

DISTRICT 51 MEETING MINUTES SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2016

Meeting started at 10:30am. Steven opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. This will be an abbreviated meeting so we can set up for the play.

Attendees: Steven (Alt DCM), Christene (GSR – Bellaire 12&12), Loretta (GSR – Caring & Sharing), Gordon (GSR – Free Coffee Ask It Basket), Connie (Sec), Coach (Lit Chair), Tom K (SETA Intergroup Liaison).

1. SECRETARY'S REPORT: We reviewed June minutes. There were no amendments. Minutes stand approved as read.
2. TREASURER'S REPORT: Lee submitted the following by email: “Finally, after many false starts Lee started receiving statements from the bank in June (the May 2016 statement). Balance at end of June 2016: \$3378.30; Deposits: \$ -0-; Deposits pending: \$150.00 (Open Door Group); Checks cleared: \$93.60 (reimbursement to Amy for April Assembly hotel reimbursement); Checks outstanding: None; Checks will be issued on July 23 to Amy (June Assembly reimbursement) and Sheila (workshop expenses reimbursement).” Lee couldn't make the meeting, but will be here later and can answer any questions.
3. GSR REPORTS:

Bellaire 12&12 (Christene) – GC requested more information in writing about the donations concerning Intergroup/Houston CFC. We're not changing our Sunday format.

Caring & Sharing (Loretta) – Birthday nights are still going well with potluck. C&S has 6:30am, 3:15pm and 8pm Birthday meetings and each have a life of their own. We've had a lot of discussion surrounding positions and job descriptions, primarily the GSR. The previous month there was disagreement over a former vote that with all positions, including the GSR, the terms would start from when those positions were filled until 2 years later. After a history of not being able to fill positions, within the past year, most positions including alternates have been filled. Concerning the GSR position, there was consensus that it was not necessary that elections had to run concurrently with SETA. Loretta's term will be up April 2017. Saturday speaker meeting has been revived for the past 6 weeks. Most of the meetings on death watch, including many 10:30am & some 8pm meetings, now have chairpersons. Concerning CFC, C&S does not pass the can, but instead increased what they donate.

Caring & Sharing Addendum: Connie said that C&S is no longer contributing to Intergroup/Houston CFC and giving only to SETA CFC.

Steven noted that groups usually elect GSRs in September so the incoming GSRs can vote for the Delegate and Area positions. Also, Article 8 of the Conference Charter states that GSRs, Delegates and Area chairs terms should all run at the same time.

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Yet each group is autonomous.

The Free Coffee Ask It Basket (Gordon) – At Birthday night, we served lasagna and introduced a “fears basket” since there were no celebrants. Our next birthday night is next Wednesday and we’ll have food again. There was no GC last month, but will call one in a week or two.

Open Door (Steven) – GC discussed functions of Group Leader and Chairperson. Made some changes to leaders throughout the week. Suggest announcing that we limit 3-5 minutes for sharing and that we sign papers after the meeting. Though we generally leave that up to the discretion of the chairperson. Discussed Steven’s replacement. Nancy will consider it. Making disks for audio exchange program. Group is discussing how to handle announcements w/in the meeting.

Passed the basket.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

July 23rd Play/Workshop is on track.

Point of Information: Loretta asked Steven what he meant about a vote in September. Steven clarified that it was his home group voting for a new GSR.

Delegate Report on Aug 27th. Trying to have Melissa speak at Noon and hold it separate from the meeting. Secretary is making flyer. \$100 was previously approved for food.

Gulf Coast meeting – Gordon motioned that we revisit the idea of a meeting at the Gulf Coast, that we will have an informed discussion regarding that and that it be added to the agenda. Christene seconded. All in favor. Motion passes.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No announcements.

7. Closed w/ the Responsibility Statement at 11:00am.