

Northeast Texas Area 65, District 54 Monthly Meeting

October 2, 2011

Held at Georgetown Group

FINAL DRAFT

Opening Meeting:

- Welcome and Introductions:
 - ❖ Marcelo U. (GSR, Georgetown) read "Why Do We Need a Conference?"
 - ❖ Tom K. opened with moment of silence and Serenity Prayer.
 - ❖ Introductions. 17 members representing 11 groups were present.
- Discussion of Traditions and Concepts:
 - ❖ 10th Tradition: Stephanie Z. (Corrections Chair)
 - ❖ 10th Concept: Jo-Anne M. (GSR, Rowlett)

Officer and Standing Committee Reports:

Secretary (Chris B., Addison)

- *Not present. Tim L. (GSR, New Freedom) took his place.*
- Minutes accepted without corrections.

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

Not present. Tom K. (Alt-DCM) took his place. Report e-mailed in.

- The District 54 Service Fair went off without a hitch. Thank you everyone who participated, especially Chris B. and the committee who put the whole thing together.
- The Fall Area Assembly and Convention was held Sep. 16–18 at the Doubletree in Dallas, TX. The Hospitality Suite was hosted by District 54, with a committee chaired by Jo-Anne M. Thank you for all your hard work!

Motions:

- ❖ Motion to accept a request by The Athens Group to move from District 56 to District 42. *Passed with no disapproval.*
- ❖ 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 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous and that no AAs within the United States or Canada can change the 12 Steps without the written consent of the ¾ of the AA groups worldwide that respond to such a proposal.'" *After brief discussion, vote was 84 for, 13 against. Minority voice heard. Motion to revoke called and failed. Motion passed.*
- A copy of the detailed proposed NETA 2012 Proposed Budget is available on the Financial section of the NETA website (www.neta65.org). This is the budget that will be presented for approval at the Winter Assembly.
- Future Assemblies
 - ❖ Winter 2012 Assembly: January 21–22, Tanglewood Resort, 290 Tanglewood Circle, Pottsboro, TX, 75076. Rooms are available for \$73/night or \$103/night, plus tax. Rooms can be reserved by calling 800.833.6569 or 903.786.2969 by Dec. 19.

- ❖ Spring 2012 Assembly, March 17–18, Doubletree Hotel – Dallas, 4099 Valley View Lane, Dallas, TX, 75244. Rooms are available for \$74/night, plus tax. Rooms can be reserved by calling 972.385.9000 before Feb. 21.
- ❖ Summer 2012 Assembly, June 16–17, Somerville County Expo Center, 202 Bo Gibbs Blvd., Glen Rose, TX. Rooms are available at The Comfort Inn at 1615 NE Big Bend Trail, Glen Rose, TX for \$75/night or \$89/night, plus tax. Rooms can be reserved by calling 254.898.8900 by May 21.
- The 2011 Southwest Regional Forum will be held Oct. 7–9 in Wichita, KS. Registrations can be made at www.aa.org 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)

No report given, as Tom K. was covering for David S.

Treasurer (Rod C., Georgetown)

- Presented report:
 - ❖ Balance as of 2011-08-31: \$8,115.68 less \$4,000.00 prudent reserve - \$4,115.68 operating funds.
 - ❖ Add September contributions: \$485.00 less September expenses – \$901.61.
 - ❖ Balance as of 2011-09-30: \$7,699.07 less \$4,000.00 prudent reserve - \$3,699.07 operating funds.

Correctional Facilities (Stephanie Z., LifeSavers)

- Contributions from the Orange Can initiative are going well at the area level. Received enough contributions to cover the entire need for literature with \$20 to spare.
- Wants to visit groups to discuss Corrections service work.
- Corrections conference Nov. 12, 8:30am-6:30pm at Lutheran Church at 6202 Mockingbird Ln., Dallas. This is *not* TDCJ certification or orientation. It is a conference with local speakers to discuss value of Corrections work.

Grapevine/La Viña:

Position open. No report given.

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

Not present. No report given.

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

- Website up and running. Rod and Chris B. have logged in to add Treasurer's report, Minutes, and there are PI/CPC reports as well.
- Jodie volunteered to work with the District to get PSAs on the air.
- Garland Healthy Living Expo attended by about 3,000.
- Working with Garland PD Community Relations to inform them about AA.

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Treatment/Special Needs (Edith C., Rowlett)

- The District 54 Treatment Committee will meet on Nov. 6, 1:00pm at the Rowlett Group just before the District meeting.
 - ❖ We will be reviewing GSO literature, suggestions for treatment facility meetings, Bridging-the-Gap, and asking those already taking meetings to facilities to share their experience.
 - ❖ I'm attempting to contact group Treatment Reps personally.
 - ❖ If your group does not have a Treatment Rep, please bring someone to the meeting. You don't need to be a Treatment Rep to attend.
- There is still a need for ideas on formats at treatment facility meetings. Your experience in this area would be greatly appreciated. Call Edith at 469.728.7184 or e-mail vonlea@aol.com.
- Area Treatment/Special Needs/Accessibility Committee met on Sep. 17 during the Assembly:
 - ❖ GSO has approved a Bridging the Gap (BTG) form, although Area has not received a copy as yet. Dallas Intergroup and Fort Worth Central Office will be listed as contacts for BTG in this area. Communication between Committees, Area and Intergroup/Central Office is vital.
 - ❖ Area will be updating wheelchair accessibility info for the groups in our area to ensure the website is providing accurate information. If a building was built or remodeled after 1991, the American Disabilities Act standards should be in place.
 - ❖ AA hearing impaired meetings should have "HI" label on web/meeting lists.
 - ❖ Also stated during the meeting was the GSRs responsibility for being involved if the group does not have a Treatment/Special Needs/ Accessibility Rep.
 - ❖ The Area TSNA Committee is in need of an Alternate Chairperson. If you have a candidate, please contact John V. at 940.337.1979 or email NetaTreatment@gmail.com.
 - ❖ The next Area Treatment/Special Needs/Accessibility meeting will be held on Jan. 21 at the Winter Assembly during the lunch break.

7th Tradition and Break.

GSRs: Group & Concerns

- Addison: club discussion is a long ways off.
- Dallas North: Hispanic meeting expanding with about 15 regulars, meeting 2-3 times per week.
- Georgetown: contemplating addition of women's meeting Saturday at 2pm.
- LifeSavers:
 - ❖ Need speaker for Oct. 12.
 - ❖ Step speaker meeting starting in Oct.
- New Freedom: Fall Festival Oct. 16, 11:00am-2:00pm, Maryhead Carter Park, Carrollton.

- Plano:
 - ❖ Stopped posting the 10pm meetings.
 - ❖ Lease is up, and unsure where to go. Future uncertain for the group.
- Richardson: Group conscience being gathered and cross-referenced internally.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

- 2012 Budget:
 - ❖ Started from contribution level: \$7,500 annually.
 - ❖ Cut budgets on various line items to reflect realistic contributions.
 - ❖ District will vote to approve in November.
- Motion made by Stephanie Z. (Corrections Chair): To use the remainder of the 2011 Corrections Budget of \$1,757.20 for the purpose of purchasing Big Books to distribute to individuals in the correctional facilities as needed. *Motion clarified and tabled until November.*
- Suzy M. (GSR, Richardson) requested a sense of the District regarding the for-profit sale of speaker tapes at the 2011 Fall Area Assembly and Convention. After discussion, a request was made by the District to have the DCM bring this topic to the next Area Committee Meeting.

Upcoming Meeting Information

11th Tradition: Russ S. (GSR, Dallas North)

11th Concept: Suzy M. (GSR, Richardson)

November 6 – Rowlett, 2pm.

December 4 – Clean Air North, 2pm.

January 1 – LifeSavers, 2pm. Looking for group to co-host.

Motion to adjourn made, seconded at 4:00pm.