

AREA 65 (NORTHEAST TEXAS), DISTRICT 54 MONTHLY MEETING

JANUARY 4TH, 2009

HELD AT THE CLEAN AIR NORTH GROUP

- ❖ Greg G. (District 54 DCM) welcomed everyone and opened the meeting. Bill I. (Alt. GSR, Clean Air North) led in The Serenity Prayer, and read "Why Do We Need A Conference" from page S-19 of The AA Service Manual.
- ❖ Twenty-two members were present, representing ten groups.
- ❖ Lonnie H. (GSR, Clean Air North) led a discussion of The First Tradition.
- ❖ Pam C. (GSR, The Great Fact Group) led a discussion of The First Concept.

District 54 Officer and Standing Committee Reports

- ❖ Secretary (Marion D., Legacy)
 - David S. (Alternate DCM) substituting for Marion D. (Secretary) read the minutes. The following corrections were made:
 - Under Treatment Facilities, the second bullet should read "Meetings are available at Green Oaks." (Not "Treatment Facility Meetings...")
 - The motion to rename "The Cooperation with the Professional Community and Public Information Committee" to "The Public Information Committee" was not passed; it was tabled until the January, 2009 district meeting.
 - The first bullet under Old Business, "Want to bring Stephanie S to bring forward to be the CPC/PI committee chair for the next panel." should have been followed by "There was no disapproval."
 - The minutes were approved after amendments for minor typographic errors.
- ❖ District Committee Member (Greg G., Clean Air North)
 - We still need an Alternate secretary.
 - Please also note that the district has an informational website, district54.org, as well as the NETA website, neta65.org.
 - An ad hoc committee to review the district inventory will be assembled at the February meeting.
 - The incoming Alternate Delegate (Jim C.) will give a review of the AA service structure at the February meeting.
 - GSO group update forms were made available. GSRs are encouraged to fill them out and send them in.
- ❖ Alt. DCM (David S, Clean Air North)
 - Asked district officers and standing committee chairs to activate their email accounts, if they haven't already done so.
 - A new district speaker list will be put together. d report.
- Due to an unfortunate occurrence, the District 54 archives have been irretrievably lost. Group histories and/or district documents (minutes prior to December 2003, committee reports, workshop flyers, etc.) would be greatly appreciated in order to recreate the archives.
- ❖ Treasurer (John G., Carrollton)
 - Presented printed reports, including a monthly Balance Sheet, Group Contributions, and the District 54 Budget 2008 Ledger.
 - **January 3, 2009 Report:** Beginning balance: \$11,068.71, less prudent reserve of \$1,500, leaving December operating funds of \$9,568.71. Total December income: \$1,865.82. Total December expenses: \$307.76, leaving total operating funds as of 1/1/2009 of \$11,126.77. Adding \$1,500 prudent reserve back in leave the closing balance at \$12,626.77.
 - John asked chairs to use the expense form that is available on the district website.
 - He will be closing out the books from panel 57 and provide a final report at the February district meeting.
- ❖ Corrections (Rick P., Clean Air North)
 - Has contacted outgoing NETA Corrections Chair to forward orange can group contributions.
- ❖ Treatment Facilities (Seth P., ODAAT)
 - Worked with outgoing TF Chair (Dave R.) to continue the previous panel's work.
- ❖ Literature / Intergroup (Mike L., Richardson)
 - Had an informal meeting with a few AA members, discussing how to go forward.
- ❖ The 7th Tradition basket was passed.
- ❖ Group Reports
 - Dallas North (Holly F., Dallas North) Due to Richardson laws, Dallas North is now non-smoking
 - Great Fact (Pam C., Great Fact) The group donates any surplus funds (over prudent reserve) to AA entities at the end of each quarter. The group had a good amount to contribute during the last quarter.
 - Carrollton (John G., District 54 Treasurer) Circulated flyers about an upcoming Men's retreat.
- ❖ Old Business
 - Greg G. (DCM) made the following motion:
To change the Guiding Principles
1. d) v) Secretary Responsibilities
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- The motion passed 17-0

- David S. (Alternate DCM) moved to change the name of the "The Cooperation with the Professional Community and Public Information Committee" to "The Public Information Committee"
The motion passed unanimously.

❖ New Business

- The February Second Tradition discussion will be led by JoAnne M. (Alternate GSR, Rowlett)

- The February Second Concept discussion will be led by Seth P. (Treatment Facilities Chair)

❖ A motion was to adjourn made, seconded, and passed.

UPCOMING GSR MEETING DATES / TIMES

❖ 2/1/2009 Dallas North at 2:00 pm

❖ 3/1/2009 Richardson at 2:00 pm

❖ 4/5/2009 Carrollton Group