

Northeast Texas Area 65, District 54 Monthly Meeting

Sunday, February 4, 2018

Held at Addison Group, Dallas, TX.

FINAL DRAFT

OPENING (2:00 p.m.):

Welcome:

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

Introductions:

- **20** 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:

- 2nd Tradition: Paul K. (GSR, New Freedom)
 - Do I trust God, by trusting in the Group
 - Do I see a loving God in others and do they see a loving God in me
 - Do I express the love of God by my service work for others.
- 2nd Concept: Tahtianna F. (Alt GSR, ODAAT)
 - Principle is in delegating tasks and transferring responsibility to trusted servants with the ultimate authority resting in the AA Groups and then in the individual members of AA

MINUTES of the Previous Meeting:

- **Secretary (Margo C., Dallas North)**
 - Approval December Minutes – Approved after making necessary adjustments required for DCM replacement protocols.
 - Approval January Minutes - Approved

COMMITTEE CHAIRS and OFFICER REPORTS:

- DCM – Tom D. (ODAAT)
 - Going to be checking in with the No Hassle group to see if he can get them more involved at the district level. Also is working with Whiskey & Milk group to help them with their inventory and get them more involved at the district level.
 - Spring Assembly is March 16-18 at the Marriott ("NETA65") Colony/Plano \$104/night. Assembly begins at 5pm on Friday and ends at noon on Sunday. Mock Panels for the GSC to discuss topics that our delegate will take to NY, we inform and do not instruct. This is our chance to express our voice (aka opinion)
 - Jordan Peterson is an exception speaker and can be found on YouTube.
- Alt DCM – Chris B. a2
 - Maintains three lists
 - District 54 Speaker List – Those will to share their story, speak on the 12 steps, 12 traditions or 12 concepts. It is only for District 54 trusted servants to sign up.
 - Ride Share – If you are willing to give rides or if you need a ride to area Assemblies please add your information to the spreadsheet
- Group History – Has prepared a group history spreadsheet which includes Founding Date, GSO # and soon hopes to include a bit of the history of the group.
- Committee Chairs are appointed by the DCM and/or Alt DCM. They are not an elected officer. If someone has a potential candidate contact the DCM and pass on the candidate's info and the DCM or Alt DCM will contact that person and take it from there.
- Correctional Facilities – OPEN
- CPC– Kelly M. (ODAAT)
 - Their committee members have each committed to making 5 calls a week to reach out to the community and to build their database. Will email the February date for the next CPC committee meeting.
 - Would also like to be invited by the groups to speak at their Group Conscience meetings about the CPC to generate some more interest and inform groups about the work that CPC is doing.
- Grapevine / La Viña – Bill B. (New Freedom)
 - Not present, no report
- PI/Web Servant – Chris B. (Addison)
 - Going to prepare a template for other committee chairs to help them write their reports.
 - Presented at Dallas North's and Clean Air North Group Consciences – 7 more groups to go
 - Website Update: Past DCM Experience page up and running
 - Mock panel went well; will schedule another in the summer
 - Stepping out of role – THANK YOU for letting me be of service, replacement should be here next month
- Treatment Facilities – Rob B. (ODAAT)
 - Will bring a spreadsheet to update and keep up to date
 - Spreadsheet needs to be emailed out to everyone
- Treasurer – Deborah (Georgetown)
 - Opening Balance - \$8,903.77
 - Opening Operating Funds - \$6,903.77
 - Total Contributions - \$603.66
 - Total Expenses - \$330.00
 - Ending Operating Funds \$7,177.43
 - Closing Balance \$9,177.43
- Secretary – Margo (Dallas North)
 - Nothing to report
- Literature / Intergroup – OPEN
 - Intergroup hired a new Office Manager, Lincoln from Carrollton Group
- Special Needs and Accessibilities– Mike L. (Rowlett)
 - Not present, no report

BREAK (3:00 PM – 3:15 PM)

GSR REPORTS & CONCERNS

Addison (Donnie, GSR)

- Paypal is raking in donations of approximately \$100/month
- Talking about increasing their contributions to District, Area, Intergroup and GSO

Belmont (Cassie, GSR)

- Looking for insight from someone to conduct an inventory

Carrollton (Pat D, GSR)

- Nothing to report

Clean Air North (Joe, Alt GSR)

- Willing to host an area Grapevine Meeting

Dallas North (Lezlie R., GSR)

- Group Conscience regarding open carry, group decided to vote down the motion to prohibit members from carrying guns into our meetings but those who practice conceal carry are going to speak to the ones who practice open carry and encourage them to conceal their weapon at the AA meetings because it makes some of our members uncomfortable.
- Because we have strongly opinionated members used our private FB page to voice their opinions and were asked not to do that
- Girlapaloozaa 12 Step Speaker Conference coming up in May 4-6 at the Mesquite Conference Center.

Garland Clean Air (Kim, GSR)

- No report

Georgetown (Max, GSR)

- Lease space special group conscience to discuss options and logistics, asking for info from other groups who have experience in this area to come to their meeting – Tuesday, February 6th, 7:45
- Night watch support, will report next month

Legacy (Gail C., GSR)

- Not present no report

New Freedom (Paul K., GSR)

- No report

ODAAT (Donna M., GSR)

- Safety and Respect Workshop on Sunday, February 25th from 12:30 to 3:30, hosted by the ODAAT group, Fellowship, 3 Speaker Panel with Q&A

Richardson (Frances, GSR & Philip, Alt GSR)

- Renegotiate old lease
- Chris B coming to next GC
- Chili cook-off March 24th from 6pm-9pm

Rowlett (Maria R., GSR)

- Not present, no report

Old/New Business:

➤ **Chris B., PI (Addison)**

- District to Host a Service Fair during the Summer time frame – 2 hour event, needing to form a committee to work out the logistics

- Guiding Principles – some info outdated that needs to be made current. Info pertaining to secretary needs to be amended

New Business

- Motion: Move District 54 Meeting from Sunday, April 1, 2pm to Sunday, April 8 at 2pm
- Motion approved and meeting is being moved
- Donna M from ODAAT requested 30 Mini Big Books, (15) for Seay Center and (15) for Sunspire, there were no disapprovals. Called in request on 2/5/18.

Upcoming Meeting Information

Next meeting: Sunday, March 4th, 2018

Pat, GSR, Carrollton Group

Tradition 3: Kelly M (CPC - ODAAT)

Concept 3: Lezlie R. (GSR – Dallas North)

April – Dallas North, April 8th (Pending) - Easter

May – Clean Air North, May 6th

June – ODAAT, June 3rd (Pending)

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm