

DALLAS INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION REP MEETING MINUTES

March 14, 2024 – 8:00 PM

- Meeting opened at 8 PM by Claudia F. with the Serenity Prayer
- Traditions were read... David from Legacy Group
- Roll Call done – Claudia

No. of Groups	34
No. of People	46
No. of Districts	2
Area	1

51, 54

Reports:

Treasurer's Report from J Scott M:

- Lost \$488.82 due to less group donations and several small office expenses
- Explained how the board executed the previous prudent reserve discussions and that the board will keep the reserves in laddered CDs to draw interest
- Asked the reps to talk to their groups to make sure they understand how the groups contribute to the different service entities.

Office Manager Report Feb 2024

- Sam was absent so Claudia gave the report:
 - o Had a toilet repair and back door lock repair
 - o Intergroup website will now have Venmo and Paypal payment options

Treatment – Steve M.

- Attended NETA 65 Treatment meeting on 2/27.
 - o Meeting is the last Tuesday of every month at 7pm. Contact treatment@neta65.org for more info. Zoom info: Meeting ID: 212 324 1524 / Passcode: 057892
 - See me if you want information
 - Next meeting will be Tuesday 3/26 - Will attend next NETA 65 Treatment meeting on 3/26
 - o Discussion and walk-through on temporary contact process for treatment patients leaving treatment centers (Bridging the Gap). www.btgww.org.
 - o DIA is working /w NETA to better work together
- Magdalen House Men's Program flyer – pass out at Rep's meeting
- All Points North – Keller meeting this Saturday @ 11 am (Men's and women's stag) see flyer
- Cenikor in Irving
- Have a list of all treatment centers in Dallas area if anyone is interested. Talk to Dave first
- Still need to verify and contact Dallas area treatment center contacts for intro and updated information.
- Review DIA website for accuracy

CPC / PI – Mary M.

- NETA 65 Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) is hosting an AA information booth at the American Society of Addiction Medicine at the Gaylord Texan in Grapevine, TX April 4th – 6th. For more information, please see Mary M. after meeting OR email at publicinfo@aadallas.org
- NETA 65 CPC will be hosting a Being Friends with our Friends training/workshop April 27th in Timpson, TX (east Texas). Flyer available for more information.
- A Zoom call was held with NETA 65 CPC Chair Jayne C., Sam F. Claudia F. and myself.
- We discussed that perhaps during COVID, there was a lapse with opportunities being effectively covered/coordinated.
- Now is a great opportunity for all to rethink how service work is coordinated in the Dallas area.
- Discussion included:
 - **Role of NETA 65 Committees**
 - Help, support & guide
 - Offer trainings
 - Hold regular committee meetings
 - Not a “go and do” service org
 - **Role of Districts and Area Groups**
 - Boots on the ground “go and do” service work!
 - *NOTE: District activity does not seem as robust at this time. DIA may have played a part in this by going directly to groups and individuals with service opportunities instead of funneling through the District and getting the Area looped in for support.*
 - **Dallas Intergroup**
 - Remain a consistent and reliable contact with phone line and office staff
 - We are front facing to the public. We are the first thing people find when Googling “AA in Dallas, etc.”
 - Encourage and empower local groups to get involved with their District and General Service at large
 - Funnel service opportunities through the District, looping in the Area for support, training, etc.
 - Make service work possible by acting as a consistent contact and information hub for the general public and local AAs.
 - Our cooperation with NETA 65 is evolving - next reach out is at the district levelplease stay tuned.

Events – Karem T. (Allen gave report)

- o Chili cookoff that’s coming up March 23rd. See flyers.
 - o Please arrive before 2 if you’re bringing chili.
 - o Encourage friends / sponsee’s
 - o Allen will be available at the end of the meeting for questions

Nightwatch – Allan A.

- o Nightwatch is doing well. They will be re-doing the flyer asap. Explained Nightwatch. If anyone is interested in volunteering, see Allan. There will be a training for Nightwatch volunteers on zoom... announcement coming.

Accessibility – Jennifer S.

No report. DIA tried to reach out to NETA but they don't have a chair for this position yet. Will keep trying.

Web / Communication – Karen C.

- o Karen reported that the board has approved the re-vamping of the DIA website! More will be reported soon.

Group Concerns / Motions / Comments:

Karen from Frisco asked what we should ask of our groups?

Jay shared about his experience with his group and how donations to the service entities was determined.

Karen shared that her group is not currently giving to GSO but is giving extra to Intergroup.

Claudia mentioned that the Ask it Basket is alive and well but responses will be done at the following meeting.

Andy made a suggestion to do a sign in sheet in order to expedite the meeting. Suggestion will be considered at the next board meeting.

Adam asked if the website re-do would be substantial? Claudia affirmed that it was definitely not substantial. J Scott mentioned that Intergroup is totally independent and any extra money it has, is used to lower the cost of literature.

Bridget asked in regards to Intergroup making money off literature but J Scott confirmed that Intergroup sells literature at cost.

Claudia mentioned the buttons. Reps are encouraged to take them, wear them to increase awareness of Intergroup!

Bonnie from Waxahachie was wondering about treatment centers near Waxahachie. Steve will get her that info.

Larry – he volunteers at the Intergroup office and encouraged people to come by and see what DIA office does!

Mark – Dist 21 alt DCM. Spring Assembly starts tomorrow. Please come and find out what's going on at GSO. There appears to be a lack of transparency of budgeting and there is a tremendous shortfall of money due to spending issues.

Announcements:

- o Spirit of the Pines – Trinity, TX at Camp Olympia (3 hrs south of Dallas). See flyer.

- o Liver Institute zoom meeting hosted by Bridget. Wednesday nights. Need sponsors, etc. Contact Bridget.
- o Gathering of Eagles – Memorial Day Weekend – needs volunteers (see flyers) PLEASE ANNOUNCE AT YOUR MEETINGS - let Steve M know it's been announced.
- o Texas State Convention – June 21st to the 23rd (see flyers) PLEASE ANNOUNCE AT YOUR MEETINGS and let Steve M know it's been announced.
- o North Texas Roundup open for registration. Dates are August 16 to 18th
- o Spring Assembly will be hosted at The Colony Group this weekend. Lots of topics discussed! 8am to 12pm. All are welcome.
- o Jennifer S. needs volunteers for Gathering of Eagles transportation opportunities.

ASK IT BASKET (from previous meeting): (none this meeting)

- Adjourned with Lord's Prayer