

**DISTRICT 54 MONTHLY MEETING**  
**JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2004 AT 2:00 PM**  
**HELD AT THE LAKE HIGHLANDS GROUP**

- ❖ The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm. Susan B. (Lake Highlands GSR) welcomed the district and led in the Serenity Prayer, then read "Why We Need A Conference" from the AA Service Manual.
- ❖ The attendees answered roll by introducing themselves by name, group, and service position. Thirty two members signed the attendance sheet, representing seventeen groups.
- ❖ David S. (District Secretary) led a discussion on the 12<sup>th</sup> Tradition.
- ❖ David C. (District CPC/PI Chair) led a discussion on the 12<sup>th</sup> Concept.
- ❖ Trusted Servant Committee Reports
  - Secretary's Report, presented by David S.
    - David read the minutes. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made, seconded, and passed.
    - The minutes and agendas are now available on the district website at <http://home.earthlink.net/~district54>. Instead of emailing a copy of the minutes, an email will be sent when they're ready at the site. To save postage, copies will be sent by postal mail only by request, or to those GSRs that don't have email addresses.
  - Treasurer's Report, presented by Cheryl
    - Cheryl presented and reviewed a written report.
    - There was a final surplus for 2003 of \$4211.94 (including the prudent reserve).
    - Motion to approve made and seconded and passed.
  - Correctional Facilities Report, presented by PJ H.
    - A request was received at the end of December for pocket-sized Big Books from three different groups for correctional facilities:
      - Ten copies to the Legacy Group for Collin County SCORE.
      - Ten copies to Dallas North for Dallas Juvenile Detention Center.
      - Five copies to Lake Highlands.
    - The committee has been contacted by DAAMES (Dallas Alcoholics Anonymous Message Envoys) asking about wardens at the Gatesville Prison to contact to find out how to get literature to them.
    - They've received correspondence from TDCJ:
      - Loss of substance abuse treatment staff.
      - Meetings and volunteers carrying meetings to units are down.
      - TDCJ – reaching out to CFC and H&I members to enhance communications and increase volunteers.
      - The prison system is not eliminating any volunteers from rosters for not visiting TDCJ this past year (12/31/2002 – 12/31/2003).
    - The next District 54 Correctional Facilities meeting will be Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2004 at 7:00pm at the Legacy Group.
    - The next NETA Corrections Committee meeting will be on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at the Grand Prairie Group.
    - The NETA Corrections Workshop has been scheduled for Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, the location to be announced.
  - Treatment Facilities Report, presented by Scott S.
    - Today's meeting had ten people in attendance, representing seven groups, including 3 new TF reps.
    - In conjunction with Intergroup, Scott has updated the "greensheets" listing what groups are bringing meetings into what treatment facilities.
    - The committee discussed focusing on meeting treatment facilities needs for meetings and continuing the Bridging the Gap effort.
    - Has bought \$606 in literature.
    - Has been approached by a private employment agency that places recovering people in jobs. They declined for 6<sup>th</sup> Traditions reasons.
  - Cooperation with the Professional Community / Public Information Report, presented by David C.
    - The committee has distributed Big Books to libraries in Plano, Allan and will do so in McKinney.
    - This month's CPC/PI meeting was postponed. The next meeting to be announced.
    - They'll be visiting various AA meetings in the district as a committee.
  - Intergroup Report, presented by Pat O.
    - Attended the Intergroup Meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup>. District 54 was represented by nine groups.
    - Contributions are down, the year ended at a loss.
    - There is be a cost increase of 10% in literature, except Big Books.
    - The CRIP program needs more group participation.

- Ft. Worth Intergroup is getting back up to full steam again.
- Pat had some questions about Intergroups mission statement, but hadn't gotten an answer. She'll continue familiarizing herself with their procedures, etc.
- Archives / Alt. DCM Report, presented by Dave Cl.
  - He has just updated speaker lists and distributed them.
  - He has been contacted by NETA Archives requesting to get copies of our archives. Past DCM Mike W. suggested waiting until the NETA Archives committee meets again. Ted K. mentioned that the group histories would be good to have for the NETA Archives
  - The next NETA Archive Committee meeting will be on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm meeting at the Richardson Group.
- District Committee Member Report, presented by Jim C.
  - A request made of each GSR to bring up to their groups at their next Group Conscience the continuing need for a District Grapevine / La Viña Representative. This position was created at the request of the GSRs at the beginning of the panel and is still unfilled. Filling this position will create even more opportunities in the District for service work to further enable the group members to carry on vital 12th Step work. While there are no specific requirements noted, qualifications should be similar to those of a GSR as described in the AA Service Manual.
  - He reminded everyone of the importance and responsibility of attending the Area Assemblies. The Winter Assembly will be held next week-end in Abilene with discussions by the Delegate on the preliminary GSC agenda. The hotel information was provided along with suggestion that other GSRs, etc. be contacted for ride or room sharing.
  - Further discussion was held regarding the proposed motion to select Area Committee Chairpersons. The motion will be discussed and voted at the Winter Assembly.
  - The next Combined Five meeting will be at the Freedom Group on January 18th at 2:00pm. An orientation for new GSRs is also scheduled for 1:00pm. District 54 will next host the Combined Five in April. Please consider having your group host. A site needs to be selected at the January meeting, so if your group is interested, please make sure you attend this meeting.
- ❖ Past DCMs Forum
  - Past DCMs from panels 35 (Morgan C.), 39 (Max M.), 45 (Phil P.), 47 (Fred W.), 49 (Mike W.), and 51 (Ted K.) were invited to share their experience, strength and hope.
- ❖ Old Business
  - 2004 Budget
    - Jim requested that budget be viewed as a guideline, so that if money isn't used in a period for one committee, etc., that it can be moved over to used by committees that need it. There would be no distributing of the excess funds that we presently have. If at the end of the panel, if there is still a surplus, we'll look at distributing it to other entities
    - A motion was made to approved the budget, seconded and passed.
  - Policies and Procedures / Guidelines
    - Motion: That the district form an ad hoc committee to make recommendations for district guidelines, seconded and discussed. The motion passed.
    - The committee will consist of David Cl. (Alternate DCM), David S. (District Secretary), Mark L (Trinity GSR), PJ H (District Correctional Facilities Chair), Pat O. (District Intergroup Liaison), and Dave Z. (Carrollton GSR).
- ❖ New Business
  - David S. asked if we'd ever decided whether or not the district should be divided into two. This matter will be further discussed at our next meeting.
  - David Z. will lead the discussion on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tradition, John R. will lead the discussion on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Concept.
  - The Carrollton Group will host the district meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ The basket was passed in accordance to the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition.
- ❖ Motion to close: A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting. Motion passed.

## Important Dates

| Date/Time                                   | Event                                  | Location  |
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| January 10 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> | NETA Winter Assembly                   | Abilene Ambassador Hotel<br>325-698-1234<br>\$69/night for two. |
| January 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2004 at 7:30pm   | District CPC/PI Meeting                | The Carrollton Group  |
| January 18 <sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm          | Combined Five Meeting                  | The New Freedom Group   |
| January 24 <sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm         | NETA Corrections Committee Meeting     | The Grand Prairie Group   |
| February 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2004 at 2:00pm   | District 54 Meeting                    | The Trinity Group   |
| February 12 <sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm         | NETA Archives Committee Meeting        | The Richardson Group  |
| March 7 <sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm             | District 54 Meeting                    | The Carrollton Group  |
| May 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2004                 | NETA Correctional Facilities Workshop  | TBA   |
| June 18 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>    | Texas State Convention                 | LaVillita Assembly Hall<br>401 Villita<br>San Antonio, TX       |
| October 8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>  | Southwest Regional AA Service Assembly | Houston, TX   |