

**AREA 65 (N.E. TX), DISTRICT 54 MONTHLY MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 05, 2006**  
**HELD AT THE ROWLETT GROUP**

- ❖ At 2:05 pm, Doug M. (GSR, Rowlett) welcomed the District and led in The Serenity Prayer, then read, "Why Do We Need a Conference?" before turning the meeting over to the DCM (P.J. H., The Great Fact.)
- ❖ Those present introduced themselves, stating their service position and home group. Approximately twenty-four people were in attendance, representing fifteen groups (Belmont, Carrollton, Clean Air North, Coppell, Dallas North, Garland Clean Air, Georgetown, The Great Fact, Into Action, Legacy, No Hassle, ODAAT, Omega, Richardson, and Rowlett.)
- ❖ Mike L. (GSR, Richardson) led a discussion of Tradition Two.
- ❖ P.J. H. (DCM, The Great Fact) led a discussion of Concept Two.

**District 54 Officer Reports**

- ❖ Treasurer (Paula T., Georgetown)
  - Final 2005 income & expense summary was handed out, as well as the January 2006 monthly report.
- ❖ Secretary (Dave C., Clean Air North)
  - Minutes from the 01/01/06 District 54 meeting were read. They were approved with no corrections.
- ❖ Alternate DCM / Archives (James V., ODAAT) Report given by the DCM (P.J. H., The Great Fact)
  - Scheduled district 54 volunteers & manned a Public Information booth at a recent Richardson Independent School District Health Fair.
- ❖ District Committee Member (P.J. H., The Great Fact)
  - Attended the Combined 5 Districts Meeting on 01/15/06 at The Irving Group. (Information included in "Special Report" section.)
  - Next Combined 5 Districts meeting is on 02/12/06, at 2:00 pm, at The Mesquite Big Town Group (District 56.)
  - Area 65 (N.E. TX) Winter Assembly Report (handouts provided)
    - Ten attendees from district 54 were in attendance; six groups were represented.

- Preliminary agenda was distributed; more background information is forthcoming.
- The 56<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference theme is: "Sponsorship, Service, and Self-Support in a Changing World."
- Motion to revise disbursement / reimbursement procedure for Area 65 (N.E. TX) Trusted Servants passed, with amendments.
- Motion to revise 1.2 of Area 65 (N.E. TX) Policies & Procedures was tabled; will be revisited at the Spring Assembly.
- The Texas State Convention & TXCYPAA each donated excess funds to Area 65 (N.E. TX.)
- Southwest Region Trustee (Gary K., Parker Group, Colorado) will participate in a Workshop / Sharing Session 05/19-21/06 (District 53 will host; location TBA.)
- Area 65 (N.E. TX) Spring Assembly will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend this year (03/25-26/06) rather than the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend.
- Several requests were made & some concerns were expressed to the delegate during the "What's on Your Mind?" portion of the Assembly, including:
  - Request that Standing Committee Reports and GSR time be returned to Area Assembly Agenda;
  - Request that role and make up of ad hoc committees in Area 65 (N.E. TX) be clarified;
  - Request that the Area 65 (N.E. TX) Ad Hoc Committee on District Boundaries be dissolved;
  - Disappointment expressed regarding the January Combined 5 Meeting;
  - Several concerns expressed regarding the lack of resolution to a matter involving the behavior of a past delegate.

**District 54 Committee Reports**

- ❖ Cooperation with the Professional Community/Public Information
  - No report. Position vacant.
- ❖ Correctional Facilities (George N., Garland Clean Air)
  - Held CFC meeting prior to this meeting (attendance was light.)
  - Finishing mailout of CFC tri-fold pamphlet to the groups in district 54.
  - The need continues for more A.A. volunteers to carry the message "behind the walls".

- Quarterly prison scheduling meeting was held at the Big Book Group on 01/14/06 at 1:30 pm; Cornell Correctional has been added to the schedule.
- There is some concern regarding the collection procedure for funds generated from the Area 65 (N.E. TX) CFC "Orange Cans."

❖ Grapevine/La Viña

- No report. Position vacant.

❖ Treatment Facilities (Marie H., The Great Fact)

- Not present (written report distributed.) At the request of the DCM (P.J. H., The Great Fact), represented district 54 at the Area 65 (N.E. TX) Committee Meeting.

❖ Intergroup Liaison (Lisa H., Clean Air North)

- No report.

**Special Report: Self-Support**

- 36% of the groups in Area 65 (N.E. TX) contribute to GSO, down from 39% in 2004.
- 60% of groups in district 54 contribute to the district & GSO, while 46% of district 54 groups contribute to Area 65 (N.E. TX.)
- A \$6.00 / year contribution to GSO by every member of Alcoholics Anonymous would result in our Fellowship being fully self-supporting, with no need for additional income from literature, etc.
- Reviewed the February 2006 A.A. Grapevine article "A Buck in the Basket," reminding GSRs that \$1.00 in 1963, adjusted for inflation, is worth 16 cents in 2006.
- S.W. Region Trustee (Gary K., Parker Group, CO) requested GSRs bring their group's responses to some finance-related questions to the 03/05/06 district 54 meeting (handouts provided.)

**Special Report: The Combined 5 Districts**

- DCM (P.J. H., The Great Fact) made amends for not immediately correcting certain erroneous statements made by some attendees at the 01/15/06 Combined 5 Districts meeting.
  - "There were no minutes from the Ad Hoc Committee meetings": The DCM (P.J. H., The Great Fact) brought copies of the Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes.
  - "The Combined 5 Districts Ad Hoc Committee was not in agreement on the motion". – The minutes were read that stated the motion was passed by the Ad Hoc Committee with no disapproval.

- "There were secret meetings and a man was thrown out of a meeting"- There were no secret meetings. The Combined 5 Districts Ad Hoc Committee was closed to only members of the Ad Hoc Committee. A person who was not on the committee tried to attend the final meeting. He was told the meeting was closed to all except Ad Hoc Committee members and respectfully asked to leave. He refused. The Ad Hoc Committee chair decided to end the meeting and reschedule at a later date. At that point, the person decided to leave and the Ad Hoc meeting took place.

- GSRs in attendance at the 01/15/06 Combined 5 Districts meeting presented information and expressed concerns.

**Unfinished Business**

- Proposed 2006 District 54 Budget (copies distributed)
  - Motion to approve the proposed 2006 District 54 budget. Motion Tabled until 03/05/06 District 54 meeting.

**Group Reports / GSR Concerns**

- Due to time constraints, the DCM (P.J. H., The Great Fact) requested that Group Reports / GSR Concerns be suspended this month. There was no dissent.

**New Business**

- Bob B. (GSR, Clean Air North) made a motion: District 54 completely divest itself from any and all current and all future contacts or associations with the organization known as Combined 5. This motion includes, but is not limited to, any official or unofficial contacts with Combined 5. It also includes no longer receiving the Combined 5 Newsletter, no longer participating in the hosting of any Combined 5 meeting or meetings, no longer participating in any contributions, no longer participating in the donations of funds or supplying of food items for any Combined 5 Hospitality Room at the Texas State AA Convention or any other AA Convention or Conventions or meeting. Motion Tabled until 03/05/06 District 54 meeting.

**Tradition/Concept Presenters for March**

- Tradition Three: Juan S. (GSR, Belmont)
- Concept Three: Keith C. (GSR, ODAAT)

**District 54 GSR Meeting Dates/Times/Locations for March/April**

- 03/05/06, 2:00 pm, The Legacy Group
- 04/02/06, 2:00 pm, The Richardson Group

**Adjournment**

- The basket was passed to honor Tradition Seven. There being no more business before the District, the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 4:20 pm.