

GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY
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Meeting Minutes for January 21, 2018

Only GSRs, DCMs, their alternates, Committee Chairs, Elected Officers and Past Delegates may make motions or vote, although everyone has the right to be heard. Jim S. opened the meeting at 1:05 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. Molly B. read the Mission Statement. Bill W., GSR-Eastside 12x12, read the 1st Tradition, Billy S., GSR- Oak Harbor into Action, read the 1st Concept. Area 55 Panel 68 officers were introduced: Carrie C. – Mailing Secretary, Chris C.– Recording Secretary, Kimbrough P.– Registrar, Kenney A.- Treasurer and Henry C.– Delegate. Signed in were: 38 GSRs, 2 Alternate GSRs, 5 DCMs, 3 Alternate DCMs, 1 DCMC, 2 Past Delegates, Intergroup Chair and 4 Guests. New GSRs and Alternates were: Shannon C., GSR-Brothers and Sisters; Lindsay K., GSR-Friday Women’s 12x12; Bill W., GSR –Eastside 12x12; Dave F., GSR-Kenwood; Paul S., GSR-Goodwill Group; Molly B., Alt. GSR-North End; Vernon M., GSR-SST; Pauly F., GSR-Living Sober; Lydia E., GSR-Tuesday Night Young Peoples. New DCMs and Alt. DCMs were: Deborah A., District 1 DCM and Laticia V., District 5 DCM. Past Delegates Nancy M. and John C. were present. Past Intergroup Chair Willie R. and present Intergroup Chair Carrie C. introduced themselves.

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Please note: Committee meeting minutes may also be submitted electronically by e-mail to Recording.Secretary@area55aa.org. Reports need to be submitted by or on the day of the Area Assembly for the mailing to be completed on time. Thank You! December 2017 Assembly Minutes were presented. No corrections, additions or deletions were identified. Neal M.-DCM, District 14 made a motion to accept and this was seconded by Billy S.-GSR, Oak Harbor Into Action. Motion carried with no opposition.

Treasurer: Kenney A. / treasurer@area55aa.org

*In December, **5.16%** or 16 of the 310 registered Groups in Area 55 made contributions. Year-to-date, **29.67%** or 92 Groups contributed. **Is your Group Supporting Area 55 General Service?***

Marty’s report for December was as follows:

<u>11/30/2017 Checkbook Balance</u>	<u>\$4,053.04</u>
Income	<u>1,202.15</u>
Total	\$5,255.19
Expenses	\$1,267.17
Total	\$3,988.02
12/31/17 Checkbook Balance	\$3,988.02
<u>11/30/17 Prudent Reserve Balance</u>	<u>\$3,001.93</u>
Interest	<u>.05</u>
12/31/17 Prudent Reserve Balance	\$3,001.98

11/30/17 Mini-Conference	\$800.00
Income	\$20.00
Total	\$820.00
Expenses	\$52.90
12/31/17 Mini-Conference	\$767.10

Marty C. explained the service charge and returned check. Bill W.-GSR Eastside 12x12 made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Deborah A.-DCM Dist 1. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

Archives: Nancy M. / archives.chair@area55aa.org

Nancy M. provided the report. The committee meeting was held 12/28/17 5pm at Central Office. The committee met their commitments at anniversaries for Amazing Grace, Eastside 12x12 and Open Minded. Their next commitments will be at the anniversaries for Dare to Be Different and Warm Heart Serenity in January. They are also reaching out to groups they have visited in the past for 2018 events. They are going to start meeting on Tuesdays during the day to continue cataloging and updating their displays. Bill W. contacted the committee with information he had available from when the displays were put together and will provide the info to them. They are also hoping to schedule interviews with members with more than 30 years of sobriety. Next committee meeting will be at 5:00pm at Central Office on 1/25/18. Respectfully Submitted, Nancy M., Chair.

Multi-District Correctional: Beth P. / corrections.chair@area55aa.org/

Beth P. gave the report. The committee met 12/18/17 530pm at Central Office. Currently all commitments are going well and are covered for December and January. Beth contacted all commitments and either spoke with their contact or left messages advising them that she is the new committee chair and contact person. They are continuing to seek new members for their committee at this time. Anyone from the fellowship can contact the committee if you want to join at corrections.chair@area55aa.org. Next committee meeting will be 1/22/2017 5:30pm @ Central Office. Respectfully Submitted, Beth P. Multi-District Correctional Committee Chair.

