

AREA 65 (N.E. TX), DISTRICT 54 MONTHLY MEETING
MARCH 05, 2006
HELD AT THE LEGACY GROUP

- ❖ At 2:05 pm, Otto M. (GSR, Legacy) welcomed the District and led in The Serenity Prayer, then had Dale M. (Alternate GSR, Legacy) 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-three people were in attendance, representing seventeen groups (Addison, Belmont, Carrollton, Clean Air North, Coppell, Dallas North, Garland Clean Air, Georgetown, The Great Fact, Into Action, Legacy, Lifesavers, No Hassle, ODAAT, Omega, Plano, and Richardson.)
- ❖ Greg B. (Alternate GSR, Belmont) led a discussion of Tradition Three.
- ❖ Keith C. (GSR, ODAAT) led a discussion of Concept Three.

District 54 Officer Reports

- ❖ Secretary (Dave C., Clean Air North)
 - Minutes from the 02/05/06 District 54 meeting were read. They were approved with one correction.
 - ❖ Treasurer (Paula T., Georgetown)
 - Corrected Final 2005 income & expense summary was handed out, as well as the February 2006 monthly report.
 - District operating from 2005 budget until 2006 budget approved.
 - ❖ Alternate DCM / Archives (James V., ODAAT.) Report given by the DCM (P.J. H., The Great Fact)
 - Conducted a workshop with the TFC Chair (Marie H., The Great Fact) at the Dallas North Group.
 - Available to assist groups with scheduling workshops & finding moderators for group inventories.
 - ❖ District Committee Member (P.J. H., The Great Fact)
 - Reminded groups to return financial questionnaire on group contributions distributed at Feb. meeting.
 - Read letter from Southwest Region Trustee (Gary K., Parker Group, CO) Re: Area 65 (N.E. TX) Inventory of A.A. Literature Products.
 - Area 65 (N.E. TX) Committee Meeting (handouts provided)
 - Area 65 (N.E. TX) Spring Assembly set for 3/25-26/06 at Dallas Double Tree Hotel, 4099 Valley View Lane. For other scheduled Area 65 (N.E. TX) Assemblies see upcoming events page of www.district54.org.
 - We have a new Area 65 (N.E. TX) Alternate Grapevine/LaViña Committee Chair (Linda A., Clean Air North.)
 - Delegate's Report
 - A.A. Grapevine showing a modest profit, while LaViña had losses of over \$107,000.00; accordingly, LaViña has increased its subscription rate by \$2.00/year.
 - A report was read listing concerns expressed during the "What's on your mind" portion of the Area 65 (N.E. TX) Winter Assembly; these concerns will be addressed by the Area 65 (N.E. TX) Delegate (Naomi Z., Language of the Heart.)
- Three Motions were placed on the agenda of the Area 65 (N.E. TX) Spring Assembly 03/25-26/06 (handout provided.)
 - After the Area 65 (N.E. TX) Committee Meeting, the Area 65 (N.E. TX) Chairperson (Joe P., Town North) formed an ad-hoc committee that met on 02/25/06 to address concerns brought to the attention of the Area 65 (N.E. TX) Delegate (Naomi Z., Language of the Heart.) A member of the ad-hoc committee expressed concern that the committee was out of order & should not have been formed. After discussion, the ad-hoc committee disbanded without taking any action on the items of concern. The ad-hoc committee did recommend, however, that the Area 65 (N.E. TX) committee review the most recent Area 65 (N.E. TX) inventory & take action to help bring unity to the Area.
 - 02/12/06 Combined 5 Districts Meeting report
 - Three districts (53, 54, & 55) have motions in their respective districts to withdraw from the Combined 5 Districts.
 - An appeal of the withdrawal of the motion to amend Section 2 of the Combined 5 Districts "Suggested Guidelines" was made. That motion will be reconsidered at the 03/12/06 meeting.
 - Provided financial information regarding how Combined 5 is expending funds including \$20.00 disbursement of funds for mileage reimbursement to some Area 65 (N.E. TX) Committee Chairs making a scheduled presentation.
 - Provided response to question regarding why NETA officers and standing committee chairs were allowed to participate in business portion of January Combined 5 meeting. Response based on info listed in duties in NETA Trusted Servants Handbook.
 - Attended "Mock Committee" assignment meeting on 02/17/06; have received background material on, & will be chairing, the International Conventions/Regional Forums "Mock Committee" at the Area 65 (N.E. TX) Spring Assembly 03/25-26/06.
 - The Let Go & Let God Group is active & meets on Saturday mornings at 7:30 am; they have a GSR.
 - Please let the DCM (P.J. H., The Great Fact) know of changes in GSR or Alternate GSR positions, so information can be routed to district & area secretaries and GSO.
 - Will be visiting, with the Alternate DCM (James V., ODAAT), some groups that have not been participating in district 54. All are welcome to join us.

District 54 Committee Reports

- ❖ Cooperation with the Professional Community/Public Information
 - No report. Position vacant; however, some CPC opportunities are coming up soon. (See Upcoming Events page of www.district54.org.) Contact the Area 65 (N.E. TX) CPC Chair (Boyce R., Greenville Traditions) for scheduling.
- ❖ Correctional Facilities (George N., Garland Clean Air)

- Held CFC meeting prior to this meeting, with six in attendance, including a new CFC Representative from the Legacy Group.
- We are no longer carrying a meeting into the Boyd Unit
- The next "Jail Team" quarterly prison scheduling meeting is set for 04/01/06 at 1:30 pm at the Big Book Group.
- The need continues for more A.A. volunteers to carry the message "behind the walls".
- Issues with the Area 65 (N.E. TX) CFC finances are resolved.
- ❖ **Grapevine/La Viña**
 - No report. Position vacant.
- ❖ **Treatment Facilities (Marie H., The Great Fact)**
 - Not present (written report distributed.) Next meeting is scheduled for 03/11/06, at 2:00 pm. At the Georgetown Group.
- ❖ **Intergroup Liaison (Lisa H., Clean Air North)**
 - Missed the February Intergroup Meeting, but got some information from someone in attendance.
 - New Board of Trustees is in place.
 - Looking for groups willing to accept an entire weekend commitment for Nitewatch.
 - If your group does not have an Intergroup Representative, please help find someone willing to serve.

Group Reports / GSR Concerns

- ❖ **The Addison Group**
 - Everything's going great.
- ❖ **The Belmont Group**
 - Attendance is good, especially oldtimers & newcomers.
- ❖ **The Carrollton Group**
 - Recently had a How to Chair a Meeting workshop.
 - New meeting: 6:00 am, Monday through Friday.
 - Considering moving to a larger location.
- ❖ **The Clean Air North Group**
 - Workshop on Service in AA set for 03/26/06 at 1:30 pm.
 - 14th Anniversary set for 05/21/06.
- ❖ **The Coppell Group**
 - Group attendance has nearly doubled in the last 10 months.
- ❖ **The Dallas North Group**
 - 25th Anniversary celebration set for May; details TBD.
 - Sponsorship workshop was well received, with over 90 people in attendance.
- ❖ **The Garland Clean Air Group**
 - Had Group Inventory on 02/19/06, finished in 2 hours.
 - How to Chair a Meeting workshop set for 03/18/06, 2:00 pm.
- ❖ **The Georgetown Group**
 - Steering Committee, after thoughtful consideration, decided to re-elect long serving Treasurer.
 - Anniversary set for June, details TBD.
- ❖ **The Great Fact Group**
 - Continuing to take meetings to Samaritan Inn.
- ❖ **The Into Action Group**
 - No report.
- ❖ **The Legacy Group**
 - The Area 65 (N.E. TX) Video Chair showed AA videos recently; all present enjoyed it so much, he's coming back.

- Planning a Group inventory & a workshp.
- Redistributing Combined 5 Districts contributions to the other service entities.
- ❖ **The Lifesavers Group**
 - Attendance is up, but finances are a struggle.
- ❖ **The No Hassle Group**
 - Nothing new to report.
- ❖ **The ODAAT Group**
 - Move completed; all settled in.
 - Area 65 (N.E. TX) Grapevine/La Viña workshop set for 03/28/06 at 8:00 pm.
- ❖ **The Omega Group**
 - The move to a church is complete; still getting settled in.
 - Anniversary set for April; details TBD.
 - Group Inventory set for April 1.
- ❖ **The Plano Group**
 - Struggling with attendance & finances.
 - Reinstated 10:00 pm meeting on Fridays & Saturdays.
- ❖ **The Richardson Group**
 - The Area 65 (N.E. TX) Video Chair will show AA videos on 04/01/06 at 8:00 pm.
 - Chili cookoff set for 03/11/06 at 8:00 pm.

Unfinished Business

- Proposed 2006 District 54 Budget (copies distributed)
 - Motion to approve the adjusted 2006 District 54 budget. Motion passed 13-1. After minority voice, no revote was called; motion carries.
- Bob B. (GSR, Clean Air North) introduced 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 passed 10-5, with two abstentions. After minority voice, no revote was called; motion carries.

New Business

- Final Agenda set for the Panel 56 A.A. General Service Conference (handout provided.)

Tradition/Concept Presenters for April

- Tradition Four: Camille K. (GSR, Georgetown)
- Concept Four: Bob B. (GSR, Clean Air North)

District 54 GSR Meeting Dates/Times/Locations for April/May/June

- 04/02/06, 2:00 pm, The Richardson Group
- 05/07/06, 2:00 pm, The Georgetown Group
- 06/04/06, 2:00 pm, The ODAAT 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 5:25 pm.