

# Northeast Texas Area 65, District 54 Monthly Meeting

November 6, 2011

Held at Rowlett Group

## FINAL DRAFT

### Opening Meeting:

- Welcome and Introductions:
  - ❖ Jo-Anne M. (GSR, Rowlett) read "Why Do We Need a Conference?"
  - ❖ David S. opened with moment of silence and Serenity Prayer.
  - ❖ Introductions. 15 members representing 9 groups were present.
- Discussion of Traditions and Concepts:
  - ❖ 11<sup>th</sup> Tradition: Russ S. (GSR, Dallas North)
  - ❖ 11<sup>th</sup> Concept: Suzy M. (GSR, Richardson)

### Officer and Standing Committee Reports:

#### **Secretary (Chris B., Addison)**

- Thanks to Tim L. (GSR, New Freedom) for standing in as secretary last month.
- Contacted several non-attending groups to see if they were getting minutes, and to find ways to send them.
- Previous minutes going to December 2003 are on website.
- Minutes accepted without corrections.

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

- The Northeast Texas Area Committee met Oct. 22 at The Greenville Traditions Group.
  - ❖ This meeting was extremely contentious, to the point of being deeply disturbing. The bulk of the contention and disunity centered around the Finance Committee and a minor procedural issue regarding expense reporting. The basic issue is whether (and how) the Archivist/Historian and one Past Delegate should be reimbursed for expenses incurred while participating in workshops. Neither have workshops included in their line budget, but these could be covered by the Alternate Chair's workshop budget. The disunity has made it impossible for this minor issue to be resolved in a timely manner, and has been dragging on for several months.
  - ❖ The Archives Committee is continuing to sell CDs of archived materials to raise funds.
  - ❖ The next combined NETA CPC/PI meeting will be on Jan. 20 at the assembly. They need volunteers to help with MADD presentations.
- Motions
  - ❖ The Area Finance Committee presented the following motion in response to a request from the Area Chair to create a policy regarding expense reporting: "Expenses for area business will be turned in to the appropriate committee or functional position that pertains to the expense. (e.g. workshop expense to be turned in to Alternate Area Chair, history presentations, to Archives Committee, etc.)" This motion was passed in the Area Finance Committee

9-2 with substantial unanimity. *Forwarded to The Structure Committee.*

- ❖ Motion presented by Mo N. (Area Alternate Delegate): "For Trusted Servants that receive a budget from NETA, receipts will be accepted for Assembly or Area Committee events, Workshops, Presentations, or any other service performed on behalf of NETA. Expenses include, but are not limited to, hotels, meals, mileage, printing, postage and any other expense that is directly related to service performed on behalf of NETA." *Forwarded to The Structure Committee.*
- ❖ Jane G. (The Greenville Traditions Group GSR) brought the following motion: "The Greenville Tradition Group, District 22, Area 65 moves that Area 65 endorse a letter from the Greenville Tradition Group opposing the digital distribution of Grapevine literature through iTunes (Apple) on the grounds that it goes against Tradition 6—AA's tradition of non-affiliation." Note that District 22 voted NOT to endorse this motion. *Sent to the Area Assembly floor.*
- ❖ Lex L. (District 64 DCM) brought the following motion: "Change the current NETA 65 Assembly schedule from 4 Assemblies per year to 3 Assemblies per year by eliminating the Winter Assembly. The 1st and 3rd Assemblies, with the 3rd being the Assembly /Convention, will be held in the DFW area and the 2nd assembly will be held in a hosting district outside of the DFW area when possible. The Winter Assembly will be replaced with 3 orientation /workshops, on in the Western section of our Area, one in the DFW area, and one in the Eastern section of our Area. To be determined and scheduled by the Area Committee." *Forwarded to The Structure Committee.*
- ❖ The motion endorsed by District 54, "That Area 54 endorse a motion to go on to the Conference Agenda requesting that all future printings of the book Alcoholics Anonymous (The 'Big Book') replace the name 'Herbert Spencer' from page 568 with 'author unknown'." *Sent to the Area Assembly floor.*
- ❖ I brought up the issue about CD sales at assemblies and conventions. The meeting was running long, and the Chairperson reiterated what she'd sent in her earlier e-mail. Another person mentioned that there was a partition between the assembly floor and the area where the tapes were being sold. There was some discussion about what the CDs cost. No real further additional information was provided.
- The "Past DCM Panel" will be during the February District meeting.
- Future Assemblies
  - ❖ The Winter 2012 Assembly will be held Jan. 21-22 at The Tanglewood Resort, 290 Tanglewood Circle, Pottsboro, TX, 75076. Rooms are \$73/night or \$103/night, plus tax and can be reserved by calling (800) 833-6569 or (903) 786-2968 by December 19.
  - ❖ The Spring 2012 Assembly will be held March 17-18 at The Doubletree Hotel – Dallas, 4099 Valley View Lane,

