



**Quarterly Newsletter: Winter
2021 Volume 40 Number 4**
**The Heartbeat of the
Northeast Texas Area 65**




AREA ASSEMBLY MINUTES 2021
Fall Assembly + Service Workshop
Fri-Sun, September 17-19, 2021

Olive Hotel - 100 Altamesa Blvd. E
Fort Worth, TX 76134
Zoom ID: 889 3394 9784
Pass Code: 812599

	Friday – September 17	
7:00 pm	Workshop 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Topic: “The Importance, Responsibility, and Ideas for Effective, Concise, and Transparent Communication within the AA Service Structure” ➤ Presenter: Jimmy D. (Southwest Regional Trustee) ➤ Questions and Comments from Attendees 	
	Saturday – September 18	
8:00 am	Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Serenity Prayer & Introduction: Robert S. (NETA65 Chair) ➤ Reading of “Why Do We Need A Conference?” 	
8:15 am	Old & New Business <i>No old business.</i>	
	MOTION 1:	<i>To add \$1500 (\$375 per quarter) to the Printing and Publishing 2021 budget to cover increased costs in printing and postage.</i>
	RESENER:	Lore L. (NETA65 Newsletter Chair)
	VOTE:	For: 81. Against: 2.
	OUTCOME:	Motion passes.
	MOTION 2:	<i>Approve the 2022 NETA65 Budget</i>
	PRESENTER:	Sarah P. (NETA65 Treasurer)
	VOTE:	For: Unanimous
	OUTCOME:	Motion passes.
10:15 am	Sharing Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ GSR and DCM Sharing Session ➤ GSR report back (Robert D., GSR Cleburne Alco) ➤ DCM report back (Julie B., Alt-DCM Dist 55) 	
1:30 pm	Workshop 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Topic: “GSR: Where Communication Begins” ➤ Presenters: Jessica N. (Delegate, Area 41 Panel 70), Paul A. (Delegate, Area 57 Panel 57), Jimmy D. (Southwest Regional Trustee) ➤ Questions and Comments from Attendees 	
4:15 pm	Area Standing Committee Meetings	
7:30 pm	Workshop 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Topic: “Agenda Items – Roadmap to the Conference” ➤ Presenters: Jessica N. (Delegate, Area 41 Panel 70), Paul A. (Delegate, Area 57 Panel 57), Jimmy D. (Southwest Regional Trustee) ➤ Questions and Comments from Attendees 	

	Sunday – September 19
8:00 am	Opening: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Serenity Prayer & Introduction: Robert S. (NETA65 Chair) Reading of “Why Do We Need A Conference?”
8:15 am	Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Previous Area Assembly (Summer 2021) minutes approved as presented. ➤ Reports given by Area Elected Officers. ➤ Reports given by Area Standing Committee Chairs.
11:00 am	What’s On Your Mind? During this portion, a Floor Action was brought forward as follows:
MOTION 3:	To allow the 2021 Fall ACM to determine the quantity and delivery of the 2022 Orientations.
PRESENTER:	Chris B. (NETA65 Secretary)
VOTE:	For: Unanimous
OUTCOME:	Motion passes.
It was also noted during this portion that there was strong sentiment by those present, virtually and in-person, that the use of technology at the Assembly for participation should continue, and closed-captioning in English and Spanish should be prioritized.	
11:52 am	Assembly Closed with the Lord’s Prayer
Respectfully submitted, Chris B., NETA65 Secretary – Panel 71 512.636.3382 secretary71@neta65.org	

