

Northeast Texas Area 65, District 54 Monthly Meeting

June 5, 2011

Held at Dallas North Group

FINAL DRAFT

Opening Meeting:

- Welcome and Introductions:
 - ❖ David S. (DCM) opened with Serenity Prayer.
 - ❖ Russell S. (GSR, Dallas North) read "Why Do We Need a Conference?"
 - ❖ Introductions. 20 members representing 12 groups were present.
- Discussion of Traditions and Concepts:
 - ❖ 6th Tradition: Hollie F. (Grapevine Chair)
 - ❖ 6th Concept: Chris B. (Secretary)

Officer and Standing Committee Reports:

Secretary (Chris B., Addison)

- Motion to waive reading of the previous month's minutes made by Blair B. and seconded. Unanimously *passed*.
- Minutes accepted as typed.
- Minutes from April 2011 meeting will be presented at the July 2011 District meeting.

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

- 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 next Area Committee meeting will be at the Show Me group in Denton on July 10, beginning at 1:30pm.

- 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. This is also true of the speaker list.
- Archives is currently being digitized.

Treasurer (Rod C., Georgetown)

- Presented report:
 - ❖ Balance as of 2011-04-30: \$7,104.46 less \$4,000.00 prudent reserve - \$3,104.46 operating funds.
 - ❖ Add May contributions: \$458.00 less May expenses of \$947.33.
 - ❖ Balance as of 2011-05-31: \$6,615.13 less \$4,000.00 prudent reserve - \$2,615.13 operating funds.

Correctional Facilities (Stephanie Z., Clean Air North)

- Spoke at Legacy Group in May; will speak at Carrollton and Dallas North in June.
- Legacy Group has started a box for collecting literature to send to Lew Sterritt.

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

- Purchased 120 back issues of the Grapevine. 60 given to group Grapevine reps, the other 60 are to be used as "service tool."
- Notes from the Area Grapevine meeting:
 - ❖ Raising awareness of the Digital Grapevine
 - ❖ The Grape-A-Thon will be at The Harbor Group in Ft Worth on Sunday, October 16, 1:00-5:00pm
 - ❖ It was decided not to press for a "purple can" to raise money for the Grapevine.
- Last Friday of the month is Grape Nut Day! Wear purple!

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

- Central Office open 2nd and 3rd Saturday of each month from 10am-2pm for literature & gift sales. Use the intercom by the front door if the main doors are locked. (Press "DIA" button.)
- 65th Annual Texas State AA Convention is in San Antonio June 24-26. Theme is "Let it Begin with Me!"
- Dallas Intergroup Association will celebrate 64 years of AA service on September 17 at Fellowship Dallas. AA Speaker: Don G. (Little Rock, AR). For the first time, there will be an AI-Anon speaker, Beverly B. (Lewisville, TX.)

Public Information / Cooperation with the Professional Community (David L., Legacy)

- Attended Carrollton/Farmers Branch ISD—Health Fair is May 12. Shared a moving story about getting to carry the message that will appear in DIALog.
- Upcoming event: Lewisville ISD Health Fair. Saturday, August 6.
- Event at Prestonwood Baptist Church. More info to come.

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Treatment Facilities (Edith C., Rowlett)

- Intergroup is contacting the treatment centers to find out which groups are bringing meetings to them, and if they'd like more.
- Area Treatment/Special Needs/Accessibility Committee (T-SNAC) focusing on Bridging The Gap.
- Next Area T-SNAC meeting will be during Summer Assembly lunch break.
- If any groups in the District require help with Special Needs or Accessibility, talk to Edith.

7th Tradition observed and break.

Website Presentation (David L., PI/CPC Chair)

- David L. gave a tour of the website. Thanked Chris R. (GSR, Addison) for his assistance. Site will go live in second week of June.

GSRs: Group & Concerns

- Georgetown: Group member passed away.
- Legacy: Losing money, but big increase in newcomers.
- LifeSavers: Still open! Re-negotiating lease.
- New Freedom: cleaned and painted group.
- Richardson:
 - ❖ Service Manual Study Thursday at 7pm.
 - ❖ Arthur S. (Area 65 Archives) did presentation on history of AA. Basket collection given to Area Archives committee.
- Rowlett: Group still growing.

Old Business:

- General discussion about the three motions to be voted on at the Area Assembly.
- Service Fair: committee will consist of Chris B. (chair), Suzy M., Joanie S., Stephanie Z., Tom K., Tim L., and David L. They will put together a proposal to submit to District.
- Motion made by David L. (PI/CPC Chair) "To change the name of the D54 Public Information committee to Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community." After much discussion, *motion passed 10-5. Minority voice expressed; no move to revoke.*

New Business:

- David L. (PI/CPC Chair) presented Carol W. for disapproval as Alt. PI/CPC chair. No disapproval.
- Motion made by Chris B. (Secretary) "For District 54 to endorse a motion to go on to the Conference requesting that all future printings of the book Alcoholics Anonymous (The "Big Book") remove the name 'Herbert Spencer' from page 568." *Motion will be placed on the agenda for next month.*

Upcoming Meeting Information

7th Tradition: Jo-Anne M. (GSR, Rowlett)

7th Concept: Suzy M. (GSR, Richardson)

July 10 – Addison. 2pm

August 7 – Georgetown, hosted by New Freedom. 2pm.

September 4 – Richardson, hosted by Garland Clean Air. 2pm.

Motion to adjourn made, seconded at 4:35pm.