

AREA 65 (NORTHEAST TEXAS), DISTRICT 54 MONTHLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 1TH, 2009
HELD AT THE DALLAS NORTH GROUP

- ❖ Greg G. (District 54 DCM) opened the meeting and introduced Holli F. (Dallas North GSR), who led the group in The Serenity Prayer, and read "Why Do We Need a Conference?" from The AA Service Manual.
- ❖ A sign-up sheet was passed around. Twenty three members were present, representing thirteen groups.
- ❖ Jo-Anne M. (Alt. GSR, Rowlett) led a discussion of the 2nd Tradition.
- ❖ David S. (Alt. DCM) led a discussion of the 2nd Concept.

District 54 Officer and Standing Committee Reports

- ❖ Secretary (Marion D., Legacy)
 - Marion was absent due to illness. David S. (Alternate DCM), substituting for Marion, read the minutes. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made, seconded and passed.
- ❖ District Committee Member (Greg G., Clean Air North)
 - The Into Action Group has closed its doors.
 - 140 Big Books were purchased for by the District, and has ordered 20 copies of the new Beginners book published by The Grapevine, and about 400 back issues of the Grapevine. These are all available upon request.
 - The General Service Conference will be held in New York on April 26th thru May 2nd. Following the General Service Conference, NETA 65 Delegate Jimmy D. will give a conference report at a joint meeting of Districts 53, 54, 55. This presentation will be held at the Cornerstone Group on May 3rd at 1:00 pm.
 - The NETA Spring 2009 Assembly will be held March 21st – 22nd in Dallas at the Doubletree Hotel, 4099 Valley View Lane.
 - The Texas State AA Convention will be held June 12th – 14th in Austin at the Doubletree Hotel at 6505 IH 35 North. Reservations can be made by calling 800-347-0330. The website is at www.txaaconvention.org.
 - The Southwest Regional Forum will be held October 9th – 11th at the Westin DFW Airport Hotel, 4545 W. John Carpenter Freeway, Irving. More information will be forthcoming from GSO.

- Preliminary agendas for the General Service Conference are available.
- We still need an alternate secretary. Suggested sobriety of 2 years or more.
- Seth P. has resigned and we will need a new Treatment Facility Committee chair.
- An ad hoc committee to review the District Inventory will meet at 1:00 pm at The Richardson group, before the next District 54 meeting. The committee will consist of Mike L. (Literature/Intergroup Liaison), Pam C. (GSR, Great Fact), David S. (Alternate DCM), Lonnie H. (GSR, Clean Air North), and Dave R. (GSR, Georgetown).
- ❖ Alt. DCM (David S, Clean Air North)
 - The new District 54 Speaker list is ready. Please sign up, if interested!
 - The next NETA Archives Committee meeting will be held on February 19th at 7:00 pm at The Harbor Group in Fort Worth.
- ❖ Treasurer (John G., Carrollton)
 - Presented printed reports, including a monthly Balance Sheet, Group Contributions,
 - Feb 1, 2009 Report: Beginning balance: \$12,626.77, less prudent reserve of \$4,000, leaving January operating funds of \$8,626.77. Total January income: \$661.95. Total January expenses: \$8,855.90, leaving total operating funds as of 1/31/2009 of \$432.82. Adding \$4,000 prudent reserve back in leave the closing balance at \$4,432.82.
 - The district funds have been moved from a checking account at Compass Bank to one at Bank of America.
 - The DCM expenses includes purchased literature of \$1472.
 - The distribution of excess funds remaining from the previous panel were split 50/50 between GSO and NETA. There was some discussion about whether those funds should have been send without final approval by the district.
- ❖ Public Information (Stephanie S., Dallas North)
 - Went to the Winter NETA Assembly and met Gary NETA CPC chair.

- Contacted Janis R. at Dallas Intergroup, and got contact information for the CPC and PI chairs there.
- Has a new Public Information rep. from ODAAT.
- Spoke to Dallas County Probation Office trainer about giving an AA presentation at their next training session.
- Will be hosting an AA booth at the RISD Community Fair on February 19th.
- ❖ Grapevine / La Viña – Not present
- ❖ Correctional Facilities (Rick P., Clean Air North)
 - Talked to incoming area Correction chair. Working to learn plans of coming year's plan to add meetings at prisons.
 - NEED VOLUNTEERS. Only one meeting per quarter is requested of your time.
 - The Area Committee has staffed meetings at the 5 prisons presently being attended in corrections facilities.
 - Could use some of the books recently purchased by the district.
- ❖ Treatment Facilities (Seth P., ODAAT)
 - Regretfully submitted resignation to the district.
- ❖ Literature/Intergroup (Mike L., Richardson)
 - Available to visit groups to make short presentations regarding AA literature.
 - Will be reviewing background information for conference literature agenda items and making a report to the district, May hold a meeting to discuss those changes.
- ❖ GSRs: Group Activities & Concerns
 - New Freedom (Bill P., GSR) Handed out four 1 year chips at their last birthday meeting.
 - Dallas North (Holli F., GSR) Will be holding a Service Structure and Traditions Workshop on March 8th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, facilitated by Alternate Delegate Jim C.
 - Legacy (David L., GSR) Requested copies of Big Books for Collin County jail meetings.
 - Rowlett (Edith C., GSR) Recently conducted a group inventory moderated by Past Delegate Larry J. Content was distributed and will be discussed at the next Rowlett business meeting.
 - Richardson (Richard Z., GSR) Now non-smoking.
- ❖ The 7th Tradition basket was passed.
- ❖ Presentation and Q&A (Jim C, Alt Delegate), "AA's Service Structure Part 1: GSR thru Delegate"
- ❖ Old Business
 - There was no old business.
- ❖ New Business
 - There was further discussion of the distribution of excess funds. DCM Greg G. and Treasurer John G. will attempt to stop those checks and contact the service entities to ask them not to deposit those checks, in order to give the district an opportunity to fully discuss what to do with those funds.
 - Pam C. (Great Fact Group GSR) made the following motion: "Move that District 54 partially fund GSR's to attend area assemblies. In an amount equal to 8 room nights per assembly. To be funded with excess funds carried over from previous panel."
 - The motion was seconded.
 - After some discussion, it was decided that the motion would be put on the March agenda, giving GSRs the opportunity to consult with their groups.
 - Pam C. (Great Fact Group GSR) made the following motion: "Move that District 54 stop passing the basket at monthly meetings."
 - The motion was seconded.
 - After some discussion, the motion failed 5 – 10. There was no minority voice.
 - David L. (Legacy GSR) requested one case of paperback Big Books from the District for meetings being taken into Collin County jails. There was no disapproval.
 - The March Third Tradition discussion will be led by Thomas G. (GSR, Garland Clean Air)
 - The March Third Concept discussion will be led by John G. (District 54 Treasurer)
- ❖ Upcoming GSR Meeting Dates / Times
 - March 1st, 2009 – Richardson at 2:00 pm
 - April 5th, 2009 – Carrollton Group at 2:00 pm
 - May 3rd, 2009 – Joint Districts 53, 54, and 55 Meeting to be held at The Cornerstone Group at 1:00 pm for NETA Delegate's report on The General Service Conference.
- ❖ A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed.