

Dallas Intergroup Association

Intergroup Representative Meeting Minutes

Date: July 9, 2026 **Time:** 8:00pm **Location:** Central Commons **Format:** In-person with Zoom participation

Note: Nathan (Secretary) absent — meeting recorded for minutes purposes. Recording disclaimer made at opening.

Attendance

Board members present: Glenn (Chair), Ian (Treasurer), Samuel (Office Manager), Charlie (Special Events), D (Outreach), Rufus (Publishing)

Board members Absent: Nathan (Secretary), Bennett Grayson (Nightwatch — emergency room), Larry O. (tech host — prior commitment; came early to set up before departure)

Zoom participants: 20 Groups, 1 District **In-person:** 18 Groups, 1 District, 1 Area.

Technical note: New house sound system and projector used for first time (included in the price of the hall rental). Audio issues with Zoom intermittently affected rep participation; workaround via chat used during portions of the meeting. Solutions found for next time.

Opening

Moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Treasurer's Report — Ian

June Financial Summary:

- Group and individual contributions approximately \$1,144 below budget year-to-date through June; noted as within normal variance range — May was slightly above budget, partially offsetting June shortfall
- Expenses came in slightly under budget — a positive offset

- Inventory shrinkage of approximately \$900 recorded for old/obsolete literature donated or disposed of — accounted for remaining budget variance
- Overall position: stable

Reps encouraged to remind their groups to keep group and individual contributions coming. Ian noted that even modest contributions from groups and individuals make a meaningful difference given the lean operating budget.

Inventory: Samuel and Ian confirmed ongoing plan to reduce inventory target from ~\$40,000 to ~\$30,000, through smaller, more frequent orders rather than large periodic purchases. Lead time for AA World Services orders: approximately 10 days.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report: Charlie Seconded: Rufus **Vote: Unanimous**

Office Manager's Report — Samuel

Hybrid Meeting Update:

- June rep meeting: 15 on Zoom, 4 from groups not attending in over a year
- Tonight: approximately 20 on Zoom
- Samuel welcomed virtual attendees ("Zoomites" / "Zumanites" — term used with affection; Samuel noted "intergroup reps virtually" as the more formal term)

Surplus Inventory Available: Items available at no charge include: 12 Concepts illustrated pamphlets (1,000+ on hand), 12 Steps parchments, large print AA pamphlets, and others. Full list included in rep packet. Groups or service committees (treatment, corrections, CPC/CI) interested in any items should email office@aadallas.org. Samuel will hold requested items for up to one month.

"The Gist" — New Rep Communication Tool: Samuel introduced "The Gist" — a brief 2–3 paragraph AI-assisted summary of key intergroup meeting takeaways, readable in approximately 2 minutes at a group conscience meeting. Designed to address the recurring pattern of intergroup reps reporting "nothing to report" at their groups.

Nearly all Reps present (in-person and Zoom) indicated by show of hands that they found this useful. Samuel announced The Gist will be distributed via email by the following Monday after each rep meeting.

Questions from reps: None.

Special Events — Charlie

79th Anniversary Banquet — October 24th Location: Cochrane Chapel, Northwest Highway at Midway **Time:** 5–8 PM

Food: Taco food truck — same vendor as prior year; voted Best Tacos in Texas (Good Morning Texas); competed nationally on Good Morning America. Menu: chicken, pork, and beef tacos, rice, beans, salsa, chips. Vendor provides all plates, napkins, and utensils (turnkey).

Speaker: Jerri Dawn J., Oklahoma City

Special Presentation: Joe M. (Clean Air North) will present the history of AA's establishment in Russia, which originated from a Dallas group of approximately 10 members who traveled to Russia in the 1990s to help found AA there. Dallas AA historical archives will also be on display.

Raffle Basket Initiative — NEW THIS YEAR: Groups are invited to fill a themed basket for raffle. Baskets provided by Dallas Intergroup (available at the office, or groups may source their own from Goodwill, Dollar Store, etc.). Instructions:

- Choose a theme (barbecue, coffee, spa, movie night, etc.)
- Pool contributions from sponsors/sponsees (~\$5–\$10 each)
- Fill basket and wrap in clear wrap with ribbon
- Drop off at the office or bring the day of the event
- Include a "to/from" tag: *To: Dallas Intergroup, From: [Group Name]*

Contributing group will be announced when their basket is raffled. Charlie noted from prior experience that this approach generates strong group pride and participation — projected 25–30 baskets based on group size. How-to flyer available on the website.

Pre-registration: \$15 / \$20 at door **Grateful Givers:** Complimentary admission

Charlie encouraged reps to post flyers at their home groups and make announcements, particularly in September as the event approaches.

Questions from reps: None.

Outreach Report — D

D reported on the ongoing outreach initiative to reconnect with groups that have not sent a representative in over a year.

How it works:

- Samuel created an online sign-up sheet for volunteers to visit unrepresented groups

- A brief visit script and informational flyer were developed (adapted from San Francisco Intergroup's format)
- Volunteers select groups near them or along travel routes
- List organized by city/area for easy geographic self-selection

D's experience: Visited "We Are Not Saints" group (her regular home group). Made the outreach announcement; the group's newly elected intergroup rep happened to be seated nearby and connected with Dee after the meeting. Follow-up still pending (rep wrote down number incorrectly or has not yet followed up).

Who can participate: In response to a question from the floor, D and Glenn confirmed that **any AA member** — not just intergroup reps or board members — can sign up to visit groups. The more volunteers the better.

To sign up: email office@aadallas.org or see Samuel. Groups on the outreach list are those covered by Dallas Intergroup that have not had a rep attend in over a year.

Glenn noted that Dallas Intergroup serves approximately 150 groups but does not have 150 represented tonight — outreach is how the intergroup can extend its reach and help more groups carry the message.

Fort Worth note: Rafaella (alternate intergroup rep, Una Vida Mejor, Northeast Texas Area 65) shared that Fort Worth Central Office has a similar outreach workshop model — volunteers go to unrepresented groups and explain the rep role. Noted as a possible model to learn from.

Tradition of the Month — Tradition 7 - 5 minute talk

Presented by: Ernest W., Duncanville Group **Sobriety date:** February 11, 1985 (former GSR)

New Business

Visitor Token/Coin — NEW MOTION

Jeff H. (Prosper Country Group, sober November 23, 2018) introduced the idea of a Dallas Intergroup visitor coin or token, inspired by an experience at his group: a member who had visited Colorado AA meetings received a visitor coin there, formed a friendship, and that connection eventually brought the Colorado member to visit the Dallas group. Jeff also shared his own experience receiving a visitor coin in Atlanta while visiting during a family hardship.

Additional member experiences shared:

- Glenn: received a commemorative token at the historic Whalers Church group in Sag Harbor (est. 1786) — kept it as a meaningful memento
- Charlie: received a visitor chip in Iowa — unexpected and memorable
- Reagan (Zoom, Sisters in Sobriety): received a visitor coin at Sisters in Sobriety, which later became her home group — the coin took on deep personal significance
- Mark (Lewisville Group): shared a similar experience and noted the concept seemed to rise to the level of a motion.

Discussion:

- Question raised: should this be a group-level or intergroup-level coin? Cost effective approach seems to be Dallas Intergroup would produce one intergroup-wide coin; individual groups who want their own may do so independently using online print-on-demand resources (inexpensive, straightforward)
- Miller (Zoom, chat): suggested using the existing Dallas Intergroup logo (triangle with Dallas Pegasus) to keep it simple and recognizable, with a meaningful slogan added
- Jeff's suggested slogan (paraphrased): *"There are no strangers in an AA meeting, just friends you haven't met yet"*
- Samuel will handle purchasing/production; committee to handle design and slogan

Motion: To form a committee to develop a Dallas Intergroup visitor token **Moved by:** Mark (Lewisville Group) **Seconded:** Ernest (Duncanville Group) **Vote:** Passed Unanimously — no opposition (in-person and Zoom)

Committee volunteers:

- Ashley (Ross Avenue Group)
- Mark (Louisville Group)
- Courtney (Belwood Group)
- Samuel (ex officio — purchasing and production)
- Glenn (ex officio — chair of all committees)

Group Inventory Discussion — Samuel

Samuel noted an increase in calls to the intergroup office asking how to conduct a group inventory. Explained:

A group inventory is an assessment of how well the group is fulfilling Tradition 5 — its primary purpose of carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. It involves structured questions and group reflection.

Samuel fielded a call that day asking whether an intergroup-sponsored group inventory **workshop** exists or could be developed. He suggested that area-level trusted servants (past

delegates, area chairs) may be the appropriate resource, and flagged this as something worth exploring further.

Delegate Report Back — Announcement

Mark (Lewisville Group, Standing DCM District 21) announced that Sarah, the area delegate, recently returned from the General Service Conference in New York. A **Delegate Report Back** meeting is being planned at the ODAAT Group. Date to be confirmed — flyer not yet available. Mark encouraged attendance so the fellowship can hear what was discussed and voted on at the conference level (e.g., plain language Big Book development, preamble language changes).

[Flyer will be added to the Intergroup website when available.]

Group Announcements

- **Lakeside Group:** Piloting a new Friday night Zoom meeting at 7:30 PM. Link available at lakesideaa.org
 - **Aquarius Group:** 49th Anniversary Party — July 18th, starting at 4 PM, open-ended. Motorcycle Jimmy will be present.
 - **District 24:** "How to Chair" meeting — Saturday July 11th, 2–4 PM, Sherman Serenity Group, 120 East Mulberry, Sherman, TX. Facilitated by Bill N. from Fort Worth.
 - **Tri-City Quarterly Speaker Meeting:** July 11th, 6 PM, Lewisville Group. Hosted by Little Elm Group (5 groups participating). Speaker: Jody P. from Lake Islands Group. See Mark for flyer.
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Closing Remarks

Glenn reminded all present — in-person and virtual — that **there is no meeting in August**. Next rep meeting is September.

Glenn encouraged anyone wishing to present a tradition (September through December) to sign up tonight or email chair@aadallas.org.

Glenn reminded all that **aadallas.org** is the central resource for everything happening in the Dallas intergroup area.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. **Vote: Unanimous**

Meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement.
