

# Northeast Texas Area 65, District 54 Monthly Meeting

February 6, 2011

Held at Carrollton Group

## FINAL DRAFT

### Opening Meeting:

- Welcome and Introductions:
  - ❖ Robert F. (GSR, Carrollton) opened by reading "Why Do We Need a Conference?"
  - ❖ David S. (DCM) led the Serenity Prayer.
  - ❖ Introductions. 25 members representing 12 groups were present.
- Discussion of Traditions and Concepts:
  - ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> Tradition: Tim L. (GSR, New Freedom)
  - ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> Concept: Chris R. (GSR, Addison)

### Officer and Standing Committee Reports:

#### **Secretary (Chris B., Addison)**

- Minutes read from January 2, 2011. Motion to accept *amended* minutes passed.

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

- We have a new group in our District: the 4<sup>th</sup> Dimension group in Garland. It meets on Wednesdays at 6:30pm and is a closed Big Book study.
- The first Area Committee meeting of Panel 61 was on January 30th at 1:30 pm at the Hasse Group in Proctor.
  - ❖ After a successful trial period, there will be a regularly scheduled AA meeting held at the Area Assemblies. After some discussion, it was decided that a 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition basket will not be passed.
  - ❖ Please remember that the mailing addressed for contributions to NETA has changed. It is now:  
NETA Treasurer  
222 E. McKinney Street, Ste. 100  
Denton, TX 76204-2460
  - ❖ The Alternate Secretary is looking for groups to volunteer to host NETA newsletter mailouts.
  - ❖ New Alternate Committee Chairs were presented for disapproval (there was none).
- 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 is continuing to distribute the Speaker List. Sign up if you are willing to tell your story or speak on the steps, traditions, or concepts.
- There is a District 54 archives, though not much of it. Please bring any relevant information you can contribute.
- There will also be a Ride Share list to sign up for. Please do NOT distribute this within your group; it is for District use only.
- Further information on AA can be found at the following sites:
  - ❖ General Service Office: <http://www.aa.org>
  - ❖ Northeast Texas Area 65: <http://www.neta65.org>
  - ❖ District 54: <http://www.district54.org>
  - ❖ Dallas Intergroup Association: <http://www.aadallas.org>

#### **Treasurer (Rod C., Georgetown)**

- Presented report:
  - ❖ Balance as of 2010-12-31: \$5,763.77 less \$4,000.00 prudent reserve = \$1,763.77 operating funds.
  - ❖ Add January contributions: \$454.15. Subtract January expenses: none were paid, therefore \$0.00.
  - ❖ Balance as of 2011-01-31: \$6,217.92 less \$4,000.00 prudent reserve - \$2,217.92 operating funds.

#### **Correctional Facilities (Stephanie Z., Clean Air North)**

- Met with Area Corrections Chair, Rick P.
- Got contacts at Gatesville facility; is going next week.
- Would like to get dates of Group Conscience meetings from GSR's.
- The "orange can" is a tool for groups to collect money specifically to purchase literature for correctional facilities in the Area. Talk to your group about setting one up!
- She is leaving softcover Big Books for offenders at Lew Sterritt. You can do this or give literature to groups within the facilities, as opposed to giving the literature to the facilities themselves.

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

- Attended the January Area Assembly; met with Area Grapevine chair and some District chairs.
- Attended Area Grapevine meeting:
  - ❖ Meetings will be on last Sunday of each month from 2-4pm at Freedom Group in Mesquite.
  - ❖ Districts 55 & 56 need more participation.
- "Grapenut Day" is last Friday of each month. Have your Grapevine rep wear purple and big-up our "meeting in print."
- 2011 Grape-a-thon:
  - ❖ Tentative date: October 22, 2011.
  - ❖ Need a group to host the event. GSRs and GVRs, please check at your Group Conscience.
  - ❖ Need groups/Districts to donate food/cash.
- Hollie will be at the LifeSavers group on February 26 for their anniversary to talk Grapevine.

