

# Northeast Texas Area 65, District 54 Monthly Meeting

Sunday, May 6, 2018

Held at Clean Air North Group, Dallas, TX.

**FINAL**

## OPENING (2:05 p.m.):

### **Welcome:**

- Lisa H. (GSR, Clean Air North) with a moment of silence, Serenity Prayer and read "Why Do We Need a Conference?"

### **Introductions:**

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

### **Discussion of Traditions and Concepts:**

- Tradition 5: Donna M. (ODAAT)
  - It's important to carry the message to treatment centers
  - District is like a 'home' group for GSR's, officers & committee chairs and acts as a spiritual entity
  - We are responsible to reach out to the newcomers and not just hang with our posse
- Concept 5: Jose C. (Legacy)
  - Right of appeal holds that majority may not always be right especially when voting out of an emotional appeal
  - We may not always have our way, but we always have our say

### **MINUTES of the Previous Meeting:**

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

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS and OFFICER REPORTS:**

- **DCM – Tom D. (ODAAT)**
  - Area Assembly will be June 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> in Texarkana. Deadline for hotel reservation discount is the end of May (\$69)
  - The ride share list was emailed out to the panel
  - Texas State AA Convention June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> at the Westin Hotel in Irving, register online at [txaaconvention.org](http://txaaconvention.org)
  - District 54's service commitment for State Convention hospitality room will be on Saturday from 7am-9am and/or 4pm-7:30pm, please bring donuts and water we have a budget of \$200
- **Alt DCM – Chris B.**
  - Took a show of hands of those wishing to opt out of being placed on the district speaker list
  - Ride share, speaker and group history lists have been emailed to panel
  - New NETA 65 committee chairs
  - NETA Summer Assembly: June 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>
- **Correctional Facilities – Bones (Richardson)**
  - Nothing much to report but his group uses the orange cans
  - Orientation for prison volunteering held on April not well attended

- Request was made for more information on taking meetings to Collin County
- **CPC– Kelly M. (ODAAT) Not Present**
  - No report
- **Grapevine / La Viña – Bill B. (New Freedom)**
  - Discussed Dallas City wide event and could we take turns to set up information booths to help get the word out. We will be talking to one of the City-Wide committee members.
  - In the beginning of the grapevine they sent a copy to enlisted soldiers. Could we create a method for groups to sponsor a soldier? Discussed talking with Wayne to ask how we might connect to soldiers wanting a copy of the grapevine.
  - Great discussion with Jorge about the lack of getting the La Vina message out. He has agreed to help work on this with us.
  - Discussed having someone that has had their story published to speak at the Grape-a-Thon event. The team was going to reach out to people that they know have had stories published.
  - Next GV meeting will be held at Gathering of the Eagles
- **Literature/Intergroup – OPEN**
- **PI/Web Servant – Gail (Legacy)**
  - Presentation Given (Chris B.): Garland Clean Air Group Conscience, Saturday, April 14th at 12:15pm
  - PI Workbook and Binder acquired from Dallas Intergroup
  - Upcoming: Rowlett Group Conscience, Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm (Chris B.)
  - Ongoing updates to District website, i.e. add/deletes for Committee Chair name, contact information and future district meetings with location
  - Added Final Minutes from March, 2018 on April 14th.
  - Will add Final Minutes from April, 2018 after they are formally accepted at the May district meeting
  - Literature/Intergroup job description will be posted on district website
- **Secretary – Margo (Dallas North)**
  - Girlapalooza was held this weekend, we had approximately 400 registrants, we provided free registration for 9 treatment centers and all the speakers were phenomenal
- **Special Needs/Accessibilities– OPEN**
  - No report
- **Treasurer – Deborah (Georgetown)**

Opening balance	\$10,644.03
Operating Funds	\$8,644.03
Total Contributions	\$1,081.66

Total Expenses \$101.00  
Total Operating Funds \$9,624.69  
Ending Balance \$11,624.69

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

- Not present, no report

**BREAK (3:05 PM – 3:15 PM)**

**GSR REPORTS & CONCERNS**

**Addison (Donnie, GSR)**

- 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary just held
- New Alt GSR welcomed

**Carrollton (David, Alt. GSR)**

- Annual picnic this month

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

- Celebrated their 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Service commitments include: Dallas Intergroup, Hutchins State Jail, Collfield, Gurney, Lew Sterritt, Sunspire, Phoenix House, Salvation Army, 24 Hour Club & the Magdalen House

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

- Anniversary celebration will be May 20<sup>th</sup> from 11am-2pm

**Garland Clean Air – not present**

- No report
- Chris B attended group conscience for PI presentation, took note of how four members who gathered made positive and productive progress
- Have all District information posted on their boards

**Georgetown (Max, GSR) Not present**

- Emailed that with help from Tahtianna was working to get a Paypal account set up for Georgetown to begin to accept 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition donations.
- Also emailed quick step guide for setting up Paypal provided by Tahtianna
- SmDebra reported - Move was successful

**Legacy (Jose C., GSR)**

- Filled all of their positions including CPC/PI
- Utilizing a Group Chair to manage and inform meeting chairs
- Using a hospitality chair to keep the fellowship connected and active doing outside events

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

- CPC chair will be speaking at their next Group Conscience

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

- Service commitment at Right Step every 8 weeks on Saturday
- Young People Meeting at ODAAT on Thursdays at 6:30 pm and Sundays at 4:00 pm, Flyers available in Purple and Green

**Richardson (Frances, GSR)**

- Some issues with breaking the lease, treasurer changed the locks despite Group Conscience voting that down.
- Would like suggestions for getting members interested in serving and filling service commitments.

**Rowlett (Marie, GSR)**

- Not present, no report

**Old/New Business:**

- Adhoc committee formed (Chris B, Margo C, Lisa H., Tahtianna F) to look at working in Guiding Principles for 'Secretary'

**New Business**

- Does district want to buy more Big Books to aid groups in carrying message to treatment & correctional facilities?
- Do we want all Mini's or some Soft covers with stories in back?
- Do we want to use anticipated monies in excess from panel's budget to use for the remaining 7 months of this panel?
- Or do we want to use that money to purchase Big Books for next panel?
- Check with groups' consciences and come back next month and let us know what group want

**Upcoming Meeting Information**

Next meeting: Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

Donna M. - GSR, ODAAT

Tradition 6: Bones (Corrections - Richardson)

Concept 6: Philip (Alt. GSR - Richardson)

July – Addison, July 1<sup>st</sup>

August – Legacy, August 5<sup>th</sup>

*Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm*