

**Northeast Texas Area 65, District 54 Monthly Meeting**  
**Sunday, January 7, 2018**  
**Held at Georgetown Group, Dallas, TX.**  
**FINAL DRAFT**

**OPENING (2:00 p.m.):**

**Welcome:**

- Max (GSR, Georgetown) with a moment of silence, Serenity Prayer and read "Why Do We Need a Conference?"

**Introductions:**

- **19** members representing **10** groups were present.
- Groups present: Addison, Carrollton, Clean Air North, Dallas North, Georgetown, Legacy, New Freedom, ODAAT, Richardson, Rowlett

**Discussion of Traditions and Concepts:**

- 1st Tradition: Gail C. (GSR, Legacy)
  - Referenced Long Form
  - Our Common Welfare must come first – without the Group we could not survive.
  - Traditions Checklist from the A.A. Grapevine Articles– GSO Service Piece:  
[https://www.aa.org/assets/en\\_US/smf-131\\_en.pdf](https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/smf-131_en.pdf)
- 1st Concept: Jose C. (Alt GSR, Legacy)
  - Referenced Pamphlet – Concepts Illustrated. Review of the Upside-down triangle - A.A. Structure
  - Reviewed the History of how and why the GSC came to fruition. Every group has a voice in what our Trustees do via expressing their Group Conscience to the Area Delegate.
  - Referenced – A.A. Comes of Age – page 296 – Charter of the Conference 1<sup>st</sup> element reviews the "Purpose" and 3<sup>rd</sup> element reviews the Relation of the Conference to A.A.
  - Tradition Two is imbedded in Concept 1.

**MINUTES of the Previous Meeting:**

- **Secretary (Margo C., Dallas North)**
  - December Minutes – Tom D (DCM) asked that we wait until February to approve the December minutes so the Secretary could be present.
  - Tom D – Asked for a sheet to be passed around for any new or revised contact information.

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS and OFFICER REPORTS:**

- DCM – Tom D. (ODAAT)
  - He will continue to seek Will A.'s input when in doubt and/or needing guidance.
  - Encourages GSR effective communication
  - Goals – To help the groups in D54 carry the message. How to involve more people – Start lighting their fire. Contact "Dark" Groups. Meet 1-on-1 with each GSR and D54 Committee Chair Rep. Technology – ways to use Tech more efficiently to help carry the message. Currently involved in the Area Technology Committee.
- Correctional Facilities – OPEN
- CPC– Kelly M. (ODAAT)
  - Not present – no report

- Grapevine / La Viña – Bill B. (New Freedom)
  - Area GV meeting did not take place. Janice is scheduling for the next meeting – Bill will advise once date and location are confirmed. Asks that any groups who can support hosting one of the Area GV Meetings in 2018 to let him know - Normally only 6-10 individuals, Estimate about 1 hour duration, general review on updates from the Area and Grapevine Inc.
  - Goals – Connectivity at D54 – Sharing more information, Include more efforts on representation of La Viña; if anyone knows of a Spanish speaking person interested to assist in this manner for D54 representation, contact Bill.
- Literature / Intergroup – OPEN
  - Information shared that Janis and Carrie are no longer employed at Dallas IG. Question of who our contact is now for business matters?
  - Tom D will obtain the information and ensure contacts are sent in e-mail to all.
  - Also shared that currently Dallas IG really needs help with volunteering. 2 years Sobriety for volunteering on the phones and less than two years sobriety can volunteer in the office for helping with orders and general efforts.
- PI – Chris B. (Addison)
  - Reference Report provided
  - Mock Panel on Sunday, January 14, 12:30pm at Addison Group.
  - Health & Safety Fair, Collin County Community College, March 9, 9:00am – 2:00pm.
  - Goals – advised his MO is "Be a show, don't tell guy". However, please do let him know how he can improve.
- Web Servant – Chris B. (Addison)
  - District 54 website will have a "Past DCM Experience" section; in progress.
- Treatment Facilities – Rob B. (ODAAT)
  - Not Present – asked for report given by Chris B
  - Rob wants to keep a good handle on the spreadsheet, any new efforts, changes, or new Group Treatment Reps, please let him know via e-mail.
- Secretary – Margo (Dallas North)
  - Not Present – No report
- Treasurer – Deborah (Georgetown)
  - Reference Report provided.
  - Feels comfortable with the 2018 budget based on last year's Group donations.
- Special Needs and Accessibilities– Mike L. (Rowlett)
  - Not present – No report
- Alternate DCM – OPEN
- DCM – Tom D. (ODAAT)
  - New GSR/DCM Orientations in January – Reference e-mail from Tom D for the three orientations/locations sent on 01.04.2018.

- If anyone needs Transportation to one of the Orientations, please contact Tom D so he can help to organize a ride.

