

DISTRICT 51 MEETING MINUTES
SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2016

Meeting started at 11:00am. Amy opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Introductions.

Attendees: Amy (DCM), Loretta (GSR–Caring & Sharing), Coach (Lit Chair), Lee (Treasurer), Randy H, Connie (Sec), Melissa (Panel 65 Delegate), Ron (Alt Delegate), Carolyn (Alt GSR – Bellaire 12&12), Sara (GSR – We've Just Begun), Gordon (GSR – Free Coffee Ask It Basket)

1. Delegate's Report: Melissa gave a very thorough presentation. We discussed the Agenda Items for the upcoming Area Assembly and General Service Conference. Ron explained and stressed importance of having a Service Sponsor who can take members through the Traditions and Concepts.
2. Secretary's Report: We reviewed February minutes. Gordon motioned to accept and Randy 2nd. All in favor. Minutes were approved as read.
3. Treasurer's Report: Bank statements are still being misdirected by the bank so the following amounts are estimates. End of February balance \$2692.98. \$212.26 was deposited, mostly from We've Just Begun group. Current balance of \$2845.24.

Lee presented a proposed Annual Budget for District 51.

Discussed a request to place a cap on how much money district keeps on hand and to donate the rest to GSO. Lee explained that our annual income comes in slow so an accumulation is necessary to fund upcoming events. It was decided to leave “Additional Travel” in the budget as a line item for possible future travel, as approved by the District.

Loretta motioned to accept the budget as presented. Randy 2nd. All in favor. Motion passes and the annual budget proposal is adopted.

Gordon motioned for an amendment to replace question marks with “\$0” on the “Additional Travel” line item. Randy 2nd. All in favor. Motion passes.

Discussion on secretarial/administration expenses.

Gordon motioned for an amendment to add line item to cover copies and other administrative costs in the amount of \$200. Randy 2nd. A “substantial unanimity” was in favor. Loretta gave the minority opinion.

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No re-vote was requested. Motion passes. It is understood that the amount is only “allocated”, not “committed”, and will likely never reach the \$200 budget. Any and all expenses must be approved. Annual Budget for District 51 is adopted with amendments.

Lee suggests that we add the Annual Budget to our Policies and Procedures Manual for record purposes w/ wording that they are suggested or recommended amounts since our income fluctuates.

4. GSR Reports:

Caring & Sharing (Loretta) – Steering Committee didn't meet due to weather. Birthdays were great. The Delta Club is having their 33rd Anniversary Party on April 17th.

We've Just Begun (Sara) – Nothing to report. Group conscience only meets every 2-3 months.

Bellaire 12&12 (Carolyn) – Group discussed their 12&12 study and how new attendees tend to be confused when the group is on a more progressive step. Randy said they had birthday night last night. The issue w/ the keys has been resolved since the group finally received a key from the club. The group is growing. Generally have 30-35 attendees, up to 56.

Open Door (Coach) – Of the attendees, generally 8-9 are there to sign papers. The majority of the group are regulars.

The Free Coffee Ask It Basket (Gordon) – Group is growing. There is ongoing discussion about having their own birthday night during which “ask it basket” questions shall be directed at the celebrants.

5. Tradition 3 – Sara; Concept 3 – Ron
Next month: Tradition 4 – Gordon; Concept 4 – Coach

6. Old Business

Intergroup discussion – Gordon reported that the Ask It Basket group does NOT want to understate the importance of Intergroup. However, the

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group believes that the money given to the district should be used for carrying the message by the district and that if groups wanted money to go to Intergroup, they would send it to Intergroup themselves. Hence, the group is against the district sending money to Intergroup. No other groups reported.

7. New Business

SETA Assembly (April 9-10)– Packet for the Roundtable contains feedback forms for the Roundtables that can be taken back to groups, filled out and returned to Melissa by April 10th. More discussion on agenda items.

8. Announcements

Service Manual Meeting every 4th Tuesday of the month at First Universalist Unitarian Church. April 26th at 7pm.

The Bellaire Club is celebrating 36 years with a Chili Cookoff on Saturday, April 30th and begins w/ a speaker meeting at noon.

9. Closed w/ the Responsibility Statement at 1:02pm.