

AREA 65 (NORTHEAST TEXAS), DISTRICT 54 MONTHLY MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 2009
HELD AT THE DALLAS NORTH GROUP
HOSTED BY OMEGA GROUP)

- Peggy G. (Omega 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 three members were present, representing 14 groups.
- Greg G.(DCM) led discussion of 11th Tradition.
- Rod C. (Treasurer D54) led a discussion of 11th Concept.

- District 54 Officer and Standing Committee Reports
- Secretary (Marion D., Legacy)
 - ❖ Marion read the minutes from the October meeting. A motion to accept the minutes with corrections was made, seconded and passed .

- **District Committee Member (Greg G., Clean Air North)**
 - ❖ The positions for the District's Corrections Chair is open. Please announce at your groups so that we may find a qualified and willing person to fill this service commitment.
 - ❖ 2010 International Convention in San Antonio TX on July 1-4, 2010. <http://aa.org/lang/en/subpage.cfm?page=199>
 - ❖ 4000 Volunteers needed for the 2010 International Convention. Volunteer Kick-Off Meeting – 1pm Jan 9, 2010 @ Henry B Gonzalez Convention Center, 200 E Market St, San Antonio. www.aa75.org
 - ❖ SWRAASA – Oct 8-10, 2010 in Denver. www.swraasa.org
 - ❖ David S. will be organizing car pooling to San Antonio for the Kickoff meeting.
 - ❖ Thank you to Omega Group for hosting and thank you to Dallas North for allowing them to host.
 - ❖ Budget committee met today, results will be presented at next District meeting.
 - ❖ Next Assembly: March 27, in Glen Rose at Comfort Inn.

- **Alt. DCM (David S, Clean Air North)**
 - ❖ Speaker lists are available
 - ❖ Will be attending Volunteer Kick off in San Antonio.

- **Treasurer (Rod C.,)**
 - ❖ Presented reports, including a monthly Balance Sheet, Group Contributions, Check Register and Ledger
 - ❖ Beginning balance: \$8886.61 less prudent reserve of \$4,000, leaving October operating funds of \$4886.71. Total October income: \$854.16. Total October expenses: \$ -195.90 leaving total operating funds as of 10/31/2009 of \$5,936.77. Adding \$4,000 prudent reserve back in leave the closing balance at \$9,936.77.
 - ❖ Grapevine Rep asks about possibility of additional budget to buy Grapevine literature.
 - ❖ Questions on how much discretion is available for Chairs to reallocate within budget. Need to bring it to Budget committee to get approval.

- **Treatment Facilities (Thomas K.,)**
 - No report

- **Public Information (Stephanie Z., Dallas North)**
 - ❖ Attended Area PI meeting via conference call on 10/18/09.
 - ❖ Staffed the AA booth at a community Health Fair at Hedrick elementary school in Lewisville on 10/20/09.
 - ❖ CPC: (Technically, these activities are part of correctional facility committee work, but I consider them part of the Professional Community)
 - ❖ Stepped up as secretary of DAAMES.
 - ❖ Will attend the Correctional Committee Conference in Corinth on 11/14/09 to be re-certified for TDCJ and to participate in a panel discussion as a volunteer carrying the message into these facilities.
 - ❖ Need to request another case of Big Books for "Grace Unlimited" halfway house for women coming out of prisons.
 - ❖ Q. on whether Grace Unlimited is in our district? A: No, much of our work is outside of district, but we are carrying the message.

- **Correctional Facilities (Vacant)**
 - ❖ No report

- **Literature/Intergroup Report (Marie H., Great Fact)**
 - The newest printed directory, the *Greater Dallas Meeting Schedule for Winter/Spring 2010* are available. Any group needing large numbers of Newcomer Packs or just packs of directories please call ahead and we get them ready for you.

 - The November Intergroup meeting took place on Nov 12th at 8pm 6202 E. Mockingbird Lane, First United Lutheran Church, Dallas, We will be voting for new Board Members at this meeting so please do your best to be there. The final nominees will introduce themselves and tell you a bit about their AA background. There is one vote per group, which can be cast by either the Intergroup Rep or if the Intergroup Rep can not attend the meeting, the Assistant Intergroup Rep can vote for the group. The Runner Ups are very important to us as well. It is quite often that an elected Board member has to resign and a runner up will be called in to fill that position. The Current Board was a hard working, innovative group of people and they will be missed!

- ❖ The Central Office will be closed for Thanksgiving November 26th and 27th, giving groups a wonderful opportunity for a group party. The Central Office will buy the pizza! We are looking for groups willing to take an all nighter or all day shift to help cover the Thanksgiving holiday. We have our trusty volunteers of course, but

thought it would be fun to offer this time period to groups that might want to hold an Alcahion or Family Movie Marathon or whatever you might come up with. All it takes is a group and a phone and some Nightwatch volunteers. Call the office if your group is interested and we will work something out. 214-887-6699.

- ❖ The history of AA as it was begun in Akron and spread throughout the world may primarily be found in three books published by AA World Services, Inc: The history of AA in Dallas itself is, unfortunately, rather sketchy. The story of our beginning by Esther E in April, 1943 is well-documented, but there are large gaps in our records as to the growth of AA in the late '40s, '50s and '60s. We ask all knowledgeable oldtimers to come forward with information so that we may compile an accurate record of AA in Dallas
- ❖ Dallas Intergroup publishes quarterly newsletter where you can submit stories.

Services/Ad Hoc Committee Report:

- ❖ Service meeting to be 1:30 pm to 5:30 on Sunday Jan 24
- ❖ Next meeting of committee Sunday 1 to 3 pm Nov. 15. to finish up ideas and details.

Grapevine/La Vina: (Mike L., Richardson)

- ❖ Direction in future will depend on what group reps want.
- ❖ Needs invitation from Group Conscience to attend group meetings and talk about Grapevine
- ❖ First meeting of Grapevine Group reps is on 4th Saturday this month at 11 am. Richardson Group
- ❖ Wants to buy literature. Number and budget to be determined.

Area Corrections Chair:

- ❖ Brought flyers for upcoming Corrections conference. Also brought a few copies of new application for police certification.
- **GSRs: Group Activities & Concerns**
- The 7th Tradition basket was passed.
- Old Business –
- ❖ What did you experience at the Regional forum? (District and GSO:)
- ❖ Chris B.: interesting to hear from different districts
- ❖ Suzi: At Reception Table, great time, spent time in archives, interesting stories from early days.
- ❖ Pam C.: Much mending of fences, singleness of purpose, some workshops not well planned, topics from audience
- ❖ David S: Enjoyed meeting Class A Trustees, new chairman
- ❖ Exec Chair: Questions on constitutionality of AA in the courts, unable to fully discuss, but very new to position, did well for that period

- ❖ Greg: interesting to have conversation with people from New York, GSO.
- ❖ Forum is recorded but not available because informal and don't want what they said to come back to them as official and create problems.
- ❖ Marie: Heard presentations from Area delegates: Some wonderful key points from speakers. Very worthwhile.
- ❖ Lonny: Great talking to Grapevine Chair from GSO about Gray pages.
- **New Business:**
- ❖ Greg wants \$150 for meat for Service Workshop. Budget for Workshop (Marie) \$250. Total budget \$400 (M/S/ Approved)
- ❖ Grapevine rep: Item for Area, seeking district endorsement: Mike L. : To request any reference to La Vigne be removed from any CPC kit and workbook and any other AA literature. Canadian French publication not official GSO publication. No oversight by AA.
- ❖ Tabled to next month as there was a lot of debate on both sides of the issue.
- ❖ Stephanie: discussion on proposed Yahoo groups for AA. David expanded to explain on what is being proposed. Need higher level of skill on computer to set up and access. DCM and committee chairs can post own info, etc., rather than go through Stephanie. What asking for: Whether district has any objection to going in this direction?? Get rights to do updates through Stephanie. PI committee chair still responsible for content.
- ❖ Can we keep functionality of committee chairs posted out of this for now. Only Marion and Rod access to post minutes and financial reports.
- ❖ We will now be out of Big Books after this last case goes to CPC/PI.
- ❖ Motion to adjourn
- For December Meeting:**
- Tradition 12 Moderator: Lonnie
- Concept 12 Moderator: Mike L
- Upcoming GSR Meeting Dates / Times
- Dec 6, 2009 – ODAAT
- January 3, 2010 – Plano Group
- February 1, 2010 – Richardson Group

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed.