



Motion to accept the report was made by Tim D., Came to Believe and seconded by Hazel S., Inner City. Motion carried.

**In January, of the 310 registered Groups in Area 55, 28 Groups made contributions this month or 9.03% and Year to Date 28 Groups or 9.03%.**

**Is your Group Helping Support Area 55 General Service?**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ARCHIVES Committee: Patty B.**

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Patty took the Archive display to the Dare To Be Different anniversary on 1/27/16 and to the Maumee Sunday Night anniversary on 1/31/16. She recorded Dick C. at the Crosstown group on 2/18/16. The recorder she has does not work so Scott M. lent her his recorder to record Dick C. Patty has a meeting with Deborah A. on 2/23/16 at Central Office to go over all of the Archive material and get the keys for future use. The committee will meet next on 2/25/16 at 5:00pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Patty B., Chair

**CPC/PI Committee: John K.**

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On February 1<sup>st</sup>, the committee met with members of Team Recovery about some issues that were brought to John's attention. It was suggested that the committee set up a meeting to talk and share some of our experience on anonymity and A.A. They (Team Recovery) were very receptive. They are just a group of men who are new to recovery. On 2/17/16, the committee met at Central Office. They gathered literature, etc. for their 2/18/16 commitment at Tiffin University. They talked about upcoming commitments and ways to reach out. They decided to continue with emails and phone calls. On 2/18/16, they met their commitment at Tiffin University for its Community Meeting. All went well, there were many questions and answers. Respectfully submitted, John K., Chair

**MULTI-DISTRICT CORRECTIONAL CHAIR: Keith R.**

The committee met on February 15, 2016. Present were: Keith R., Dale S., Nicole K. and Joe S. They opened with the Serenity Prayer. Updates on commitments as follows: Tuesday night Work Release—being covered by Steve S. and Brad P. They had a problem one night getting a Correctional committee representative there due to short notice. The group whose responsibility it was showed up and carried on the meeting but they were uncomfortable. Keith now has a current list of the groups who are doing the commitments with names and phone numbers so that they can be contacted in the event that something like this happens again in the future. Toledo Prison—being covered by Dale S. Going well at this time. Dale plans to give a lead there every 3<sup>rd</sup> month as the program there changes regularly. Lucas County Jail—being covered by Keith R. Committee is back into the jail now due to some hard work by John C. and Keith. They needed to be on a visitors' list within the computer. Work Release Friday Night—being covered by Jim S. and Nicole K. Jim works on the steps and out of the book with the residents. Nicole does an open discussion and shares her experience with the residents. Great turnout and seeing some of the residents at outside meetings. Lucas County Jail Women's—covered by Kim. S. No update at time of Committee meeting. Holland Driver Intervention—covered by Deb S. and Nick S. No update. Rossford Driver Intervention—Eric H. No update. Compass Driver

Intervention—Jim S. and Eric H. No update. New Business: Getting prepared for the Mini-Conference. They are excited for this and are hoping to introduce some members to the committee. They are always looking for new members and want to have at least two people on each commitment which they do not have currently. Next meeting will be on March 21, 2016 at 5:30pm at Central Office. Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm with the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted, Keith R., Chair

**GRAPEVINE Committee: Veronica N.**

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Veronica N. gave their Financial Report as of January 31, 2016 as follows:

Beg Balance	\$238.46
Income	<u>190.00</u>
Total	\$428.46
Expenses	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance 1/31/16	\$428.46

Committee met at Bay Park Hospital on 2/4/16. The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer. Present were: Veronica N., Jim B., Lynn S., Patty B., Michele M., Luis N., Bob S. and Jim S. Topics discussed were: 1) Meeting time and place, 2) Recruiting new members, 3) Phone list and how to contact each other when anniversaries pop up, 4) Covering new anniversaries or conferences and 5) The Mini-Conference. They wanted to ask groups to give them enough time to bring the Grapevine to your anniversary. They really want to come to your anniversary but it is sometimes hard for them to change their schedules at the last minute. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Their next meeting will be March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Bay Park Hospital in the basement near the cafeteria. Respectfully submitted, Veronica N., Chair

**GROUP SERVICES Committee: Steven G.**

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Committee met at Navarre Park Shelter House on 2/16/16. This was a make-up meeting. Present were: Steve G., Larnie P., Laura K., Jeff K. and Ryan. They started the meeting at 7:30pm. Opened with the Serenity Prayer. They discussed upcoming events which include the North Baltimore Tuesday Night anniversary on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm and the Waterville Monday Night group's anniversary on June 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. All past commitments have been met which included Warm Heart Serenity, the Rossford group and the Raab Road group. Closed the meeting at 7:45pm with the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted, Steven G., Chair

