrated birthdays today: Darryl had 35 yrs. Group discussed district and area assembly reports. Also discussed question of primary purpose. Group accepts all, as most are dually addicted.

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Bellaire 12&12 (Christene) – Christene is newly elected GSR. Their group conscience is 1st Tuesday. Group discussed “double dipping”, chips and normal group issues. Carolyn J is Alt GSR. Ashley B is Intergroup Rep.

We've Just Begun (Sara) – Sara is newly elected GSR. They discussed regular group issues.

4. Committee and General Reports

Intergroup Liaison (Tom K) – 5 new Trustees. Intergroup finished the year at a loss. Members discussed how groups can help support Intergroup. GSRs will bring to their respective group conscience. GSRs may also bring this up during “AA related announcements”.

Alternate Delegate (Ron) – GS Board Inventory Report is available. Preliminary Agenda Items came out for April 2016 GS Conference in NY. One agenda item proposed a plain language Big Book. Agenda items will be discussed at Area Assembly and Round Table. “Report Outs” from NY conference by Delegate are being scheduled for June. Final Agenda Items and Background Information should be available by end of February. Delegate will visit w/ districts to discuss prior to Conference.

January Assembly Report (Steven) – Theme for upcoming conference is “Our Spiritual Way of Life”. Topics were connecting w/ the newcomer, each other and AA as a whole. Workshop was “Anonymity is the Spiritual Foundation”. Couple of items were voted on and passed at the assembly.

5. Concept 1 – Coach; Tradition 1 – Steven
Next month: Concept 2 – Coach; Tradition 2 – Sara

6. Old Business

Policies & Procedures Manual – Reviewed changes and corrected copy. Steven motioned to accept the “Policies & Procedures Manual”. Coach 2nd.

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All in favor. Policies & Procedures Manual for District 51 is adopted.

Budget Ad Hoc Committee appointed by DCM to include DCM, Treasurer, Secretary and anyone else requesting a budget. Committee will need to consider budgets for workshops, travel expenses, Gratitude dinner, etc.

Ron made the suggestion to consider sending a GSR to SWAARSA or a Forum. More discussion on members carpooling to any of these or the State Convention in Austin. Referred to Budget Ad Hoc Committee.

Cloud – Amy will send the Secretary the password to update w/ everyone's email addresses.

Passed the basket.

7. New Business

When is our next workshop? Steven, Sara, Amy and Tom will discuss after the meeting.

8. Announcements

Gordon is the new Alt Chair of Literature for the Area as per last SETA assembly. Literature meets at Intergroup on the 2nd Sat @ 4pm.

February 7th is the next District 82 meeting. We plan on making a visit soon.

10. Motion to adjourn. 2nd. Closed w/ the Responsibility Statement at 12:25pm.