		AREA COMMITTEE MEETING 2021 Fall ACM Sunday, October 24, 2021 1:30pm ~ 5:30pm	Location: Lewisville Group 1305 S. State Hwy 121 Suite 105 Lewisville, TX 75067
OPENING: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Serenity Prayer & Introduction: Robert S. (NETA65 Chair). Reading of “Why Do We Need A Conference?” in English 			
REPORTS: ELECTED OFFICERS			
Secretary (Chris B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Updates to NETA65 Handbook to be submitted by December 31. ➤ 2021 Summer ACM minutes approved as presented. 		
Alt Secretary (Ashleigh H)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Not present - Nothing new to report!</i> 		
Alt Chair (Brandy H)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 14 requests for Workshops. ➤ Upcoming workshops (<i>listed in full report</i>) 		
Treasurer (Sarah P)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Treasurer’s Finance Report approved as presented (<i>included in full report</i>) ➤ Area is able to accept Venmo contributions at @spetelik. Lastfour digits of phone number are 0677. ➤ Our bank was bought out by another (PNC), so everything changed including our account number (but NOT contribution address). Treasurer is in process of working with PNC. 		
Alt Treasurer (Joe P)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Presented expense report (<i>included in full report</i>) ➤ Thus far, we’ve used about 50% of our 2021 budget. ➤ If you have expense reports to submit, please do so. 		
Alt Delegate (Rick W)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Upcoming AA-related events (<i>included in full report</i>) ➤ Planning continues for 2024 SWRAASA, hosted by NETA65. Details in complete report, including openings for service positions. 		
Delegate (Wayne H)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Print copies of 71st GSC Final Report available. ➤ Updates to three service pieces on Safety & Respect in AA. Wayne is requesting people read and provide feedback. ➤ Will let everyone know the instant we know 72nd GSC agenda items. 		

REPORTS: COMMITTEE CHAIRS *(complete reports presented online at www.NETA65.org)*

Accessibilities (Jess D)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Getting a real surge in participation➤ Working with Treatment and CPC for mental health outreach workshop.➤ Accessibility Survey: after Summer Assembly, got enough info to actually provide data to Intergroups.➤ Information available on using ASL translation-based data from a group in Austin. This plus Zoom closed-captioning is vital.➤ If there is no Translation chair, Accessibility should take it on.
Archives (Jon P)	➤ <i>Not present – nothing new to report</i>
Convention (Gregg T)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ <i>Not present – report presented by Joanne N. (Alternate)</i>➤ Spring Assembly: March 18-20, 2022. Fairfield Inn, 5909 StoneCreek Drive, The Colony TX 75056.
CPC (Tom D)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ <i>Great deal of content under CPC section of NETA65 website.</i>➤ <i>September CPC meeting was done as hybrid at the Area Assembly in Fort Worth.</i>
Corrections (Kelly H)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Corrections Conference of October 23 was success. 50-60 attendees.➤ Committee Meeting time has been moved to 8pm. It is on the 2nd Sunday of the month
Grapevine/La Viña (DanM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ <i>Carry The Message project: giving copies of Grapevine to professionals.</i>➤ <i>Grapevine podcasts and other forms of outreach.</i>
Intergroup (Nicole S)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ <i>Not present – report presented by Jules B. (Alt-DCM, Dist 91)</i>➤ <i>Seeking Alternate for position.</i>➤ <i>Reported on happenings with each of the local intergroups.</i>
Literature (Jackey B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ <i>Not present – report presented by Mike L. (Alternate)</i>➤ <i>Next meeting: November 2 7:00pm ZOOM ID: 901 999 0243</i>
Newsletter (Lore L)	➤ <i>Not present – nothing new to report</i>
PI (Amanda R)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ <i>Attended Dallas CityWide.</i>➤ <i>7-minute presentation about PI available for Group Conscience.</i>➤ <i>Upcoming PSAs. Looking at new scheduled date for high school.</i>➤ <i>Digital resource will go on NETA65 site.</i>➤ <i>Next meeting Nov 15 at 7pm. ZOOM ID: 837 4906 830 Pass: 823330</i>
Technology (Michelle B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ <i>Stepping down as Technology Chair.</i>➤ <i>Alternate Technology Chair, Chuck B., made Technology Chair with no disapproval.</i>
Webservant (Cindy N)	➤ <i>Nothing new to report</i>
Translation (vacant)	➤ <i>Just like last ACM, Tahtianna F is translating written documentation but there is no official chair or alternate.</i>
Treatment (Hobie H)	➤ <i>Not present – nothing new to report</i>
Structure (Keith D)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ <i>Keith D. not present. Report submitted by Bill N. (past Delegate, Panel 57)</i>➤ <i>Reviewed motion regarding schedule change of Summer Assembly and had no recommendation.</i>

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION:	<p><i>MOTION: To change Section 4.3 of the Policies & Procedures</i></p> <p><i>FROM: "The dates of all Assemblies and Convention to be held on the third weekend of the scheduled months, when possible."</i></p> <p><i>TO: "The dates of the Spring and Fall Assemblies and Convention are to be held on the third weekend of the scheduled months, and the Summer Assembly shall be held on the fourth weekend of the scheduled month, when possible."</i></p>
PRESENTER:	Chris B. (NETA65 Secretary)
BACKGROUND:	This is to give NETA65 the ability to get the Area Assembly off Father's Day. "A much more important demonstration of our principles lies before us in our respective homes, occupations and affairs." – Alcoholics Anonymous, p.19
OUTCOME:	Motion forwarded to Spring Assembly (2022).

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ Alternate Standing Committee Chairs: Maria R. for Alternate Grapevine Chair (*no disapproval*)

MOTION:	<i>MOTION: To add the following to the end of Section 2.3 of the Policies & Procedures: “In person voting members will sit in a space reserved for voting members only during the business portion of the meeting. Online voting members will be designated with a vote identifier in front of their name. The identifier to be set by the NETA Secretary as part of the roll call process. All voting members shall be given the opportunity to cast their vote in the manner that aligns with the format of the Assembly (in-person, hybrid or virtual).”</i>
PRESENTER:	John L. (Alt-DCM, District 61)
BACKGROUND:	“The proposed change will grant NETA 65 the needed flexibility to address the business of the Area without suspension of our policies and procedures. Our collective experience with to Covid-19 has proven that online participation can and does work. By making this change to the P&P simply gives the area an additional tool to serve the needs of the Fellowship in the event of future impediments to face to face meetings. It has the additional benefit of granting access to a wider portion of the conscience of the area. Trusted servants who face physical obstacles to travel, should not be prevented from carrying out their duties to their group, district, or area. AA does not have second class members.”
OUTCOME:	Motion forwarded to Structure Committee.
MOTION:	<i>For the ACM to approve establishing an Ad-Hoc Committee(s) with the specific intents of: 1) Review current policy and procedure for the future of virtual attendance (including where voting may be applicable), and to seek a preliminary “Group Conscience” of the A.A. Groups being served, for the following established service events: Area Committee Meetings (ACM), NETA 65 GSR, DCM, and Standing Committee Chair Orientations, Area Assemblies, Area Biennial Service Workshop, and Biennial Convention; 2) Facilitate review of the 71st GSC Advisory Action which indicates to ‘recognize online groups and encourage their participation’ within the NETA 65 geographical area, and to seek a preliminary “Group Conscience” of the A.A. Groups being served.</i>
PRESENTER:	Kelly M. (DCM, District 54)
OUTCOME:	Two committees formed by Area Chair. Committee to address item 1) will be chaired by Chris B. (NETA65 Secretary). Committee to address item 2) will be chaired by Matt C. (DCM, Dist 22).
MOTION:	<i>Request for professional Spanish translation for all Area Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings (ACMs).</i>
PRESENTER:	Zacarias B. (Alt-DCM, District 90)
BACKGROUND:	“At the most recent Area events, there were issues with the translation. Sometimes the translator has arrived late or has left early causing the translation not to be accurate or complete. Several GSR’s have expressed that with proper translation there would be higher motivation for service. Some of them also stated that they have visited other Areas where their experience with a professional translator the experience was more informative and complete. In addition, if the translator has more than one service agenda, the translator has a hard time focusing on the important task which is to translate causing him an overload of responsibilities.”
OUTCOME:	Motion forwarded to Finance Committee.
MOTION:	<i>That Structure Committee meetings be opened to any AA members who want to observe.</i>
PRESENTER:	Jamie C. (DCM, District 62)
BACKGROUND:	<i>None at present.</i>
OUTCOME:	Motion postponed until 2022 Winter ACM.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dates and locations for 2022 Winter GSR/DCM Orientations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Initial proposal (Jim C., Past Delegate, Panel 61): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ January 9 – hybrid format – English – western side of state. ▲ January 16 – in-person format – Spanish – location to be determined. ▲ January 23 – hybrid format – English – eastern side of state. ● Vote for this suggestion: 25 for, 4 against. Minority opinion expressed. Motion to reconsider: 12 for, 16 against. Reconsider failed. Proposal passed. 	

- 2022 Winter ACM: February 13 – hybrid format – location to be determined.
- 2022 Spring Assembly: March 18-20, 2022. Fairfield Inn, 5909 Stone Creek Drive, The Colony TX75056.

After “What’s On Your Mind”, meeting adjourned with “Lord’s Prayer.”

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NEWSLETTER NOTES: Recipients of U.S. Postal Delivered Newsletters: Would you like to receive your group or district copy of the NETA 65 newsletter via email? Send request to newsletter71@NETA65.org. Questions? Call Lore L. 817-517-3850

TO CONTRIBUTE: Send any AA related articles of 300 words or less (WORD or TXT documents). You may also send in your own digital photographs, they will be converted to grey scale for the newsletter. Pictures should have a caption, be 300 dpi or greater, and 2~4 MB in size. Remember no faces.

2022 DEADLINES: For sending in your AA service-related articles; Spring 2/10/2022. Summer 4/10/2022. Fall 7/10/2022, Winter 11/1/2022.

NETA 65 Mailing Address Is: Northeast Texas Area 65. PO Box 701262 Dallas, TX 75370



My Steps to Service. Crystal, Ray of Hope Group Mabank, TX

When I first walked into the doors of Alcoholics Anonymous I was very broken. I sat, listened, picked up my 24hr chip (a member gave me a big book) and I bolted out the door after the meeting. I showed up the next night and every night since. I soon learned from listening to other people that just sitting wasn’t going to keep me sober. It took a couple of months for me to realize I was going to have to get involved with my sobriety.

At almost three months, I finally became willing to do whatever it takes. I started to come into the rooms with a new attitude and when I sat down, I was sitting all the way down. When I actually started to take the program seriously, and really started to focus on the 12 Steps, I wanted more. I wanted more for myself, and for the first time I really wanted to do more. I started chairing meetings at about 6 months and chose to chair the Newcomers’ Meetings. I really knew Steps 1-3 and wanted to help the Newcomer when they came in scared, mad and really confused like I did. My sponsor sat next to me for my first month of chairing and I really appreciated the support I got from her. She saw there was a spark and I needed something to do besides washing coffee cups.

I continued to chair various meetings until I was old enough to take on a Trusted Servant position. When I was a year sober, I was helping more with the group, chairing meetings, Treasurer for the group, but still wanting to do more. Another member suggested I help at a women’s house to Carry the Message. I did that and really enjoyed giving back. I was taught the Traditions early on and feel really fortunate that my home group really stands behind them. When I finally got in the right gear, I was off and running, and ready to learn something new so I could pass it on.

It’s funny how I used to sit in meetings and not really understand what some people were saying when it came to the Traditions and our “I Am Responsible” sign. Today I believe that not only

are the Steps a big part of my life but the Traditions are a big role today in my everyday living. I am not even sure how I ended up with a Service Sponsor, but I sure wouldn't trade that for anything.

I firmly believe we have to keep giving away this fantastic gift we were given by sharing it with other people that come into our lives that need help. When I work with others, I get to share my experience, strength, and hope. I also get a opportunity today to teach them to get involved in their program outside of our rooms and meet other groups and participate in other larger events.

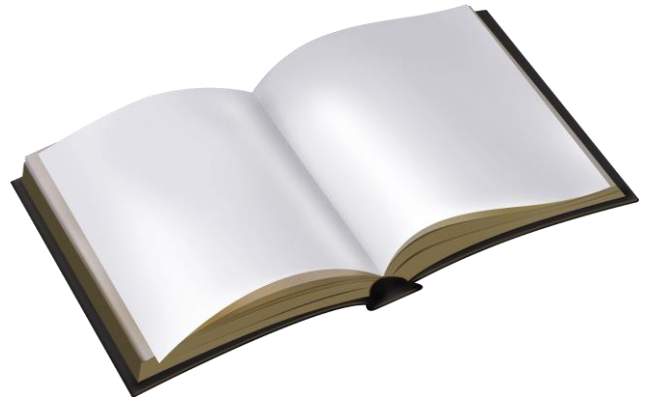
For a bunch of sober people, we sure can find fun and adventure without the dreaded hangover or handcuffs. I think I have had more fun going to other groups, attending events, and just hanging out with the friends I have made along the way. I thought "Being of Service" was a chore. I was completely wrong!! This has been a wonderful journey for me and figuring out who I am as an Alcoholic living on life's terms. It's not always rainbows and butterflies, but I wouldn't trade it for anything today. ♥

Daily Reflection: December 14

REACHING OUT:

Never talk down to an alcoholic from any moral or spiritual hilltop; simply lay out the kit of spiritual tools for his inspection. Show him how they worked with you.

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, p. 95



When I come into contact with a newcomer, do I have a tendency to look at him from my perceived angle of success in A.A.?

Do I compare him with the large number of acquaintances I have made in the Fellowship?

Do I point out to him in a magisterial way the voice of A.A.?

What is my real attitude toward him?

I must examine myself whenever I meet a newcomer to make sure that I am carrying the message with simplicity, humility and generosity. The one who still suffers from the terrible disease of alcoholism must find in me a friend who will allow him to get to know the A.A. way, because I had such a friend when I arrived in A.A. Today it is my turn to hold out my hand, with love, to my sister or brother alcoholic, and to show her or him the way to happiness.

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Southwest Regional AA Service Assembly

SWRAASA 2022

October 7, 2022 @ 5:00 pm ~ October 9, 2022 @ 12:00 pm

<https://swraasa2022.org>

SWRAASA 2022

\$15 for attendance
hosted by Area 57

Free airport shuttles

Renaissance Convention Center
6808 S 107th East Ave., Tulsa, OK 74133

SWRAASA 2024 Logo Competition:

Selected by NETA 65 members votes.

The winner is # 5. Won with 17 out of a total of 56 votes.

Service:

Vital to our Growth SWRAASA 2024

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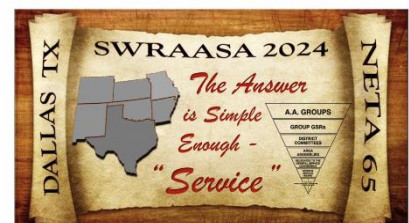
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Other Area AA Fellowship Events (not affiliated with NETA 65)



CityWide Dallas:

2nd Saturday of each month

Lovers Lane United Methodist Church

9200 Inwood Rd, Dallas, TX 75220

CityWide Dallas! Saturday, January 8th, 2022!

Speaker: Tim S. from Big Book Group, Rockwall, TX

Potluck dinner: 5:30pm – 6:30 pm (Please bring a side dish or dessert**)

Speaker: 7:00 pm (Meeting ends by 8:30 pm)

- Free Transportation: if needed, CWD will reimburse DART fee (day of event up to \$6)
- Free Childcare: infants through 12 years from 5:30–8:30 pm (CityWide pays for childcare with our 7th Tradition Contributions but you now must RSVP for childcare at least 3–5 days in advance)
- ASL Interpreter: by request, if available by request, if available (please request at least 3–5 days in advance)
- 2022 Events (Jan 8, Feb 12, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, Aug 13, Sept 10, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10)



TarrantCountyWide:

First Saturday of Each Month

Meetings are in-person only

New location with improved sound system

City on a Hill Church in Fort Worth

(behind main church in gym)

1140 Morrison Drive, Fort Worth, TX

- 6:00 pm Fellowship
- 7:00 pm Open Speaker Meeting
- Licensed childcare provided from 5pm ~ 9pm
- Please support childcare with 7th Tradition Contributions
- 2022 Events (Jan 1, Feb 5, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2, Aug 6, Sept 3, Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3)