

Northeast Texas Area 65, District 54 Monthly Meeting

July 10, 2011

Held at Addison Group

FINAL DRAFT

Opening Meeting:

- Welcome and Introductions:
 - ❖ Chris R. (GSR, Addison) read "Why Do We Need a Conference?"
 - ❖ David S. (DCM) opened with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.
 - ❖ Introductions. 17 members representing 11 groups were present.
- Discussion of Traditions and Concepts:
 - ❖ 7th Tradition: Hollie F. (GSR-Rowlett)
 - ❖ 7th Concept: Suzy M. (GSR-Richardson)

Officer and Standing Committee Reports:

Secretary (Chris B., Addison)

- Motion to waive reading of the previous month's minutes made by Chris R. and seconded. *Motion passed, 12-1. Minority voice expressed. No move to revoke.*
- Minutes accepted as typed.

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

- The NETA Summer Assembly was held June 18-19 at the Fort Worth Crowne Plaza South.
 - ❖ 14 District 54 trusted servants were present, including 10 voting members.
 - ❖ The main focus was the Area Delegate's report on the General Service Conference. Copies are available from the Area Delegate upon request.
 - ❖ Motions:
 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 (Pam C., NETA Alt-Treasurer) *Motion withdrawn.*
 2. To increase the NETA Panel 61 Printing Budget beginning with the second quarter of 2011 to \$600 per quarter. (Dusty W., NETA Newsletter Editor) *Motion withdrawn.*
 - ❖ Additionally, Jana A (NETA Chair) asked for feedback on whether the Area wanted to allocate Assembly time for committees to meet.
- 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)

- Tom K. is filling in for David S. at the Area Committee meeting, which was happening at the Show Me group at the same time as this meeting, so David gave the report.
- The Ride Share sheet is available for District members to utilize – and sign up for. This is also true of the speaker list.

Treasurer (Rod C., Georgetown)

- Presented report:
 - ❖ Balance as of 2011-05-31: \$6,615.13 less \$4,000.00 prudent reserve - \$2,615.13 operating funds.
 - ❖ Add June contributions: \$726.49 less June expenses – none.
 - ❖ Balance as of 2011-06-30: \$7,341.62 less \$4,000.00 prudent reserve - \$3,341.62 operating funds.

Correctional Facilities (Stephanie Z., Clean Air North)

- Visited Dallas North, which has started collecting Big Books to donate to facilities. Legacy has also been collecting Big Books to go to Lew Sterritt.
- Attended the Area Correctional Facilities meeting.
- Groups can send their Orange Can contributions to:
Rick P.
2404 Plateau Dr.
Plano, TX 75075
214.293.6131
- Freda W. will be offered for "disapproval" as the alternate Corrections chair at the next District meeting.
- TDCJ will be holding an orientation August 20 from 8:30am-12:00pm at the Doubletree Hotel, 4099 Valley View Lane, Dallas TX 75244 for certification to attend meetings in correctional facilities.
- You can also get certified online at <http://www.tdcj.tx.us>

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

not present – no report

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

not present. Let David S. know there was nothing to report.

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

- The website is completed – it's just taking some extra effort moving the site over to Yahoo! location. Chris R. is continuing to assist.
- Upcoming event: Lewisville ISD Health Fair. Saturday, August 6.
- Adult Protective Services is looking at doing a bulk buy of AA literature from Intergroup. This has been a really positive development.

Treatment Facilities (Edith C., Rowlett)

- Attended Area committee meeting. They are continuing efforts already underway. Planned to meet during lunch break at next Area Assembly.
- Will order literature for the Treatment reps in the District.

DCM Discussion: David S. (DCM) asked the District committee chairs if they found meeting at Area Assemblies to be effective, so he could provide this feedback to the Area Chairperson. There was a brief discussion.

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Service Fair Committee (Chris B., Secretary)

- Happening Sat., September 10 at Legacy Group, 1:30-5:30pm.
- Speakers are all accounted for and agenda is laid out.
- Yes, there will be food! Lots of it!

7th Tradition observed and break.

GSRs: Group & Concerns

- Addison: Group Inventory is on July 24, 1:30pm.
- Clean Air North: group anniversary part was success.
- Dallas North:
 - ❖ Finished remodeling: “come see our new sink!”
 - ❖ Now has Hispanic meetings M, W-F 7:30-9:00pm.
- Legacy: July 4th party (held July 2) was well-attended.
- LifeSavers: Traditions study every Thursday at 8pm.
- Plano: asking for District map.
- Richardson:
 - ❖ Service Manual Study Thursday at 7pm.
 - ❖ Held their 3rd annual ice cream social – no basket was passed.
- Rowlett: asked for experience on making birthday meetings more concise. GSRs shared their experience.

Old Business:

- Amended 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”) replace the name ‘Herbert Spencer’ from page 568 with ‘author unknown’.” *After much discussion, 14 for, 0 against. Motion passed.*

New Business:

- Suzy M. (GSR, Richardson) made a motion to “discontinue the reading aloud of the minutes of the last District meeting.” *Motion will be placed on next month’s agenda.*
- Motion made by Chris B. (Secretary) “to request a budget of \$500 from the District for the upcoming Service Fair.” *Sense of District taken – there was no opposition. Motion passed.*
- The 2012 Budget Committee was formed as per the updated Guiding Principles. The committee will consist of Rod C., David S., Marcelo U., Chris R., and Stephanie Z.

Upcoming Meeting Information

8th Tradition: Joanie S. (GSR, Legacy)

8th Concept: Chris R. (GSR, Addison)

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

September 4 – at Richardson, co-hosted by Richardson and Garland Clean Air. 2pm.

October 2 – Georgetown, 2pm.

Motion to adjourn made, seconded at 4:15pm.