

Northeast Texas Area 65, District 54 Monthly Meeting

October 6, 2013

Held at Carrollton Group, Carrollton, Texas

FINAL

OPENING (2:00 p.m.):

Welcome:

Ray (GSR, Carrollton Group) opened with Serenity Prayer and read "Why Do We Need a Conference?"

Introductions:

31 members representing 13 groups were present.

Discussion of Traditions and Concepts:

10th Tradition: Ray (GSR, Carrollton)

10th Concept: Tom (Alt GSR, ODAAT Group)

MINUTES(of the Previous Meeting):

Donna R. was present and graciously substituted for Secretary (Joanie S.) who was not present.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS and OFFICER REPORTS:

➤ Cooperation with the Professional Community:

(Mike L., Rowlett) See report attached.

➤ Grapevine/La Viña (Lisa H., Clean Air North)

GRAPE-A-THON, Oct 19 at Chicago Group, Northaven Christian Church, Food, skits and main speaker will be Mo N. New book published: "No Matter What". Grapevine offering discount on new subscriptions, get yours today!

➤ Literature/Intergroup (Richard Z., ODAAT)

District 54 literature rack will make its first appearance at the District Service Fair. Working on additional projects!

➤ Treatment/Special Needs (Stephanie Z, TSNAC; Annette, Alt TSNAC)

Taking Big Books, Videos, etc to jail meetings on Wed and Thurs at Lew Sterrett. Still need tapes for Special Needs Unit at Gatesville. Annette is putting together info for admittance to jails, treatment centers etc for GSR's. You can attend as guest 3 times before you need to be certified. Corrections Service Fair Nov. 16 at Corinth Group will hold certification. More info contact Stephanie or Annette.

➤ Public Information (Position Open) Public Information (P.I.) in Alcoholics Anonymous means carrying the message of recovery to the still-suffering alcoholic by informing the general public about the A.A. program. We carry the message by getting in touch with and responding to the media, schools, industry, and other organizations which can report on the nature and purpose of A.A. and what it can do for alcoholics. - reprinted with permission AA Corrections Workbook.

➤ Correctional Facilities (Hollie F., Clean Air North)

No report.

➤ District Committee Member (Tom K., Plano)

All motions at the Fall North East Texas Area Assembly that we discussed last month were approved at Assembly. Copies of the General Service Conference Report were distributed. See report attached for more information.

➤ Alt. DCM (Rod C., Georgetown) Rideshare lists are available, please let Rod know if you are interested in rideshare to all District and Area activities. District 54 speaker list are available, (just not at this meeting!) please let Rod know if interested in being added to the MOST CURRENT District 54 Speaker list. :)

- **Treasurer (Suzy M, Richardson)** Balance as of 2013-30-9: \$5643.52_ less \$2,000.00 prudent reserve - \$3643.52 operating funds. September contributions were \$754.77; Total expenses for September were \$171.45. Suzy gave report on Who is Spending What! Need to use your budget. Please turn in your receipts to Suzy. Budget for 2014 will be presented next month for disapproval.

GSR REPORTS & CONCERNS (Discussion on your Groups Business Structure)

- **Addison (Jeff T., GSR)** All service positions filled currently. Group approved new format for Monday 8pm speaker meeting. Speaker for 15 minutes and then Q&A. Written questions given to Chairperson for discussion (lightning round).
- **Carrollton Group (Ray V., GSR.)** - Thank you to Carrollton Group for hosting us this month.
- **Georgetown (Meglynn, GSR; Kim, Alt GSR)** Group has no steering committee, only Group Conscience. Very small meetings. Introduced new Alt GSR Kim. Welcome to District 54 and thank you for your service.
- **Legacy Group (J.D., Group Chairperson)** GSR has stepped down. JS filing in. Hosting District 54 meeting next month. Group just finished Inventory, most concerns around sponsorship. Group has been experiencing some "growing pains".
- **Lifesavers Group (Keith, GSR)** Small group, working on increasing attendance. Traditions mtg on Wed at 6:30pm. Welcome Keith to District 54!
- **New Freedom (David B., GSR)** October 13 is Groups Annual Picnic at Mary's Head Park. Flyer was handed out. Small group, business meetings are "pretty mellow". Group getting lots of newcomers from Carrollton Springs.
- **ODAAAT (Kelly, GSR; Tom, Alt. GSR)** Group just celebrated 34th Anniversary! Looking for Group Secretary. Talking about doing Group Inventory. Active in service work. Next Group Conscience motion will be presented requesting budget for GSR. Discussion on what other Groups do regarding BSG budget, etc.
- **Plano (Carmen, GSR)** Group has completed Inventory. Thank you to Rod C. (District 54 Alt DCM) for moderating. Motions will be presented at Group Conscience as a result of Inventory.
- **Richardson (James, GSR)** Large attendance at GC regarding E-cigarettes. GC voted to allow use of E-Cigarettes in meetings.
- **Rowlett (Sherry, GSR)** Group Conscience will be addressing E-cigarettes at next meeting, will keep you posted. Working on filling service positions.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Guiding Principles Ad Hoc Committee – Rod C., Chair
Did not meet this month. More info to come.
- District Service Fair Information:
11/2 Dallas North
11/9 Richardson
11/16 Addison
Saturdays; the event will be from 2:00 to 5:00, set-up & break-down should not interfere with the groups' meeting schedules. Contact Stefanie for any questions.
- Finance Committee – Discussion regarding progress on 2014 Budget. Discussed the addition of \$75 per month for hosting group for food reimbursement. Will no longer pass basket at District meetings. Our hope is this will cut down on costs incurred by Groups for hosting. This will appear on the 2014 Budget which will be presented for approval next month.
- Motion by Tom (DCM, District 54) for approval of \$400 for attendance at the Regional Forum. Motion passed, no disapproval.

NEW BUSINESS:

- No disapproval on request by Richard, Literature Rep to use his remaining budget for District 54 Literature Rack.
- No disapproval on request by Lisa, Grapevine Rep for \$100 for Grape-a-thon food budget.
- After the District meeting, email vote was sent to all requesting vote to provide hosting group \$75 towards food for the 3 Service fairs in November. Passed.

Upcoming Meeting Information:

Next meeting:

November – Legacy Group

(Tradition 11 – Keith; Concept 11 – Rod.)

December – Clean Air North

January 2014 – Georgetown (tentative)

February 2014 - Rowlett Group

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