

# Northeast Texas Area 65, District 54 Monthly Meeting

September 4, 2011

Held at Richardson Group, Co-Hosted By Richardson and Garland Clean Air Groups

## FINAL DRAFT

### Opening Meeting:

- Welcome and Introductions:
  - ❖ Suzy M. (GSR, Richardson) opened with moment of silence and read "Why Do We Need a Conference?"
  - ❖ Introductions. 18 members representing 9 groups were present.
- Discussion of Traditions and Concepts:
  - ❖ 9<sup>th</sup> Tradition: Edith C. (Treatment Chair)
  - ❖ 9<sup>th</sup> Concept: David S. (DCM)

### 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. *No disapproval*. No minority voice expressed.
- Minutes accepted without corrections.

#### **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.

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

*not present. David S. reported that carpool/rideshare sheets available for sign-up.*

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

- Presented report:
  - ❖ Balance as of 2011-07-31: \$7,444.76 less \$4,000.00 prudent reserve - \$3,444.76 operating funds.
  - ❖ Add August contributions: \$682.92 less August expenses – \$12.00.
  - ❖ Balance as of 2011-08-31: \$8,115.68 less \$4,000.00 prudent reserve - \$4,115.68 operating funds.

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

- Took meeting to Gatesville facility.
- Will be attending Area meeting at the Assembly.

#### **Grapevine/La Viña:**

- District chairperson has stepped down; need a new person to fill the position. Talk to David S. if you are interested.
- 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)**

- Unable to attend Intergroup meeting.
- Will be at District 54 Service Fair along with Janis R.

#### **Public Information / Cooperation with the Professional Community (Carol W., Legacy)**

- Website is still in progress: just need directions to tell committee chairs how to post reports to the site.
- 2011 Healthy Living Expo is Saturday, Sep 24, 2011 9:00am – 1:00pm. Last year, approximately 3,000 attended. Contact Shelley at 972.205.3285.

#### **Treatment/Special Needs (Edith C., Rowlett)**

- Purchased treatment/special needs literature and soft cover Big Books to give to reps who cannot afford to buy them. To be distributed only to individuals, not groups or institutions.
- Intergroup continuing to compile a list of AA meetings being held at treatment centers.
- Still awaiting new Bridging-The-Gap forms from GSO.
- The Area Treatment/Special Needs committee meeting will be held at the Area Assembly (see address in DCM report) on Saturday, September 18.
- Some group reps have requested "meeting format" ideas that seem to be effective. Please pass these along to Edith at vonlea@aol.com.

#### **Ad-Hoc Committee: Area Assembly Hospitality (Jo-Anne M., Rowlett)**

- The committee ceased to exist for awhile. Sign-up sheet was passed around.
- Some groups have chipped in an extra \$50 each.
- Chris B. will send out e-mail to Trusted Servants explaining what's needed.

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

- Happening Sat., September 10 at Legacy Group, 1:30-5:30pm.
- Just completing the printing of information – 100 folders will be prepared.
- Joanie S. is taking the lead on preparing the food, but we welcome people bringing things (especially sweets).

*Suzy M. called for observance of 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition.*

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#### **Budget Committee (Rod C., Treasurer)**

- Met before the District meeting.
- Final proposal will be presented at October District meeting; vote will be taken to approve budget in November.

*Break.*

#### **GSRs: Group & Concerns**

- Clean Air North: renovations in progress.
- Garland Clean Air: growing
- Georgetown: had an issue with people stealing basket money from safe. Mentioned at Group Conscience; has not happened since.
- Legacy:
  - ❖ Group inventory was held on August 27. Jimmy D. moderated. Formed ad-hoc committee to implement ideas.
  - ❖ Having a difficult time financially.
  - ❖ Strong belief that rebuilding group unity will straighten out the financial situation.
- LifeSavers: New location!  
2101 W. Walnut St.  
Garland, TX 75042  
214.587.5732
- Richardson:
  - ❖ Has been distributing flyers for the Service Fair.
  - ❖ Brought up issue of flyer for event which listed member's full name and affiliation with well-known outside enterprise. *Brief discussion on traditions of affiliation, promotion, and "principals before personalities"*

#### **Old Business:**

- Motion by Suzy M. to "discontinue the reading aloud of the minutes of the last District meeting." *Motion passed, 14-0. No minority voice.*
- Motion by Chris R. to "move the January 1, 2012 District meeting to January 8, 2012." *Motion failed, 6-8. No minority voice was expressed.*
- Brief discussion held on the upcoming Area Assembly motions in order to allow all present to review the background materials and feel fully informed.

#### **New Business:**

*No new motions presented.*

#### **Upcoming Meeting Information**

10<sup>th</sup> Tradition: Jo-Anne M. (GSR, Rowlett)

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

October 2 – Georgetown, 2pm.

November 6 – Rowlett, 2pm.

December 4 – Clean Air North, 2pm.

*Motion to adjourn made, seconded at 4:08pm.*