

AREA 65 (N.E. TX), DISTRICT 54 MONTHLY MEETING

APRIL 02, 2006

HELD AT THE RICHARDSON GROUP

- ❖ At 2:00 pm, Mike L. (GSR, Richardson) 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.)
- ❖ At this month's roll call, approximately twenty-six people were in attendance, representing fourteen groups (Belmont, Carrollton, Clean Air North, Coppell, Garland Clean Air, Georgetown, The Great Fact, Legacy, No Hassle, ODAAT, Omega, Plano, Richardson, and Rowlett.)
- ❖ Camille K. (GSR, Georgetown) led a discussion of Tradition Four.
- ❖ Bob B. (GSR, Clean Air North) led a discussion of Concept Four.



District 54 Officer Reports

- ❖ Secretary (Dave C., Clean Air North)
 - Minutes from the 03/05/06 District 54 meeting were read. They were approved with one correction.
- ❖ Treasurer (Paula T., Georgetown)
 - Financial summary-to-date was distributed along with the approved revised 2006 budget.
 - Anticipated annual group contributions fail to cover approved 2006 budget.
 - In response to the request of several of the GSRs, the Treasurer will have posted on the district website the 2005 Group Contributions Report.
- ❖ Alternate DCM / Archives (James V., ODAAT)
 - Attended most recent group conscience at the Trinity Group.
 - Attended the Area 65 (N.E. TX) Spring Assembly-kept expenses to a minimum; also brought C.D.s of Les W.'s Traditions talk for members of District 54 who would like one, and a few copies of the final report on the 55th General Service Conference were available.
 - Wanting to add GSRs, etc. to the District 54 Speaker List; please sign up & use this list to get speakers.
 - Looking to add / update group histories to our district 54 archives, on tape, cd, or paper.
 - Next Area 65 (N.E. TX) Archives meeting is set for 04/20/06 at 8:00 pm, at the Compass Group.
- ❖ District Committee Member (P.J. H., The Great Fact)
 - Recently visited these groups: Into Action, ODAAT, & Trinity, and sat in on Trinity's group conscience
 - Participated in a workshop at the Garland Clean Air Group.
 - Area 65 (N.E. TX) Spring Assembly Report (handouts provided)
 - Thirteen members from district 54 were in attendance; ten groups were represented.

- The final agenda for the 56th General Service Conference is set (copies distributed at the Assembly); the Delegate seeks any additional input on these agenda items until 04/15/06.
- Jimmy D. (DCM 53, Chicago) was elected to fill the position of Area 65 (N.E. TX) Alternate Chairperson.
- Motion: "All past Delegates may serve as non-voting Ex-Officio members on the Area Committee. Past Delegates may not be appointed as the Chairs of standing committees." was tabled; will be revisited at the Area 65 (N.E. TX) Summer Assembly.
- Motion to recall Luis P. from Special Needs Area Chair, Structure Committee, and Budget Committee, because of behavior unbecoming of a trusted servant, was tabled; working to mediate and may be revisited at the Area 65 (N.E. TX) Summer Assembly.
- Motion: The agenda for the Fall Assembly and Convention shall be the responsibility of the Area Committee. A.A. Speakers, Chairperson, and Voice of the Convention shall be the responsibility of the Delegate. The Al-Anon and Alateen Speakers and Chairperson shall be the responsibility of the Convention Chairperson, to be submitted to the Area Committee for approval. The agenda is to be finished by May 1 in order to ensure ample time for planning and printing by the Convention Committee. Motion passed unanimously.
- Area 65 (N. E. TX) Summer Assembly is set for 06/17-18/06 in Tyler.
 - Southwest Region Trustee (Gary K., Parker Group, Colorado) will participate in a Workshop / Sharing Session 05/19-21/06.
 - The Texas State Convention is set for 06/09-11/06 at the Houston Marriott.
 - SWRAASA 2006 set for 10/13-15/06 in Wichita, KS.
 - Report on Group Contributions to GSO
 - 40% of registered groups in Area 65 (N.E. TX) contributed to GSO in 2005.
 - 21 of 26 registered groups in district 54 (80%) contributed to GSO in 2005.
 - Read portions of letter from Southwest Region Trustee (Gary K., Parker Group. CO) regarding status of AAWS and need for self-support.
 - Discussed the GSO "Birthday Plan" (envelopes provided.)
 - The next Area 65 (N.E. TX) Committee Meeting is set for 04/09/06 in Waco.

District 54 Committee Reports

- ❖ Cooperation with the Professional Community/Public Information
 - No report. Position vacant.

Approved 05/07/06

- ❖ Correctional Facilities (George N., Garland Clean Air)
 - Held CFC meeting prior to this meeting, with four in attendance.
 - Quarterly prison scheduling meeting was held at the Big Book Group on 04/01/06 at 1:30 pm; attendance was light.
 - The need continues for more A.A. volunteers, especially women, to carry the message "behind the walls".
 - Looking into meetings going into the Collin County Jail.
 - The Area 65 (N.E. TX) CFC "Orange Cans" are working; to date, over \$330 in contributions have been collected.
- ❖ Grapevine/La Viña
 - No report. Position vacant.
- ❖ Treatment Facilities (Marie H., The Great Fact)
 - Workshop set for 05/06/06 at 1:30 pm, at the Georgetown Group (details at www.district54.org.)
 - Seeking updated information on meetings being carried into treatment facilities by groups in District 54.
- ❖ Intergroup Liaison (Lisa H., Clean Air North)
 - Attended the March Intergroup meeting.
 - While three groups have closed their doors, one new group has been formed.
 - The website (www.aadallas.org) continues to improve.
 - Individual Nitewatch volunteer membership is adequate, but need more groups to step up & take weekend assignments.

Presentation: What is Public Information and How Can the District / Groups Get Involved?

- The Area 65 (N.E. TX) P.I. Committee Alternate Chair (Lynn R., Meadowbrook) presented information on the importance & function of the Public Information Committee in Alcoholics Anonymous, including a Q&A session.

Group Reports / GSR Concerns

- ❖ **The Belmont Group**
 - Have instituted some changes to our meeting schedule.
- ❖ **The Carrollton Group**
 - Continuing to consider a group move.
- ❖ **The Clean Air North Group**
 - Installed a plaque reminding all of self-support.
 - Recently had a workshop on the service structure.
- ❖ **The Coppell Group**
 - The Alternate GSR resigned.
- ❖ **The Garland Clean Air Group**
 - An ad-hoc committee was formed to study responses from our group inventory & make recommendations.
 - Hosted a District 54 Workshop on how to chair meetings.
 - A workshop on 12-Step work is set for June; details TBA.
- ❖ **The Georgetown Group**
 - Will be hosting the District 54 TFC workshop on 05/06/06.
- ❖ **The Great Fact Group**
 - Continue to carry a meeting to The Samaritan Inn.

- ❖ **The No Hassle Group**
 - All is well.
- ❖ **The Legacy Group**
 - Workshop on how to chair meetings is set for 04/22/06, at 1:00 pm.
- ❖ **The ODAAT Group**
 - Recent Grapevine workshop was well received.
 - Planning a workshop on Group / Club relationship.
- ❖ **The Omega Group**
 - The DART route has changed: bus no longer lets out near the group.
 - Have begun regular contributions to A.A. entities, including participation in the "Birthday Plan."
 - Group Anniversary set for 04/29/06 at 5:00 pm.
- ❖ **The Plano Group**
 - Have recently begun contributing to the A.A. entities.
- ❖ **The Richardson Group**
 - The DCM (P.J. H., The Great fact) helped arrange to have the Area 65 (N.E. TX) Delegate (Naomi Z., Language of the Heart) make a presentation about finances & self-support, which was very informative.
 - Recently viewed A.A. videos courtesy of the Area 65 (N.E. TX) Video Chair (John C., Colony.)
- ❖ **The Rowlett Group**
 - Signed a one-year lease renewal.

Unfinished Business

- The Group Responses to Questions on Group Contributions / Finance was tabled until the 05/07/06 meeting.

New Business

- Motion: Presenting David S. (Georgetown) for disapproval for PI / CPC; hearing no disapproval, he was welcomed into the district committee.
- Motion: District 54 to contribute \$75.00 toward the cost of the lunch at the "Meet the Trustee" on May 20, 2006. Check made payable to Stuart R., Food Coordinator for May 20th. Motion passed unanimously.

Tradition / Concept Presenters for May

- Tradition Five: Mark E. (GSR, Carrollton)
- Concept Five: David S. (CPC / PI Chair, Georgetown)

District 54 GSR Meeting Dates / Times / Locations for May / June / July / August

- 05/07/06, 2:00 pm, The Georgetown Group
- 06/04/06, 2:00 pm, The ODAAT Group
- 07/02/06, 2:00 pm, The Plano Group
- 08/06/06, 2:00 pm, The Belmont Group (tentative)

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 4:30 pm.