

Dallas Intergroup Association Rep Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2024 – 8:00 PM

- Meeting opened at 8 PM by Allen A with the Serenity Prayer & Intergroup Preamble - chair@aadallas.org
- Traditions were read by Darren from The Principles Group
- Roll Call done - Samuel F.

No. of Groups	32
No. of People	46
No. of Districts	3
NETA 65	1

Welcome:

WELCOME & OPENING COMMENTS Allen A. - chair@aadallas.org

- Welcomed everyone back after no August meeting

Treasurer's Report - J Scott M - treasurer@aadallas.org

- Discussed financials from both July and August
- Total contributions were \$9,458.98 in July and \$8,895.43 in August
- Contributions remain consist with prior months, but expenses are up due to need of additional staff and conference attendance
- Net revenue was positive in July (\$2,123.23) and negative in August (-\$866.17)

Financial Ad Hoc Committee Report - J Scott M - treasurer@aadallas.org

- A committee was formed to do a deep dive on the financial trends from 2017 to 2023
- Monthly expenses increased slightly due to inflation from \$12k to \$13k but were otherwise stable
- Removing gift items from the bookstore in 2019 has decreased profits by about 50%
 - o Question was asked from the floor about why they were removed
 - o J Scott indicated that they were removed at the request of the groups
 - o Allen noted that the Intergroup Board intended to further investigate the background of this decision and to direct further questions by email
- Merchandise sales dropped significantly during Covid but are now nearly equal to 2019 levels
- Individual contributions have steadily decreased from \$18k in 2018 to \$13k in 2023

Office Manager Report - Samuel F - office@aadallas.org

- Explained that extra hours for assistant manager were needed due to time off for a much-needed honeymoon and attendance at the Intergroup/Central Office of Alcoholics Anonymous conference in Las Vegas
- Described experience at the conference and the valuable things that were discussed there that could be incorporated into DIA practices
- Goal continues to be making “more and better 12th step work possible” through cooperation and coordination
- Further information is available in the attached notes
- 10 cent price increase on Desire and Monthly chips, from \$0.65 to \$0.75
- Newcomer Card lowered from \$0.35 to \$0.25; new format is in color with fewer QR codes
- New Meetings:

- o Winners in Deep Ellum (Dallas)
- o AA 101 Group (Rockwall, starts Sep 12)
- o Hope in Prosper Group (Prosper)
- o Home Group (Lake Whitney, starts Sep 20)
- o The Waxwings Group (Carrollton)
- Faithful Fivers is now known as Grateful Givers - AA members can contribute any amount that they are able

Guest Speaker (Tradition 6) - Jenny L, District Committee Member (DCM), District 53

- “An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose”
- Discussed the importance of Tradition 6 as it relates to local AA groups
- Primary example was the display of flyers that requested volunteers at a treatment facility within AA meetings, as well as at the district and area level
- This can cause confusion around what is AA and what is treatment
- While these may be noble causes, and we cooperate with these facilities, putting up their information in an AA meeting is an infringement of Tradition Six
- Another example was meetings held within treatment centers; while they share a location, the group is independent of the facility
- Discussed importance of avoiding endorsement, even implied endorsement, of outside enterprises

Treatment - Steve M (Read by Dan C) - treatment@aadallas.org

- Attended NETA Treatment Meetings on 07/23 and 08/27
- Meetings are the last Tuesday of every month at 7pm
 - o Meeting ID: 212 324 1524, Password: 057892
- July Meeting: NETA asked to send letters to treatment centers informing them of Spanish-speaking groups; gave Nexus treatment information to D53 chair
- August Meeting: There is a treatment center workshop at TXYPAA on 10/25 from 4:30-6:30pm
- Next NETA Treatment Meeting is on 09/24 at 7pm

CPC/PI - Mary M - publicinfo@aadallas.org

- AA has been invited to host a PI booth at the 2024 Big Texas Rally for Recovery
 - o September 21 from 10:00am-2:00pm
 - o Mattie Nash-Myrtle Davis Park, 3710 N Hampton Rd, Dallas, TX 75212
 - o No registration fee for AA, just need to bring your own table and chairs

Nightwatch - Allen A - nightwatch@aadallas.org

- Nightwatch is doing great
- Question was asked about how to sign up and obtain list of AA group contacts
- Explained that these contacts are not to be given out to callers; volunteers should give the caller's info to the contact person and explain that person will call them back

Accessibility - Dan C - access@aadallas.org

- Attended NETA Accessibility Meetings on 08/03 and 09/07
- Meetings are the first Saturday of every month at 12pm
 - o Meeting ID: 831 7605 2625, Password: 205058
- Accessibility Committees “explore, develop, and offer resources to alcoholics with significant barriers to receiving the Alcoholics Anonymous message and to participating in our program of recovery”

- Examples include members who are deaf/hard of hearing, blind/visually impaired, mobility challenges, and working parents
 - Question was asked about meetings that can assist working parents; explained that while some meetings may offer actual child care, more are considered “child friendly”
- Encouraged reps who have members with accessibility needs to contact access@aadallas.org

Nominating Committee - Allen A

- At October’s Intergroup Rep Meeting, representatives may propose nominations for the Intergroup Board as long as the Nominee fulfills the eligibility requirements outlined in the Bylaws
- Eligibility requirements include:
 - Cannot serve two consecutive terms
 - Must be a member of an AA group within Dallas Intergroup Association
 - Must have at least two years of continuous sobriety
 - Must have lived in the Dallas metro area for at least two years
 - Must maintain sobriety while on the Board
 - Cannot serve another position within the District or Area (e.g. Area Delegate, DCM, GSR)
 - Cannot work for any entity that charges for services to alcoholics (e.g. treatment centers)
 - No more than two people from the same AA group

Events - Karen C - events@aadallas.org

- DIA will be hosting Dallas Citywide on Saturday, September 14
 - Volunteers are needed to help set up at 3:30pm - See Mary M
 - Please bring a side dish or dessert and let your group know
- The 77th Intergroup Anniversary Party is on Saturday, October 5 from 4-7pm
 - Held in Meaders Hall at Cochran Chapel
 - BBQ meal for \$5, cake, fun and games, and a 50/50 raffle
 - Live music with Rachel Stacy
 - Guest speaker is Tim H from Louisville, Kentucky
 - Volunteers are needed - See Karen C
 - This will be a great event, let your group know!

New Business - None

Group Announcements

- Wylie Group will be having a Sponsorship Workshop on October 27
- Duncanville Group Chili Cookoff is September 28 from 4:00-6:00pm
- SWRAASA is being held at the Renaissance Dallas/Richardson Hotel from October 11-13; registration is \$20, and volunteers are needed
- Shalom Today Group Anniversary Cookout is September 22 at 1:30pm
- Carrollton Group Anniversary is October 20 from 1:30-3:30
- Lewisville Group will be having a Sponsorship Workshop on September 15 from 12:30pm-2:30pm and a Safety Meeting Workshop on November 17 from 12:30pm-2:30pm

Adjourn - With Serenity Prayer