

DISTRICT 51 MEETING MINUTES

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2015

Meeting started at 11:07 am. Amy opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Attendees: Amy (DCM), Steven (Alt DCM, GSR-Open Door), Loretta (GSR-Caring & Sharing), Coach, Lee (Treasurer), Connie (Sec), Ron (Alt Delegate), Tom K

1. Secretary's Report: We reviewed the October minutes. Minutes were approved as read.
2. Treasurer's Report: Balance as of October 31 was \$2651.98. Needed clarification for costs of forum. DCM provided receipts and explanation. Ron asked if we've paid our rent for the year. Treasurer will investigate. Lee suggested that we need a travel budget and to propose a prudent reserve. Will discuss in New Business. There was no vote to approve the Treasurer's Report.
3. Discussion about spending: Some would prefer spending on local workshops and "carrying the message" rather than on travel. Points were made that district's purpose is to communicate what's happening in our district/area/region; money should not be a deterrent for service; and DCM is expected, as per the Service Manual, to attend certain key events. Funding should be provided, up to a limit, as determined by the committee. If there are exceptions, these should be decided on a case-by-case basis. We need to be mindful of travel costs and budget. In 2016, there will be a Forum and SWAARSA. Lee suggested that the DCM decide which to attend.
4. GSR Reports:
Loretta (Caring & Sharing) — Most positions are filled, though group is still in need of alternates. Actively searching to fill the Secretary position. Birthday meeting @ 8pm was well attended.
Caring & Sharing Addendum: DCM asked about procedure concerning GSO envelopes for birthdays. Lee said that he's never seen them handed out, but Loretta said that the GSO statement did show submissions so they're getting out.
DCM asked attendees about 12 O'Clock High group. Lee reported that though the group doesn't have a GSR, the group is well attended and active.

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Loretta stated that they are very supportive with activities at Delta. DCM would like to see district participation so the group is informed and able to exercise their vote. It was mentioned that, generally, some do not see the value in attending and we should therefore raise the profile of this committee and the importance of representation.

Steven (Open Door) — OD celebrated birthdays today. Coach has 13 years. They are having a Service Fair on December 5th, 11am – noon. Chris was elected group Secretary. Steven informed OD about last Area Assembly agenda items.

DCM gets agenda items early and can pass them onto GSRs and discuss.

GSR absent (Bellaire 12 & 12) — Steven mentioned that the group is now passing the Blue can, instead of Intergroup CFC can. Sunday nights @ 6:30pm now feature a specially formatted, interactive Big Book study.

Steven reported that the Ask It Basket group has been reactivated.

5. Tradition 11 presentation — Connie.
Concept 11 presentation — Coach.
6. Next month: Concept 12 — Coach. Tradition 12 — Connie.
7. Old Business:

SETA website (Steven) – It had been suggested that we post a calendar of events like Dist 82. After revisiting the issue and considering the lack of site traffic, the undertaking would be too cumbersome. Events can currently be listed on Dist 51's web page and w/ Intergroup. Topic can be revisited if feasibility increases.

District minutes should be sent to the SETA Secretary, Archives, Delegate, Alternate Delegate, as well as SETA Webmaster to be posted on Dist 51's web page. Use official SETA emails to ensure inclusion of future members. Tom suggested sending minutes to Intergroup to keep them informed.

Policies & Procedures Manual adoption (cont) – Reviewed changes.

- a) Should Alternate DCM have a vote in Committee? Due to their heavily supportive role to the DCM, it was agreed that alternate DCMs should.

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- b) Consider adding quote from AA Group pamphlet (P-16) pg 29 regarding “informed group conscience”.
- c) Committee agreed that the Policies and Procedures Manual should be reviewed in July on even numbered years.
- d) District bank account SHALL and MUST have at least two (2) signatures. Primarily, the Treasurer and DCM are preferred, but others may be added as deemed necessary by the District Committee.
- e) To be continued...

8. New Business:

Set District Committee Prudent Reserve: Ron motioned to set our prudent reserve at \$500 until further review. Steven seconded. Motion passed. We should maintain \$500 or six (6) months in operating expenses as determined by the District Committee and incorporate language that allows for modification into the Policies and Procedures Manual to that effect.

Steven motioned for the District Committee to grant permission for the District Committee Member, Amy [REDACTED], to be added to the district's bank account and signature card. 2nd. All in favor. Motioned passed. The District Committee hereby affirms that Amy [REDACTED] is granted permission to be added to the district's bank account and signature card.

Travel Guidelines: Reviewed previously passed guidelines. Will continue discussion next month. Consider making this an addendum to the Policies and Procedures Manual.

DCM would like to consider a “cloud” so we can have an archive for the district. To be discussed at December meeting.

Regional Forum Report: Amy will present after the final report is released. Considering this was such a big topic at the Regional Forum, DCM would like GSRs to go back to their groups and ask, “What is our primary purpose in group meetings?”. Concerning the alcoholic vs the alcoholic/addict. How does each group handle addicts/dual addicted or discussion of drug use within meetings?

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Steven would like to invite both Melissa and Ron to talk specifically about the agenda item going before the Conference.

Past DCMs are encouraged to attend to mentor new DCMs. Thirteen years of past DCMs include Lee, Randy H, Tom K, Ron C, Randy R, John O, Emily M, Terry V.

Basket was passed.

9. Motion to adjourn. 2nd. All in favor. Closed w/ Responsibility Statement. Meeting ended at 1:18pm.