

DISTRICT 51 MEETING MINUTES  
SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2016

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

Attendees: Amy (DCM), Steven (Alt DCM), Connie (Sec), Coach (Lit Chair), Lee (Treasurer), Loretta (GSR–Caring & Sharing), Tom K (SETA Intergroup Liaison)

1. Secretary's Report: We reviewed March minutes. Steven motioned to accept and Coach 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Minutes were approved as read.
2. Treasurer's Report: End of March balance \$3531.90. There are 2 checks outstanding. Steven motioned to accept and Coach 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Report approved.
3. GSR Reports:

Open Door (Coach) – There is a chili cook off today at the Bellaire Club, as well as many other events coming up. OD will probably be having their fish fry in the Fall. Attendance is as few as 3, up to 12 attendees. Inventorying the books to sell them. Making lend-able copies of lecture series for members. We had three birthday celebrants w/ 33, 30 and 8 years.

Caring & Sharing (Loretta) – 10:30am meetings were dying, in some cases, but appear to be all covered. 8pm meetings are coming back and covered by some consistent people. Our Newcomer's meeting on Wednesday is going well. C&S has a new alternate GSR and will be attending the next Assembly in the GSR's place. Birthday night was last night w/ 6 celebrants.

Bellaire 12&12 (GSR absent) – Steven said the meeting is doing very well, well attended. Birthday was last night. Three celebrants w/ 37, 16 and 10 years.

The Free Coffee Ask It Basket (GSR absent) – Steven said that the meeting is going very well.

We've Just Begun (GSR absent) – Steven said that the meeting is going strong.

4. District Reports:

Literature Committee (Coach) – Currently reading stories from “Experience, Strength and Hope”. Learning about pamphlets and their history.

SETA Liaison to Intergroup (Tom) – Intergroup CFC held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday @ 7:30pm. Intergroup's Open House will be June 4<sup>th</sup>, 11am-3pm. Every third Thursday of the month is an Intergroup Trustees meeting, after which in even numbered months is the Intergroup Delegates meeting. Each group is entitled to two voting delegates. The last meeting had about 35 delegates from 30 groups. There are about 520+ registered groups in our Area.

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5. Tradition 4 – Steven; Concept 4 – Coach  
Next month: Tradition 5 – Connie; Concept 5 – Coach

Passed the Basket

6. Old Business

SETA Assembly – DCM meeting: We want to hear the Delegate's report again and want to pair w/ District 20. We'd like to consider partnering with another district for a workshop. Amy passed out SETA contributions list. Report shows six of 22 groups in our district contribute to the Area. Our district does not have 22 groups so Steven and Amy will work to clean that up. Since groups don't agree w/ direct contributions from district to Intergroup, let's consider having an event at Intergroup. Location might be inconvenient. Assembly Roundtables were “on fire”. There was a lot of good discussion.

\*\* Steven noted that our Delegate, Melissa, had proposed an agenda item at the General Service Conference requesting that the Delegates have more say in the agenda, but was again tabled. However, she made a floor action and won by one vote so it should be brought up next year.

Workshop – Considering topic about how your spirituality helps you in service. Have an atheist, agnostic and a Christian discuss how they work program and incorporate into service. Amy wants to bring in another district. Steven will see if Bellaire is available.

Budget (Lee) – Changes made, with adjustments to amounts.

7. New Business

SW “Additional” Regional Forum – DCM will forgo this forum and attend SWRAASA.

8. Announcements

- ~ SWRAASA – October 21-23, 2016 in Rogers, Arkansas.
- ~ State Convention – June 24-26, 2016 in Austin, Texas.
- ~ Area Literature Book Club meets first Saturday at Intergroup at 4-5:30pm.
- ~ “Problems Other Than Alcohol” pamphlet was passed out.
- ~ Birthday Plan information passed out for GSRs to bring back to their groups to support GSO.
- ~ Service Manual Meeting every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at First Universalist Unitarian Church. April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- ~ Intergroup's 5<sup>th</sup> Summer Open House – June 4<sup>th</sup> at 11am-3pm

9. Closed w/ the Responsibility Statement at 12:30pm.