

DALLAS INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION REP MEETING MINUTES

April 11, 2024 – 8:00 PM

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

No. of Groups	32
No. of People	39
No. of Districts	3
NETA65	1

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Reports:

Treasurer's Report from J Scott M:

- Lost \$368.18 due to less group contributions.
- Should have improved donations next month due to quarterly donations

Office Manager Report Feb 2024

Sam

(ACTIONS FOR INTERGROUP REPS IN BOLD)

- DIA is actively seeking to cooperate and coordinate service opportunities with local AA Districts and the Area.
 - Established contact with 4 out of 6 Districts we serve. Got a list of District Contacts and will do further outreach.
 - Group Committees have corresponding committees at District and Area Level: Treatment, Corrections, Public Information (PI), Cooperation with Professional Community (CPC), Accessibility.
 - **Encourage trusted servants at your home group to seek out their District and Area counterparts for support and service work opportunities!** For more information contact Sam via call or email.
- Working with Hispanic Dallas Intergroup to get their meetings listed in a more usable format, and link them to Meeting Guide so they can support and update listings from groups they serve.
- Added 11 Spanish-Speaking groups, 67 meetings to our aadallas.org and Meeting Guide.
- To get tax exemption on orders, **find out if your group is a registered non-profit organization in the State of Texas!** Ask your treasurer, secretary or group chair. **Contact Sam to get your tax exempt registration on file with us.** About a dozen groups have done this, with significant savings acquired.

- Mailed physical letters to about 100 groups served by Intergroup that have not had representation at Intergroup Rep meetings in the past year.
 - So far many are “return to sender.” Address for group is not valid, at least for receiving mail.
 - Will need to find alternate way to contact these groups and verify they are still active. **Volunteers requested to visit these groups! Contact Sam for more information.**
 - **DIA highly encourages local AA groups to actively engage with their corresponding District. If you want to know how this works, or need contact information or District meeting times, contact Sam at the DIA office to help you get connected!**

214-887-6699 Call anytime during office hours!
I'd love to support you in any way I can!
- Sam

Treatment – Steve M.

- Attended NETA 65 Treatment meeting on 3/26/24.
 - 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
 - Had 13 attendees.
 - Eric S. gave a rundown of a Mock Committee report at the Area Assembly.
 - Made suggestions for a local area treatment workshop
 - BTG materials need improvement and GSO needs to implement that
 - There is currently a CD for the treatment workbook but that needs to be a QR code instead.
 - There is a treatment workshop in the works. Maybe the Fall. Trying to pick a central location and date that doesn't conflict with any conferences, anniversaries, etc.
 - Topics will include: - conducting a meeting in treatment centers
 - Getting new people started in a home group
 - Bridging the Gap
 - Working within the AA Traditions
 - Q & A

Discussed collaborating with all local treatment reps in order to update the current treatment center list. A lot of the information was gotten from 'findtreatment.gov' website, but that includes a lot of outdated or non-AA service opportunity operations. – will use this to updated the Dallas Area Treatment contacts.

Attended inaugural meeting at All Points North treatment center on 3/16. There was only 1 client there. Will be following up with the treatment center coordinator to see when clients will be available for meetings. Once this is a going-concern meeting, we'll find a group to make the commitment.

- Magdalen House Men's Program flyer – pass out at Rep's meeting
- Will attend next NETA 65 Treatment meeting on 4/23

CPC / PI – Mary M.

- Mentioned why we do roll call
- 4/2 – Attended Windstar Health Fair – plenty of attendees from up north and Oklahoma.
- American Society of Addiction Medicine at the Gaylord. Had a table and was well received there. Lots of Doctors / Physicians were happy to see reps from AA there.
- Next NETA CPC event will be 4/27 from 1 to 3 in Timpson, TX. Address is 316 Prairie St., Timpson, TX 75975.
- Mentioned a Wednesday Night pamphlet meeting flyer. Will be reading all the pamphlets. Meeting is on Zoom. See flyers for details

Corrections – Dave R.

- o Information Meeting on Corrections -
 - Sunday, April 14th, 2024 – 1p to 3:30p
 - Addison Group, 4839 Keller Springs Rd, Addison, TX 75001
Come and find out if service in corrections is for you!
 - * A great opportunity to carry the message.
 - * Have your questions answered by a panel of people who are experienced.
 - * Ask it basket for questions like: How and where do i start?Question was asked about the process for getting approved as people reported issues getting that done since Covid?
TDJC does hold trainings but the Information Meeting will be a great way to find out more about it.
- o NETA65 Corrections Meeting. 3rd Wednesday – Every Month | 8pm – 9pm
Contact corrections@neta65.org for more information
Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID 867 8509 9136 / Passcode 463901

Events – Karem T. –

Chili Cookoff was a definite success. Karem pointed out Allen for leading this, Steve M, Sam, Dave and all the others who helped out. Made around \$600 for the Intergroup!

We'll be talking to the Ft Worth office as they had a very successful cookoff as well.

Our next event will be the DIA Anniversary on September 21st. We'll begin announcing that soon and will actually be hosting Citywide the meeting before to get the word out!

Karem talked about how much he's learned about Intergroup since being elected to the board and was amazed how much DIA does.

Nightwatch – Dave R. – Allen will be setting up a Nightwatch training meeting via Zoom. Email announcement coming soon. Explained Nightwatch and the importance of it.

Kim D asked about the zoom training... will it be a workshop? No, a zoom meeting... hopefully on June 9th.

Accessibility – Jennifer S. – no report

Web / Communication – Karen C. – Sam and Karen are working on the new website. Sam said that the design is well under way and there is a committee that is assisting with this. Mobile friendly is coming!!!

Old Business from the Ask It Basket: Sam is answering questions from the last meeting:

1st Question: Are the Principles behind the steps made up or where they designed?

There is no official GSO published principle list but there's a long history of them throughout the AA communities.

2nd Question: a person said that they found chips much cheaper than intergroups prices... why buy them from intergroup?

Sam said he found a retailer who sells the chips cheaper but is more costly on literature, which Intergroup doesn't do (there are no mark-ups on big books, 12 x 12, etc). Intergroups main purpose is to help groups, so supporting it helps our AA community. It is also a matter of self-support to purchase items from an AA entity. Supporting Intergroup helps the AA community as a whole, where purchasing from other vendors just supports those vendors.

3rd Question: Why do Roll Call when we could pass around a sign in sheet and not take up the extra 5 minutes?

Answer: We like to be able to identify who people are and to be able to get to know one another better. If people feel that they would rather do a sign-in sheet, it can always be proposed in new business to see if there is widespread support for that.

New Business: Greg asked about the date of the Anniversary? 9/21 is the answer and that is the Fall Voting Assembly so a pretty big conflict. Good info! The board will take that into consideration on the dates.

Suggestion was made about a calendar that shows all events from NETA65 and DIA, etc., so conflicts are lessened. The Assembly was on the NETA calendar but details were still TBD.

Group Concerns / Motions / Comments:

Announcements:

- J Scott – Miracles of Lake Murray (used to be Singles in Sobriety) conference planning committee meets at Dallas North. 4th Saturday of every month at 1:30. Needs new volunteers to help with the planning committee.
- Roger – Cornerstone – celebrates founders' day on June 10th – see flyers
 - Do other groups celebrate founders' day? Not very many. Everyone is invited to attend!!! They've been doing it over 20 years.
- Kim D. (NETA65 Intergroup Rep) –
 - Mansfield Group is having 43rd Anniversary on June 29th... see flyers.
 - Rick Weaver (our delegate) is in New York at the General Service Conference - will be having a cliff notes zoom meeting on GSO on May 21st from 7 to 8:30. Info on Plain Language BB, transparency, etc.
 - BTG information – Treatment Chair has made a handout with all the QR codes for all the treatment / BTG information.

- Mary – reminded everyone about CityWide this weekend! Need Volunteers
- Gathering of Eagles – Memorial Day Weekend – needs volunteers (see flyers)
PLEASE ANNOUNCE AT YOUR MEETINGS - let Steve M know it's been announced.
- Texas State Convention – June 21st to the 23rd (see flyers) PLEASE ANNOUNCE AT YOUR MEETINGS and let Steve M know it's been announced.
- North Texas Roundup open for registration. Dates are August 16 to 18th
- Clean Air is having a sponsorship workshop... May 5th, 2 to 4. 10300 N. Central Expressway. See flyer for more information.

New Group participation: A warm welcome to Don from Under The Bridge Group who is participating for the first time at Intergroup! Welcome Don and Under the Bridge Group!

- Adjourned with Lord's Prayer