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Dallas, TX, 75244. Rooms are available for \$74/night, plus tax and can be reserved by calling (972) 385-9000 before February 21.

- ❖ The Summer 2012 Assembly will be held June 16-17 at The 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. To make a reservation, call (254) 898-8900 by May 21.

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

- Speaker lists and rideshare lists are available.
- If anyone has material available for archives, let him know.

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

- We came out with an excess of funds totaling \$60.00 after manning the Hospitality Suite at the Area Assembly/Convention.
- Presented report:
  - ❖ Balance as of 2011-09-30: \$7,699.07 less \$4,000.00 prudent reserve - \$3,699.07 operating funds.
  - ❖ Add October contributions: \$559.36 less October expenses - \$193.00.
  - ❖ Balance as of 2011-10-31: \$8,065.43 less \$4,000.00 prudent reserve - \$4,065.43 operating funds.

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

- Went to Gatesville facility with DAAMES.
- 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)**

- At the upcoming Intergroup meeting on Nov. 10, four DIA Trustee positions will be filled.
- Dec. 16 is "Volunteer Appreciation Day." There will be a trivia game and "Spin The Wheel" between 4-7pm for fun and prizes.
- Directories for meetings in the U.S. and Canada are available.

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

- Carrollton Group is holding PI/CPC workshop Nov. 12 1:30-2:30pm.
- Website resulted in contact from woman who needed AA visits for her sponsor who is confined to her nursing home. The hand of AA reached out and will continue to!
- AA will be at 2012 Conference on Crimes Against Women.

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

- Held District Treatment meeting at 1pm at Rowlett. Currently trying to assemble a list of which groups take meetings to which facilities, as is Intergroup.
- Bridging-the-Gap is a great way to be of service. Sign-up sheets are available.

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

- At its high point, 52 people in attendance.
- Not counting those who were on the agenda, representation from only five groups.

*7<sup>th</sup> Tradition and Break.*

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

- Dallas North:
  - ❖ Hearing-impaired meeting held Sunday at 6pm on a three-month trial basis.
  - ❖ Getting listed in directory that Dallas North is wheelchair-accessible.
- Legacy:
  - ❖ Still having financial issues.
  - ❖ Group inventory completed.
  - ❖ Friday 7pm meeting is now open newcomer.
- LifeSavers: Doing well after moving locations.
- Richardson: Ad-hoc committee for "how to chair a meeting" in progress.

### **Old Business:**

- 2012 Budget: *13 for, 0 against. Budget approved.*
- 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. *13 for, 0 against. Motion passed.*
- David S. agreed to put 10-15 minutes on next month's agenda to allow time to discuss Suzy M.'s concerns about the sale of speaker tapes at Area Assemblies.

### **New Business:**

- Motion made by David L. (PI/CPC Chair): To use the remainder of the 2011 PI/CPC Budget to purchase literature. *Motion postponed until next month.*
- Motion made by Edith C. (Treatment Chair): To distribute the excess funds of \$60.00 from manning the Hospitality Suite to the NETA Convention Committee. *Motion postponed until next month.*

### **Upcoming Meeting Information**

12<sup>th</sup> Tradition: David L. (PI/CPC Chair)

12<sup>th</sup> Concept: Joanie S. (GSR, Legacy)

December 4 – Clean Air North, 2pm.

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

February 5 – Dallas North, 2pm.

*Motion to adjourn made, seconded at 4:48pm.*