

**DISTRICT 51 MEETING MINUTES**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2016**

Meeting started at 11:04am. Steven opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Attendees: Steven (Alt DCM), Connie (Sec), Gordon (GSR – Free Coffee Ask It Basket), Coach (Lit Chair), Tom K (SETA Intergroup Liaison), Christene (GSR – Bellaire 12&12), Sheila (Alt GSR - Caring & Sharing). Several members were out of town attending Convention in Austin.

1. **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** We reviewed May minutes. There were no amendments. Minutes stand approved as read.
2. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Lee out of town, but said in an email that he has written no checks this month. Coach has a \$60 check for Lee to the district on behalf of the Bellaire 12 & 12 group, but will hold onto it.

3. **DISTRICT REPORTS:**

Literature (Coach) – Still reading three stories at a time from “Experience, Strength & Hope”, which contains every story that has been taken out of the first, second and third editions. Coach makes himself available to groups when they need information about pamphlets. The committee is able to review current and proposed pamphlets.

Intergroup (Tom) – The Intergroup Board of Trustees has recently voted to disassociate itself from the service committees, Intergroup CFC and Archives, in an effort to unify them with their corresponding SETA committees. All Intergroup Archives Committee material, except that which pertains strictly to Intergroup, will be turned over to SETA Archives. Members of the Intergroup CFC Committee have instead chosen to create a new committee called Houston CFC.

Discussion: There is still general confusion over the white and blue cans. Most of the concern is about the accountability of the new entity (Houston CFC). The majority believe that Houston CFC will not be connected with AA at all and there's a perceived violation of Tradition Six. If not affiliated with AA, we can not be certain of the kind of material they will buy and distribute. The meeting location reasoning did not make sense with all the electronic options like GoToMeeting available. Some districts have CFC committees that serve their area very well. Hence, some will recommend that the new cans not be accepted.

4. **GSR REPORTS:**

Bellaire 12&12 (Christene) – Birthday had 9 celebrants, 6 attended. At last GC, discussed issues w/ Sunday nights and are changing the format of their BB study.

Caring & Sharing (Sheila) – Sheila was elected as Alt GSR and will be attending the July Assembly. Birthdays were yesterday. 3:15pm meeting was started three years ago and is going very well.

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Caring & Sharing Addendum: Connie said that there were 5 celebrants with a total of 29 years @ 3:15 mtg and 8pm mtg celebrated a total of 130 years. Group is working on Steering Committee Orientation and updating job descriptions. C&S is celebrating July 4<sup>th</sup> on July 2<sup>nd</sup> w/ a BBQ, music and Speaker meeting.

The Free Coffee Ask It Basket (Gordon) – There has been increased turnout, conversations have been lively. Birthday night is next week w/ potluck. Though there are no celebrants, they will all celebrate for AA's bday. There will also be a GC next Wednesday.

Open Door (Steven) – Coach said that birthdays were today. Two celebrants w/ 18 months and 1 year. Steven said that the OD is selling the 24 Hour A Day book at cost. 11 sold so far. Group is still doing fish fry, but will be in the Fall. They have new Intergroup Delegates.

4. TRADITION 6 – Gordon; CONCEPT 6 – Steven  
Next month: Tradition 7 – Connie; Concept 7 – Coach

Passed the Basket.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

July 23<sup>rd</sup> Play/Workshop (Christene) – Christene has several people who want to play parts. Gordon will chair the Ask it Basket between plays. We will find a few more actors and start rehearsals next week. Christene will contact everyone when ready. We have a flyer from the last play that can be modified. Have the play at Noon with snacks before and lunch afterwards. Gordon motions that we have our July 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting from 10:30am-11am, streamline to include just old business, new business and pertinent items, dispensing with the rest until the August meeting. Tom seconded. All in favor. Motion passes. Setup from 11-11:30am, snacks from 11:30-11:50am. Sheila was nominated to head snacks and food. Connie will help. Budget allocated for workshops is \$200. Gordon motioned that we allocate \$200 for food for the play. Christene seconded. All in favor. Motion passes. Connie will update the flyer.

Meeting at Gulf Coast – If we want to have a meeting at Gulf Coast, we need to submit a written proposal to the board with the following information: type of meeting, day/time of meeting, name, 7<sup>th</sup> tradition basket share, room requested and contact information. Same goes for having a district meeting at the facility. Considering an Ask-It-Basket meeting on Tuesdays at 7:30pm, beginning August 2nd. GC Board meets on third Tuesday so we'll wait for a decision once sending the proposal. The Secretary will write and submit the proposal.

Changes to Travel Guidelines and Policies and Procedures Manual – Secretary made

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the following changes: added Appendix C, "Suggested Annual Budget for District 51"; amended Appendix B, "Travel Guidelines for Trusted Servants" from approved annual budget; amended Appendix A to include amendments; amended the Index to include Appendix C and page changes. Copies of updated pages were provided. There were no objections.

Passed the basket.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

Delegate Visit for Report Out – Scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Delta Club. Consider presentation format and having the Report Out as a separate event from the district meeting. Promote it as a workshop. Considered other venues, but not logistically feasible. Christene motioned that we hold it at Delta Club. Gordon seconded. All in favor. Motion passes. Secretary will create the flyer. Include finger foods at Report Out. Gordon motioned that \$100 be allocated for food and Connie be in charge of it. Christene seconded. All in favor. Motion passes. Sheila will help. Steven will call Melissa about time, possibly around noon and inquire about the format to include a Q&A.

Traveling Literature Book Club meeting – Book Club attendance involves the same few folks with traffic making it difficult so Gordon would like to ask the Book Club about "traveling" the meeting to other areas to attract more participation. Would the District be supportive of this and is there interest in hosting a traveling Book Club meeting? There was overwhelming support. Steven makes the motion that the District is in support of hosting an Area Literature Committee Book Club meeting if it is approved to travel. Sheila seconded. All in favor. Motion passes.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ~ Bellaire Club is now keeping club open on weekends from 1pm-6pm, hoping to extend to 7 days a week.
- ~ Area Assembly is next month, July 9-10, 2016.
- ~ Delegate Report Out w/ District 52 & 40 at new Twin Cities Facility on July 30<sup>th</sup>.
- ~ Delegate Report Out w/ District 20 at The Council on Recovery on August 6<sup>th</sup>.
- ~ Service Manual Meeting every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at First Universalist Unitarian Church. June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- ~ Bellaire Club is celebrating on July 4<sup>th</sup> with a Speaker meeting at 12pm with food, cakewalk and raffle.
- ~ Caring & Sharing is celebrating July 4<sup>th</sup> on July 2<sup>nd</sup> w/ BBQ, music and speaker meeting.
- ~ Intergroup's Open House is on July 16<sup>th</sup>.

8. Closed w/ the Responsibility Statement at 12:43pm.