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

- Blair has given the 17 softcover Big Books to Lee J., who has passed them along to Treatment rep at LifeSavers.
- TXSCYPAA (Texas Conference of Young People in AA): Quarterly Conference is Feb 18-20 at Neal's Lodges on the Frio River in Concan, TX.
- The Annual District 33 Unity Conference is February 25-27 in Bryan, TX. Registration is \$10. The theme is "Rescue From Shipwreck". For more information, contact Dan K. at (979) 450-0647.
- Next Dallas Intergroup Association meeting is Thursday, February 10, 8pm, at First United Lutheran Church at 6202 E. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas.

#### Public Information (David L., Legacy)

- Got CPC and PI workbooks from group.
- Met the Webservant. (Chris B.) New site will have easy functionality, and a calendar!
- Met with outgoing committee chair. (Stephanie Z.)
- Attended Richardson ISD Health Fair.
- Met with Director of Plano's Adult Protective Services, who will introduce him to CPS Director. They need pamphlets.
- Communicated with Director of Rover Dramawerks of Plano. If they have addiction-related plays, PI will be there.
- Met with PI reps from District and Area, as well as Mike L. from Intergroup.
- Conference on Crimes Against Women is March 28-30 at Sheraton Hotel in downtown Dallas. There is associated cost – need to see if Area will participate.

#### Treatment Facilities (Edith C., Rowlett)

- Held meeting, but only two showed!
- Talked with Janis at Intergroup. Edith's info is in the pipeline.
- Went to Area Treatment/Special Needs/Accessibility meeting:
  - ❖ A database for Bridging-The-Gap is being put together.
  - ❖ The next "T-SNAC" Area meeting will be at the Show Me group.

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

- Presented findings.
- Three recommended motions, to be discussed at next District meeting:
  1. That the chair and members of each standing committee convene quarterly, prior to scheduled assemblies, to report on their service activities and share who does what, where, and when.
  2. That the DCM ask each GSR present at district meetings for a group report.
  3. That a budget committee be appointed in July to allow ample time for consideration of the existing

budget needs, and that it be considered separate from the District inventory.

#### GSRs: Group & Concerns

- Georgetown: Three questions...
  - ❖ Can I give the numbers for the Treatment and Corrections chairs to my group? (Yes.)
  - ❖ When will we get GSR packets from the General Service Office? (Generally, six weeks after the Change Form is mailed in.)
  - ❖ Can I see what other GSRs did to report what happened at the Assembly? (Yes.)
- Legacy: Chili Cook-Off was big success; St. Patrick's Day pot-luck is March 19, starting at 6pm..
- New Freedom: Taking meetings to Maggie's House.
- Richardson:
  - ❖ 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off March 26.
  - ❖ Service Manual Study is on Thursday at 7pm, beginning March 3.
  - ❖ Implementing Ad-Hoc Committee after the "chairing the meeting" workshop.
- Rowlett: Workshop on "chairing a meeting" on February 20, 3pm.

NOTE: All groups present gave the days and times of their Group Conscience meetings.

*7<sup>th</sup> Tradition observed; break skipped.*

#### Old Business:

- Suzy M. (GSR, Richardson) made a motion to "discontinue the reading of the minutes of the last district meeting." *8 for, 11 against – motion failed.* No minority voice expressed.

#### New Business:

- David S. (DCM) made a motion "that rather than creating an 'approved' copy of the minutes, corrections to minutes be reflected in the minutes of the meeting where the minutes are approved with those corrections." Motion will appear on the agenda next month.

#### Upcoming Meeting Information

3<sup>rd</sup> Tradition: Hollie F. (Grapevine Chair)

3<sup>rd</sup> Concept: Marcelo U. (GSR, Georgetown)

March 6 – Clean Air North, 2pm

April 3 – Legacy, 2pm

May 1- ODAAT, 2pm

June 5 – joint meeting between five Districts at The Gift in Irving to hear the Delegate's report on the General Service Conference.

*Motion to adjourn made, seconded at 3:56pm.*