

Mini Conference 2017

Beginning Balance November 30, 2016	\$ 590.00
Income	<u>178.00</u>
Total	\$ 768.00
Expenses	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance December 31, 2016	\$ 768.00

2017 Mini-Conference Deposit \$300.00

Motion to accept the report was made by Tim D., Came To Believe and seconded by Sherry S., Reno Beach Sobriety. Motion passed.

Rachel W., Registrar, gave a report that we, as a body, had agreed to send “Thank You” letters to all the groups that have contributed to General Service this year. She said that total contributions to General Service from groups in Area 55 in 2016 came to over \$13,000.00. We are grateful to each and every group that contributed and will be sending our “Thank You” letters out shortly.

In December, of the 310 registered Groups in Area 55, 24 Groups made contributions this month or 7.74% and Year to Date 89 Groups or 28.70%.

Is your Group Helping Support Area 55 General Service?

COMMITTEE REPORT

ARCHIVES Committee: *Patty B.*

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Nancy M. gave the report. Nancy said the committee met on the last Thursday of December and that they had received some things to add to the Archives collection from the OYPAA State Convention. In the next two months, the committee will be changing the items in the display cases so there will be new things to see. They had a commitment to the Amazing Grace Anniversary on 12/31 and made that. They also went to the Open Minded Group’s Anniversary on 1/8/17 and Scott M. took the Archives display to the men’s luncheon. Patty B. took the display to the women’s Christmas luncheon. They have a commitment to take the display to the Dare To Be Different group’s Anniversary this coming Wednesday, Jan. 18th. Their next committee meeting will be on the last Thursday of January, Jan. 26th at 5:00pm at Central Office. They are looking for membership. Respectfully submitted, Patty B., Chair

CPC/PI Committee: *John K.*

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John K. gave the report. On 12/29/16, the committee met with Staff members of the Commons of Garden Lake, a VA housing facility. We will be meeting once a month in the future. On 1/6/17, we attended a meeting with the Lucas County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board to talk about upcoming events. On 1/13/17, we met with the Volunteers of America of Toledo to explain what services our committee provides and what events we can attend. On 1/23/17, we will be attending a forum on recovery at the Zablocki Senior Center in North Toledo. The committee’s next meeting will be on 1/18/17 at 5:30pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, John K., Chair

Jim S. gave the report. The committee met 11/18 at 5:30p at Central Office. In attendance were Jim S., Dale S., Beth P. and Nicole K. Lucas County Jail Men’s meeting was cancelled on Dec. 15th due to a shakedown at the facility. The rest of the month the meeting went as planned. Starting time of the meeting has been moved back from 5:00p to 5:15p so it does not interfere with dinner time. Lucas County Jail Women’s meeting has no report as Kim could not be contacted and she has been conducting the meeting. Work Release Tuesday meeting has had groups not showing up for their commitment but when they do show, they are conducting open discussion or book study meetings. One group that stood out was Missions for Traditions. Work Release Friday meeting has Jim S. conducting the meeting but Jim said he is not sure that the day and time will work for him and will advise the committee after the holidays. Jim S. had contact with the committee members conducting the Prison and Driver Intervention meetings and they are both going well. Old Business: The committee is still discussing having the committee meeting on another day and at another time to accommodate committee members’ schedules. New Business: We discussed the groups not showing up for their commitments and reminding the groups that if they are not going to show up, to let Central Office know so that they can be taken off the commitments list. We talked about the Mini-Conference and how it is vital that we have a presence and our display there. After the meeting, Jim contacted the Lucas County Jail to find out what the guidelines are for getting into the jail and how the Women’s meeting was going. He found out that no one from the committee had shown up for a few weeks to that commitment. Immediately, Beth and Nicole were put onto the list for approval and they will be covering the meetings at the jail until more committee members are added to the roster. At this time, the Corrections committee needs members, especially women, to help with commitments and to see us through with the spirit of rotation next year. Next meeting will be held on January 16, 2017 at Central Office at 5:30pm. In February, it will be on February 20th at 5:30pm at Central Office. Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm with the Lord’s Prayer. Respectfully submitted, Jim S., Chair

Veronica N. gave the report. The committee met on Thursday, December 19th, at 6:00pm at Bay Park Hospital. In attendance were Danielle G., Jessica R. and Veronica N. We started with the Serenity Prayer. We discussed upcoming anniversaries which were Open Minded on 1/8, Eastside 12x12 on 1/11, Warm Heart Serenity on 1/24 and Dare To Be Different on 1/25/17. We talked about changing our meeting location from Bay Park but decided to keep it here for the meantime. Michele M. and Bob S. have both completed their terms and have rotated off the committee. We have five members at present. We ended with the Lord’s Prayer. Their financial report is as follows:

December Financial Report

Beginning Balance Dec. 1, 2016	\$300.84
Income	65.90
Expenses	0.00
Ending Balance Dec. 31, 2016	\$366.74

Next meetings will be Jan. 19th, 2017 at 6pm at Bay Park Hospital and Feb. 16th at 6pm at Bay Park Hospital. Both meetings will be held in the Cafeteria downstairs. Respectfully submitted, Veronica N., Chair

GROUP SERVICES Committee: Steven G.

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Steve G. gave the report. Steve said all of the committee's commitments were met with the exception of Tracy R., they used Facebook instead of contacting Group Services. The committee's next meeting will be held on January 19th at 6:00pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Steven G., Chair

ACCESSIBILITIES: Jim L.

Meeting was held January 9th, 2017 at 6:45pm at Central Office. Those in attendance were Jim L., Andre S., Felicia S. Committee reviewed progress of new Accessibilities display. We made an accurate count of literature needed to be ordered for the Mini-Conference. This literature will be ordered this month. We have two potential leads for the Shut-In list that the Committee will be following up on. The only change to the Shut-In list is the removal of Tracy T. She has moved from her facility with no forwarding address or phone number. Treasury report is as follows:

Beginning Balance on Nov. 30, 2016	\$ 86.84
Expenses—Dollar Tree-Display Supplies	6.44
Expenses—Office Depot	13.38
Ending Balance on Dec. 31, 2016	\$ 67.02

Next meeting will be on Feb. 13th at 6:30p at Central Office. Meeting closed at 8:30p. Respectfully submitted, Jim L., Chair

INTERGROUP LIAISON: Tim D.

Tim D. gave no report as the Intergroup Association does not meet until the last Saturday in January. Tim reiterated that the Intergroup Association had its elections in December and that its next meeting will be on January 28, 2017 at 6:30p at Faith Lutheran Church, 2440 South Avenue, Toledo, OH. Respectfully submitted, Tim D.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE: Josh D.

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The Web committee met on Sunday, January 15th at 11:30am at the Senior Center. The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer. In attendance were Valerie P., Nicole K., Kenny A., Wendy S. and new member, Jen. Meeting began with introductions. Valerie discussed the need to update the YPAA page on the site. Jen then discussed some ideas about implementing the District map and asked questions about the general design of the site. Much of the rest of the meeting was spent planning and designing our poster board for the Mini-Conference. In the past month, we had 903 sessions, 749 users and 1514 pageviews on the website. We also reviewed an update flier that will be distributed at the next meeting. Respectfully submitted, Josh D., Chair

NOCYPAA COMMITTEE: Tyler J.

Lars J., NOCYPAA GSR, gave the report. Tony M. had to step down as Chair and Tyler J. stepped into the position. The Secretary's Report was accepted. There was no Treasurer's Report as we don't have access to the bank accounts. Ugly Sweater event went well. Think we

brought in about \$140.00. Some of the cost was donated by Norm for pizza and we think the \$140.00 will cover the rest of the cost. Lars gave his report—he said that Jim S. had asked for NOCYPAA to do a skit at the upcoming Unity Day on July 1st of this year. District 5 needs people to get active. The Delegates/Past Delegates Conference is coming up Feb. 10th, 11th and 12th and the Area 55 Mini-Conference is coming up on March 3rd, 4th and 5th. Area 55 is having a Mini-Conference planning meeting on Jan. 21st at noon at Central Office. Lars has the financial reports and Shut-In list if anyone wants a copy. Kyle gave a report of the last Intergroup Association meeting and said they had their elections in December. He said the Hospital Committee is still looking for a Vice-Chair. Graphics subcommittee gave an explanation of how we print our fliers. New Business—Tony is taking a leave of absence and Tyler is stepping in as Chair. Sarah stepped down as Events Chair and Lauren was voted in. Since it takes a lot to put on events, we need to be at all of this subcommittee’s meetings. Tony told us that we are helping out with the Mini-Conference—Tyler, Val, Lauren and Derek. Tyler thought we should start doing Traditions every meeting. We are kicking around event ideas such as a “Stick with the weiners” eating contest, a game night, a rave, a Mafia night and a karaoke night. Next meeting will be on January 22nd so we can start planning an event for the end of February. Respectfully submitted, Tyler J., Chair

DCM REPORTS

DCMC

Jim S., DCMC, Area 55, said the DCMs met today. In attendance were Jim S., Bob O., David G., Ed R., Chris C., Kristen T., Melanie R., Tim D., Kenneth T., Jean S., Rachel W. and Larry O. and John C. Jim attended the District meetings at Districts 3, 4, 11 and 14. Jim introduced Kenneth T. as the new DCM for District 1. District 3 is having a GSR School on February 25th and a workshop on April 1st from 8 until 12. District 4 said that DCM will be attending the 12 Step West Group’s group conscience on January 25th. District 5 had no report. District 9 is looking for a location for their District meeting. District 11 is looking to have a Sharing Session in mid to late April on our Singleness of Purpose. District 14 is planning to have a workshop on the 4th and 5th Step and on safety at meetings. Area 55 will have a Unity Day on July 1st. We will have our next DCM meeting at the Mini-Conference. Respectfully submitted, Jim S., DCMC

District 1

Kenneth T. introduced himself as the new DCM for District 1. He said his home group is the Inner City group here at the Senior Center on Saturdays at 10am and invited everyone to come to it. He said he has no report as of yet and Henry told Kenneth that if he has any questions or needs any help to see Henry or John C. and they’d be happy to help.

District 3

Bob O., DCM, submitted his report. District 3 met on 1/8/17 at Reno Beach. In attendance were Bob O., Jim S., Larry O., Sherry S., Lyle H., Jeff C., Bryan L., Bill W., Felicia S. and John C. Meeting started at 4:30p with the Serenity Prayer. We discussed the upcoming GSR School on February 25th. Fliers were passed out. Set a date for our next workshop which will be on April 1st. Will have fliers for that at our next meeting. We discussed the importance of groups having a prudent reserve. We also discussed forming guidelines for our District. Meeting ended at 5:37pm with the Lord’s Prayer. Our next meeting will be on February 22nd at Eastside 12x12. Respectfully submitted, Bob O., DCM, District 3

District 4

Tim D., DCM, gave their report. Meeting was called to order at 7:20pm with the Serenity Prayer. In attendance were Brian R., Jim S., Tim D. and Al W. Minutes from December meeting were read and approved. Treasury Report: As of today, District 4 has \$23.00 in Treasury. There were no new GSRs in attendance. There was one group visit in the past month and will be attending the 12 Step West Group's group conscience on Jan 25th. Old Business: We discussed notes from last month regarding problems groups were encountering. New Business: Turning Point 3rd Anniversary scheduled for Jan. 21st; there is a flier available and it will be on the Area calendar. We discussed who pays for anniversaries and coins/tokens. We discussed a District schedule. Jim S. announced that Dist. 3 is having a GSR School on Jan. 25th. Dist. 3 will also be having a workshop on April 1st with topics including Concepts 7, 8 & 9, Money in the Basket and Anonymity and the Internet. There will also be an Area 55 Unity Day on July 1st in Bowling Green. Our next meeting will be on 2/15/17 at 7:00pm at Reformation Lutheran Church on Douglas Road, Toledo, OH. Meeting closed at 8:00pm with the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted, Tim D., DCM

District 5

Melanie R., DCM, District 5, gave the report. They have not had their meeting as of yet. Their next meeting will be on Jan. 21st, 2017 at Central Office at 11:00am. She requested all GSRs from District 5 to be there as they have a lot to cover. Respectfully submitted, Melanie R., DCM

District 9

Ed R., DCM, District 9 gave their report. He said they are in the process of securing a date and a place to meet that will be convenient to as many groups as possible. Ed was sick for three weeks so has not made any group visits but is going to meetings and distributing Area information and encouraging groups to become active and appoint a GSR if they don't already have one. He has also been distributing fliers on the upcoming Mini-Conference. Respectfully submitted, Ed R., DCM, District 9

District 11

Kristen T., DCM, District 11 said the district met on January 12th at 7:00pm at St. John's United Church of Christ in Tiffin. In attendance were Kristen T., Mary Beth I., Paige Q., Jerry S., Ron S., Ray K., Don G., John P., Ron K., Julie E., Jim S. and John C. GSRs reported for their groups. One group reported seeing a number of returning members from relapses and a few more newcomers. It was reported that 1st Step meetings have been held and this is a good way to help sober members remember where they came from. Another group will be taking a meeting out to one of their ill homegroup members. We also had a visitor from District 10 and he reported that things are going well at his homegroup in Fremont. John C. and Jim S. answered questions and shared their experience on several agenda items. They also explained what goes on at the Delegates/Past Delegates Conference and at the Mini-Conference. We also made the group aware of the Feb. 25th GSR School in District 3 and members will be attending from some Tiffin and Fostoria groups. Kristen shared information from the December DCM meeting and the last Area 55 General Service Assembly meeting. She made everyone aware of the Unity Day event being planned for July 1st in Bowling Green in which each District will play a part. Kristen also shared that District 14 has their own Correctional Committee, a 24-hour phone line and has their own Website. She is hoping that a representative from that District will visit an upcoming District 11 meeting and share their experience with us. We discussed the possibility of hosting a Sharing Session similar to the one that District 14 recently had and we thought that mid to late April would be a good time for this. Kristen asked the GSRs to take this back to their groups and ask what topics they think need attention. We talked briefly about possibly reaching

out to the community by making our meetings better known and trying to educate the public and professionals about AA. We will be contacting the Area 55 CPC/PI Committee for some help and resources. We enjoyed a pot of chili and pop and the meeting closed at 8:20pm with the Lord's Prayer. Our next meeting is February 9th at 7:00pm at St. John's UCC at 10 Main Street, Tiffin. Respectfully submitted, Kristen T., DCM, District 11

District 14

District 14 had no report at this time. Next meeting will be Feb. 13th at 222 S. West Street in Lima at 5:30pm. Respectfully submitted, Jean S., DCM, District 14

AREA DELEGATE: John C.

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John thanked everyone for their hard work and said he and Henry are trying to get the Districts "re-lit." He wanted to thank all the DCMs and especially Kenneth T. for stepping up to be the DCM for District 1. John thinks we are the strongest Area in the state of Ohio and he thinks that officers need to be going out to groups in their Areas as he, Henry and Jim S. are doing. He reported that Jan. 26th he will be going to the Board weekend in New York and will be returning on Jan. 30th. John has a teleconference this evening with Bill F., our Regional Trustee. John brought up at the last State Conference Planning meeting that our Areas need to have better communication so that we are not scheduling events on top of one another. Bill W. said that our demise will come from within. We have to stand up for our principals of Unity and Singleness of Purpose. We have to have the courage to stand up for AA regardless of whether other people like it or not. Financially, contributions in 2016 were \$5,467,833, this is 12.8% greater than what was budgeted. We have to look at our contributions as securing the future of AA. When it would take \$7.82 or \$7.85 from every member for us to be fully self-supporting, John thinks all of us can say that our drinking days cost more than that and what we have gotten in sobriety is worth much more than that. Of the over \$600,000 that we received over budget, nearly \$400,000 of that was from groups contributing that hadn't contributed before, nearly 1250 more groups contributed than had before. The amount per group contributing was about \$200.00. Another way that we received additional contributions was individuals utilizing our online contribution program, nearly 500 people utilized this. One question John wanted us to think about was "What if there was no group?" Without the group, where would I be today? Tradition 1 is so vitally important! Lastly, John wanted to let us know that at our Mini-Conference, each participant acts as a "Delegate" for our Area. We go through the same process that John goes through when he goes to the General Service Conference in New York. He wanted to encourage us to get our groups to pay for our GSRs and Alternate GSRs to go to the Mini-Conference and encouraged us to bring our spouses as well. Respectfully submitted, John C., Delegate

OLD BUSINESS

Henry said he has fliers out for the Mini-Conference and the Delegates/Past Delegates Conference on the side table and encouraged everyone to get a copy for their group. Nancy M. is chairing the Delegates/Past Delegates Conference and Henry encouraged anyone who wants to help with this to see Nancy. He also encouraged groups to pay for their GSRs and Alternate GSRs to attend the Mini-Conference and to contribute to the Hospitality Rooms for the Delegates/Past Delegates Conference and the Mini-Conference if they can.

NEW BUSINESS

Henry said he signed the contract for the 2018 State Convention with the Holiday Inn French Quarter. Henry encouraged everyone to make this year's Mini-Conference the best ever. There was no other new business.

The General Service Assembly Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM, closing with the Responsibility Statement.

Next GSR Assembly Meeting will be held on February 19, 2017 at 1:00 PM at the Senior Center. Clean up for February is NOCYPAA. Tradition 2 will be read by Bob O. Concept 2 will be read by John K.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jacqueline B., Recording Secretary Area 55, Panel 66, NW Ohio