

DISTRICT 54 MONTHLY MEETING

MARCH 7TH, 2004

HELD AT THE CARROLLTON GROUP

- ❖ Jim C. called the meeting to order, and David Z. welcomed the district, led in The Serenity Prayer, and read "Why We Need a Conference" from The AA Service Manual, p. S-19.
- ❖ Those present introduced themselves, stating their homegroup and service position. Twenty-eight people signed the roll sheet, representing sixteen groups.
- ❖ James V. (GSR, ODAAT) led a discussion on the 3rd Tradition.
- ❖ PJ T. (GSR, Broad Highway Group) led a discussion on the 3rd Concept.

❖ Group Reports

- **Lakeside Traditions:** (John R.) They've finished moving to their new location. Now has noon meetings three times each week.. John introduced a new prospective alternate for their group.
- **Garland Clean Air:** (Bob B.) All going well, active in service.
- **Rowlett:** (Paul G.) Doing well and flourishing. They will be taking a group inventory in the near future.
- **Legacy:** (Kim T.) They will be having a traditions workshop 21st at 2pm. Considering starting a Saturday late meeting. Will be sending 5-6 people to School Psychiatrists Convention. They will be limiting people to 2 minutes when discussing in GC on a topic.
- **Belmont:** (Caren M.) Held a group inventory on March 6th. Now has a new alternate GSR.
- **Trinity:** (Mark L.) They will take a group inventory next Saturday.
- **Carrollton:** (David Z.) Just held a group inventory. They have a lot of newcomers coming and staying.
- **Lake Highlands:** (Susan B.) Holding anniversary party. Prudent reserve is doing well.
- **Lifesavers:** (Donna F.) Breaking even financially, may be able to start contributing to NETA, etc.
- **Richardson:** (John N.) Just repainted. Started 11pm Fri/Sat meeting. Working on getting a new smoke-eater. Will be having a chili cookoff. Looking for info on how to have workshop on how to chair a meeting.
- **ODAAT:** (James V.) Good sized meetings at noon and 6:30pm. Their Friday night newcomers meeting has gotten very big.
- **Spiritual Principles:** (Mike C.) Everything's okay.
- **Broad Highway:** (PJ T.) They've just repainted their meeting room and have new smoke-eaters. Their prudent reserve is good. Just ordered a big box of Big Books to distribute at TFs and CFs. Will be hosting C5 next month.
- **Coppell:** (Jay) Just elected a new alternate (Julie F.) Taking meetings to Green Oaks. Changed their group conscience meeting to every other month.

❖ Trusted Servent Reports

- **Secretary:** David S. read the minutes from the February 4th District meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes as read, seconded and passed.
- **Treasurer:** Cheryl R. passed out her report and reviewed it for the district. (Copy available upon request.) Group contributions are low for this period. Most groups have not made a contribution so far this year. A motion to accept the report was made, seconded and passed. Jim C. noted that some committees have overspent their budget while others have underspent. He'll be meeting with Cheryl and may make a motion next month to rearrange funds for this period.
- **Correctional Facilities (PJ H)**
 - PJ is working to fill the committee and needs a CF rep from each group and encouraged groups to elect one.
 - The CF Committee met of February 17th. Seven people attended.
 - The committee distributed Big Books and 12 & 12s to groups for distribution at Dawson and Dallas Juvenile.
 - Still needs literature for TDCJ. Contributions can be made to NETA CF committee.
 - The committee is trying to gather information on what groups are taking meetings into what facilities.
 - A detailed written copy of PJ's report is available upon request.
- **Treatment Facilities (Scott S.)**
 - The meeting today (March 7th) had twelve people attending, representing seven groups.
 - Belmont has requested 40 12 & 12s to take in to Cornell.
 - Had Carrollton member express interest in serving in Treatment Facilities.
- **Cooperation with the Professional Community / Public Information (David C.)**
 - The committee met in February at the ODAAT group, five were in attendance, with a guest from District 22.
 - They will be sending a mailing to school guidance counselors in the district.
 - They are continuing to supply local libraries with Big Books.
 - Districts 54 and 22 CPC/PI committees will be cooperating in a project to meet with ministry alliances in those districts.
 - The National Association of School Psychologists Convention will be held at the Adam's Mark March 30th – April 2nd. David is working with the NETA CPC committee to schedule volunteers to staff an AA booth. Please contact him to volunteer for a two hour shift.
 - A detailed written copy of PJ's report is available upon request.
 - A detailed written copy of David's report is available upon request.

- CPC/PI (David C.) Summarize attached. counselors. Correction on the location on the Psych. Convention.

➤ **Intergroup Liaison (Pat O.)**

- Not present. She sent information to Jim C. that intergroup activity seems low.

➤ **Alt. DCM. / Archives (David Cl.)**

- They had a productive Archives meeting.
- They are preparing workshops that can be presented at groups.
- The NETA Archive committee will be meeting March 18th at 8pm at the Richardson Group.
- Speaker lists are still available, or can be updated through Dave.
- He has gotten literature on Archives committees and will be looking into forming a district archives committee.
- A detailed written copy of David's report is available upon request.

➤ **District Committee Member (Jim C.)**

- Jim went to the Combined 5 at Duncanville.
- Combined 5 will be hosting a hospitality suite at the Fall NETA Assembly. Duncanville Group will facilitate, and has asked districts for a \$100 contribution.
- The April Combined 5 meeting will be at Broad Highway at 2pm. A new GSR orientation session will be held there at 1pm.
- Don't forget about Spring assembly in Irving.

❖ **Old Business**

➤ Ad hoc committee report.

- David S. reported that the committee is in the process of reviewing past minutes, other service entities, and asking for information from past DCM, splitting up the research work among members of the committee.

➤ Further discussion was held regarding the possibility of splitting the district.

- Jim C. outlined the process: a request from the district would have to be presented to the area committee and approved at the area assembly.
- PJ reviewed some of the information that's in the Service Manual, which generally recommends 6 to 20 groups in a district. We have 27.
- The consensus of the district was that there doesn't seem to be any immediate need to reduce the size of the district. May come up in inventory at the end of the year.

➤ **Review of Conference Agenda**

- Jim C. requested information about the GV being sold on non-AA web-sites. The advisory action stated that the GV board not "actively pursue" sale on non-AA sites. The site in question approached GV first. There isn't further action planned to have an advisory action to not sell on non-AA sites.
- There was other discussion about the process of making changes to AA literature, including the proliferation of

pamphlets, the addition of front matter to the 12/12, and punctuation changes to "Dr. Bob's Nightmare."

❖ **New Business**

- James V. moved \$125 be allocated for hospitality suite for Fall Assembly. Motion seconded and passed.
- The motion to allocate funds for 12 & 12s that the Treatment Facilities requested has been tabled.
- The Legacy Group will host the May district meeting.
- Jay M. (Coppell Group GSR) will lead the discussion on the 4th Tradition.
- Paul G. (Rowlett Group GSR) will lead the discussion on the 4th Concept.

❖ The basket was passed in accordance to the 7th Tradition.

❖ Motion to close: A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting. Motion passed.

Important Dates		
Date/Time	Event	Location
March 27 th – 28 th	NETA Spring Assembly	Sheraton Grand Hotel 4440 W. John Carpenter Freeway Irving, TX 75063 (800) 345-5251
April 3 rd	NETA Corrections Committee Meeting	Grand Prairie Group
April 4 th at 2pm	District 54 Meeting	The Belmont Group
April 18 th at 2pm	District 54 Corrections Workshop	Clean Air North
April 24 th at 6pm	Serenity Group 20 th Anniversary	Grace Presbyterian Church 4300 W. Park Blvd. 2 nd Floor
June 18 th – 20 th	Texas State Convention	LaVillita Assembly Hall 401 Villita San Antonio, TX
July 24 th	NETA Correctional Facilities Workshop	Elks Lodge NW Highway down from Lake Highlands Ferndale
September 10 th - 12 th	NETA Fall Assembly	Sheraton Grand Hotel 4440 W. John Carpenter Irving, TX 75063 (800) 345-5251 \$69.00/night (Reserve by 8/27)
October 8 th – 10 th	Southwest Regional AA Service Assembly	Houston, TX