

Northeast Texas Area 65, District 54 Monthly Meeting

Sunday, April 8, 2018

Held at Dallas North Group, Dallas, TX.

FINAL DRAFT

OPENING (2:00 p.m.):

Welcome:

- Lezlie R. (GSR, Dallas North) with a moment of silence, Serenity Prayer and read "Why Do We Need a Conference?"

Introductions:

- **10** members representing **21** groups were present.
- Groups present: **Addison, Carrollton, Clean Air North, Dallas North, Georgetown, Legacy, New Freedom, ODAAT, Richardson, Rowlett**

Discussion of Traditions and Concepts:

- 4th Tradition: Margo C. (Secretary, Dallas North)
 - Autonomy, each group is individual and can make up its guidelines
 - Most important, keep AA – AA, responsibility to do no harm to AA as a whole.
- Concept 4: Donnie (GSR, Addison)
 - Right of participation insures all have a voice and all voices can be heard
 - The final authority lies in our groups

MINUTES of the Previous Meeting:

- **Secretary (Margo C., Dallas North)**
 - Motion to approve March Minutes – Approved with suggested changes

COMMITTEE CHAIRS and OFFICER REPORTS:

- **DCM – Tom D. (ODAAT)**
 - Reported on the Spring Assembly Highlights:
 - Friday Evening speaker emphasized the importance of each individual AA member be cognitive of how we represent our groups to the public
 - Mock Committee Meeting, attended the PI/CPC, discussed technology, Broadcasters no longer required to include PSA's, also talked about YouTube.
 - June 8th-10th Summer Assembly – Texarkana
 - District 54 has been asked to serve at the Texas State Convention in June by district groups signing up for 3 hours shifts in the hospitality suite
 - Workshop – Carrying the Message to Treatment Centers will be held on Saturday, April 14th from 4-6 at the Show Me Group in Denton.

- **Alt DCM – Chris B. (Addison)**
Not in attendance due to ACM falling on same day – written report provided.

- Rideshare, Group data & Speaker Lists: There are electronic and printed copies available. Very few of our trusted servants have made themselves available to tell their story at other groups in the District.

- **Correctional Facilities – Bones (Richardson)**

- Craig B. aka Bones approved as our new Corrections Chair.

- **CPC– Kelly M. (ODAAT)**

- Will contact GSR's individually to coordinate speaking about CPC to the Group Conscience.
- Next CPC/PI meeting will be Tuesday, April 17 in the ODAAT Alanon room.

- **Grapevine / La Viña – Bill B. (New Freedom)**
Not in attendance due to ACM – provided written report

- Upcoming events for Grapevine participation:
 - Town South 42nd Anniversary,
 - Heart of Texas
 - Gathering of Eagles
 - Texas State Conference
 - North Texas Roundup
- Had committee meeting at the Spring Assembly, 11 people in attendance, planned to cover all the upcoming events and started making plans for Grapeathon.
- Next GV Area committee meeting will be Sunday, April 29th from 1:30-2:30 at the Lewisville Group.

- **Literature/Intergroup – OPEN**

- Jeremy T. is stepping down from position due to moving away

- **PI/Web Servant – Gail (Legacy)**

- Shadowing Chris as he does presentations on "What is AA and What AA is not at different groups in our district"
 - Attended Richardson Group Conscience meeting on Wednesday, March 21st at 7pm
 - Scheduled to attend Garland Clean Air Group Conscience on Saturday, April 14th at 12:15pm
 - Upcoming also is Rowlett Group Conscience on Sunday, June 10th at 12:30pm
- Ongoing updates to District 54 website, i.e. add/delete names and contact information for Committee Chairs as needed
- Added Final Minutes from February 2018

- **Secretary – Margo (Dallas North)**

- Thank you for all the committee chair reports

- **Special Needs/Accessibilities– OPEN**

- No report

- **Treasurer – Deborah (Georgetown) Not Present**

Opening balance	\$10,091.97
Operating Funds	\$8,091.97
Total Contributions	\$654.38
Total Expenses	\$102.32
Total Operating Funds	\$8,644.03
Ending Balance	\$10,644.03

- **Treatment Facilities – Rob B. (ODAAT)**

- Not Present, no report

BREAK (2:45 PM – 2:55 PM)

GSR REPORTS & CONCERNS

Addison (Donnie, GSR)

- Sat in on the Archives and Grapevine at the Spring Assembly
- Addison 31st Anniversary will be Sunday, May 6th – Alanon Speaker at 11am, Barbeque Pot Luck at 12pm, Olga from Waco will be the AA speaker at 1pm
- Group voted to increase the rent by 40% for Alanon group, to make up for their short falls in the budget. Alanon is in discussions with AA group to either work out another solution or they will seek other rental accommodations.
- Georgetown has a meeting where the AA members and the Alanon members all meet to have a meeting together. It helps to build solidarity and unity between the two groups.

Carrollton (Pat D, GSR)

- Attended the Spring Assembly and the experience was nothing like she expected it to be
- Service dog came with its owner to a meeting and became disruptive during the meeting, so they will be discussing the proper protocol on how to handle situations in which a service dog is involved.
- Look for Blair's reports, Will is going to have reports emailed, email to panel, **can we be sure it is posted on District website**

Clean Air North (Lisa H., GSR)

- Clean Air North Anniversary is coming up on Sunday, April 22nd – Food & Fellowship at 11:30am, History at noon and Speaker at 1pm

Dallas North (Lezlie R., GSR)

- GirlAPaloozAA Women's Step Speaker Conference coming up May 4th – 6th at the Mesquite Convention Center

Georgetown (Max, GSR)

- Saturday, April 7th Georgetown moved to its new location at 6210 Campbell Road, Suite 120.
- Would like information from groups that currently use Paypal as an alternate form of contribution for members' convenience in practicing the 7th Tradition. What are the steps required to create a Group Paypal account? Best-of-Breed recommendations that has maximized the Paypal utility for members while increasing group contributions. Looking for documentation and stats.
- Georgetown will be having an Open House within the next 60 days – Date TBD

Legacy (Jose C., GSR)

- Tom M facilitated the Group Inventory and the group believes they are doing everything well and the only thing they were sure of is that they do not need to have a PI/CPC chair at their group.

- Kelly M. set a date to visit their next group conscience and give a presentation on the benefits of PI/CPC
- In GSR packet received from GSO are the guidelines for group treasurer on how to handle the finances of the group, so be sure to give those to your group treasurer. Also a pamphlet on how to delineate between a group and a club.
- Concept 9 via grapevine

New Freedom (Paul K., GSR)

- Nothing new to report
- Missed the Assembly

ODAAT (Donna M., GSR)

- They are taking meetings to Right Step IOP approximately every 8 weeks, Sunspire on 1st Tuesday and 2nd Wednesday, Seay Center on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday.
- Attended the Spring Assembly and attended the Literature Mock Committee and always finds the mock committees fascinating
- Had 4 women attend the assembly who had never been before
- Chaired the GSR sharing session, discussions included: 7th Tradition and Paypal, Group prudent reserve, legal formation of groups, Tradition and Concepts meetingsA11
- Hosting the July 15th Area Committee Meeting at 1:30

Richardson (Frances, GSR)

- They had the PI presentation
- **Recommends Sponsorship workshops held quarterly with different groups hosting**

Rowlett (Marie, GSR)

- Wasn't able to attend the assembly
- Not a lot of attendees at their group
- Has a gentleman attending meetings that has outside issues that he shares in the AA meeting and they are going to have some men approach him and ask him to find an appropriate group to share his outside issues with and keep his sharing related to Alcoholism during their AA meetings.

Old/New Business:

- Need to confirm the date of the Service Fair with the Location being at Dallas North. Will be presented to group conscience for approval this month.
- Guiding principles updates for Secretary, Basic updates & Alternate DCM duties.

New Business

- Newest chair person, Jeremy T. approved to be the Literature/Intergroup Chair has already stepped down.
- Please bring in your recommendations of group members to fill our two chair that need someone to serve, Literature/Intergroup and Special Needs and Accessibility.

Upcoming Meeting Information

Next meeting: Sunday, May 6th, 2018

Lisa H. - GSR, Clean Air North

Tradition 5: Donna M. (ODAAT)

Concept 5: Jose C. (Legacy)

June – ODAAT, June 3rd

July – Addison, July 1st

*Meeting adjourned at **4:00 pm***