

# Northeast Texas Area 65, District 54 Monthly Meeting

March 6, 2011

Held at Clean Air North Group

**FINAL DRAFT**

## **Opening Meeting:**

- Welcome and Introductions:
  - ❖ David L. (P.I. Chair) opened by reading "Why Do We Need a Conference?"
  - ❖ David S. (DCM) led the Serenity Prayer.
  - ❖ Introductions. 21 members representing 11 groups were present.
- There was a brief discussion to ensure that if GSR's are willing to have their phone numbers included in the directories, they check the appropriate box. Committee chairs are requesting this information.
- Discussion of Traditions and Concepts:
  - ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> Tradition: Hollie F. (Grapevine Chair) Included sharing on dealing with predatory alcoholics at groups.
  - ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> Concept: Marcelo U. (GSR, Georgetown)

## **Officer and Standing Committee Reports:**

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

- Minutes read from February 6, 2011. Motion to accept minutes as read passed.

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

- Visited Trinity Group with Delegate on February 23. Group had been listed as inactive in June 2010 after they moved. Upon attending, realized group was affiliated with "Back To Basics." Per the long form of Tradition 3 (stating an AA group may have no other affiliation), the Delegate and Dallas Intergroup have chosen not to list Trinity as an Alcoholics Anonymous group. David clarified that this is not a decision that comes to the District level.
- 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.
  - ❖ As of March 5<sup>th</sup>, NETA had not met it's contractually obligated number of room reservations, and may face a significant penalty. Those planning on attending are encouraged to reserve a hotel room ASAP.
  - ❖ The main focus of this assembly will be the review of the General Service Conference agenda through mock committees. Any AA member in the Northeast Texas Area may participate, so please spread the word at your home groups
  - ❖ Motions:
    1. Motion presented by Arthur S, Archivist, Historian on 6/13/10: "On a 6-month trial basis, beginning 4/1/2011:
      - a) Produce only an electronic version of the minutes and newsletter and eliminate the printing and mailing costs associated with their distribution.

- b) For assembly business, have the Area Chair and Secretary produce a hard-copy agenda for the assemblies where the front page is the assembly agenda and the back page lists the business items to be discussed at the business meeting.
2. Floor Motion presented by Lonnie H on 1/15/11: To change the area 65 Policies and Procedures to read as follows under Section 2 / Area Assembles as stated in the AA Service Manual on Page 36 "That is only GSR's who in group Assembly meetings (or in caucus) can name committee Members and finally name the Delegates."
3. Motion presented on 6/13/10 by Jim C, Delegate: Add the following sentence to the end of the preamble of the Northeast Texas Area Policies and Procedures: "In the event of an emergency or unforeseen events, the Area Committee or Assembly may suspend any part of the policies and procedures necessary to conduct area business. Suspension requires a 3/4-majority of all voting members present."

### **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.
- The Ride Share list is continuing. Additionally, we have a female District member willing to share a room at an Assembly with any other females in need.

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

- Presented report:
  - ❖ Balance as of 2011-01-31: \$6,217.92 less \$4,000.00 prudent reserve - \$2,217.92 operating funds.
  - ❖ Add February contributions: \$927.48. Subtract February expenses: \$265.83.
  - ❖ Balance as of 2011-02-28: \$6,879.57 less \$4,000.00 prudent reserve - \$2,879.57 operating funds.

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

- Speaking at the Group Conscience meetings for ODAAT and the Richardson Group in March.
- Will be attending the Spring Assembly.

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

- Attended Area Grapevine meeting at Freedom Group on February 27:
  - ❖ Two bids to host "Grape-a-thon": Harbor Group in Ft. Worth and Richardson Group.
  - ❖ Discussed changing date to October 16 or 23 to better accommodate volunteers for the event.
  - ❖ Committees: Lejean getting speakers, Hollie & Nena doing food, Emily setting up skits, Kate doing raffle.
- Gave presentation at LifeSavers on February 26.
- Will come out and speak to your group!

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

- Passed along committee chair information to Dallas Intergroup. They have done the same. Please treat this information as confidential and on a "need-to-know" basis.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual DIA Chili Cook-Off is March 19 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, beginning at 6pm. \$5 for all you can eat. Individuals who bring chili for the competition must put their group's name on it.

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

- First Area CPC/PI meeting will be at the Spring Assembly.
- PI opportunities are in the works; just firming up the dates.
- Attended Area/DIA meeting at 4pm on March 6.
- Meeting with Director of Plano's Adult Protective Services and CPS Director. They need pamphlets.
- Attending Richardson Group Conscience to give presentation.
- Conference on Crimes Against Women is March 28-30 at Sheraton Hotel in downtown Dallas. The Area is funding our involvement. We just need volunteers.

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

- Had copies of Bridging-The-Gap "pamphlet" put out by Combined 6.
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- 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.

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition observed and break.

### **GSRs: Group & Concerns**

- Addison: 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is April 17, 11am-2pm.
- Clean Air North: New meeting: Women's, Saturdays at 11am.
- Dallas North:
  - ❖ Closed 8pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday meeting.
  - ❖ New meeting: Big Book study, Monday 4:30pm.
- Legacy: St. Patrick's Day pot-luck is March 19, starting at 6pm.
- LifeSavers: Anniversary and auction on February 26 went well.
- Richardson:
  - ❖ 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off moved to April 2 at 6pm.
  - ❖ Service Manual Study is on Thursday at 7pm. It has started very well.
  - ❖ Implemented Ad-Hoc Committee after the "chairing the meeting" workshop.
  - ❖ Offered to host Grape-a-thon
  - ❖ Have invited Hollie F., David L., Stephanie Z., and Rod S. to attend Group Conscience meetings.

- Rowlett:
  - ❖ Workshop on "Chairing Meetings" went well.
  - ❖ Had to put up "No Pets Allowed" sign.

### **Old Business:**

- Chris B. (Secretary) made a motion that District 54 host the Hospitality Suite for the Fall 2011 Assembly and assign a budget of \$250. *15 for, 2 against – motion passed.* No minority voice expressed. Jo-Anne and Hollie will co-chair.
- Tom K. (Alt-DCM) brought forth the amended motion from the District Inventory Ad-Hoc Committee "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. The initial meeting will be moderated by the Alternate-DCM." After some discussion, *motion postponed until next month so that other members of Ad-Hoc Committee can be consulted.*
- Tom K. (Alt-DCM) brought forth the motion from the District Inventory Ad-Hoc Committee "that the DCM ask each GSR present at District meetings for a group report." *Motion postponed until next month so that other members of Ad-Hoc Committee can be consulted to amend motion to recommend change to Policies & Procedures.*
- Tom K. (Alt-DCM) brought forth the motion from the District Inventory Ad-Hoc Committee "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." *Motion postponed until next month.*
- 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 within those corrections." *Motion postponed until next month.*

### **New Business:**

(none)

### **Upcoming Meeting Information**

4<sup>th</sup> Tradition: Jo-Anne M. (GSR, Rowlett)

4<sup>th</sup> Concept: Tom K. (Alt-DCM)

April 3 – Legacy, 2pm

May 1 – ODAAT, 2pm

June 5 – motion made to attend a joint meeting with four other Districts (52,53,55,56) at The Gift in Irving to hear the Delegate's report on the General Service Conference *instead of a District meeting. 8 for, 7 against - motion postponed until next month.*

*Motion to adjourn made, seconded at 4:41pm.*