

# Northeast Texas Area 65, District 54 Monthly Meeting

December 4, 2011

Held at Clean Air North Group

## FINAL DRAFT

### Opening Meeting:

- Welcome and Introductions:
  - ❖ Bill I. (GSR, Clean Air North) read "Why Do We Need a Conference?"
  - ❖ David S. opened with moment of silence and Serenity Prayer.
  - ❖ Introductions. 17 members representing 10 groups were present.
- Discussion of Traditions and Concepts:
  - ❖ 12<sup>th</sup> Tradition: Chris B. (Secretary)
  - ❖ 12<sup>th</sup> Concept: Joanie S. (GSR, Legacy)

### Officer and Standing Committee Reports:

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

- Minutes accepted without corrections.

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

- At the Nov. 10 Intergroup meeting, four DIA Trustee positions were filled. Blair will bring full list to next District meeting.
- Dec. 16 is "Volunteer Appreciation Day." There will be a trivia game and "Spin The Wheel" between 4-7pm for fun and prizes.
- Central Office will be closed on 12pm Dec. 22 and will reopen at its usual time on Dec. 26.

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

- 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 Dec. 19.

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

- Speaker lists and rideshare lists are available.
- Still seeking material for archives.

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

- Presented report:
  - ❖ Balance as of 2011-10-31: \$8,065.43 less \$4,000.00 prudent reserve - \$4,065.43 operating funds.
  - ❖ Add November contributions: \$549.00 less November expenses - \$742.97.
  - ❖ Balance as of 2011-11-30: \$7,871.46 less \$4,000.00 prudent reserve - \$3,871.46 operating funds.

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

- Report presented by Chris B.
- Corrections conference Nov. 12 was major success. Current and past delegates present; inmate and warden shared their experience. Member of Addison Group became fired up to carry the message.

- New pamphlets are available from DIA: "Ordered to AA? You're not alone, and you're not the first." It discussed what AA does & does not do, attendance sheets, open/closed meetings, etc.
- We have an updated list of meetings taken to correctional facilities and service opportunities available. This will be made available to the District.

#### **Grapevine/La Viña:**

*Position open. No report given.*

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

- Report presented by David S. consisting of year-in-review.
- AA will be at 2012 Conference on Crimes Against Women.

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

- Edith has the Community Council Sourcebook listing events where AA could be of service. It is available to all.
- Bridging-the-Gap is a great way to be of service. Sign-up sheets are available.

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

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

- Addison: discussion on issue of how groups regulate access to their building.
- Belmont: **NEW LOCATION** as of Dec. 17. 2206 South Jupiter Rd. Garland, TX 75041
- Clean Air North: new Trusted Servants elected.
- Dallas North:
  - ❖ Spanish-speaking meeting is very popular.
  - ❖ Hearing-impaired meeting is temporarily on hold pending DIA assistance.
- Legacy:
  - ❖ Friday 7pm open newcomer meeting is very successful.
  - ❖ Focus on *unity* is helping group get back on track.
- New Freedom: discussion on issue of when wet drunks show up at meetings - and attempt to drive home drunk.
- Plano: **NEW LOCATION** as of Dec. 1. 2520 Avenue K, Suite 280 Plano, TX 75074
- Richardson: Had a suggestion for a post-meeting "karaoke night" which was voted down by the Group Conscience.

Groups holding New Year's Eve celebrations: Addison, and possibly Plano.

#### **Old Business:**

- Discussion held on whether or not it is appropriate for non-Conference approved materials (i.e. speaker tapes) to be sold at Area Convention/Assemblies. After lengthy and healthy discussion, sense of the District was reached to have David S. and Suzy M. craft a motion for District endorsement on this topic. David and Suzy will bring this information to next District meeting.

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- Motion made by David L. (PI/CPC Chair): To use the remainder of the 2011 PI/CPC Budget to purchase literature. *9 for, 2 against. Minority voice spoke, no call for revote. Motion passed.*
- 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. *9 for, 0 against. Motion passed.*

### New Business:

*none presented.*

### Upcoming Meeting Information

1<sup>st</sup> Tradition: Edith C. (Treatment Chair)

1<sup>st</sup> Concept: Tom K. (Alt-DCM)

January 1 – LifeSavers, 2pm. *Potluck event – bring yummys!*

February 5 – Dallas North, 2pm.

March 4 – Legacy, 2pm.

*Motion to adjourn made, seconded at 4:32pm.*