## **BREAK (2:45 PM – 3:00 PM)**

### **GSR REPORTS & CONCERNS**

#### **Addison (Donnie, GSR)**

- Chris B provided update – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Addison hosted a “Night-Watch” event. Members hung out, food, fellowship. Played games. Great Service Opportunity for Groups if they want to host one.

#### **Carrollton (Pat D, GSR)**

- Group started a 12 Tradition Meeting – Starting in January – 12 Week duration from 4pm-5:30pm
- Goals – Getting better at bringing Group Chairs to District Meetings. Sponsoring Workshops at the Group.
- Dave (Alt GSR) Goals – Communicate between Group/District /Area – Increase information flow and exposure.

#### **Clean Air North (Lisa H., GSR)**

- Goals – Get with Joe (Alt GSR) and communicate better what the GSR does; share information for working together. Host two Workshops/Panels at the Group during the year.
- Individual Goal – Attend more Literature Meetings to focus on Carrying the Message.

#### **Dallas North (Lezlie R., GSR)**

- Reviewed lady at the group disrupting and damaging public bathroom shared with the building tenants. They did file a police report. Tradition 1 – “Our Common Welfare”.
- Goals- Have a Group Inventory and Follow through with actions.
- Personal - Attend a variety of meetings without over extending personal balance.

#### **Georgetown (Max, GSR)**

- Moving to new place in about 22 months – Having to address who will sign the lease. Input from others is valuable. How do other groups setup the organization when it relates to Real Estate contracts?
- Mentioned was Clubs and the Group – GSO Service Piece can be found at: [https://www.aa.org/assets/en\\_US/mg-03\\_clubs.pdf](https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/mg-03_clubs.pdf)
- How best can Groups record/document to share “Best Practices”?

#### **Legacy (Gail C., GSR)**

- Legacy had several meetings where the Meeting Type was “Chairperson Choice”. They have changed this due to ambiguity and updated the meetings to be Big Book and/or 12and12 excerpt driven.
- Goals – Hold the Group Inventory – Motion was passed. Get more Technology involved – Expand website to also involve the existing members of the Group. Ex. Social Engagements

and adding the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition On-line contributions. Having workshops pertaining to Carrying the message.

#### **New Freedom (Paul K., GSR)**

- Goals – Heard wonderful ideas here to further consider at the Group level of Goals.
- Personal – Learn more on the Traditions and Concepts.

#### **ODAAT (Donna M., GSR)**

- Currently Hosting several events – Safety and Respect in A.A. Area Workshop, April District Meeting (on board for voting in January GC meeting), ODAAT offered to host the Summer ACM meeting - Pending details from Olga.
- Goals- Bring a new person to District Meetings and Attend a GSR/DCM Orientation session this January.
- Tahtianna F (Alt GSR) - Goals – Personal Increase knowledge of GSR duties as they relate to the Group, District and Area. Further support the current GSR of ODAAT. Group - Carry the A.A. message – Inspire, Sponsoring into Service, increase Communication. BTG – Understand and review efforts for implementing at the Group.

#### **Richardson (Phillip P., Alt GSR)**

- Richardson Grp has elected a new GSR. Should be at the next D54 meeting.
- Goals – Personal – Improve on taking back information to the Group. Group – Encourage Group chairs to connect with District. Attending Orientation.

#### **Rowlett (Maria R., GSR)**

- Goals – Invite members to D54 and Area meetings. Get an Alt GSR. Be more verbal about adhering to the Traditions with others. Share Service opportunities at the group. Volunteer at IG and Carry the message. Personal – Incorporate all the A.A. Spiritual Principles into personal life affairs.

#### **Speaker Share**

- No longer an Active Group

#### **Old Business:**

- **Chris B, Web Servant (Addison)**
  - Guiding Principles – Review document for changes.
  - Tom asked for Chris to print some copies for the next District meeting and then perhaps review can take place starting the March meeting.

#### **New Business**

- **Chris B , PI (Addison)**
  - Asked for item to be added to the February Agenda: Hosting a Service Fair during the Summer time frame.
- **Tom D, DCM (ODAAT)**
  - Alternate DCM Election
  - 2 individuals stood for the Position:
    - Chris B (Addison)
    - Paul K (New Freedom)
  - Both members provided service experience and overall information.

- Voting took place. Minority opinion was expressed. No change in majority Vote.
- Chris B from the Addison Group is now the Alternate DCM.

**Upcoming Meeting Information**

Next meeting: Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Donnie, GSR, Addison Group

Tradition 2: Paul K (GSR - New Freedom)  
Concept 2: Tahtianna F (Alt GSR - ODAAT)

March – Carrollton, March 4<sup>th</sup>

April – ODAAT, April 1<sup>st</sup> (Pending)

May – Clean Air North, May 6<sup>th</sup> (Pending)

June – Dallas North, June 3<sup>rd</sup> (Pending)

*Meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm*