

**Northeast Texas Area Fall Assembly
September 17, 2005
Sheraton Grand 4444 West John Carpenter Freeway, Irving**

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8:30 Joe P. opened assembly with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Dennis S. read "Why We Need A Conference". Joe P. informed assembly of Passing away this year of Ted K. (Area Archives Chair), Sherl H. (Past Convention Chair). **Joe C. (Secretary)** read minutes from Summer Assembly. They were approved as read. **Treasurer Report** – Jim C. Operating Account: Beginning \$10,248.43, Contributions: \$6,000.09, Budget items paid: \$5,656.25. Giving current balance of \$10,592.27. Prudent reserve: Beginning \$5,141.73, Interest \$6.47, Current balance \$5,148.20. For a total of \$15,740.47. Still getting contributions sent to wrong address. Will have back surgery in March, will miss Spring and possibly Summer Assembly. Report approved as read. **Alternate Delegate** (Bill N.) **Upcoming Events: (1)** "Texas State Conference of Young People in AA" November 11-13, 2005, MCM Elegante Suites, Abilene, TX, 84.00 a night 324-698-1234 or 888-897-9644. **(2)** "2005 Spiritual Homecoming", November 25-27, 2005, St. Louis, MO. Celebration of the 50th anniversary of the historic International Convention held in St. Louis in 1955. Will be held in Kiel Auditorium in St. Louis, MO. For more information go to: www.stl2005.org. **(3)** "Southwest Regional Forum" December 2-4, 2005, Rogers, AR. Embassy Suites Hotel, 96.00 room rate. 479-254-8400. Shuttle service available from NW Regional Airport. Registration at GSO website available now! Other hotels: Amerisuites \$73.00, 800-664-6835. Super 8 \$49.00. Best Value Inn \$55.00 800-346-8357. Fairfield Inn \$59.00. Hampton Inn \$59.00. **(4)** "Texas State Convention" June 9-11, 2006, Houston, TX. Houston Marriott Westchase, 2900 Briarpark Dr., Houston, TX 77042, 713-978-7400 or 800-452-5110, www.txaaconvention.org. **(5)** "SWRAASA 2006" October 13-15, 2006, Wichita, KS. Hilton Wichita Airport Executive Conference Center, 316-945-5272. **Convention Report** (Todd D) Will place this report on NETA web page. Registrations as of this morning 142 / coffee stars-108. Amounts to 80 less than last Assembly and 42 less coffee stars. **Winter Assembly** in Abilene – Location change: Howard Johnson's to Regency Suites. Room rates down from \$69.00 to \$52.00. Hospitality suite at State Convention was a success. Our budget was \$700.00. We spent \$654.00 and had \$221.00 in donations. If there is no disapproval by Area Committee, the Summer Assembly will be in Tyler. Additional information will be available at Winter Assembly. If no disapproval, Spring and Fall will be back here at the Sheraton. / Total Assets of NETA Convention from Account as of September 16, 2005 was \$1,631.59. Joe P. asked if any disapproval for Summer Assembly being held in Tyler. **No disapproval.** Spring / Fall at this hotel. **Alternate Chairperson** (Don C.) – I would like to thank everyone again who requested a workshop this year. Let me remind you that if you want a workshop, please obtain your groups or districts approval, then select two dates. That way if the first date is taken, we can use the second. Upcoming Workshops: **(1)** 25 Sept. 2005. "Sponsorship and Chairing Meetings" Cleburne Alco Group. Cleburne TX, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm. **(2)** 8 October 2005, "Sponsorship and Chairing Meetings" Unity Group, Corsicana, TX 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. **(3)** 15 Oct 2005 "Sponsorship", Francis St. Group, Terrell TX, 1:30 pm 4:30 pm. **(4)** 29 Oct. 2005, "Sponsorship" District 74, Mineral Wells State Park, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm. **(5)** 12 Nov 2005, "Sponsorship" Wylie Group, Wylie, TX. 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm, ? about times. Updated list will always be listed on Area Web page. **Structure Committee Report** (Luis P.) Met yesterday – discussed motion 3.5 – 3.8 changes and adding 3.10 to P and P. Committee unanimously agreed to recommend adding "up to amount Budget specified on current budget" on 3.5/3.6 **Delegate Report** (Naomi Z.) I have a list of groups that have contributed to GSO, but aren't listed with Area Contributions, because they didn't give an address. So far this 1st six months, Area Group contributions are at 31%. This time last year they were 24%. Encourage groups to contribute- Amount isn't as important as the fact that they contribute. If the literature revenue exceeds contributions, it will affect our non profit status and might cause litigation. In the packet are forms to fill out for 2006 Conference Theme. Deadline January 15, 2006, but suggested October 15, to give them ample time to go over. Also in packet New GSO Staff Assignments / Sheet explaining "How to Help AA's in Hurricane Katrina's Distressed Area". Went over highlights from AAWS. Bill N. and I will be visiting new groups. I will attend Young People Conference in Abilene. DCM's look over group contributions – Help explain to groups the need to contribute to GSO. **10:05 Aaron N.** Chairperson of Texas State Convention of young People in AA. Bill N. / Naomi Z. will do workshop on "How to Chair a Meeting" – Long Timers Ask It Basket. Bill N and Naomi Z. will be on Panel. **Conference Theme** "A Declaration of Unity" Aaron read statement from GSO website explaining importance and history of Young People Conference. People of all ages are welcome. It will be held at MCM Elegante Suite in Abilene Nov. 11-13 2005. Hotel rates are \$84.00 (every room a suite). Pre register \$15.00. Registration at Conference \$20.00

Old Business

Voting and Process of Motion read by Joe P. **Motion:** The NETA webmaster to be allowed to add links to Northeast Texas Area District site, on our NETA web page, making certain that there is a window that "pops up" advising the user that they are leaving the NETA website. **Passed** (unanimously) **Motion** Change P&P 2.5 section: Currently reads: Minutes of Area Assemblies, Area Committee Meeting / Agenda of the next Assembly, along with the NETA Newsletter, shall be mailed six (6) weeks before the next NETA Assembly to all groups in the Northeast Texas Area, all members of Area Assembly, Past NETA Delegates, General Service Conference Member, NETA Intergroup/Central Offices, as well as The General Service Office. **To Read:** Minutes of Area Assemblies, Area Committee Meetings, Agenda of the next Assembly, along with the NETA Newsletter, shall be mailed and / or electronically distributed five to six weeks before the next NETA Assembly to all Groups in the Northeast Texas Area, all members of the Area Assembly, past NETA Delegates, General Service Conference Members, NETA Intergroups / Central Offices as well as the General Service office. **Passed** (unanimously)

Motion: to change 4.3 of the Northeast Texas Area (NETA) Policies and Procedures as Assembly – approved June 2000. **Currently 4.3** “the location and dates of the regularly scheduled Area Assemblies will be determined by the Area Committee and the Convention Chairperson. The location of the Fall Assembly and Convention is to be centrally located and is to be held as close as possible to the last weekend in September, with the approval of the Area Assembly.” **Proposed Change:** The locations of the regularly scheduled Area Assemblies are to be determined by the Area Committee and the Convention Chairperson. The dates of all Assemblies and Convention to be held on the third weekend of the scheduled months, **when possible**. The Spring and Fall Assembly / Convention to be centrally located – The Summer and Winter Assemblies to be held in the outlying Districts, **outside of DFW Metroplex. (Tabled at Summer Assembly) passed 95-2**

Standing Committee Reports

CPC (Boyce R) We hosted a booth at the second Annual Community Resource Day, hosted by the community Supervision/Correctional Department of Tarrant County on July 21 from 9am to 4pm. I would like to thank Jennifer K, from the Colony Group for her help. I have received a couple of request from GSO to contact a couple of ministers within our Area, I still have yet to get in touch with one of the ministers. We received approximately 100 evacuees (from Louisiana) in Greenville. We provided Big Books and pamphlets to them through our County Judge. I would still appreciate contacts from any CPC Chairperson from Districts or Groups. The GSO CPC Chair is requesting information from Area CPC Chairs regarding any briefing information being used locally because they are considering coming up with a draft presentation to be used by any CPC Chair. I need to make contact with all Group or District CPC Chair. **CF** (Don A.) Join us for our Sept. meeting today at the evening dinner break at the restaurant at this hotel. Orange cans are available to take back to groups. Remember to take it to your group conscience before putting them out and remember, these are a supplement for areas which do not have funds. If you have taken cans and your group has decided not to use them, please bring them back. There are now Big Books available if you need a few to take to inmates. If you need a large order, please place an order and Jayne and we will order separately. Please sign up for correspondence and/or pre-release contacts and take sheets back to your groups to get more volunteers and send to Jayne or you can email. We will have an alternate to present at the next committee meeting. Sara Hornsby will be presented. She was unable to be here today. **PI** (Bobby C.) I received a list of all the stations in the Northeast Texas Area from the General Service Office that has received the new Public Service Announcements. I relayed that information to every Public Information Rep that I have an address for. The list was also sent to Area District Committee members. I attended the Texas State Convention and had a table set with literature. Lynn R. (PI Alt) and I went to Frisco on Sep. 4 and gave a presentation to District 21. Please contact me to come to your district meetings. My greatest desire is that when you have me visit your district, that the Public Information Chairpersons from all the groups in the district will be in attendance. I am hoping to get all of the districts involved in Public Information and I need participation from the groups. I hope that everyone here is utilizing our area website. There has been much work put into this effort. , pichair@net65.org or bobbic1117@netzero.com. If you want your district on the web site, please send your URL to the webmaster. **TF** (Ted E.) Appeal to western portion of NETA. Need to reach/Need contacts from that section of Area. Our committee activity has slowed a bit during the summer. The July area treatment meeting was cancelled. There was no August meeting due to scheduling around the State Convention. Since the last assembly, we made another literature purchase, including a couple of cases of Big Books for treatment work. I would like to invite anybody who is involved in treatment facility work to meet with the committee immediately after the 8:15 meeting. If you represent a local treatment committee, please meet with us. The NETA Treatment Committee did respond to a request for a presence at the State Convention. We provided literature and staffed an information table during the convention. Last week we received two requests for literature and/or meetings. These requests were forwarded from our AA General Service Office. I am sure that area groups already carry meetings into these institutions, but our committee will be sure to contact these folks. Perhaps they have additional needs. We will be of service if we can. **Newsletter** (Bill H.) Thanks to everyone for articles submitted. Anyone can submit – Would like to hear from GSR. Next envelope stuffing – Greenville Traditions – 1:00pm October 16. **Literature/Intergroup** (Mike W.) No word as to when the new “The AA Group” or “Service Manual” will be available. At the 2005 International Convention in Toronto the 25 Millionth copy of the Big Book, Alcoholics, was presented to Warden Jill Brown of San Quentin for his contribution in helping alcoholics. In July a 10% shipping charge on all literature orders under 250.00 was initiated with a minimum shipping charge of 3.00. Next Literature Committee meeting is November third at the Richardson Group, time 8 pm. **Fort Worth** – Now have a part time assistant. Have GSR kits ready to trade / bring in after GSR has received theirs from GSO as well as other committee kits. They are here at our September Assembly to sell AA approved literature. 27 facilities housing evacuees from Louisiana and Mississippi are being served by AA members and groups in Tarrant and surrounding counties. Steering Committee Meeting will be October 4th at 6 pm, and the COR Meeting at 8 pm on the same evening at the Central Office. (3116 Bailey, Ft. Worth) Call forwarding volunteers - We have a couple of days open, if a member with a year or more wants to help. **Dallas** – Will have election for new trustees in November. Working with the city of Dallas in carrying the message to Katrina survivors. New printed directories are now available. Continue to seek volunteers for night Watch. **Convention Chair** (Todd D.) Tyler approved for next summer. Bobbi F., my alternate Look as if we won't be here in Spring and Fall of next year after all – will check with Harvey Hotel and other locations. Wichita Fall expressed interest in January 2007. **Video** (John C.) I have finally started showing movies at groups and districts. Still have lots of openings. Please check with your Group Conscience first – get two dates. Videos are available to buy from GSO, not use. Also have PSIs. **Grapevine/LaVina** (Lois W.) Have been going to English as well as Spanish groups – Have meetings once a month- rotate. Need to hear from Grapevine reps. Next meeting at Arlington Central Group 2:00 pm, 1511 E. Division, 817-277-0962. 2006 Calendar available at \$8.00, Pocket planner at \$5.00. Grapevine web page – Audio Grapevine – free now on trial basis. www.aagrapevine.org. Last month 2 articles from Dallas Area – Garland Clean Air / Clean Air North. Subscriptions are way down. **Archives** (Jerry A) Getting things sorted out after Ted K.s death. 7 showings since last assembly – Have 13 scheduled before Winter Assembly. Would appreciate some compensation for gas. It is our biggest expense. Jerry A. 214-868-3223. **Special Needs** (Alfredo G. Have meetings 3rd Saturday of month – rotate. This month September 10th met in Arlington. Workshop to be held at the Harbor Club – Service in Motion 11-4pm. 3000 West 5th St. Fort Worth, 817-336-5255. Next meeting 3rd Saturday of October, 10:00am at Harbor Club, Fort Worth – everyone is invited. **DCM Report / Highlights** 24 districts represented. Jerry A. approved as Area Archives Chair.

GSR Report / Concerns 63 Groups represented.

Joe P. Closed Assembly with Lord's Prayer at approximately 4:00pm.

Submitted For Your Approval
By Joe C. Area 65 Secretary

