

NORTHEAST TEXAS AREA 65	AREA COMMITTEE MEETING <i>2023 Fall ACM</i> Sunday, October 8, 2023 1:30pm – 5:30pm	LOCATION: Ray of Hope 715 S Seven Points Blvd, Kemp, TX 75143 ZOOM ID: 815 1091 4495 PASS: 205550
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OPENING:

- ☐ Serenity Prayer: Sarah P. (NETA65 Chair)
- ☐ Reading of “Why Do We Need A Conference?” in Spanish and English

REPORTS

Previous Area Committee Meeting (July 2023) minutes will be sent out and approved at the Winter ACM. Reports given by Area Elected Officers (*complete reports in separate document*). Reports given by Area Standing Committee Chairs (*complete reports in separate document*).

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Ad Hoc Committee for Area Inventory**
 - We did not have an area inventory last panel.
 - Dan L, alt treasurer, will be the chair of the ad hoc committee and they will select a cross section of the area to comprise the committee.
 - We have gathered 13 different area inventories to look at and comb through to determine what questions we want to review in our inventory. We will also ask DCMs to review those and submit what questions they would like asked.
 - If we create a set of recommendations, we want to ensure we execute those within this panel. If people are unable to meet at the time we have scheduled, the chair would like a form to go out to districts for DCMs to review with their GSRs to ensure we have a wide breadth of information gathering.
 - There was opposition to having the inventory be completely virtual. Voting for in person only - 18. Hybrid - 12. A lot of people abstained. Right of decision was made to hold it Hybrid because it allows for the most amount of people.
 - February is the month we chose. We need a meeting place to accommodate up to 50 people with wifi connectivity. ODAAT is able to accommodate on a Sunday afternoon.
 - Tentatively ODAAT 2/25/24 1PM-5PM HYBRID
 - District input on the questions due on Nov 19th
 - Dec 1st the compiled list of questions will be sent to DCMs for conscience gathering.
 - Recommended Jan 31 completion date for the questions, but DCMs will have autonomy to gather answers in whatever way they choose.
 - Treasurer and finance committee to decide on whether or not we are able to finance refreshments. This is a greater discussion that will involve looking at the budget and making

some changes to the budget.

- **Discussion/Feedback regarding Fall Assembly Structure and Workshops**
 - Phyllis, DCM for D54, read feedback/recommendations from Matt Z, GSR of the Legacy Group. It was noted that these recommendations were coming from him as an individual member and not from the Legacy Group.
 - We should not read the small portion of “Our Great Responsibility” - he felt that there was an agenda item attached to it regarding the Plain Language Big Book.
 - We should read the men and women version of the preamble, not the people version
 - We should instead read the safety measures that are in place to ensure our 12 steps are not changed (references to conference charter and literature provided).
 - We don’t generally read the preamble at assemblies, there will be no further discussion on that recommendation. A point was made by Keith D that AA has no official preamble, that groups can choose to use or not use whatever version of the preamble they want.
 - Discussion that we don’t need to add more readings to the beginning of our assemblies, but if we’d like to have a workshop on those topics that is certainly an option. Rick W explained that he believes Matt brought this up to make sure the area is aware of the changes being recommended in the Plain Language Big Book. Rick W ensured the ACM that the TABB committee is fully aware of the need to operate within the conference charter and the concepts regarding changes to the steps. Another point was made that this Plain Language book would not replace the big book, rather, it would be an additional piece of literature to use as a tool.
 - There was feedback from the room that we don’t need to be reading anything other than why we need a conference at the beginning of assemblies.
 - We used the term workshops, but we really had service speakers. We could do a mini SWRAASA and offer multiple options for workshops to ensure everyone has something to attend that would interest them. We also only spent 6-7 hours on area business, so was this a good use of area dollars? Recommended another Ad Hoc Committee to discuss options for this assembly moving forward.
 - Recommended we ask the DCMs in the future on what topics they would like to see as it didn’t seem that it was well attended and some DCMs and GSRs indicated it was not a good use of their time/money.
 - There was mixed feedback regarding the topics and information at the assembly/workshops.
- **Review Winter Orientation Schedule**
 - Unsure what to cut out as it has been trimmed down tremendously from the past. Recommendations were received to ensure there is enough separation of GSR and DCM break out to allow both groups to hear. Will go with same schedule as last year.
- **Submit all Changes to Handbook to Chair and Secretary by Dec 31st**
 - To include all revisions. Please review your part in the handbook.
- **SET DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR 2024 ACMS**
 - February 18th - Clean Air, 10300 N. Central Expressway, Suite 116, Dallas, TX, 75231
 - April 7th - LOCATION NEEDED
 - July 14th (4th of July holiday weekend) - LOCATION NEEDED
 - October 20th (SWRAASA is the 13th) - LOCATION NEEDED

- **PLEASE TAKE BACK TO GROUPS/DISTRICTS. NEED STABLE WIFI, FOOD IS A MUST! - email chair with options.**

- **SET DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR WINTER ORIENTATIONS**
 - January 14th - Group 1 in District 3 Wichita Falls, TX
 - January 21st - Show Me Group in Denton, TX (interpretation available)
 - January 28th - Gilmer Pioneer Group in District 1

- **SET DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR 2024 ASSEMBLIES**
 - Spring - March 15-17 - The Colony
 - Summer - June 14-16 (TX State Convention is 21-23) - Abilene
 - Fall - September 20-22 - TBD

Upcoming NETA65 Events:

- Feb 18, 2023 - Spring ACM @ Clean Air, 10300 N. Central Expressway, Suite 116, Dallas, TX, 75231
- Feb 25, 2023 - TENTATIVE NETA65 Area Conscience @ ODAAT Plano

“What’s On Your Mind?”

Nothing!

Motion to close, seconded- all in favor!

Meeting adjourned with “Lord’s Prayer.”

Respectfully submitted,
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