

Northeast Texas Area 65, District 54 Monthly Meeting

April 3, 2011

Held at Legacy Group

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Opening Meeting:

- Welcome and Introductions:
 - ❖ Joanie S. (GSR, Legacy) opened with Serenity Prayer and read "Why Do We Need a Conference?"
 - ❖ David S. mentioned glitch in the Trusted Servant report was fixed to show phone numbers of GSRs who were willing to share that information.
 - ❖ Introductions. 18 members representing 11 groups were present.
- Discussion of Traditions and Concepts:
 - ❖ 4th Tradition: JoAnne M. (GSR, Rowlett)
 - ❖ 4th Concept: Tom K. (Alt-DCM)

Officer and Standing Committee Reports:

Secretary (Chris B., Addison)

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

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

- The NETA Spring Assembly was held March 19-20 at the Fort Worth Crowne Plaza South.
 - ❖ District 54 was well represented. There were 20 trusted servants of District 54 and its member groups present, including 12 voting members.
 - ❖ The main focus of this assembly was to review the General Service Conference agenda through mock committees.
 - ❖ The Alternate Secretary is looking for groups/districts to host newsletter mailouts.
 - ❖ Motions:
 1. The motion to suspend hard-copy printing of the Area minutes and newsletters on a trial basis was withdrawn while it was still in questions and clarification.
 2. After much discussion for clarification, Lonnie H. withdrew the floor motion "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 GSRs who in group Assembly meetings (or in caucus) can name committee Members and finally name the Delegates.'"
 3. Amended motion from 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 and Assembly may suspend any part of the policies and procedures necessary to conduct area business. Suspension requires a ¾ majority of all voting members present.'" *Motion passed.*
 4. An Ad Hoc committee was set up to review the Area Inventory and recommend actions.
 5. An Ad Hoc committee was set up to review the Area Handbook.

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

- The list for Ride Share and accommodation sharing is continuing.
- We received a big bag o' archives, as well as a CD full of data. We're always looking for more.

Treasurer (Rod C., Georgetown)

- Presented report:
 - ❖ Balance as of 2011-02-28: \$6,879.57 less \$4,000.00 prudent reserve - \$2,879.57 operating funds.
 - ❖ Add March contributions: \$864.00. Subtract March expenses: \$1,185.11.
 - ❖ Balance as of 2011-03-31: \$6,658.46 less \$4,000.00 prudent reserve - \$2,658.46 operating funds.

Correctional Facilities (Stephanie Z., Clean Air North)

- Spoke at the Group Conscience meetings for ODAAT and the Richardson Group in March.
- Will speak at Georgetown Group on April 14.
- Attended the Spring Assembly, where Area Committee meeting was held. Talked about the Orange Can. The next meeting will be at the Summer Assembly.
- Coordinating with PI & Treatment after talk with liaison at Texas Juveniles program for Dallas. Discussing best ways to help them – it might be complex.
- Further discussion was had on the pragmatics of the Orange Can.

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

- Attended Area Grapevine meeting held during the March Assembly:
 - ❖ We made it official – The Harbor Group in Ft Worth will be hosting the event Sunday, October 16, 1:00-5:00pm.
 - ❖ Lejean asked Donna from Bruton Terrace to be the Al-Anon speaker, Joe from Town North to give the history of the Grapevine & the AA speaker is TBA.
 - ❖ Due to the fact that The Harbor Group is a club, they requested passing the 7th Tradition basket to offset some of the club's expenses during the event.
- Putting together District committee. First meeting will be Saturday, April 16, at the Starbucks at Frankford & Marsh at 10:00am.
- The next Area Grapevine meeting will be held Sunday, April 17 at the Freedom Group.

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

- Report given by David S. Winners of DIA Chili Cook-Off were: 3rd Place: No Hassle; 2nd Place: Little Elm; 1st Place: Lewisville.

Public Information (David L., Legacy)

- Report given by Carol W. (Legacy PI rep.)
- Attended Conference on Crimes Against Women on March 28-30. Went very well.
- Attended Area PI/CPC meeting.
- Adult Protective Services and Child Protective Services met with and done. They have literature and contact info.

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- Met with Collin County Youth Offender Judge. He will spread the word and put me in contact with several other judges in Collin County.
- Plano ISD Domestic Abuse Seminar: will be April 19 or 21.
- Carrollton/Farmers Branch ISD—Health Fair is May 12, 5:00 - 9:00PM at 1820 Pearl St Building C, Carrollton, TX 75006. Contact Magdalena Garcia at 972.968.6526.
- Tom K. (Alt-DCM) brought forth the motion from the District Inventory Ad-Hoc Committee to “Amend the Guiding Principles under the ‘DCM Responsibility’ section to state that the DCM ask each GSR present at the District meeting for a report. Each GSR will be given a chance to speak, even if to say there is nothing to report.” *15 for, 0 against. Motion passed.*
- Tom K. (Alt-DCM) brought forth the motion from the District Inventory Ad-Hoc Committee “to amend section 3c of the Policies & Procedures

Treatment Facilities (Edith C., Rowlett)

- Attended Area Assembly and T-SNAC meeting.
- Brought Bridging-The-Gap sign-up sheets. You can specify if you want to do this for treatment vs. corrections.
- The next Area meeting will be at the Heart of Texas Conference in Waco, April 30.

7th Tradition observed and break.

GSRs: Group & Concerns

- Addison:
 - ❖ 24th Anniversary on April 17, 11am-2pm.
 - ❖ Considering having our own website. Brief discussion on other group experiences with this.
- Clean Air North: Considering moving to new location.
- Dallas North:
 - ❖ “We continue to attract a diverse set of newcomers.”
 - ❖ Building Bridging-The-Gap cooperation.
- Garland Clean Air:
 - ❖ Taking meetings to hospitals and treatment centers.
 - ❖ Getting newcomers from AddiCare.
- Legacy:
 - ❖ Cinco de Mayo party on May 7.
 - ❖ Getting great response from within group to take meetings to Collin County jails.
- Plano: Considering moving to a new location.
- Richardson:
 - ❖ Had chili cook-off. Collected 7th Tradition funds from AA's and AI-Anon's.
 - ❖ Service Manual Study is on Thursday at 7pm. It is going very well.
- Rowlett: Brief discussion on how other groups fund GSRs at Area Assemblies and Southwest Regional Forum.

Old Business:

- Discussion on whether to attend the Delegate presentation along with Districts 52, 53, 55 & 56 on June 5, at 1pm, at The Gift in Irving instead of the monthly District meeting. *3 for, 11 against. No minority voice.*
- Tom K. (Alt-DCM) brought forth the 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.” David S. called for substantial unanimity. *13 for, 0 against. Motion passed.*

From: “The DCM will designate a budget committee in September of each year, chaired by the district Treasurer to prepare the budget for the following year. The first draft shall be presented to the district in October, thereby allowing adequate time for all trusted servants to have input into the final budget. The proposed final budget will be presented in December for the district’s approval.”

To: “The DCM will designate a budget committee in **July** of each year, chaired by the district Treasurer to prepare the budget for the following year. The first draft shall be presented to the district in **September**, thereby allowing adequate time for all trusted servants to have input into the final budget. The proposed final budget will be presented in **November** for the district’s approval.” *15 for, 0 against. Motion passed.*

➤ David S. (DCM) brought forth a motion, amended, *From:* “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.”

To: “To change District 54 Guiding Principles, section 1), v), (7) **from** ‘Distributes copies of the “pending approval” monthly District minutes via US postal service and email, within 10 days following the District meeting to the following’ **to** ‘Distributes copies of the monthly District minutes via US postal service and email, within 10 days following the District meeting to the following’, eliminating the phase ‘pending approval.’”
Motion postponed until next month.

New Business:

David S. (DCM) requested that the District think about hosting another workshop.

Upcoming Meeting Information

5th Tradition: Joanie S. (GSR, Legacy)

5th Concept: Rod C. (Treasurer)

May 1 – ODAAT, 2pm

June 5 – Dallas North, 2pm

July 3 – Addison, 2pm

Motion to adjourn made, seconded at 4:31pm.