

Northeast Texas Area 65, District 54 Monthly Meeting

May 1, 2011

Held at ODAAT Group

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Opening Meeting:

- Welcome and Introductions:
 - ❖ Jesse Y. (GSR, ODAAT) opened with Serenity Prayer.
 - ❖ Suzy M. (GSR, Richardson) read "Why Do We Need a Conference?"
 - ❖ Introductions. 28 members representing 12 groups were present.
- Discussion of Traditions and Concepts:
 - ❖ 5th Tradition: David L. (PI Chair)
 - ❖ 5th Concept: Rod C. (Treasurer) Baxter B from the Cottonwood Big Book group raised concerns about a discussion between the newly-elected GSR of his group and the DCM. David S. read e-mailed correspondence between himself and past-Delegate Jimmy D. Discussion tabled until "Groups and Concerns."

Officer and Standing Committee Reports:

Secretary (Chris B., Addison)

- Motion to postpone reading of the previous month's minutes made by Chris B. and seconded. Unanimously *passed*.

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

- The NETA Committee met April 10 at the Stephenville Group.
 - ❖ The Area Chair is working on clarifying the process of a motion, and will bring this information back to the Area Committee.
 - ❖ The Area Treasurer reported there may be a shortfall in June until contributions catch up.
- The NETA Spring Assembly will be held June 18-19 at the Fort Worth Crowne Plaza South, 100 Altamesa Blvd E., Ft Worth TX 76134.
 - ❖ Rooms available at \$79/night plus tax. Call 817.293.3088 and mention "NETA."
 - ❖ Motions coming up:
 1. That the NETA Newsletter be condensed to a size that would cost no more than what is budgeted for printing/publishing. (Pam C., NETA Alt-Treasurer)
 2. Change Section 2.5 of the NETA Policies and Procedures to add paragraphs a) and b) below:
Minutes of Area Assemblies, Area Committee meetings, Agenda of the next Assembly, along with the NETA newsletter, shall be mailed and/or electronically distributed 5 to 6 weeks before the next NETA Assembly, to all groups in the Northeast Texas Area, all members of the Area Assembly, past NETA delegates, General Service Conference members, META Intergroup/Central Offices, as well as the General Service Office [7].

- a) Electronic distribution is at no cost and may be accomplished by e-mail or downloading from the NETA website.
- b) Distribution by postal mail shall be self-supporting on an annual subscription basis to offset publication and mailing costs. The annual subscription amount shall be recommended by the Finance Committee as part of the annual proposed budget. (Arthur S., NETA Archivist/Historian)

3. To increase the NETA Panel 61 Printing Budget beginning with the second quarter of 2011 to \$600 per quarter. (Dusty W., NETA Newsletter Editor)

- The 2011 Southwest Regional Forum will be held October 7-9 in Wichita, KS. Registrations can be made at the aa.org website.

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

- The Ride Share sheet is available for District members to utilize – and sign up for.

Treasurer (Rod C., Georgetown)

- Presented report:
 - ❖ Balance as of 2011-03-31: \$6,558.46 less \$4,000.00 prudent reserve - \$2,558.46 operating funds.
 - ❖ Add April contributions: \$546.00. No April expenses.
 - ❖ Balance as of 2011-04-30: \$7,104.46 less \$4,000.00 prudent reserve - \$3,104.46 operating funds.

Correctional Facilities (Stephanie Z., Clean Air North)

(not present – no report)

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

- Attended Area Grapevine meeting on April 17 at the Freedom Group.
 - ❖ 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 AI-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.
- Held District Grapevine meeting on April 23, got lots of participation.
 - ❖ Discussed "Why Be A Grapevine Rep?" and education.
 - ❖ Getting out to upcoming events.
 - ❖ Next meeting June 18, 10am at Starbucks on Campbell and I-75.
- Attended "Heart of Texas Conference" in Waco, 4/29 – 5/1 with the Area Grapevine Committee.
- Last Friday of the month is Grape Nut Day! Wear purple, yo!

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

- New meeting schedules are available from the Dallas Intergroup. Pick some up – and make sure they're correct!

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- Seniors In Sobriety, designed for assisted-living alcoholics, is having its 6th annual conference May 12-15 in Ronkonkoma, NY.
- The Big D Roundup is May 28-29 at Dallas Anatole Hotel.
- Gathering of Eagles #25: May 26-29 at the Westin Park Central Hotel, 12720 Merit Dr., Dallas TX 75251.

Public Information (David L., Legacy)

- In conjunction with Mike L. at DIA, a "12th Riders" initiative is being formed to get info on AA to front desks and concierges at all the hotels in the Dallas area. Volunteers are needed to distribute info.
- Public schools are requesting info. David and Mike L. are putting together "info-packs" to distribute to schools when requested, focusing first on alternative schools.
- 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.
- David will have first District 54 quarterly PI meeting on May 7, 3:00pm, at Legacy Group.
- May will be "The Month Of The Website!"

Treatment Facilities (Edith C., Rowlett)

- Brought Bridging-The-Gap sign-up sheets. Edith makes three copies: one for Dallas Intergroup, one for Ft. Worth Intergroup, and one for NETA.
- Wants to confirm facility list and is asking Treatment reps and/or GSRs to send list of places they take meetings to.

GSRs: Group & Concerns

- Cottonwood Big Book: resumed discussion. Baxter B. wanted to know if District would accept their GSR. District assured him that they would. Patrick identified his home group as Cottonwood Big Book during roll call anyway.

7th Tradition observed and break.

- Addison: Will be conducting Group Inventory sometime in July.
- Carrollton: this month's birthday meeting was huge!
- Clean Air North: No longer considering moving to new location.
- Georgetown: 20th Anniversary event is June 11 at 5pm.
- Legacy: Cinco de Mayo party on May 7, beginning 6pm.
- LifeSavers: finances are way down. Group may not be able to continue.
- Plano: Considering moving to a new location. Small discussion on dealing with leases within the Traditions.
- Richardson: Service Manual Study is on Thursday at 7pm. It is going very well.
- Rowlett: Group still growing.

Old Business:

- David S. (DCM) brought forth a motion "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.'"

16 for, 0 against Motion passed.

- It was decided that District 54 will host another "Service Fair" as we successfully did in January 2010. David S. will put together committee.

New Business:

David L. (PI Chair):

- Purchased a tablecloth for District 54 PI use. Requested permission to use \$117 from his budget to do a heat-transfer of AA logo onto tablecloth. *Within his right of decision; no motion required.*
- Motion: to change the name of "Public Information" back to "Public Information/Cooperation With The Professional Community". *Motion postponed until next month.*
- Requested permission to use \$150 from his budget to purchase racks for Spanish literature. *Within his right of decision; no motion required.*
- Wants to present Carol W. as alternate PI rep for District 54. Will do so at the next District meeting.

Upcoming Meeting Information

6th Tradition: Garry F. (GSR, Plano)

6th Concept: Chris B. (Secretary)

June 5 – Dallas North, 2pm

- David L. (PI Chair) made a motion to change the date of the July District 54 meeting to Saturday, July 10, 2:00pm. *7 against, 6 for.* After minority opinion and additional discussion, revote was taken. *10 for, 5 against. Motion passed, so...*

July 10 – Addison, 2pm

August 7 – Richardson, hosted by Garland Clean Air.

Motion to adjourn made, seconded at 4:21pm.