

Northeast Texas Area 65, District 54 Monthly Meeting

October 4, 2015

Held at the Addison Group, Addison, Texas

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District 54 is a geographical unit made up of AA groups in the northern section of the Dallas Metroplex. District 54 is part of the North East Texas Area (NETA). Our district includes approximately 24 groups and includes most Dallas groups north of Forest Lane and groups located in Carrollton, Garland, Richardson, Rowlett, and Sachse. All AA members are welcome to attend the meeting and provide input; however each group designates one representative (GSR-General Service Representative) to vote on behalf of the group conscience. The meetings are generally the first Sunday of every month at 2:00 PM. The meeting is hosted by a different group each month.

District 54 Groups are: Addison - Belmont - Carrollton - Clean Air North - **Dallas North** - Garland Clean Air - Georgetown - Keystone - Legacy - Lifesavers - Living Sober - New Freedom - No Hassle - ODAAT - Plano - Reaching Out - Richardson - Richardson Big Book - Rowlett - Sachse - Serenity

District meetings are sometimes called the GSR meetings. Group reports are given so that other GSR's are aware of how and where other Groups are carrying the AA message, how they are solving group concerns and problems, and a forum for tradition/concept and service sharing sessions. Reports from the District Committee chairs provide two way communications between the AA groups and AA as a whole. District 54 resources are for AA's within District 54 who interested in AA service work.

OPENING (2:00 p.m.):

Welcome:

Donna B. (GSR Rowlett) opened with Serenity Prayer and read "Why Do We Need a Conference?"

Discussion of Traditions and Concepts:

10th Tradition: Valerie J. (New Freedom)

10th Concept: Blair B (Clean Air North)

Donna M. (ODAAT) will present the 11th

Tradition at the November meeting at the Dallas North Group.

Thomas (Belmont/Garland Clean Air)-Will present the 11th Concept at the November meeting at the Dallas North Group.

MINUTES (of the Previous Meeting):

Secretary Rav V was unavailable but minutes were approved anyway.

Are You Looking For Service Opportunities?

If you are interested in holding a position with District 54, please contact the following:

Alternate Treasurer, contact Jeff T.

Grapevine-

Courtney C is the Grapevine Chair-Grape-A-Thon is coming up in November; there are fliers

available. Also there is a subscription challenge. See Courtney for details.

Sherry J Literature/Intergroup Rep Mike L is

the alternate- Intergroup still needs money. Recent contributions have helped a lot. Fundraiser was well attended and there is another coming up on the 17th with Clancy speaking. Three brochures are changing; seeking manuscripts from individuals. AA for Women, AA for LGBT, and AA Recovery Experience for Those with Mental Health Issues and their Sponsors. 500-800 words, double-spaced, 12 point font. Anonymity preserved. Contact info available for those interested in contributing.

TSNAC - Treatment Special Needs

Accessibilities

Blair B is the Chairperson for TSNAC-

Intergroup is hosting a workshop on November 14th. Blair, Janis, and Jamie will speak about accessibility.

Corrections Report- David B is Corrections

Chair (AKA "JAIL DUDE", Stephanie Z is

Alternate Chair- Guidelines are available for applications to take a meeting into the jail. Dallas County has a dress code; DCM has a copy of that for anyone interested.

CPC Report

Kelly H is the CPC Chair- Sasche group needed some information. Kelly is meeting with the pastor of the church where they meet. Of the three 12-month gift subscriptions planned, one has been successfully placed in a local clinic. Reaching out to SW Medical school about med students attending open meeting. Kelly is planning to attend a health fair and will have a booth.

Secretary Report

Nothing to report.

PI Report

Steve A is the PI Chair,

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

Treasurer Report

Jeff T. is the Treasurer- Contributions are little down from expectations.

ALT DCM Report

Suzy is the Alt DCM-Not available.

DCM Report.

Rod C is the DCM- Suzy the Alt DCM has suffered a family tragedy and is in need of our prayers. She has been responsible for the ongoing Guiding Principles project; someone may need to take over that work. District 54 needs a new PI chair and a District Webmaster. Oct. 18th is the Area Committee Meeting at the Unity Group in Denton.

GSR Report

Jerry C is the GSR for Addison- Addison is taking meetings to Valley Hope. Jerry attended the Area meeting and was deeply troubled by some issues. Addison has voted to stop giving money to the Area as a result.

Thomas H. is the GSR for the Garland Clean Air and Belmont Group-The group has been taking one meeting a month to Addicare.

Will A is the GSR for Clean Air North- Will advised that there is no one in the Newsletter Editor position at the Area level; rather than eliminate the position (as was proposed), Jody from Clean Air North volunteered.

Valarie J. is the GSR for the New Freedom

Group. The group will have a picnic on October 18th celebrating the group's 15th anniversary.

Tom is the GSR for ODAAT_ ODAAT will be celebrating their 36th anniversary October 16th -18th. There will be a huge party including a chili show-off; all are welcome. ODAAT recently had some money taken from the group; they are also refilling some Trusted Servant positions. Tom attended the GSR sharing session from the Assembly and has notes for anyone interested.

James D. is the GSR for the Richardson Group- 45th Anniversary celebration went well, with a little problem regarding money for dinner. This issue has been corrected for future events.

Donna B. is the GSR for the Rowlett Group-

Location and schedule changes have caused a slight drop in meeting attendance, but they are hopeful that this will be temporary.

Isaac V is the GSR for the New Speaker/Share Group-

There have been some bumps in the road, but otherwise the new group is doing well.

Old Business

The guiding principles are on hold for now. **New Business**

Robbie J of Clean Air North was approved as the new treatment facility chair for District 54. We will need to form an adhoc budget committee for 2016.

Upcoming Meeting Information:

Next District 54 meeting:

November 1st-Dallas North Group

December 6th-Clean Air North Group

January 2016-Richardson Group (tentative).

Motion to adjourn made, seconded at 4:00 pm