

**AREA 65 (NORTHEAST TEXAS), DISTRICT 54 MONTHLY MEETING**  
**AUGUST 2, 2009**  
**HELD AT THE CLEAN AIR NORTH GROUP**

- Pam C. (GSR, Great Fact Group) opened the meeting and led the group in The Serenity Prayer, and read "Why Do We Need a Conference?" from The AA Service Manual.
- Twenty four members were present, representing twelve groups.
- David L (GSR Legacy Group) led a discussion of the 8th Tradition.
- Jo-Anne M. (Alt. GSR Rowlett Group led a discussion of the 8th Concept.
- **District 54 Officer and Standing Committee Reports**
- **Secretary (Marion D., Legacy)**
  - ❖ Marion read the minutes from the July meeting. A motion to accept the minutes with corrections was made, seconded and passed (Pam C/Jo-Anne M).
- **District Committee Member (Greg G., Clean Air North)**
  - ❖ Rick P. has been asked to be alternate Corrections chair at Area, so we will be looking Corrections Chair
  - ❖ Also still need Grapevine/ La Vina, and still need treasurer
  - ❖ Please let us know if you know anyone who can fill positions.
- **Alt. DCM (David S, Clean Air North)**
  - ❖ If you'd like to car pool for the Fall Assembly in Fort Worth, please sign up on the sign-up sheet. Since this is an "in-town" assembly, room-sharing is probably not necessary.
  - ❖ District 54 Speaker Lists are available. Please sign up if available to speak.
  - ❖ The District 54 Action History is now ready, including activity from October, 2004 through May, 2009. It will be made available on the District 54 website.
- **Treasurer (John G., Carrollton)**
  - ❖ Presented reports, including a monthly Balance Sheet, Group Contributions, Check Register and Ledger
  - ❖ Beginning balance: \$8,191.76 less prudent reserve of \$4,000, leaving July operating funds of \$4,191.76. Total May income: \$596.24 Total July expenses: \$529.94 leaving total operating funds as of 7/31/2009 of \$4,258.06. Adding \$4,000 prudent reserve back in leave the closing balance at \$8,258.06.
- **Treatment Facilities ( Thomas K., )**
  - ❖ TF Committee Meetings – No TF Area Meeting yet announced, updates will be posted at <http://www.district54.org/committees.html>.
  - ❖ In cooperation with other AA committees...
- ❖ Intergroup – Still working on Groups attend what facilities at what time.
- ❖ District 54 – We are reaching out to the Group TF reps. Upon a very good suggestion, we are reviewing treatment facilities in our geographic area with regards to costs, whether they accept walk-ins, destitute, 'real alcoholics, active drunks, etc.
- ❖ BTG – Bridging the Gap - A.A. members volunteer to be temporary contacts and introduce those coming out of treatment facilities to Alcoholics Anonymous. Contact me for details and to be added to the list for contact.
- **Public Information (Stephanie S., Dallas North, Presented by David L., GSR Legacy)**
  - ❖ Participated with David S. in a presentation of AA to residents at Baylor University Medical Center in Garland, Tx on 7/20/09.
  - ❖ Co-coordinated monthly trip with DAAMES to bring AA to Gatesville women's prison on July 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - ❖ Received information from Area 65 CPC chair, Gary D., regarding an opportunity for AA to participate in the annual Texas Counseling Association conference in Dallas in November. Will contact GSO this week to learn how this was done in the past and what to do now. Jim C., Joe C., and Brandon H. have offered their help in getting it going.
  - ❖ Co-chairing Corrections Workshop on Sunday, 8/2 from 2 to 4 at Legacy Group.
  - ❖ Will attend North Texas RoundUp later this month.
- **Correctional Facilities (Rick P., Clean Air North)**
  - ❖ Rick has resigned in order to be Alt. Corrections Chair for Area 65. Congratulations Rick
  - ❖ Rick thanks all for service opportunity. I wish to thank you all for your service to corrections and your dedication to carry the message behind the walls. I look forward to serving you in the future.
  - ❖ Attended two corrections facilities per month: Hutchins State Jail need volunteers for Tues & Friday nights, must be TDCJ approved.
  - ❖ Powledge Prison – Last chance group celebrated its 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. 8 volunteers & 50 plus members in attendance.
  - ❖ Quarterly Area 65 Corrections meeting was held July 26 at Friendship Group,
  - ❖ Corrections Conference details finalized. To be held Nov. 14, 2009 8 am to 8pm in Corinth, Tx. Fliers will be available soon.
  - ❖ Annual corrections conference purpose: Important: You will be able to update your corrections credentials.
- **Literature/Intergroup Report (Maureen H., Great Fact)**

### Literature Report:

- ❖ The Pizza and Pamphlet party was a great success on July, 19<sup>th</sup> at the Georgetown group.
- ❖ 17 members of 12 groups from 3 districts reviewed the pamphlet with lively discussion from 2:00pm to 6:15pm. There were 15 District 54 participants representing 10 groups. The results of the review of the Questions and Answers on Sponsorship pamphlet are in a separate report.

### Intergroup Report:

- ❖ The July Intergroup meeting was attended by over 30 groups.
- ❖ The Dallas Central Office is requesting group histories so they can be included in a Dallas Group History volume they are publishing called The History of Dallas Groups. They want as many histories as possible, as soon as possible, because they will have the book/booklet published around the time of the Dallas Intergroup Anniversary which is September 12, 2009. Please send your group histories as a manuscript. It is not too late to send in your information. if you have questions, please contact Janis R. at 214-887-6699 or Janis@aadallas.org
- ❖ There is a new price list for literature that became effective July 1, 2009
- ❖ The new Young People's poster is in stock; it is a full color 12" x 18" poster and has room for group information at the bottom. It is nicely done and the DIA is offering it at an introductory price of \$1.00.
- ❖ The Dallas Central Office is offering a tax free day on Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009
- ❖ The Greater Dallas Meeting Schedules for Summer-Fall, 2009 are in stock.
- ❖ The Dallas Central Office 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Celebration will be held September 12, 2009 from 5pm-9pm. The speaker will be Judge Jim McN, Santa Barbara, California. There will also be a panel of "Oldtimers" speaking on Dallas/AA history. Pre-registration is \$8 (by Sept 4<sup>th</sup>), \$10 at the door. Cake, Coffee and Soft drinks will be served. The event will be held at: The Fellowship Dallas Church, 9330 N. Central Expressway, Dallas, TX 75231

### **Grapevine/La Vina:**

- ❖ No Report: Chair Position open--at least 1 yr sobriety
- **GSRs: Group Activities & Concern**
  - ❖ Pam C. thanked group for opportunity to host this meeting.

- ❖ Chris B. Addison GSR, apologizes for burdening other groups with attendees while their A/C broke down.
- ❖ Billy Plano Group:
  - ❖ Mon. Aug 17, 8pm –Arthur of will be presenting history of AA at Plano Meeting.
  - ❖ Plano Anniversary Meeting Sept 12 9 am to 11pm, 5 speakers.
  - ❖ N. Texas Roundup coming up – flyers on table.
  - ❖ David L. (Legacy Group) Young Person's meeting at 6 pm on Sunday
  - ❖ Next workshop at Legacy will be on Chairing a Meeting in September.

- The 7th Tradition basket was passed.
- **Old Business** -- None
- **New Business**
  - ❖ Discussion on use of the District Directory with the following conclusions:
    - ❖ Do not post roster at meetings or email out to membership.
    - ❖ Put note in footer "Contains Personal and confidential information. Do not post or distribute"
    - ❖ There will be an election for a treasurer for next month. We have at least one person interested. (Jo-Anne M, Rowlett)
    - ❖ Rick P., Corrections: Looking for donations for November corrections chair
    - ❖ Motion to send donation of \$25 for corrections conference, Rick P./John G. Passed unanimously.

### **For Septemer Meeting:**

- Tradition 9 Moderator: Bill I., (Alt. GSR, Clean Air North)
- Concept 9 Moderator: Chris B., (GSR, Addison)

### **Upcoming GSR Meeting Dates / Times**

- September 6, 2009 – Georgetown
- October 4, 2009 – Rowlett Group
- November 7, 2009 – Dallas North
- Dec , 2009 -- ODAAT

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed. Pam, Jo-Anne