

Northeast Texas Area 65, District 54 Monthly Meeting

January 1, 2012

Held at LifeSavers Group

FINAL DRAFT

Opening Meeting:

- Welcome and Introductions:
 - ❖ Stephanie Z. (Corrections Chair) opened with moment of silence and Serenity Prayer, then read "Why Do We Need a Conference?"
 - ❖ Introductions. 13 members representing 13 groups were present.
- Discussion of Traditions and Concepts:
 - ❖ 1st Tradition: Chris B. (Secretary)
 - ❖ 1st Concept: Tom K. (Alt-DCM)

Officer and Standing Committee Reports:

Secretary (Chris B., Addison)

- Minutes accepted without corrections.

District Committee Member (David S., Clean Air North)

- The Winter 2012 Assembly will be held Jan. 21-22 at The Tanglewood Resort, 290 Tanglewood Circle, Pottsboro, TX, 75076.
- Motions to be discussed:
 - ❖ Jane G. (The Greenville Traditions Group GSR) brought the following motion: "The Greenville Tradition Group, District 22, Area 65 moves that Area 65 endorse a letter from the Greenville Tradition Group opposing the digital distribution of Grapevine literature through iTunes (Apple) on the grounds that it goes against Tradition 6—AA's tradition of non-affiliation." Note that District 22 voted NOT to endorse this motion.
 - ❖ The motion endorsed by District 54, "That Area 65 endorse a motion to go on to the Conference Agenda requesting that all future printings of the book Alcoholics Anonymous (The 'Big Book') replace the name 'Herbert Spencer' from page 568 with 'author unknown'."
- Future Assemblies:
 - ❖ The Spring 2012 Assembly will be held March 17-18 At The Doubletree Hotel – Dallas, 4099 Valley View Lane, Dallas, TX, 75244. Rooms are available for \$74/night, plus tax and can be reserved by calling 972.385.9000 before February 21.
 - ❖ The Summer 2012 Assembly will be held June 16-17 at The Somerville County Expo Center, 202 Bo Gibbs Blvd., Glen Rose, TX. Rooms are available at The Comfort Inn at 1615 NE Big Bend Trail, Glen Rose, TX for \$75/night or \$89/night, plus tax. To make a reservation, call 254.898.8900 by May 21.

Alt. District Committee Member (Tom K., Richardson)

- Has room to share at 2012 Winter Assembly.
- Speaker lists and rideshare lists are available.
- Southwest Regional Service Assembly (SWRAASA) will be held October 19-21 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Register online at <http://swraasa.newmexicoaa.org/>

Treasurer (Rod C., Georgetown)

- Presented report:
 - ❖ Balance as of 2011-11-30: \$7,871.46 less \$4,000.00 prudent reserve - \$3,871.46 operating funds. Add December contributions: \$872.00 less December expenses – \$1,736.91.
 - ❖ Balance as of 2011-12-31: \$7,006.55 less \$4,000.00 prudent reserve - \$3,006.55 operating funds.

Correctional Facilities (Stephanie Z., LifeSavers)

- Distributed "who what where" list of correctional opportunities with contact information.
- Purchased many Big Books to distribute to inmates. They are available for group members to distribute.

Grapevine/La Viña:

Position open. No report given.

Literature/Intergroup Report (Blair B., Clean Air North)

Not present. No report given.

Public Information / Cooperation with the Professional Community (David L., Legacy)

Not present. No report given.

Treatment/Special Needs (Edith C., Rowlett)

- Will be attending Area T-SNAC meeting at the Winter Assembly.
- Need format ideas for meetings in Treatment Facilities. Contact Edith at vonlea@aol.com or call 469.728.7184.
- Longtime AA member Florence, who is confined to a nursing home, continues her request for visitors and calls. Her phone number is 972.416.3256 or 972.416.1764.

7th Tradition.

GSRs: Group & Concerns

- Addison: John F. is new GSR.
- Belmont: **NEW LOCATION** as of Dec. 17. 2206 South Jupiter Rd., Suite 130 Garland, TX 75041
- Carrollton: lots of newcomers attending.
- Dallas North: brief discussion on other group's experience with using the Lord's Prayer to close a meeting.
- LifeSavers: all positions are filled, and no longer have situation where trusted servants are wearing multiple hats.
- New Freedom: brief discussion on dealing with non-alcoholic relatives of AA members sharing at open meetings.
- Plano: the move went well. Getting the deposit back from the previous location increased their reserves.

Old Business:

- Brief discussion on the two motions to be voted on at the NETA Winter Assembly to allow for clarification.

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- Motion made by Suzy M. (GSR, Richardson): To amend the Northeast Texas Area Policies & Procedures Section 4.11

From:

"Only General Service Conference approved literature, tapes, Grapevine materials and Guidelines are to be displayed and/or sold at the Literature Table during any NETA Assembly and/or Convention."

To:

"Only General Service Conference approved literature, tapes, Grapevine materials and Guidelines are to be sold *in the meeting spaces associated with any NETA Assembly and/or Convention.*" *Motion will be placed on February agenda.*

New Business:

- Motion made by Rod C. (Treasurer): That District 54 reduce the amount of the prudent reserve from \$4,000 to \$2,000, contributing the difference equally to NETA 65 and GSO.

Upcoming Meeting Information

2nd Tradition: Jo-Anne M. (GSR, Rowlett)

2nd Concept: Patricia K. (GSR, LifeSavers)

February 5 – Dallas North, 2pm.

March 4 – Legacy, 2pm.

April 1 – Plano, 2pm.

Motion to adjourn made, seconded at 3:47pm.