

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

AUGUST 06, 2006

HELD AT THE BELMONT GROUP

- ❖ At 2:00 pm, Juan S. (GSR, Belmont) 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 thirty-two people were in attendance, representing fourteen groups (Belmont, Carrollton, Clean Air North, Coppell, Dallas North, Garland Clean Air, Georgetown, The Great Fact, Lifesavers, ODAAT, Omega, Plano, Richardson, and Rowlett.)
- ❖ Lisa H. (Intergroup Liaison, Clean Air North) led a discussion of Tradition Eight.
- ❖ Leanna M. (GSR, ODAAT) led a discussion of Concept Eight.

District 54 Officer Reports

- ❖ Secretary (Dave C., Clean Air North)
 - Minutes from the 07/02/06 District 54 meeting were read. They were approved with numerous corrections.
- ❖ Treasurer (Paula T., Georgetown)
 - Report given by DCM (P.J. H., The Great Fact.)
 - Financial summary-to-date was handed out along with the monthly report.
 - Beginning balance 07/31/06: \$1722.56; total July income: \$289.46; total July expenses: \$372.57; July operating balance: \$1639.45.
- ❖ Alternate DCM / Archives (James V., ODAAT)
 - Updated District 54 Speaker List is available.
 - Please help us collect a current / updated history from each group in the district, whether written or recorded, on tape or cd.
 - Will help staff an AA booth at an upcoming National Medical Association Conference.
 - Next Area 65 (N.E. TX) Archives Committee Meeting is scheduled for 08/17/06 at the Compass Group.
 - Attended the Area 65 (N.E. TX) Committee Meeting on 07/09/06 at the Meadowbrook Group.
- ❖ District Committee Member (P.J. H., The Great Fact)
 - Handouts provided: DCM report, motions presented at Area 65 (N.E. TX) Committee Meeting.
 - Recently visited the Belmont, Richardson, Rowlett, and Sachse Groups.
 - GSC Powerpoint presentation on Self-Support will be shared with District 54 members as soon as it is received.
 - Summary of responses from District 54 regarding use of non-AA published Big Books forwarded to Southwest Region Trustee (Gary K., Parker Group, CO.)
 - Review of August sharing session results will occur at September District 54 meeting.
 - District 54 voted in March 2006 to withdraw from the Combined 5 and to be removed from the Combined 5 agenda and rotation. The Combined 5 has not complied with District 54's decision. DCM (P.J. H., The Great Fact)

requested assistance from the Area 65 (N.E. TX) Delegate (Naomi Z., Language of the Heart) to resolve this Tradition violation.

➤ Report on Area 65 (N.E. TX) Committee Meeting

- Area 65 (N.E. TX) Delegate (Naomi Z., Language of the Heart) scheduled a DCM and Alternate DCM sharing session for 08/20/06.

• Motions for the Assembly:

- Motion 1: "For the NETA to purchase a sound system at a cost not to exceed \$1,300.00; with \$800.00 to come from the Convention budget and up to \$500.00 to come from the Maintenance budget. This equipment would be the responsibility of the Convention committee."
- Motion 2: "For the Coppell Group to move from District 54 into District 55 beginning January 1, 2007."
- Motion 3: "Move Golden Triangle Group out of District 61 and into District 62."
- Motion 4: "Move Saginaw Group out of District 74 into District 62."

• Motions forwarded to the Structure Committee:

- Motion: "To add the following to policy 1.2: 'past delegates are not eligible to serve as Area Officers or Standing Committee Chairs.'"
- Motion: "To amend NETA Policies and Procedures: Area Assembly

Section 2.3 Currently Reads:

2.3 Voting rights at these Area Assemblies are extended to members of the Area Committee as set forth in Article 1.1, and to all General Service Representatives (GSRs) in the Northeast Texas Area. Alternate Area Conference Chairpersons vote only in the absence of the Chairpersons. Alternate DCMs and GSRs vote only if the primary DCM or GSR is not in attendance. In the event neither the primary nor alternate is in attendance, the group should appoint a representative to attend.

Proposed Policy Would Read:

2.3 Voting rights at these Area Assemblies are extended to members of the Area Committee as set forth in Article 1.1, and to all General Service Representatives (GSRs) of GSO registered groups in the Northeast Texas Area. Alternate Area Service Conference Chairpersons (approved under section 2.2) vote only in the absence of the Chairpersons. Alternate DCMs and GSRs vote only if the primary DCM or GSR is not in attendance. ~~In the event neither the primary nor alternate is in attendance, the group should appoint a representative to attend.~~ The business portion of each NETA Assembly will begin with the NETA Secretary completing a roll call of

NETA officers, NETA standing committee chrs, DCMs and GSRs of GSO registered groups using the NETA registration attendance list. Voting members will sit in a space reserved for voting members only during the business portion of the meeting.

- Reminder: Area 65 (N.E. TX) Fall Assembly & Convention scheduled for 09/15/06 through 09/17/06 at the Sheraton Grand Hotel, 4440 John W. Carpenter Fwy., Irving, 75063. Call 1-800-345-5251 for reservations (\$69.00/night/double.) There is a \$10.00 registration fee.
- District 54 Concept Study scheduled for 6:00 pm on Sundays at the Georgetown Group beginning 09/10/06.

District 54 Committee Reports

- ❖ Cooperation with the Professional Community / Public Information (David S., Georgetown)
 - District 54 CPC / PI Committee Meeting held on 07/15/06, at the Georgetown Group, with four in attendance.
 - Assembling a list of "Proposed Goals & Activities."
 - May invite CPC/PI members from outside district 54 to participate.
 - Next CPC/PI meeting scheduled for 08/26/06, at the Georgetown Group.
- ❖ Correctional Facilities (Chair position vacant)
 - Alison G. (Dallas North) gave report.
 - Held CFC meeting prior to this meeting, with five in attendance.
 - Will visit groups to encourage participation in CF work.
 - Researching methods of collecting literature to bring into correction facilities.
- ❖ Treatment Facilities (Marie H., The Great Fact)
 - The next District 54 TFC Meeting is scheduled for 2:00 pm on 08/12/06, at the Georgetown Group.
 - Discussed how to contact a treatment facility & how CPC/PI Committee can help.
 - Would be glad to make a presentation at your group conscience.
 - Please help update our TF meeting directory (handout provided.)
- ❖ Grapevine / La Viña (Keith C., ODAAT)
 - Attended the 3rd annual Area 65 (N.E. TX) "Grapathon."
 - Planning a Dist 54 Grapevine / La Viña Committee meeting, details TBD; will attend the Area 65 (N.E. TX) Grapevine / La Viña Committee meeting on 08/12/06 at the Clean Air North Group.
- ❖ Intergroup Liaison (Lisa H., Clean Air North)
 - Limited website updates due to ongoing health issues with the DIA Director (Jim J., Cornerstone); keep him in your prayers.
 - After a physical inventory, Treasurer produced an adjusted balance sheet.
 - Nominees to fill the five rotating positions on the DIA Board of Trustees will be introduced at the October Intergroup meeting.

- C.R.I.P. needs volunteers.
- DIA looking for volunteers / submissions for newsletter.

Unfinished Business

- Motion: "Bring for disapproval Allison G. (Dallas North) as District 54 Corrections Facility Committee Chair for the remainder of the term." There was no disapproval.

District 54 Officer Elections

- The District 54 Officer Elections were conducted by Jim C. (Area 65 [N.E. TX] Alternate Treasurer, Wylie), with the assistance of Terry B. (GSR, Wylie.) The results:
 - DCM- James V. (Alternate DCM, ODAAT)
 - Alternate DCM- Bob B. (Clean Air North)
 - Treasurer- Dennis S. (GSR, Garland Clean Air)
 - Secretary- Camille K. (GSR, Georgetown)

New Business

Motion: "For Adam N. to be brought forward for disapproval as District 54 Alternate Correctional Facilities Committee Chair until the end of the panel." There was no disapproval.

Tradition / Concept Presenters for September

- Tradition Nine: Camille K. (GSR, Georgetown)
- Concept Nine: Bob B. (Alternate DCM-elect, Clean Air North)

District 54 GSR Meeting Dates / Times / Locations for September through December

- 09/03/06, 2:00 pm, The Dallas North Group
- 10/08/06, 2:00 pm, The Clean Air North Group (Special day)
- 11/05/06, 2:00 pm, The Rowlett Group
- 12/03/06, 2:00 pm, The Legacy Group

Group Reports / GSR Concerns

- ❖ **The Garland Clean Air Group**
 - 15th Anniversary Celebration scheduled for 10/21/06.
- ❖ **The Lifesavers Group**
 - Dance scheduled for 8:00 pm on 09/02/06.
- ❖ **The ODAAT Group**
 - Anniversary Celebration scheduled for 09/08/06 through 09/10/06.
- ❖ **The Richardson Group**
 - Anniversary scheduled on Assembly weekend.

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 4:45 pm.