

DISTRICT 51 MEETING MINUTES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2015

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

Attendees: Amy (DCM), Steven (Alt DCM, GSR-Open Door), Coach, Connie (Sec), Charlie (C&S visitor)

1. Secretary's Report: We reviewed the November minutes. Minutes were approved as read.
2. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer out of town. Amy reported. District received \$300 from C&S. Amy needs authorization for bank account and meeting mins signed by district secretary.

3. GSR Reports:

Steven (Open Door) — Group went over proposed area agenda items for January convention. Purchased more 24 Hour books. Steven will be writing clear instructions on distribution of basket money. 75% to club, 25% (dist/GSO/group/area).

(Caring & Sharing) — GSR absent.

Caring & Sharing Addendum — Connie reported that C&S has a new secretary and alternate secretary. November movie night had 15 showgoers. Final movie night is tonight. Christmas lunch went well w/ about 40 attendees. "Ebenezer Booze" play was excellent w/ about 30 attendees. Group is working on updating steering committee's job descriptions.

(Bellaire 12 & 12) — No GSR. Steven reported that group is still looking for a GSR. Their Group Conscience is on 1st Tuesday in January @ 7:30pm. Doing well, filling most positions. Matt B celebrated 3 yrs. Charles Ray celebrated 6 yrs.

(Ask It Basket) — Wednesdays @ 8pm. Group is now registered w/ GSO. Steven reported that Gordon is the GSR, but is currently unavailable to attend on Saturdays.

(We've Just Begun) — No GSR. Fridays @ 8pm. Steven reported they are looking for a GSR. Next Group Conscience is 3rd Friday after regular meeting.

4. Tradition 12 presentation — Connie. Concept 12 presentation — Coach. Next month: Concept 1 — Coach. Tradition 1 — Steven.

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Passed the basket.

5. Old Business:

A. Discussion on Primary Purpose as posed by Regional Forum –

In AA, in accordance with our Primary Purpose, we identify ourselves as an alcoholic. How do groups handle members who identify themselves as addicts or dually addicted? What about the member who is “just” an alcoholic? Some believe that addiction covers everything so there is no single primary purpose, while others say that our primary purpose in AA is to work on the alcoholism. There are “closed meetings” that are for alcoholics only. It is more likely that someone may be asked to refrain or leave a “closed meeting”, while “open meetings” are much more lax. How does the Responsibility Statement apply? When “anyone” reaches out. Why did the Washingtonians fold? It was suggested that they got involved in outside issues and did not have a primary purpose. Too many irons in the fire. Discussed questions posed in “Workshop Reports” regarding Primary Purpose in Forum Report. Consider going over an “ask it basket” question from the Workshop Reports at each meeting.

B. Steven made a motion to purchase color and black ink cartridges and 2 reams of paper for the secretary for district business. Coach 2nd. All in favor. Motion passed.

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

- 1) Changes suggested in the November meeting were made and available for review. There was general consensus of acceptance up to the end of Finance on page 7. We continued our review w/ “Elections”.
- 2) Elections to take place in September with member assuming office on January 1st of the following year, in the spirit of aligning w/ Area practices.
- 3) Sobriety requirements - quote from Service Manual p. S50
- 4) Elections - #5 “Election of Officers (excluding DCM and Alt DCM),”

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5) Add Travel Guidelines for Trusted Servants as Appendix B.

6. New Business

A. Lindsay has resigned as Alternate Secretary.

B. Steven motioned to elect Coach as Chairman of the Literature Committee. Connie 2nd. All in favor. Motion passed.

C. We should consider doing an attendance record for the district.

D. Event calendar: District 82's Secretary Jeff gave us permission to download and modify an Interactive Excel Calendar. Steven is willing to update w/ group events. Amy would like to see the calendar posted at the clubs. GSRs are also able to submit group events on District 51's SETA website as well as Intergroup.

E. Do we want a "cloud" for our district? A secret place online to keep district documents. District 51 has a Yahoo group and Amy will see about getting back into it. This is a way to back up documents that are pertinent to district business and preserve them for future members. Steven motions that we "reinvent" the District's Yahoo group. Coach 2nd. All in favor. Motion passes.

7. Announcements

Caring & Sharing will be having final movie night tonight @ 9:30pm.

SETA Convention is January 15 – 17, 2016 in Galveston, Texas.

New Year's Eve – Bellaire Club has a Candelight meeting at midnight.

8. Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1:17pm.