

**GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY**  
**Area 55, Panel 68 NW Ohio & Monroe Michigan**  
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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. Wendy C. read the Mission Statement. Damian T., GSR - Port Clinton Nooners, read the 2nd Tradition, Billy S., GSR- Oak Harbor into Action, read the 2nd 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: 35 GSRs, 2 Alternate GSRs, 8 DCMs, 2 Alternate DCMs, 1 DCMC, 3 Past Delegates, Intergroup Chair and 1 Guest. New GSRs and Alternates were: Mary Beth D., GSR- Warm Heart Serenity; Wendy C., GSR- Pioneer Group; Greg D., GSR-Swanton by the Book; Pete M., GSR-Maumee How it Works; and Scott B., GSR-Swanton Thursday Nite. Past Delegates Nancy M., John C. and Bob S. were present. Present Intergroup Chair Carrie C. introduced herself.

**Recording Secretary:** Chris C. / [recording.secretary@area55aa.org](mailto:recording.secretary@area55aa.org)

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**Treasurer:** Kenney A. / [treasurer@area55aa.org](mailto:treasurer@area55aa.org)

*In January, **8.71%** or 27 of the 310 registered Groups in Area 55 made contributions. Year-to-date, **8.71%** or 27 Groups contributed. **Is your Group Supporting Area 55 General Service?***

Kenney's report for December was as follows:

<u>12/31/2017 Checkbook Balance</u>	<u>\$3,988.02</u>
Income	<u>\$1,632.15</u>
Total	\$5,620.17
Expenses	\$754.09
Total	\$4,866.02
1/31/18 Checkbook Balance	\$4,866.02
<u>12/31/17 Prudent Reserve Balance</u>	<u>\$3,001.98</u>
Interest	<u>.05</u>
1/31/18 Prudent Reserve Balance	\$3,002.03

12/31/17 Mini-Conference	\$767.10
Income	\$1,266.00
Total	\$2033.10
Expenses	\$0.00
1/31/18 Mini-Conference	\$2033.10

Kenney also advised of current registration totals and banquets purchased for the mini-conference. Bill W.-GSR Eastside 12x12 made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Mary W.-GSR Women’s 12 Steps to Courage. Motion carried with one abstention.

**COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS**

**Archives:** Nancy M. / [archives.chair@area55aa.org](mailto:archives.chair@area55aa.org)

Nancy M. provided the report. The committee meeting was held 1/25/18 5pm at Central Office. The committee met all their commitments since the last assembly. They have no anniversary commitments at this time. They will be bringing the display to the 2018 mini conference and Ohio State Convention. They are working on cataloging items during office hours and will need to be purchasing supplies including labels and notebooks. A receipt was turned into the treasurer for \$85.79 for a digital recorder purchased which Billy S. will use to conduct interviews. They are looking for flyers from State Conventions past and are asking for assistance in obtaining these from the following years: 1979, 1983-1986, 1990, 1999, 2003-present. If anyone can assist please contact the archives committee. Next committee meeting will be at 5:00pm at Central Office on 2/22/18. Respectfully Submitted, Nancy M., Chair.

**Multi-District Correctional:** Beth P. / [corrections.chair@area55aa.org](mailto:corrections.chair@area55aa.org)

Beth P. gave the report. The committee met 1/22/18 530pm at Central Office. She introduced herself to the new members as well as what commitments are. All commitments are being met at this time. There was discussion due to a conflict for the co-chair that the meeting be moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 530pm. Next committee meeting will be 2/20/2018 5:30pm @ Central Office. Respectfully Submitted, Beth P. Multi-District Correctional Committee Co-Chair.

**CPC/PI:** Bill F. / [cpc.pi@area55aa.org](mailto:cpc.pi@area55aa.org)

Bill F. gave the report. The committee met on 2/21/18 5pm @ Central Office. The committee has several commitments moving forward including the 2018 Project Homeless Connect initial service provider meeting on 2/27/18. The Recovery Council also has a meeting scheduled for that evening at 7pm. There was also an invitation to the Mental Health Community Open House on 3/12/18. They will also be at the mini-conference March 2-4. Next meeting will be 3/21/18 5pm @ 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 2/11/18 at Freeway Restaurant in Oregon. The group discussed producing flyers to let groups be aware they were available for their anniversaries and events. Books have been ordered total cost of \$95.25 including shipping on 2/4/18. They will be setting up and selling at the mini-conference. Jacquelyn S. has been elected co-chair of the committee. He presented a financial report for January 2018 listed as follows.

January 1-31, 2018 Financial Report is as follows:

Beginning Balance 01/01/18	\$36.75
Income	\$180.50
Expenses	\$95.25
Ending Balance 01/20/18	\$53.25

A motion to approve was made by Deborah A.-DCM District 1 , seconded by Billy S.-GSR Oak Harbor into Action. It was approved unanimously Next committee meeting will be on 03/11/18 at 5pm at Freeway Restaurant in Oregon. Respectfully submitted, James S., Chair

**Group Services:** Daniel H. / [groupser.chair@area55aa.org](mailto:groupser.chair@area55aa.org)

Daniel H. gave the report. The committee met on 2/6/18 to discuss upcoming events. The commitment of the Rossford anniversary was met. They also visited a new meeting, Sunday Nite St Charles BB on Airport and Detroit to pass on registrar forms to be sent back to Kimbrough the area Registrar. There were no other February Commitments and they will be providing equipment at the mini-conference. Next committee meeting will be 3/6/18 6pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Daniel H., Chair

**Accessibilities:** Dawn F. / [accessibilities@area55aa.org](mailto: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. All commitments were met at this time and a concern from the Merritt House addressed as well which chair Dawn F. will discuss further with the administration at the facility. There were additional changes made to the current shut in list on the copy provided for the meeting. The committee has decided to take the shut in cards to their home groups to be signed. They also obtained their display from Central Office and purchased materials to be used at the mini-conference where 4 committee members will work the display throughout the weekend. The chair notified that they would be using \$100 of their committee money for Mini Conference supplies. The chair submitted receipt for purchase of Big Book on CD as well as 2 Spanish Language Big Books that she knew sold during the 2017 mini-conference.

The January 2018 Financial Report

Beginning Balance 12/31/17	\$17.68
Income	\$0.00
Expenses	\$10.14 (receipt turned into the treasurer from Office Max)
Ending Balance 01/31/18	\$7.54

The next meeting will be 03/12/2018, 630pm at Frisch's on Navarre Ave. Respectfully submitted, Dawn F., Chair

It was noted again that any committee planning on making a purchase to bring to the body the amount of the purchase prior to doing so. Russ W., Area 55 Newsletter chair, did note that at the request of the Accessibility committee that shut-ins were added to the Area 55 Newsletter mailing list.

**Website:** Jennifer H. / [web.comm.chair@area55aa.org](mailto:web.comm.chair@area55aa.org)

Jennifer H. gave the report. The committee met on 02/18/2018 at 11:30am at Black Kite Coffee. There have been changes to the website including forms for new GSR and DCM information can be printed off the site. They discussed links to outside sites at this time no decision made. She noted that intended to

purchase \$30 in candy for the display table at the mini-conference. They were trying to come up with ways to bring new members to the committee since currently it was herself and our webmaster. The visitor reporting and analytics of the site were discussed. The area map is now including group information and locations pinned to the map. They are also actively seeking members and no website experience is necessary to join the committee. Next meeting will be 04/15/2018 at 11:30am at Black Kite Coffee at Collingwood and Delaware in Toledo. Respectfully submitted, Jennifer H., Chair

**Intergroup Liaison: Tim D.**

Tim D. provided the report from 1/27/18. Currently the Anniversary committee is looking at several sites for the 2018 event. Central Office is training a new back-up person for the office. They have also combined the two prudent reserve accounts into one account. They have also found monthly savings regarding their advertising in the Yellow Pages. Entertainment committee reported total cost for NYE Event was \$6435, with a shortfall of \$1297. It was also recommended that other events be considered for New Year's Eve and also to be sure to be aware that they were a tax-exempt organization. Finance reported that the Pig Roast will move to Walbridge Park in 2018. They also had events planned in the near future including a Valentine's Day dance. The Newsletter has released topics through April 2018, The committee's financial report and purchasing of required software will be discussed at the February 2018 Intergroup meeting. Hospital committee is working on two possible new commitments for the committee at this time. The next meeting will be 02/24/2018 6:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church. Respectfully submitted, Tim D., Intergroup Liaison

**NOCYPAA Liaison: Valerie P.**

No report.

**DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER ("DCM") REPORTS**

**DCM Chair: John C.**

John C., DCMC, Area 55, said the DCMs met today. Unity day was discussed with our theme be A Solution for All Generations. Recording Secretary Chris C. will be working on a district calendar for DCMs in conjunction with use of our website to avoid potential conflicts. He also announced the two upcoming GSR Schools on April 14 in District 8 and April 21 in District 10. The next DCM meeting will be held at the Senior Center 4/15/2018 1130am. Respectfully submitted, John C., DCMC

**District 3: Dave G.**

Dave G., DCM for District. 3 has no report.

**District 4: Tim D.**

Tim D., DCM, gave their report. Meeting was held 2/14/18. Noted was the closing of Parkside Women's meeting which met at Gesu Parish. There was a review of the DCM meeting held in January. Linda N. was also introduced as alternate DCM of District 4. There was also mention due to occurrence at the district meeting to please share the differences between Intergroup and General Service. Next meeting will be 3/14/18 7pm at Reformation Lutheran Church on Douglas Rd. Toledo OH. Respectfully submitted, Tim D., District 4 DCM.

**District 5: Laticia V.**

Laticia noted that they had received a check from the previous DCM of \$137 for their treasury. She is going to be in contact with Central Office regarding having a meeting there on either the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in March and will provide further details accordingly when available. Respectfully Submitted

Laticia V., District 5 DCM.

**District 7: Mike M.**

Mike M. gave the report. The meeting was held 2/15/18 at Central Office. 6 people were in attendance. Several topics were discussed including upcoming events, the mini-conference and the Ohio State Convention. The next meeting will be held 4/19/18 6pm @ Central Office. Respectfully Submitted, Mike M., District 7 DCM

**District 8: Laurie N.**

Chris C., Alt DCM District 8, gave the report. Meeting held 2/17/18. The GSR school will be held 4/14/18 1-3pm with coffee and donuts being served prior and during the event. We have reached out to John C./Jim S. to present as well as group services to bring sound equipment. Next meeting 3/10/18, 1pm at St John's Episcopal Church in Bowling Green, OH. Respectfully submitted, Chris C., District 8 Alt. DCM.

**District 10: Darlene K.**

Darlene K., DCM District 10 announced that there would be a GSR school held on April 21, 2018 from 12-3pm at 204 N Wayne St Fremont OH at Trinity United Methodist Church. Respectfully Submitted, Darlene K., District 10 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. There groups are going well at this time and updates have been made with the registrar at this time. They are also looking at their yearly summer picnic in August. The district approved a change to the meeting to 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 630pm, they are looking for May and September/October for district workshops. The topics will be discussed in March and April as well as the date it will be held. Next District meeting will be held 3/13/18 at 6:30pm at 222 S. West Street, Lima. Respectfully submitted, Neal M., District 14 DCM.

**DELEGATE'S REPORT:** Henry C. / [delegate@area55aa.org](mailto:delegate@area55aa.org) / (419) 340-9646

Henry C. present his report as Delegate for Panel 68. GSO contributions. \$13,050.60 was given to GSO. This entails 30.61% of groups and 15 of 17 districts donated in 2017. Henry has been invited to a non-conference committee for the Military as a remote community while at the General Service Conference in New York. The 2030 International Convention is being re-bid at this time, only 2 bids met the requirements. Cleveland was eliminated due to no domed stadium in case of rain. The only eligible due to the 2020 in Detroit would be Indianapolis. This would be bid by Area 23, Southern Indiana for the 2030 International Convention. He requested a motion from the body to write a letter of support for a bid by Indianapolis to host in 2030. The motion of support made by Bill W., GSR-Eastside 12x12, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wendy S., GSR-Ottawa Open Discussion, approved unanimously. Henry explained his recent trip to the CDPP how that process works as well as many contacts made throughout the weekend. The flyers from the State Convention and Mini Conference flyers were replenished twice over that weekend. He also explained his responsibilities as Chair of the Ohio State Convention Planning Committee as delegate of the host area. He also was sitting on an ad-hoc committee discussing changing the current State Convention rotation which would mean only a 2<sup>nd</sup> year delegate would host. The 2<sup>nd</sup> item is that the host area in years of the International Convention would have the option not to hold the State Convention in lieu of the International instead. Henry explained the work that had to go into as a 1<sup>st</sup> year delegate to attend the CDPP, the Area Mini Conference, the General Service Conference and a state convention. Henry gave updates on the planning for the 2018 OSC to be held July 27-29 2018 at French Quarter in Perrysburg. We

also will have flyers available after the Area 55 Mini Conference. He also advised that the Area 55 Mini Conference agenda was set and committee chairs would receive their background info as well as agenda items in the coming days. Henry received an invite to a panel at the East Central Regional Conference in Kalamazoo, MI in August 24-26 2018. He will be speaking on Participation for All in AA. Henry asked for as much support as possible for the Mini Conference including registrations and banquets especially to meet quotas with the facility. Henry explained the background material being sent is ourselves attempting to improve the process for chairpersons being more informed for their panels.  
Respectfully Submitted, Henry C., Area 55 Panel 68 Delegate.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Jim S. requested a motion to approve sending the February Basket to GSO. The Motion was made by Jennifer H.-GSR, Perrysburg AM, seconded by Neal M., DCM District 14. Motion carried with 1 opposed. The minority opinion presented their case and a re-vote motion was made unanimously. The re-vote one was in favor, all others opposed, the funds will stay in Area 55 this month. Russ W. from the Area 55 Newsletter committee made note of deadlines for items to be entered into the newsletter by 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of April. Carrie C. mentioned that any district or committee wanting to meet at Central office must receive Central Office approval. It was also asked are we in violation of the traditions with CPC/PI offering assistance to outside organizations. The next State Convention Host Committee planning committee will be held 4/7/18 10am at Central Office. Flyers for said State Convention will be made available after the Mini Conference.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Carrie C., mailing secretary requested the option to purchase a folding machine for sending the mailing. It was requested she research prices for the equipment and bring said research back to the April Assembly. Billy S. asked members of the fellowship to advise himself or Nancy of contact information for those of 30 years or more of sobriety to be interviewed by the Archives committee. Tim D. made mention of the March 2018 Grapevine article regarding copyrights and trademarks. He also made mentions of concerns regarding our singleness of purpose and our traditions regarding this. John C. made mention that scholarships were still available for the Area 55 Mini Conference and to see him for anyone in need of a scholarship. Chris C. made mention that committee chairs please contact him if we can publish their phone number on the written minutes issued. Jim S. made a mention that he would be spending \$35-40 to update the District display for the state convention. It was mentioned as well for the mini-conference that Feb. 26 was cut-off for all banquets at this time.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bill F., GSR-Wayne group and seconded by Michelle R., GSR-BG Sunday Night. Motion carried. **Meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM, closing with the Responsibility Statement.**

**Next GSR Assembly Meeting will be held on April 15, 2018 at 1:00 PM at the Senior Center. Clean up for April will be District 4. Tradition 3 will be Damian T. Port Clinton Nooners, Tradition 4 will be Bill F., Wayne Group and Concept 3 will be Billy S., Oak Harbor into Action, Concept 4 will be Karen W., Perrysburg Staying Sober.**

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