

**AREA 65 (NORTHEAST TEXAS), DISTRICT 54 MONTHLY MEETING**  
**APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2009**  
**HELD AT THE CARROLLTON GROUP**

Dave S. (District 54 Alt. DCM) opened the meeting and introduced Beth M (GSR, Carrollton Group) 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 members were present, representing twelve groups.
- ❖ Marion D., (D54 Secretary) led a discussion of the 4th Tradition.
- ❖ Pam C., (GSR Great Fact Grp.) led a discussion of the 4<sup>th</sup> Concept.

**District 54 Officer and Standing Committee Reports**

- ❖ Secretary (Marion D., Legacy)  
Marion read the minutes. A motion to accept the minutes with corrections was made (Lonnie H., Clean Air North), seconded (John G. Treasurer, D 54) and passed.
- ❖ District Committee Member (Greg G., Clean Air North, presented by Dave S. Alt. DCM)
  - The Chrysalis Group is a new Group with 6 members. They are listed as meeting in the Collinwood Nursing Facility, 3100 S Rigsbee Ct, Plano 75074 and have 1 meeting a week on Tuesdays @ 7pm.
  - Special Needs is working with the Director of 22 Assisted Living Centers and need volunteers.
  - The Southwest Regional Forum October 9th – 11th at the Westin DFW Airport Hotel, 4545 W. John Carpenter Freeway, Irving. 972-929-4500. The room rate is \$80.00. You may make your reservation now. Registration to the Regional Forum is FREE and all AA members are welcome to attend. The online registration will soon be available at <http://aa.org/lang/en/subpage.cfm?page=106>.
- ❖ Alt. DCM (David S, Clean Air North)
  - Attended the Northeast Texas Area Spring Assembly. 18 District 54 trusted servants attended, 11 voting members.
  - Most of Assembly dedicated to mock service committee meetings reviewing Conference agenda.
  - The NETA Alternate Chair reported on several upcoming workshops throughout the area. None in District 54. If any group would like to have a workshop, I'll be glad to help.
  - Four motions were presented
  1. Separate the Intergroup Liaison and Literature Committee into two separate standing committees. Failed 1-92. No minority voice spoke.
  2. NETA Service Committee that choose to develop guidelines, workbook or pamphlets as "service pieces" will submit them to the Area Committee for review. – Motion withdrawn
  3. Beginning with Panel 61, the NETA 65 Literature Committee be established as a separate committee and include the responsibilities of the Audio-Video Committee. The AA guidelines on Literature Committee will be used as the model for the committee's scope and procedures.-- Motion passed 78-20.

4. Include in the digital recording duties of the Archivist/ Historian maintaining the GSO Fellowship New Vision "FNV" and NETA directory database. Motion failed 37/50.

- Special Needs Committee is seeking volunteers.
- Time to update GSO on most current group contact info:
- Please check the information on the handout, and make whatever updates are needed. Group Information Change Forms are available.
- The next NETA Archives committee meeting will be held at The ODAAT Group on April 16th at 7:00 pm.
- ❖ Treasurer (John G., Carrollton)
  - Presented printed reports, including a monthly Balance Sheet, Group Contributions,
  - Beginning balance: \$7,917.70 less prudent reserve of \$4,000, leaving March operating funds of \$3,917.70. Total March income: \$445.02. Total March expenses: 173.75, leaving total operating funds as of 3/31/2009 of \$4,188.97. Adding \$4,000 prudent reserve back in leave the closing balance at \$8,188.97.
  - Stop payment for check to NETA did not work.
- ❖ Public Information (Stephanie S., Dallas North) –
  - Attended Area 65 CPC and PI committee meeting on Mar 20
  - Attended Area Assembly on Mar 21
  - Staffed CPC/PI tables at Irving Spring Conference on 4/4/09
  - Responded to request from Dramawerks Production company to meet with PI Committee for specific information about AA for upcoming theater production of Days of Wine & Roses. Director will be contacting us about date & time.
  - Will participate in the Dallas County Supervision Dept's training session for new probation officers, discussing what AA is and is not. Along with Representatives of Al-Anon & NA on April 8/09
- ❖ Grapevine / La Viña – Position chair has resigned, replacement required
- ❖ Correctional Facilities (Rick P., Clean Air North)
  - Area corrections met on Mar. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2pm.
  - Correction orientation to be scheduled locally in May for TDCJ. Prison info to be provided when available on website
  - Annual one-day corrections conference set for Nov 14, 09. To renew orientation and first time volunteers orientation.
  - Orange can, donation letter presented to Area 65 chair on behalf of Carrollton group
  - New women's prison meeting - Bridgeport, Tx, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month.
  - Next meeting: NETA Corrections – Friendship Group, Lewisville, Tx, July 26<sup>th</sup> 1 pm.
- ❖ Treatment Facilities (Thomas K.)
  - Attended Area 65 CPC/PI meeting March 20.
  - From the AA TF Workbook – "The Primary Purpose of the TF Committee is the same throughout the US and Canada, to

carry the AA message to the alcoholic who still suffers.:  
"There is probably no better place for an A.A. member to find a suffering alcoholic than in a treatment facility.: According to the 2007 survey, factors most responsible for members coming to AA, Treatment Facility – 33%.

- Anyone have access to Garland facility?
- Have box of literature that is a year old, contact Thomas if require materials.
- TF Committee Meetings – No TF Area Meeting, District TF meetings will be announced at the the D54 web site
- In cooperation with other AA committees:

1) Intergroup – Assisting with a report of what groups attend what facilities at what time, which we will present to the district in May.

2) NETA – Attend CPC and PI committee meetings – Discussed communication with administrators in hospitals. Expect to receive a copy of a presentation packaged used in combined 6, and to sit in on a 1<sup>st</sup> contact meeting in April.

3) District 54 – We are reaching out to the Group TF reps. We have met with three of the Facility administrators within our District.

- BTG – Bridging the Gap – A.A. members volunteer to be temporary contacts and introduce those coming out of treatment facilities to Alcoholics Anonymous.

❖ Literature/Intergroup (Mike L., Richardson)

- Will be resigning in November as leaving for Afghanistan

-Limited availability until then, if someone else is interested in position, is available.

-All GSRs should take this back to groups on whether he should be replaced now, or wait until November.

Other choice is to have alternate now who will become Chair in November. Suggest 2 years sobriety minimum.

❖ GSRs: Group Activities & Concern

- **Rowlett Group** -- Eliminated 6pm Sunday pm meeting
  - **Carrollton Group** made donation to Corrections because they had additional funds available.
  - **New Freedom Group** Saturday pm Candlelight meeting at 10pm. Danger of not succeeding, deciding at next group conscience whether to continue or not.
  - **Cottonwood BB** growing significantly from 7 to 35 members, when Into Action closed
  - **Georgetown**, Fri 6 pm Family Afterward meeting, no longer meeting as an AA meeting.
  - **Legacy Grp** – 1) Willing to provide funds for hospitality suite at Summer Assembly – Need to discuss with Chair of Assembly, 2) Planning workshop on volunteering in correction facilities and young people in AA. Participation from Area in Corrections workshop. 3) Eliminating Tues and Thurs pm at 6 pm meeting times. Referring people to ODAAT meeting. 4) Switched opening from cellphones, to use of electronic device.
  - **Dallas North** -- 1) Anniversary meeting Sun. May 17.
- ❖ The 7th Tradition basket was passed.

❖ **Old Business**

- Spirit of Recovery Group -- website indicates they are part of Spirit of Recovery Church. The church site has a link back to Group
- Violates variety of traditions, in long form of Traditions: Tradition 3: "no other affiliation" hard coded into traditions.
- Neither New Oxford Group or Spirit of Recovery are registered with GSO.
- Discussion on whether we should only list groups that are GSO or in the process of registering with GSO
- Motion to drop Spirit of Recovery Group (or any other name they go by) from our district list (M/S Lonnie, Bill P.) 13 for, carried unanimously
- District Inventory Ad Hoc Meeting Recommendations: presented, will be voted on at next meeting.

❖ **New Business**

- Motion: Excess funds from panel 57 in the amount of \$3,450 be distributed to the General Service Office (Moved by Lonnie, seconded by Edith)

(13 for, 1 opposed) No minority voice

- Other business, motion by Lonnie: Bring forth the following motion through district endorsement to the area: That all hospitality rooms associated with and or funded by NETA 65 area assemblies be smoke free to align with NETA 65 smoke free policy (Lonnie, Dave L from Legacy – **Will be on agenda for May**)

❖ For June Meetings:

- Tradition 5/6 Moderator: Rick P. (corrections chair)
- Concept 5/6 Moderator: (David S., Alt. DCM)

❖ John will email out finances before May meeting.

❖ Upcoming GSR Meeting Dates / Times

- May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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.
- Food hosts for May meeting: Thomas G., Garland Clean Air will chair the 'food host' subcommittee.
- June 7, 2009, Addison Group
- July 5, 2009, Legacy Group
- August 2, 2009 --

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