

# Northeast Texas Area 65, District 54 Monthly Meeting

August 7, 2011

Held at Georgetown Group, Hosted By New Freedom Group

## FINAL DRAFT

### Opening Meeting:

- Welcome and Introductions:
  - ❖ Tim L. (GSR, New Freedom) read "Why Do We Need a Conference?"
  - ❖ David S. (DCM) opened with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.
  - ❖ Introductions. 18 members representing 10 groups were present.
- Discussion of Traditions and Concepts:
  - ❖ 8<sup>th</sup> Tradition: John F. (member, Addison)
  - ❖ 8<sup>th</sup> Concept: Chris R. (GSR-Addison)

- ❖ Balance as of 2011-06-30: \$7,341.62 less \$4,000.00 prudent reserve - \$3,341.62 operating funds.
- ❖ Add July contributions: \$433.22 less July expenses - \$330.08.
- ❖ Balance as of 2011-07-31: \$7,444.76 less \$4,000.00 prudent reserve - \$3,444.76 operating funds.

### 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. *Motion passed, 9-0.*
- Minutes accepted with corrections (see page 2).

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

- The NETA Fall Assembly and Convention will be held September 16-18 at the Doubletree Hotel, 4099 Valley View Lane, Dallas TX 75244. Room reservations can be made by calling 972.385.9000 for \$74/night (double occupancy). The deadline for that rate is September 1.
  - ❖ Motions:
    1. Motion to accept a request by The Athens Group to move from District 56 to District 52.
    2. Motion presented by Jim C. (Area Delegate) that the Northeast Texas Area endorse a motion proposed by Area 62 (South Carolina): That the General Service Conference reaffirm that the General Service Conference is the guardian of the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous and that no AA groups within the United States or Canada can change the Twelve Steps without the written consent of the 3/4 of the AA groups worldwide that respond to such a proposal.
- The 2011 Southwest Regional Forum will be held October 7th – 9th in Wichita, KS. Registrations can be made at the aa.org website by clicking on "For Groups and Members" and going into the "Regional and Local Forums" section. (Pre-registration is not required, but is appreciated.) Flyers are also available.
- First budget committee meeting held just before District meeting.

#### **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.
- Attended the July 10 Area Committee meeting at the Show Me group.

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

- Presented report:

#### **Correctional Facilities (Stephanie Z., LifeSavers)**

*not present – contacted Secretary to confirm no report.*

- Bill I. (GSR, Clean Air North) mentioned that 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.

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

*not present – report e-mailed in and given by David S.*

- Attended Area Grapevine meeting.
- Legacy group has started holding "Grapevine Discussion" meetings.
- The Grape-A-Thon will be at The Harbor Group in Ft Worth on Sunday, October 16, 1:00-5:00pm

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

- Janis will be attending the Service Fair.
- Intergroup meeting was best attended ever – roughly 75% of all groups were represented.
- Amended by-laws are available for viewing in the website.
- New directories for Fall/Winter 2011 available.

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

- Attended Lewisville ISD Health Fair.
- The website is completed and it's up as of today.
- Upcoming events:
  - ❖ North Texas Roundup, Aug. 19-21 (at the Doubletree Hotel – see address under Corrections and DCM report.)
  - ❖ District 56 Meeting – Area 65 will give a PI presentation. October 2, 2pm. Location TBD.

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

*not present – no report*

#### **Service Fair Committee (Chris B., Secretary)**

- Happening Sat., September 10 at Legacy Group, 1:30-5:30pm.
- All of the speakers are arranged; agenda finalized.
- Flyers distributed at Intergroup meeting.
- Flyers will be sent to each group again.

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

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**GSRs: Group & Concerns**

- Addison:
    - ❖ Received a large contribution – considering whether or not to accept it.
    - ❖ The group is accepting rent from Al-Anon and another group. Considering forming a club.
- A short discussion was held on “clubs and groups.”*
- Carrollton:
    - ❖ Lots of newcomers
    - ❖ Orange can is very successful.
  - Cottonwood Big Book: quarterly speaker meeting.
  - Clean Air North: also considering forming a club.
  - Legacy:
    - ❖ Group inventory on August 27. Jimmy D. moderating.
    - ❖ Moving in October 2012. Location TBD.
  - Plano: asking for District map.
  - Richardson: lots of newcomers.
  - Rowlett: having a discussion about how to distribute excess funds.

**Old Business:**

- Motion by Suzy M. to “discontinue the reading aloud of the minutes of the last District meeting” *postponed until next month.*

**New Business:**

- Chris B. will need a replacement secretary for the October 2 meeting. Tim L. (GSR, New Freedom) will fill in.
- Motion by Tom K. to “move the January 1, 2012 District meeting to January 8.” *Motion will be placed on next month’s agenda.*

**Upcoming Meeting Information**

9<sup>th</sup> Tradition: Marcelo U. (GSR, Georgetown)

9<sup>th</sup> Concept: Blair B. (Literature/Intergroup Chair)

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

October 2 – Georgetown, 2pm.

November 6 – Rowlett, 2pm.

*Motion to adjourn made, seconded at 3:51pm.*

**Changes to July 2011 Meeting Minutes:**

- The 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition study was led by Joanne M. (GSR, Rowlett)
- Freda W. will offered for “disapproval as alternate Corrections chair at the next **Area Assembly**.
- Typo: Clean Air North had *party*, not “part.”