

Northeast Texas Area 65, District 54 Monthly Meeting

Sunday, October 7, 2018

Held at Dallas North, 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:

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

Discussion of Traditions and Concepts:

- Tradition 10: Tahtianna F. (Alt GSR, ODAAT)
 - Singleness of purpose, check ego/opinion at the door
 - Handed out "Tradition Ten Editorial" by Bill W., along with a personal inventory we can take to help us apply Tradition Ten to our own personal circumstances.
- Concept 10: Maria (GSR, Rowlett)

MINUTES of the Previous Meeting:

- **Secretary (Margo, Dallas North)**
 - Motion to approve September Minutes with amendments - Approved

COMMITTEE CHAIRS and OFFICER REPORTS:

➤ **DCM – Tom D. (ODAAT)**

- Please bring any suggestions you may have
- Fall Assembly - Positive Experiences
 - Tom from Texarkana's continuous positive attitude as he stood again and again for service positions.
 - Seeing the policies and procedures in action
 - The excitement, amazement, laughter and gratitude felt and experienced throughout the course of the assembly.
- GSR University – Sunday, October 28th – 1-3pm
There will be materials provided to fit the diverse needs of the people who are anticipated to be in attendance.
- District Chair Positions, please begin to bring people to the district meetings from groups who would be good to fill either GSR positions or Committee Chair positions. All Committee Chair position must also bring in an Alternate to assist with committee business.

➤ **Alt DCM – Chris B. (Addison)**

- Thank you, Tahtianna and Dan for helping update the Guiding Principles. They will share information during Old Business.
- Public Information: AA will man an information booth during the Plano Wellness Fair, October 13, 9a-1p. The CPC chair and Alt-DCM will be there – others invited! Location: 1509 H Ave, Plano, TX 75074.

- Electronic and/or print copies of speaker lists, rideshare, and group histories available upon request.
- Literature/Intergroup: as Intergroup has migrated meeting schedules to new database, each group should check aadallas.org to make sure the information is still correct.

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

- Trying to recruit people to take the volunteer class but has not been successful, still trying
- Took a few guys to Buster Cole this past weekend.
- Will lead in an effort to have a members of district be present at the January training for Collin County Justice System.

➤ **CPC– Kelly M. (ODAAT)**

- Committee size continues to fluctuate, maintaining a few core members (District Chair, ODAAT PI/CPC chair, Carrollton group chair, ODAAT members)
- Active projects
 - Grapevines in professional offices
 - Collin County Nursing Program
 - First Responders
- Future projects
 - Divert Court
 - Oxford Houses
 - Citywide table
 - MHMR
- CPC committee meeting time moved from 7pm to 6:30pm, still third Tuesday of the month in the Alanon room at ODAAT
- Purchased 50 'AA as a Resource for Healthcare Professionals' & 50 'If you are a Professional' pamphlets at Intergroup \$25 billed to CPC budget on September 19th.

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

- Attended Fall Assembly and set up Grapevine/ La Vina booth
- Meet with Dan from Lewisville group for the Grapeathon
- Meet with team at the Lewisville Group and performed dry run to ensure projector worked and laid out floorplan for the Grapeathon
- Flyers are at the back table if you do not have one
- We look forward to seeing everyone in Lewisville on Sunday the 14th at 1:30PM
- Looking for a group to host the 2019 Grapeathon, 1-5pm in October, Area will take lead on making sure food will be provided

➤ **Literature/Intergroup – OPEN**

- Chili Cook Off scheduled for Saturday, October 27th from 11am-3pm at St. Luke Episcopal Church at Royal and Preston.

- **PI/Web Servant – OPEN**
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- **Secretary – Margo (Dallas North)**
 - Can the district help the groups by providing points of contact for people who come to AA with a dual diagnosis, where the other illness must be dealt with before the alcoholic problem can be addressed.
 - Suggestion to google specific recovery 12 step programs to refer people to
 - Suggestion to refer people to Dual Recovery Anonymous meetings.
- **Spec. Needs/Accessibilities – Jana (Richardson)**
 - Spoke with Buckley – Alt Chair for committee and everything is going well.
- **Treasurer – Deborah (Georgetown) Not Present**

Opening balance	\$11,523.47
Operating Funds	\$9,523.47
Total Contributions	\$1,148.57
Total Expenses	\$6.57
Total Operating Funds	\$10,665.47
Ending Balance	\$12,665.47
- **Treatment Facilities – Rob B. (ODAAT)**
 - Taking chemo therapy
 - Difficulty sitting for long periods so unable to attend district meeting

BREAK (2:56 PM – 3:06 PM)

GSR REPORTS & CONCERNS

Addison (Dan, GSR)

- They have been having a lot of new-comers but they don't all stick and stay

Belmont (Cassi, Alt GSR)

- No present, no report

Carrollton (Pat D., GSR)

- Nothing new to report

Clean Air North (Lisa H., GSR)

- They are having a lot of new-comers, they had a big birthday night
- Upcoming Fall Frolick November 10th at 7, will send address of location

Conscious Contact (Shirley, GSR)

- Came early and had to leave, no report given

Dallas North (Lezlie R., GSR)

- Had a Sponsorship Workshop, Chairing a Meeting Workshop and will have group inventory next Sunday, October 14th from 1-5pm
- Brought to district two group members who will be filling the GSR and Alt GSR positions for next panel

Garland Clean Air – (Kim, GSR)

- Not present, no report

Georgetown (Max, GSR)

- Not present, no report

Legacy (David D., Alt. GSR)

- 18th Anniversary coming up, will send Flyers
- Last Group Conscience voted to split from the Club. The Club is taking all the furniture and appliances so they may need help acquiring

some things. Will send a list of things needed when it is known.

New Freedom (Paul K., GSR)

- Annual picnic this Sunday, October 14th from 11-2 at the Mary Heads Carter Park Pavillion.
- Have moved into their new space at the Nor-Kirk Presbyterian Church

ODAAT (Tahtianna, Alt GSR)

- Tax ID poll from GSR's at other groups, to see who has tax exempt status.
- Searching for treatments centers to carry the message to, asking if groups have slots at Treatment Centers that can use help carrying the message.
- Area Committee Meeting being held at Cornerstone on Sunday, October 21st at 1:30pm

Richardson (Frances, GSR)

- Had an Anniversary meeting
- Have an issue with someone taking money out of the safe. Suggestion was made to get a different door. Also looking into the potential of getting a security camera to see who is stealing the money. A camera may be breaking traditions.

Richardson Big Book

- We are in the process of correcting aadallas.org listing – we meet in Room 217 of the Education Center at the First United Methodist Church of Richardson. 503 N. Central Expressway, Richardson TX 75080. We meet once per week (Tue at 7:00pm), attendance is small but steady. All are welcome!

Rowlett (Marie, GSR)

- Group Conscience approved to host the December District meeting

Old/New Business:

- Adhoc Committee brought handout of newly revised Guiding Principles for District Panels' review and input. Changes made were most just formatting and layout.
- Posed three points of inquiry to Panel to review and give feedback on the following:
 - Page 3, #3 – Should we add line item referring to Committee Chair reports
 - Page 5, II.A.3 – Should we change the first word "rules" to "guide lines"?
 - Page 7, #G – Should we reword to reflect what district is currently doing with excess budget at the end of each panel rotation.
- Discussion to do District Inventory at end of panel or beginning of next panel, if change to do at beginning of next panel then the Guiding Principles should be changed to reflect what the district is actually doing,
- Area is looking for a group to host a mail out. Tom will send an email with more information.

New Business

- Big Book Request from Richardson Group, Bones requested **10** Big soft covers and **10** Mini's to take to Buster Cole - Approved
- Big Book Request from New Freedom Group, Paul requested **10** Big soft covers to take to Lew-Sterritt and Bonham - Approved
- Big Book Request from Rowlett Group, Maria requested **12** Big soft covers and **8** Mini's to take to TDC - Approved

Upcoming Meeting Information

Next meeting: Sunday, November 4th, 2018
Frances (GSR – Richardson Group)

December 2nd – Rowlett Group

Tradition 11: Jana (SNAC, Richardson)
Concept 11: Kelly M. (CPC, ODAAT)

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm