

Northeast Texas Area 65, District 54 Monthly Meeting

January 2, 2011

Held at LifeSavers Group

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Opening Meeting:

- Welcome and Introductions:
 - ❖ Lee J. (GSR, LifeSavers) opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer and read "Why Do We Need a Conference?"
 - ❖ Introductions. 26 members representing 12 groups were present.
- Discussion of Traditions and Concepts:
 - ❖ 1st Tradition: Edith C. (Treatment Chair)
 - ❖ 1st Concept: Suzy M. (GSR, Richardson)

Officer and Standing Committee Reports:

Secretary (Chris B., Addison)

- Minutes read from December 5, 2010. Motion to accept *amended* minutes passed.

District Committee Member (David S., Clean Air North)

- The first Area Assembly of the new panel will be at the Doubletree Hotel at 4099 Valley View Lane, in Dallas on January 15th – January 16th. (If staying at the hotel, the NETA group rate of \$74/night has officially expired, but it may be possible to get it if you ask when making the reservation. Call (972) 385-9000 for reservations.)
- The first Area Committee meeting of Panel 61 will be held on January 30th at 1:30 pm at the Hasse Group in the Proctor Community Center, 565 North Texas Avenue, Proctor, TX.
- Other upcoming events:
 - ❖ The NETA Spring Assembly will be held March 19-20 at The Radisson Hotel South, 100 E. Alta Mesa Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76134. Call (817) 293-3088 for hotel reservations.
 - ❖ The NETA Summer Assembly will be held June 18-19, also at The Radisson Hotel South.
 - ❖ The Texas State AA Convention will be held at The Crowne Plaza Riverwalk in San Antonio from June 24-26.
 - ❖ The NETA Fall Assembly will be held September 16-18 at the Doubletree Hotel at 4099 Valley View Lane, in Dallas.
 - ❖ The Southwest Regional Forum will be held in Wichita, KS from October 7-9.

Alt. District Committee Member (Tom K., Richardson)

- Tom will be distributing a Speaker List. Sign up if you are willing to tell your story or speak on the steps, traditions, or concepts.
- There will also be a Ride Share list to sign up for.
- There is a District 54 archives, though not much of it. This is not a top priority for now, but efforts to help it grow will happen during the panel.
- If anyone needs a ride to a meeting or assembly, call Tom and he will help out.

Treasurer (Rod C., Georgetown)

- Presented report:
 - ❖ Balance as of 2010-11-30: \$11,190.70 less \$4,000.00 prudent reserve = \$7,190.70 operating funds.
 - ❖ Add December contributions: \$490.18. Subtract December expenses \$617.11, as well as \$2,650.00 contribution to NETA 65 and \$2,650.00 to GSO.
 - ❖ Balance as of 2010-12-31: \$5,763.77 less \$4,000.00 prudent reserve - \$1,763.77 operating funds.
- Report of contributions by group was included. Rod mentioned that this information is available on the website, without District check register numbers.

Correctional Facilities (Stephanie Z., Dallas North)

No report/Not present.

Grapevine/La Viña: (Hollie F., Clean Air North)

- Hollie will be at the LifeSavers group in February to talk Grapevine.
- She is willing to come visit any group. Please call!

Literature/Intergroup Report (Blair B., Clean Air North)

- We have 17 softcover Big Books left. Blair will give them to the new Treatment rep. (Here, David S. gave the history of our Big Book 6th Tradition dilemma.)

Public Information (David L., Legacy)

- Willing to speak to groups.
- Public Information is "about helping inform the community that AA exists." So members take information to the general public, or those that work with the general public (Cooperation with the Professional Community.)
- Goals for next few months:
 - ❖ Get CPC and PI workbooks from group.
 - ❖ Help the Webservant get the website up and running.
 - ❖ Meet with outgoing committee chair.
 - ❖ Discover the Public Information committee needs.
 - ❖ Reach out to GSRs: "Guess what? If your group doesn't have a P.I. rep, it's *you!*"
 - ❖ Stay patient, calm, and sober!

Treatment Facilities (Edith C., Rowlett)

- Met with outgoing committee chair.
- Edith described the role of the Treatment Facilities committee. Basically, it's about being the liaison between the facilities, Intergroup, and the alcoholics in groups willing to carry the message.

District Inventory Ad-Hoc Committee (Tom K., Richardson)

- Met before the January 2 district meeting.
- Will be meeting again at the Area Assembly.
- Findings, and motions, will be presented at the next district meeting.

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GSRs: Group & Concerns

- Carrollton: we have a violent member; how do we deal with this? (*Tradition 1 mentioned; groups shared experience during break.*)
- Clean Air North: new P.I. chair.
- Georgetown: New Year's Day bash was good.
- Legacy: 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off on 2011-01-22 at 6pm.
- LifeSavers: Anniversary Party and auction on 2011-02-26.
- Richardson:
 - ❖ Likes calling out groups individually
 - ❖ Workshop on "chairing meetings" went well
 - ❖ Got a new Steering Committee.
- Rowlett:
 - ❖ Moved to new location; has seen growth as a result.
 - ❖ Sponsorship workshop on 2011-01-16 at 2pm, chaired by Martha W. and Joe B.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

- Suzy M. (GSR, Richardson) made a motion to "discontinue the reading of the minutes of the last district meeting." David S. (DCM, Clean Air North) invoked 3rd Concept to put motion on next month's agenda.

Upcoming Meeting Information

2nd Tradition: Tim L. (GSR, New Freedom)

2nd Concept: Chris R. (GSR, Addison)

February 6 – Carrollton, 2pm

March 6 – Clean Air North, 2pm

April 3 – Legacy, 2pm

7th Tradition and Break (3:15pm)

GSR Orientation

Presentation made by Jim C. (Delegate, NETA 65 Panel 61)

Q & A session

Motion to adjourn made, seconded at 4:00pm.