

GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY
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Meeting Minutes for February 19, 2017

Only GSRs, DCMs or their alternates may make motions or vote, although everyone has the right to be heard.

Henry C opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. Chris C read the Mission Statement. Bob O read the 2nd Tradition. John K read the 2nd Concept. Area 55 Panel 66 officers were introduced: Chris C – Mailing Secretary, Jackie B – Recording Secretary, Rachel W – Registrar, Marty C - Treasurer and John C – Delegate. Signed in were: 28 GSRs, 8 Alternate GSRs, 2 DCMs, 1 DCMC, 2 Past Delegates, 1 Webmaster and 3 Observers. New GSR's and Alt. GSRs: Buck R, GSR, Positive Image; Lisa Z, GSR, Brothers and Sisters; Scott W, GSR, Port Clinton Grow Or Go; Jordan T, GSR, The House; Mark D, GSR, SST Group; Gary M, Alt. GSR, Downtown Group; Tom D, GSR, Waterville Group; Bill W, Alt. GSR, Eastside 12x12; Bill G, GSR, New Beginnings and Butch D, Alt. GSR, Positive Image. New DCM: Barb L, DCM, District 16, Port Clinton. Past Delegates Ron S and Kelly C introduced themselves.

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January 2017 Meeting Minutes were presented. There were no corrections, additions or deletions noted. Motion to accept made by Tim D, Came To Believe, and seconded by Bill F, Wayne Group. Motion carried.

Treasurer: Marty C / treasurer@area55aa.org

*In January, 6.77% or 21 of the 310 registered Groups in Area 55 made contributions. Year-to-date, 6.77% or 21 Groups contributed. **Is your Group Supporting Area 55 General Service?***

12/31/2016 Checkbook Balance	\$6,542.32
Income	1,335.72
Total	\$7,878.04
Expenses	-1,849.85
Total	\$6,028.19
1/31/2017 Checkbook Balance	\$6,028.19
12/31/2016 Prudent Reserve Balance	\$3,001.38
Interest	0.05
1/31/2017 Prudent Reserve Balance	\$3,001.43
12/31/2016 Mini Conference	\$768.00
Income	995.00
Total	\$1,763.00
Expenses	-0.00
Total	\$1,763.00
1/31/2017 Checkbook Balance	\$1,763.00

2017 Mini-Conference Deposit = \$300.00

Motion to accept the report was made by Tim D, Came To Believe, and seconded by Jim R, Monday Night Men's. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

Archives: Patty B / archives.chair@area55aa.org

Patty B gave the report. Patty said that the Archives display was taken to the Warm Heart Serenity Anniversary on 1/24 and to the Dare To Be Different Anniversary on 1/25. The Archives display will be shown at the Mini-Conference. Next committee meeting will be on 3/23 at 5:00pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Patty B, Chair

CPC/PI: John K / cpc.pi@area55aa.org

John K gave the report. On 2/2, the committee met with the Lucas County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board about upcoming events. On 2/13, the committee spoke with teachers at Scott High School. On 2/15, we attended a Forum For Recovery at Genoa High School. Next committee meeting will be on 3/15 at 5:30pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, John K, Chair

Multi-District Correctional: Jim S

Jim S gave the report. The committee met 1/16 at Central Office. All commitments are accounted for and going well at the time of the meeting. The previously not covered commitments at the Lucas County Jail are now being covered. The Zepf Center (Compass) Driver Intervention meeting has been cancelled. All other Zepf (Compass) meetings are still being held. Committee is always looking for new members and Brian F has recently joined the committee. Next meeting will be on 2/20 at 5:30pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Jim S, Chair

Grapevine: Veronica N / grapevine.chair@area55aa.org

Veronica N gave the report. The committee met on 2/16 at Bay Park Hospital in the cafeteria. The committee discussed upcoming anniversaries: Warm Heart Serenity and Dare To Be Different. They discussed the Mini-Conference and who was going to help out and when. They are going to discuss at their next meeting the prospect of changing their meeting place to make it more convenient for all committee members. Their financial report is as follows:

1/1/2016 Beginning Balance	\$366.84
Income	111.10
Expenses	364.30
1/31/2016 Checkbook Balance	\$113.64

Next committee meeting will be 3/16 at 6:00pm at Bay Park Hospital in the cafeteria. Respectfully submitted, Veronica N, Chair

Group Services: Steven G / groupser.chair@area55aa.org

Steve G gave the report. Committee met on 1/19 at 6pm at Central Office. All commitments for January were met including Open-Minded's Anniversary on 1/8 and Warm Heart Serenity's Anniversary on 1/24.

Another meeting was held on 2/16. All February commitments were met including the Rossford Group's Anniversary. They discussed asking groups if the committee could sit in on their group conscience meeting to see if the group is registered with New York. Next committee meeting will be held 3/16 at 6:00pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Steven G, Chair

Accessibilities: Jim L

Meeting was held 2/13 at Central Office. Committee reviewed last month's and upcoming commitments. Committee hopes to get back on track with new rotating list by adding Tuesdays as commitment nights. They delegated final touches for the Accessibilities display. Catalogs for the Mini-Conference are on back order and the pamphlets have already been received. They discussed the importance of anonymity to their committee and AA as a whole. Treasury report is as follows:

1/1/2017 Beginning Balance	\$67.02
Income	0.00
Expenses, Office Max Cards/Stamps	-26.53
1/31/2017 Checkbook Balance	\$40.49

Next meeting will be on 3/13 at 6:30p at Frisch's on Navarre Avenue. Respectfully submitted, Jim L, Chair

Intergroup Liaison: Tim D

Tim D gave the report. The Intergroup Association met on 1/28. Anniversary committee said they have scheduled the annual Anniversary Celebration for 10/20 and the cost will be \$30.00 per person. Central Office committee said they will continue paying \$250.00 per month into their prudent reserve until it is back to \$20,000. Entertainment Committee reported they lost \$883.97 on the New Year's Eve dance 2016. Children's Christmas Party committee reported they gave out 80 gifts at last year's party. Finance Committee reported they will have a table of literature at the General Service Assembly for 5 more months with review after that. Hospital Committee reported they are looking into holding meetings at Heartland and at a new halfway house in Cygnet, OH. Katie B was elected Vice-Chair for the Children's Christmas Party committee. Hospital Committee Vice-Chair election was tabled until next month. There were statements made on safety at meetings and on how the Intergroup Association spends money and how to support it. Current committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs are as follows: Anniversary Committee Chair Alberto H, Vice-Chair Michele M; Central Office Chair Kevin B, Vice-Chair Lori C; Children's Christmas Party Chair Amanda R, Vice-Chair Katie B; Entertainment Committee Chair Greg S, Vice-Chair David G; Finance Committee Chair Linda N, Vice-Chair Pam R; Hospital Committee Chair Derek L, Vice-Chair unfilled as of now; Newsletter Chair Lynn S, Vice-Chair Russ W. Next meeting will be 2/25 at 6:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 2440 South Ave, Toledo. Respectfully submitted, Tim D

Website: Josh D / web.comm.chair@area55aa.org

The Web committee met on 2/19 at 11:30am at the Senior Center. The committee reviewed the program for the Mini-Conference which was put together by Val. The rest of the meeting was spent planning outreach at the Mini-Conference. The committee will be spending \$30.00 on outreach materials for the Mini-Conference. Next meeting will be 4/23 at 11:00am at the Senior Center. Respectfully submitted, Josh D, Chair

NOCYPAA: Tyler J

Lars J, NOCYPAA GSR, gave the report. The committee wanted to thank us for having them run the Hospitality Room at the Delegates/Past Delegates Conference. At their last meeting, Valerie B was elected Co-Chair, Melissa M was elected Secretary, Megan H was elected Unity Chair, Gina M was elected Hospitality/Events Chair and Mike D was elected Inreach Coordinator. They are getting their skit ready for the Mini-Conference and are looking forward to being a part of it. As of their January meeting, they had \$621.99 in their Treasury. Next meeting will be 2/19 at 5:00pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Tyler J, Chair

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER ("DCM") REPORTS

DCM Chair: Jim S

Jim S, DCMC, Area 55, said the DCMs met today. He reported that District 3 is having a GSR School on 2/25. District 4 had a problem with an alleged drug dealer showing up with a gun at a meeting. District 5 will have a workshop in May. District 11 is having a Sharing Session on April 8. District 14 is considering having a workshop or sharing session in early April. Unity Day will be 7/1. Respectfully submitted, Jim S, DCMC

District 1: Kenneth T

Kenneth T was unable to be present. No report.

District 3: Bob O

Bob O, DCM, had no report as the District had not met prior to the Assembly. District 3 will meet on 2/22/17 at 5:00pm at the location of the Eastside 12x12 meeting. He reiterated that on Saturday, 2/25, District 3 will be having a GSR School at the Northwood Church of Christ at the corner of Curtice and Coy Roads in Northwood, OH. Doors open at 8:00 am and they will have coffee and donuts. The School will last from 9:00 am until 11:00 am with nothing afterward. They will also be having a workshop on April 1st with details to be announced. Respectfully submitted, Bob O, DCM, District 3

District 4: Tim D

Tim D, DCM, gave their report. Meeting was held 2/15. District 4 had \$27.00 in Treasury. DCM visited group conscience of the 12 Step West Group. Turning Point Group will be holding group conscience the first Tuesday of each month and Raising The Bottom is continuing to work on group issues. The issue of safety at meetings was discussed. Next meeting will be 3/15 at 7:00 pm at Reformation Lutheran Church on Douglas Road, Toledo. Respectfully submitted, Tim D, DCM

District 5: Melanie R

Melanie R, DCM, District 5, gave the report. The District met on 1/21. There were some new members present. Melanie informed everyone that the Districts will participate in the upcoming Mini-Conference. Melanie collected \$7.00 from the basket, giving the District a Treasury balance of \$22.00. Following meeting was held 2/18 and there was no attendance. Next meeting will be held 3/18 at 11:00 am at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Melanie R, DCM

District 9: Ed R

Ed R was unable to be present. No report.

District 11: Kristen T

Kristen T, DCM, District 11 said the district met on 2/9/17. Groups made their reports. Mixed Nuts going strong, Friday Night BB has increase in attendance and Tues/Thurs noon meeting is seeing a rise in

attendance as well. Mick P shared that he may want to become GSR for Tues/Thurs noon meeting. They welcomed Jean S, District 14 DCM and she shared information about activities in her district. Kristen reminded everyone about the GSR School in District 3 and about the Mini-Conference. They will be holding a Sharing Session in their District with April 8th as a possible date. Kristen asked the GSRs to ask their groups for discussion ideas. The District wants to put information in the newspaper as well as public service announcements on the radio and to print up business cards for distribution as needed. Jane J shared and the group agreed that they need to get updated schedules to law enforcement, probation officers and treatment facilities in their community. Next meeting will be 3/9/17 at 7:00pm at St. John's UCC, 10 Main Street, Tiffin, OH. Respectfully submitted, Kristen T, DCM, District 11

District 14: Jean S

District 14's report was submitted by Jean S, DCM, District 14. GSRs reported on their groups. Attendance is up in most groups with the Sunday Morning Wake Up group experiencing a lack of attendance (possibly due to no heat at meeting so dress warm if you go!) Corrections had no report, Schedules reported that St. Rita's has 15 schedules and there are 45 available. Phone Rotation reported that Dawn J. received many calls about the Alcathon. Jean said she would like the District to hold a workshop in 2017 and several topic ideas were discussed and tabled. The District voted to pay Catholic Services \$30.00 (\$10.00 each for 3 days) for the space for the Alcathon. Amy has resigned as secretary and the District voted to send her a "Thank You" card. Motion made and passed for the District to pay for Jean's registration to the Mini-Conference. Jim S, DCMC was in attendance and brought the District up to date on upcoming Area events. Chrissy M wants to give up the Treasurer position after this term. Next meeting will be 2/13 at 5:30pm at 222 S. West St., Lima, OH. District met on 2/13 at 5:30pm at 222 S. West St., Lima, OH. The District approved DCM expenses of \$89.45 for mileage. Jean reminded everyone of upcoming Area events and explained the process of the Mini-Conference. Jean also told everyone about the upcoming Unity Day on 7/1 and asked everyone for topic ideas. GSRs made their group reports. The Corrections Committee reported that Cody K is stepping up as the new Chairperson. Schedules reported that Steve B has new updated, blue schedules. Phone Rotation reported that Steve B is taking the phone. The District will hold a Workshop in early April with two panels: 1) Safety and 2) 4th and 5th Steps. Jean will make up a flyer as soon as the date is set. Jean shared about the upcoming Unity Day on 7/1. The District approved a motion to send 20 schedules with Jean to the Mini-Conference. Sunday Morning Wake Up group is having their 32nd Anniversary on 4/2 at the UAW Hall. Doors open at 9:30 am, meeting is at 10:00am and there will be a meal at 11:30am. Starting 3/4 there will be a Saturday Midnight AA meeting at 222 S. West St., Lima, OH. Next District meeting will be held on 3/13 at 5:30pm at 222 S. West St., Lima, OH. Respectfully submitted, Jean S, DCM, District 14

District 16: Barb L

Barb L introduced herself and had no report at this time.

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

John was unable to attend today's Assembly due to family obligations. His report was tabled until our Assembly in April.

OLD BUSINESS

Henry said he has fliers out for the Mini-Conference and directed people to the area website where the flier is also posted. Additional State Convention fliers will be available at the next Assembly. Henry reminded us that the Finance Committee of Intergruop will be setting up a literature table at our

Assembly for a period of six months and asked us to support them. Same for the Newsletter Committee that is setting up a table at the Assembly as well.

NEW BUSINESS

Henry directed the GSRs to make sure their groups are sending them to the Mini-Conference. We have changed the format for the Mini-Conference. There will be two schools on Friday afternoon and the committees will begin meeting on Friday night. This will give the committees more time to get their work done. This should make things less pressure-packed for the committees. Also, at the afternoon session on Saturday, we will be using PowerPoint to present the findings of the committees and to complete the voting. Henry said that at the Delegates/Past Delegates Conference, he heard that the YPAAs will be brought up to be a standing committee in the General Service Office in New York. He said this will be voted on in 2018 when he will be Delegate and he would appreciate our input on this. Rachel W asked all the new GSRs to fill out their registration forms. She said she will be at the District 3 GSR School and the Mini-Conference if you have any questions. Jim S asked for \$150.00 to pay for the location for Unity Day on 7/1. Motion made by Melanie R, Trail Group and seconded by Kelly C, Sunday Morning Sunshine. Motion passed. Jim also asked that we investigate Liability Insurance and report back on this in April. Tim D, Came To Believe, made the motion and Bob O, DCM, District 3, seconded. Motion passed. Jim said he has a flier for Unity Day and will have a bunch available at the Mini-Conference and a copy will also be in the Assembly minutes. Linda N, Chair, Intergroup Finance committee, said that they will reschedule this summer's Pig Roast so that it does not conflict with this year's State Conference.

The General Service Assembly Meeting adjourned at 2:08 PM, closing with the Responsibility Statement.

Next GSR Assembly Meeting will be held on April 23, 2017 at 1:00 PM at the Senior Center. Clean up for April is Reno Beach. Tradition 3 will be read by Tim D, Came To Believe. Concept 3 will be read by Bill F, Wayne Group. Tradition 4 will be read by Chris A, Kenwood Group and Concept 4 will be read by David G, Oregon Men's.

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