

Northeast Texas Area 65, District 54 Monthly Meeting

Sunday, March 4, 2018

Held at Carrollton Group, Dallas, TX.

Final Minutes

OPENING (2:00 p.m.):

Welcome:

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

Introductions:

- 20 members representing 9 groups were present.
- Groups present: **Addison, Belmont, Carrollton, Clean Air North, Dallas North, Legacy, New Freedom, ODAAT, Richardson**

Discussion of Traditions and Concepts:

- 3rd Tradition: Kelly M. (CPC, ODAAT)
 - Experience of founding members helped establish to steps and traditions
- 3rd Concept: Lezlie R. (GSR, Dallas North)
 - Right of Decision & Trust

MINUTES of the Previous Meeting:

➤ Secretary (Margo C., Dallas North)

- Motion to approve February Minutes – Approved

COMMITTEE CHAIRS and OFFICER REPORTS:

➤ DCM – Tom D. (ODAAT)

- NETA 65 Area Committee meeting was February 11th in Waco
- Preferred qualifications for GSR to be invited to a future district meeting to share his knowledge
- Spring Assembly: "AA-A solution for all Generations" The Colony Marriott 5917 Stone Creek Dr., The Colony
 - Friday, March 16: Registration 5pm & Speaker @ 7pm
 - Saturday, March 17th begins @ 8am
 - Sunday, March 18th begins @ 8:30am
- Upcoming event: Summer Assembly June 8-10 in Texarkana
- Ordering 50 copies of the new AA Group Brochure

➤ Alt DCM – Chris B.

- Reports available: District Speakers, Ride Share, Group Historical Info
- Spring Assembly: Agenda & background materials made available by delegate and have been shared via email sent to panel with the link

➤ Correctional Facilities – OPEN

➤ CPC– Kelly M. (ODAAT)

- Coordinate with GSR's to attend Group Conscience meetings
- District 53 "How to start a PI/CPC Group, Feb 18
- CPC committee meetings moved from Mondays at 8pm to Tuesdays at 7pm, still at ODAAT Alanon room, next meeting on March 20th

➤ Grapevine / La Viña – Bill B. (New Freedom) A1

- Will be serving Area as Alt Grapevine Area Rep as well as continuing to serve as District Committee Chair
- Area Grapevine meeting will be in April, TBA

- Oct 14th Grape-A-thon at Lewisville group
- Suggests buying a Grapevine subscription to Sobriety Birthday Celebrants instead of a knick-knack, it would serve as a recurring gift in months to come and to continue to plants those AA experiential seeds to people in recovery

➤ Literature/Intergroup – OPEN

➤ PI/Web Servant – OPEN

➤ Secretary – Margo (Dallas North)

- Committee Chairs Please send me your reports prior to the district meeting, I will send you an email requesting them to help aid in getting them in a timely manner.
- If anyone needs something from me please call or text 214-477-7260

➤ Special Needs/Accessibilities– Mike L. (Rowlett)

- Stepped down, position now open

➤ Treasurer – Deborah (Georgetown) Not Present

- Opening balance - \$9,177.43
- Operating Funds - \$7,177.43
- Total Contributions - \$942.26
- Total Expenses - \$27.72
- Total Operating Funds \$8,091.97
- Ending Balance - \$10,091.97

➤ Treatment Facilities – Rob B. (ODAAT)

- Not Present. Waiting on forwarded report from Chris B.

BREAK (3:05 PM – 3:15 PM)

GSR REPORTS & CONCERNS

Addison (Donnie, GSR)

- Nothing new to report

Belmont (Don, GSR)

- Nothing new to report

Carrollton (Pat D, GSR)

- Men's Retreat coming up April 27th-29th in Glenrose, for more info go to website texasmensretreat.com
- A Coed Retreat "Spirit of the Pines" April 20th – 22nd - Tom bringing brochures to next meeting

Clean Air North (Lisa H., GSR)

- Anniversary Party will be Sunday, April 22nd – 11:30am food & fellowship and a speaker at 1pm

Dallas North (Lezlie R., GSR)

- GirlAPaloozAA – Womens' Step Speaker Conference at the Mesquite Convention Ctr, May 4th – 6th
- Hosting District Meeting at Dallas North on Sunday, April 8th
- Goals & Updates – will be working with a service sponsor and try to stay more connected to the group and will be attending more of the workshops

Legacy (Jose C., GSR)

- They will be conducting a Group Inventory
- Lots of discord going on in the group
 - Relationship with their Spring Creek Club (lessor) is strained at the moment due to financial deficits at the club level and concerns arise with regard to upholding Tradition 6
 - Discussions on having a minimum length of sobriety guideline be established for people who chair meetings

New Freedom (Paul K., GSR)

- Filled all their positions filled, with the exception of the Treatment Facilities Rep
- Small problem with treasurer went to BoA to start a bank account and were advised to form a LLC which is a problem so they have to fix this and redo as a Non-profit entity.

ODAAT (Donna M., GSR)

- Had Safety & Respect in AA Workshop help last Sunday, went well and had a good turnout, also had Area people attend
- Discussing motions next week
 - Holding District meeting in June
 - Holding Area Committee meeting in July

Richardson (Frances, GSR & Philip, Alt GSR)

- Rescheduled PI presentation for March 21st
- Chili Cook Off, March 24th, 6-9pm – unless you are bringing chili then please arrive at 5:30pm

Old/New Business:

- Service Fair Planning if interested please contact Chris, will have a report next month

New Business

- Submit for Approval/Disapproval – Chairpersons for Following committees
 - Correctional Facilities - OPEN
 - Intergroup/Literature – Jeremy T. from ODAAT is filing this position
 - PI/Web Servant – Gail C. from Legacy is filling this position
- Review Guiding Principles – specifically the section of Secretary responsibilities. Margo, Chris & Tom will review Adhoc committee edits from Panel 65 to determine wording for secretary section and present next month for approval from district
- **Handbooks for all New District Chairs**

Upcoming Meeting Information

Next meeting: Sunday, April 8th, 2018
Lezlie R. - GSR, Dallas North Group

Tradition 4: Pat C. (GSR, Carrollton)
Concept 4: Donnie (GSR, Addison)

May – Clean Air North, May 6th
June – ODAAT, June 3rd (Pending)

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm