

District #53 Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2014,
St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Members Attending

Steve R., DCM Chair	Heather S., Special Needs Chair	Gary K., Treatment
Bob B., Alternate DCM	John M., GSR 70 & 965	Mike B., Alt. GSR 120 & P&P
Pete M., GSR 940	Justin K., Grapevine Chair	Richard S., CPC Chair
Tracy B., GSR 761	Maureen L., GSR 144	Glenn F., GSR 311
Gene B., GSR 17	Cathy B., GSR 86	Ruth T., GSR 414
Jen I., GSR 719	Patrick H., Alt. GSR 719	Annie L., Visitor
Steve R., GSR 120	Jeff H., PI Chair	

Opened meeting with Serenity Prayer
Read Step 3, Tradition 3, Concept 3

Secretary's Report- Pete M. read the minutes; a motion to approve was made and seconded; minutes were approved as read.

Treasurers Report- Mark T. presented his report showing a balance of \$1109.53. Expenses included renewal of our P.O. Box with a new number (P.O. Box 510276) assigned. A motion to approve the report was made and seconded; the report was approved as presented.

DCM Sharing: Steve visited Groups 170, 414, 120, 106, and 940. Area Assembly will be held at the Viking on March 22. Activities will include the Mock Conference which simulates the GSO Conference. Live agenda items will be considered and will help prepare our delegate for the conference. Steve also distributed a survey prepared by our delegate to inform him on key issues. We are encouraged to complete them both as individuals and groups. There are two remaining meetings of 12 Steps to Freedom. GSRs were asked to announce these at their meetings.

GSR Sharing

Tracy B., GSR 761- Pat B. will be speaking at the Stepping Stones Potluck on April 10.

Steve R., GSR 120- Attendance is strong. The group has discussed a meditation option.

John M., GSR 70 (and for 965)- 70 meets at St. Andrews on Friday night and is seeing newcomers. 965 needs support, although 9 members were in attendance one week.

Maureen L., GSR 144- Group is committed to service. They brought food to 12 Steps to Freedom and approved participation in the hearing impaired fund.

Gene B., GSR 17- Meeting formats include two speaker meetings per week and a Big Book meeting on Saturdays. Most attendees are newcomers in treatment.

Cathy B. GSR 86 – Group conscience voted \$30.00 for the hearing impaired fund with an additional \$30.00 to be donated later this year. They talked up the Pancake Breakfast. Meeting attendance is strong and newcomers are welcomed.

Glenn F., GSR 311 – Attendance averages about 15. Group will support the hearing impaired initiative to the extent possible.

Ruth T., GSR 414 – Group donated food to 12 Steps to Freedom and two members attended the Pancake Breakfast. The group is slowly “blossoming”!

Jen I., GSR 719 – The group approved support for the hearing impaired initiative. They are taking meetings into the VA. Jen shared about their new donated Grapevine display.

Pete M., GSR 940 – Attendance is strong. We added a period of meditation as a meeting format option.

Committee Chair Sharing:

Gary K., Treatment Chair- Expressed his appreciation for support received from the district and groups.

Heather S., Special Needs Chair – Heather attended a conference that was helpful in her service with Special Needs.

Richard S., CPC Chair – The meeting with the Mehlville School District has been postponed. He will contact Family and Children’s Services about stocking literature.

Jeff H., PI Chair – Jeff is working on putting Big Books in church libraries. He is restocking pamphlets at the Probation office.

Justin K., Grapevine Chair – Encouraged GSRs to ensure that groups elect a Grapevine Rep. He is interested in finding an alternate Chair.

Old Business

- Pancake Breakfast: Attendance exceeded expectations, exceeding 120 members and guests. Bob B. was grateful to the 30 members who served at the Breakfast, and said the only problem was running out of sausage. Steve asked Mark to do a financial analysis to prepare for the possibility of offering to refund the “seed money” provided by some groups. Tracy said she believed that 761 intended their contribution to be a non-refundable donation but will double-check with the group.
- 12 Steps to Freedom: Gratitude was extended for food donations and volunteers on March 6. We will serve as greeters on March 13 and will man the literature table on March 20. GSRs were encouraged to announce the meetings and ask for volunteers to serve.

New Business:

- Sunny and Sober: Scheduled for June 1 in the same pavilion as last Fall. Bob B. will take care of fliers (2,500 total) to be sent out in April and May. Maureen L. is working on the female speaker. Mike B. agreed to be the male speaker.
- District budget: A preliminary budget prepared by Steve R., Bob B., Mark T., and the committee chairs was presented and discussed. It projected annual expenses of \$2,900 to fund the district’s normal workshops and activities, SWRAASA (incoming DCM trip Oct. 10-12), and the anticipated committee activities. 2013 income totaled \$1,664. GSRs were asked to discuss this with their groups, pray about it, and prepare to discuss it in April.
- 2nd Annual Motorcycle Ride: Glenn F. distributed fliers and announced the May 10 event, with proceeds going to the Treatment Committee to benefit the VA.

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