CPC/PI: Bill F. / cpc.pi@area55aa.org

Bill F. gave the report. Due to illness, no meeting was held in January. There are no commitments at this time in 2018. He has sent e-mails to all past events the committee has attended as well as introducing himself as the new committee chair/contact person. He has also offered the committee's presence at their events. The committee is actively seeking new members at this time. Next committee meeting will be 2/21/2018 at 5:30pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Bill F., Chair

Grapevine: James S. / [grapevine.chair@area55aa.org /](mailto:grapevine.chair@area55aa.org/)

Jim S. gave the report. The committee met on 1/14/18 at Freeway Restaurant in Oregon. They are discussing creating a mission statement and updating the committee guidelines. \$36.75 was turned over to Jim S. on Jan. 1, 2018 at the Amazing Grace anniversary. Past committee chair Veronica N. used the other \$100 of committee funds to purchase additional large print copies of Language of the Heart. Jim also wanted to let DCM's know that they would travel to any outlying groups with the group conscience permission to bring material to those events. He also was going to speak with the Intergroup Association about obtaining permission to sell Grapevine materials at the NW/OH and SE/MI Intergroup assembly. The committee is also planning an inventory of current books available to determine their exact financial standing including all assets in the month of January. He presented a financial report from January 1

through January 20, 2018 listed below.

January 1-20, 2018 Financial Report is as follows:

Beginning Balance 01/01/18	\$36.75
Income	\$16.50 (Monthly Sales through 1/20/18)
Expenses	\$0.00
Ending Balance 01/20/18	\$53.25

Since a partial accounting for January, no motion was made to accept the report at that time. Next committee meeting will be on 02/11/18 at 5pm at Freeway Restaurant in Oregon. Respectfully submitted, James S., Chair

Group Services: Daniel H. / groupser.chair@area55aa.org

Daniel H. gave the report. The committee met on 1/18/18 to discuss upcoming events and exchange information with new members. All commitments have been met in January so far. The next commitment will be on 2/1/2018 at the Rossford anniversary. The committee discussed and decided to hold their meeting on the 1st Tuesday of the month at Central Office. Next committee meeting will be 2/6/18 6pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Daniel H., Chair

Accessibilities: Dawn F. / accessibilities@area55aa.org

Dawn F. presented the report. The committee met on 1/8/18 at Frisch's on Navarre Ave. All committee commitments have been met at this time. These include: the Merit House on the 1st Monday at 7pm Addison Heights on the 3rd Monday at 730pm, Heartland Holly Glen on the 4th Monday at 7pm. Since there is a 5th Monday in January the committee could use it for taking meetings to current shut-ins or to see new referrals. There have been several changes to the Shut-In list. There were two referrals that were contacted and added to the list. There is one that has not been reached at this time. There were 4 additional members of the fellowship that Dawn mentioned may want to be added. She is working on contacting them and a new Shut-In list was sent to the recording secretary. Cards were prepared and will be taken to the Assembly on January 21. Preparations are being made by the committee for the 2018 Mini-Conference at this time. Dawn reported that Tracy got the large print Big Book and 12x12 to give to the resident at Heartland. There is a need presently of a co-chair for the committee as well as additional members to assist in their work.

The December 2017 Financial Report

Beginning Balance 11/30/17	\$33.63
Income	\$0.00
Expenses	\$15.95 (cards and stamps)
Ending Balance 12/31/17	\$17.68

The next meeting will be 02/12/2018, 630pm at Frisch's on Navarre Ave. Respectfully submitted, Dawn F., Chair

After the report, we addressed the shut-in list should only be available to group members due to it contains not only 1st and last names, however also contact information for the members on that list. There was a question brought up by Bill W. asking about giving away Big Books, 12x12s and Language of the Heart and what was the body's position on the subject. The question brought two major points. First was

in doing 12 step work are we looking to buy material to give away. The second is how we finance purchasing the literature. The process of adding those to the Shut-In List was also discussed that we need to get permission from that party directly to be added to our list. One asked if the committee could bring individual needs to the body and allow the body to decide.

Karen M. addressed that we do pay for pamphlets at this time for Corrections and Hospital to provide to facilities, however books was not an affordable nor sustainable option. The past Corrections chair did mention that facilities do have budgets at this time available to purchase. Henry addressed that each committee is allowed up to \$100 per month for items needed. In the monthly committee report prior to spending any money they will report how much they plan to spend and in the next monthly report state how much was spent. If the committee person spending the money cannot afford to pay and be reimburse later. A check in advance can be written for the estimated amount. In either case a receipt must be turned in or no reimbursement will be made. If an advance check is written, the difference will be accounted for when the receipt is turned in.

Website: Jennifer H. / web.comm.chair@area55aa.org

Jennifer H. gave the report. The committee met on 01/21/2018 at 11:30am at Black Kite Coffee. Preparations for the mini-conference have been discussed at this time. They are working to confirm that all dates and times for committees on the website are accurate. Past newsletter articles are being discussed to be posted on the website, however no new issue to affect newsletter sales. Next meeting will be 02/18/2018 at 11:30am at Black Kite Coffee at Collingwood and Delaware in Toledo. Respectfully submitted, Jennifer H., Chair

Kimbrough P., Registrar, mentioned if groups are changing time please contact her to update their group information. Jennifer clarified it would be for service committees at this time.

Intergroup Liaison: Tim D.

Tim D. had no report. The next meeting will be 01/27/2018 6:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church. Respectfully submitted, Tim D., Intergroup Liaison

NOCYPAA Liaison: AmberLee D.

No report provided today. Next meeting 1/21/2018 5:00pm at Central Office.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER ("DCM") REPORTS

DCM Chair: John C.

John C., DCMC, Area 55, said the DCMs met today. 12 Districts were represented at the meeting including 3 new DCMs present. We are looking to work on a district calendar of events to prevent conflicts within events and provide mutual support. The next DCM meeting will be held at the Senior Center 2/18/2018 1130am. Respectfully submitted, John C., DCMC

District 3: Dave G.

Dave G., DCM for District. 3 has no report. Next meeting 2/13/18 6pm @ Navarre Park Shelter House.

District 4: Tim D.

Tim D., DCM, gave their report. Meeting was held 1/17/18. They reported \$73.00 in their Treasury. The large conversation of the meeting revolved around the role of the group treasurer and having financial reports available during the group conscience. Tim recommended several pamphlets related to the

treasurer to assist in the process of knowing their role in the conscience of the group. Also it was noted of several deaths within the district. Next meeting will be 2/14/18 7pm at Reformation Lutheran Church on Douglas Rd. Toledo OH. Respectfully submitted, Tim D., District 4 DCM.

District 7: Mike M.

Mike M. gave the report. They had their 1st meeting and will be holding their next meeting Feb 15, 2018 6pm at Central Office. Respectfully Submitted, Mike M., District 7 DCM

District 8: Laurie N.

Chris C., Alt DCM District 8, gave the report. The district is looking to host a GSR School and GSR panel on April 14, 2018 at First Presbyterian Church in BG, pending confirmation of the date with the church. Also they decided to move their meeting to the 2nd Saturday of the month. Next meeting 2/10/18, 1pm at St John's Episcopal Church in Bowling Green, OH. Respectfully submitted, Chris C., District 8 Alt. DCM.

District 14: Neal M.

Neal M., DCM District 14 provided the report. GSRs provided reports for their groups. New schedule cards have been made available and the meeting schedule has been forwarded to the Lima News, which is now being published for Lima, Ada, and Delphos. The alkathons were attended tremendously. The district approved a change to the meeting to 2nd Tuesday of the month at 630pm, they are looking for May and September/October for district workshops. Next District meeting will be held 2/13/18 at 6:30pm at 222 S. West Street, Lima. Respectfully submitted, Neal M., District 14 DCM.

DELEGATE'S REPORT: Henry C. / delegate@area55aa.org

Henry C. present his 1st report as Delegate for Panel 68. He made note that he has been assigned to the Finance committee for the General Service Conference. He will be attending the CDPP on Feb. 9-11 with both Jim and John C.. He is working on an Ad-Hoc committee for the Ohio State Convention Planning Committee. The purpose is to attempt to find a way for the 2nd year delegate to always be hosting in their home area. He is currently aware of 42 confirmed agenda items and will have all by 2/15/2018. He is asking that all mini-conference scholarship request forms be submitted by the assembly on 2/18/2018. He is asking also for help with donations for the mini-conference. The next mini-conference planning meeting will be held 2/17/18 10am at Central Office. The next host committee meeting for the State Convention will be Feb. 3, 2018. That event will be held on July 27-29, 2018. Respectfully Submitted, Henry C., Panel 68 Delegate, Area 55.

OLD BUSINESS

Jim S. requested a motion to approve sending the January Basket to GSO. The Motion was made by Tim D., DCM District 4, seconded by Deborah Alexander, DCM District 1. Motion carried with no opposition. Jim also made mention that committees are looking for assistance and to please be willing.

NEW BUSINESS

John C. mentioned for the mini conference that if forms for scholarship request are needed please contact John, Jim or Henry. Bill W. requested confirmation that the scholarship was only for the registration. Russ W., Area 55 Newsletter chair advised that he would have a Newsletter Liaison available for the February Assembly.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bill F., GSR-Wayne group and seconded by Ynda C., GSR Trail group. Motion carried. **Meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM, closing with the Responsibility Statement.**

Next GSR Assembly Meeting will be held on February 18, 2018 at 1:00 PM at the Senior Center. Clean up for January will be District 2. Tradition 2 will be James K., Missions for Traditions and Concept 2 will be Billy S., Oak Harbor into Action.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chris C., Recording Secretary Area 55, Panel 68, NW Ohio