

District #53 Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2014
St. Luke's United Methodist Church

	<u>Members Attending</u>	
Steve R., DCM Treatment Chair	Steve R., Visitor	Gary K.,
Bob B., Alternate DCM	Glenn T., GSR 311	Cathy B., GSR 86
Pete M., GSR 940	Justin K., Grapevine Chair	Jen I., GSR 719
Harry B., Alt. GSR 70/965	Maureen L., GSR 144	Billy B., Visitor
Lew T., GSR	Ruth T., GSR 414	Tim H., Panel 47
Ron L., GSR 106		

Opened meeting with Serenity Prayer
Read Step 5, Tradition 5, Concept 5

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

Treasurers Report- In Mark T.'s absence, Steve R. read the report. We made our first distribution to the hearing-impaired fund. Our current balance is \$1,370.00. A motion to approve the report was made and seconded; the report was approved as presented.

DCM Sharing: Steve said that our Secretary, Ron M., should be back next month and expressed gratitude to Pete M. for filling in the past several months. Our contact at the VA said that construction on the hospital grounds could extend into next year. Steve asked Lew T. to try to reserve the Wohlshager Pavillion for the Fall Sunny & Sober, and he was able to do so. Group 170 has elected a GSR, Julie L., who should be attending the June district meeting.

Alt. DCM Sharing: Bob said the Motorcycle Rally to benefit Veterans in treatment was well attended and netted \$423.00. The next ride is scheduled for September 20 and will start from St. Luke's. Bob raised the question of whether a member from a home group outside the district could serve as an Alternate Committee Chair. After some discussion, it was suggested that Steve check the Service Manual for guidance on this matter.

GSR Sharing

Bob B. for Tracy B., GSR 761- They have got new people to set up SNL through a simple training program. It is good service work. This Fall "Soberfest" will be held outdoors in Lemay Park.

Cathy B., GSR 86 – Closed discussion meeting with 20-30 attendees. They are "playing with" the table configuration to determine what best meets their needs.

Harry B., GSR 965- The District helped support this group and we have paid back that support. They are paying rent and becoming self-supporting. 2-8 people attend.

Maureen L., GSR 144- Attendance is up with 2-3 new home group members.

Glenn F., GSR 311- Active in service. Encouraging newcomers to serve in the group; e.g. current chair has 30 days of sobriety.

Ron L., GSR 106 Attendance is up with 25-30 attending.

Jen I., GSR 719 – The group is growing.

Pete M., GSR 940 – The group is healthy, attracting newcomers, and effective in carrying the message.

Lew T., GSR 983 – There are 30-35 attendees each week. Contributions are up and the group is very service oriented.

Ruth T., GSR 414 – Attendance has grown from 6-8 to 12–20. They carry the message well and have “tons of sobriety”

Committee Chair Sharing:

Gary K., Treatment Chair- Expressed his appreciation for support received from the district and groups. He thanked Bob B. and Glenn F. for the donations received from the Motorcycle Rally, and Lew T. and group 983 for the donation of coins.

Justin K., Grapevine Chair – Encouraged GSRs to ensure that groups elect a Grapevine Rep. He is interested in finding an alternate Chair. Group Grapevine reps should register online. Grapevine is always seeking stories from members, and they can be submitted over the phone. Spread the word about LaVina, the Spanish language publication.

Old Business

- Sunny and Sober: The following service assignments were discussed: Coffee making – Group 940; Set-up/Transport – Matt R.; Water/soda/ice- Bob B.; Donuts- Group 719; Sound – Craig B.; Signs – Maureen L.
- Delegate Report: Will take place in St. Luke’s Fellowship Hall on June 21. Open to all. Districts 51, 52, and 53 will attend and share the costs, estimated at about \$30.00 per district.

New Business:

- Fall Service Workshop and Potluck – Potential dates were discussed and November 8 was tentatively chosen, because it allows time for flyers to be distributed to the groups from the Central Service October mailing. Steve R. will check St. Luke’s for availability.

Close with the Responsibility Statement