**SPECIAL NEEDS: Jim Lewinski**

The committee met on 2/6/16. Meeting opened at 5:30pm with the Serenity Prayer. In attendance were: Jeff C., Bill W., Lynn S., Tony O. and Jim L. They reviewed committee guidelines and objectives for new members. The committee discussed future articles for the Newsletter and flyers. Articles would regard possible group responsibilities, awareness of the Committee's activities and volunteers for the deaf and elderly. They discussed sending birthday cards to shut-ins. They reviewed updates of the shut-in list and brought to the attention of the committee members the passing of former shut-in Vicki S. There were two additional updates. The committee considered revising the special needs display. They looked to see if the display represents and meets the current needs of the Area. Jim brought to the committee's attention a phone call he received from Unison. A case worker there had questions about A.A.'s cooperation with the deaf community. The committee made a commitment to take a meeting to a fellow A.A. member and that commitment was met. The committee is still in need of women to fulfill commitments the men

cannot. The committee's next meeting will be at 5:00pm on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at Central Office. The meeting closed at 6:45pm with the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted, Jim L., Chair

**INTERGROUP LIAISON:**

There is currently no Intergroup Liaison.

**WEB COMMITTEE: Josh D.**

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Web Committee Meeting Minutes from February 21, 2016. The meeting opened at 11:40am with the Serenity Prayer followed by Barry Bagels. No changes have been made to the calendar since January, highlighting the need for more outreach for the Web calendar. Any help with this would be appreciated. They discussed the current Web layout and will be adding a Web committee tab and changing the NOCYPAAs tab to OYPAA and adding a link. They discussed how they would like to set up an updated District portion of the Website. They sat in on the DCM meeting to hear how things are going on their end and will be looking forward to working with them more in the future as our Area strives toward more active districts. Their next meeting will be in March but has yet to be announced—it will be either at the Mini-Conference or at their regular time at a different location. Respectfully submitted, Josh D., Chair

**OYPAA HOST: Bryan L./Lauren B.**

Matt G. gave a report of their recent activities. Their meeting report is as follows: They met on 1/24/16 at 5:05pm at Central Office. The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer. Introductions were made and anniversaries acknowledged. Kevin explained what OYPAA HOST is. Billy spoke on Tradition 7 and Nicole volunteered to speak on Tradition 8. Lindsey read the minutes from 1/10/16. Motion made and seconded, report accepted. Tony M. gave Treasurer's report. Balance \$1,739.03. Prudent Reserve/Registration/Donations/Scholarships balance \$3,754.03. Detailed report on file. Motion made and seconded, report accepted. The committee was thanked for Chili Cook-Off help. Old Business: Ally spoke on sub-committee updates. Spaghetti Feed, February 6, 2016. March 2016 event will be a carnival theme and held at St. Andrew's Church on Central Ave. Next event will be a Roaring 20's dance and they will discuss summer ideas at the next sub-committee meeting. Outreach: Jordan went to MCYPAA elections 1/17/16. February 7, 2016 Cleveland and the 13<sup>th</sup> Akron (REGISTRATION OPPORTUNITIES) EACYPAA Feb. 19-21, 2016. Needs help with upcoming events, will post on Website—inquire if you can attend/help. Inreach: Derek acknowledged the good turnout for the Chili Cook-Off. Continues to recognize anniversaries; will be posting to Website—inquire if you can attend/help. Registration: Nev miscounted total pre-registrations for OYPAA 2016 on the last report. New total is 201 with 44 scholarships included. Graphics: Val shared design ideas for shirts, hats, banners, buttons and lanyards in four different colors. Unity event possibility of getting a button maker. New subcommittee meeting will be posted to the Website. Newsletter: Jocelyn is stepping down. Hospitality: Nicole, Mike and Ally are passing sheets for the Spaghetti Feed. Web: Norm (DOC) OYPAA is able to register online now. NOCYPAAs.org will take you to a link to OYPAA 2016. Program: No report. Volunteer: Mike is passing sheets for the Spaghetti Feed. Hotel: Kevin sent online link to Norm (DOC) and Norm (DOC) will post to Website. Bryan said let's save 3 meetings: 4 months prior, 2 months prior and 2 weeks prior to OYPAA 2016. Kevin said there are five hotels close by. New Business: Ally has budget of \$275.00 for March 2016. \$10.00 donation. Motion made and seconded, motion passed. Merchandise: Jacob said the OYPAA banner can be used at all events and can be here

2/6/16 at a cost of \$60.00. Stamp is on its way here now. Motion made, seconded and accepted. 1 abstention. Lauren will talk to Connor. Bryan passed out flyers and encouraged others to do so. Area 55 registrations, early breakfast duties, skit duty too—March 4-6, 2016. Lauren will post subcommittee meeting on Website. Open positions: LGBTO and AV. Kati P accepted Intergroup and gave resume. Megan accepted Literature and gave resume. Shawn accepted Unity and gave resume. Don accepted Shut-In and gave resume. All were self-nominated. Derek nominated Billy for Newsletter, Billy accepted and gave resume. Personal Goals: Flyers will go in order of Special Events to Graphics to Web to Outreach/Inreach. Norm (DOC) will print. Motion made, seconded and accepted. Meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm by Lauren. Next general meeting will be on Feb. 21, 2016. TBA. Motion to close was made, seconded and accepted. Meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement. Next meeting is Feb. 22, 2016 at 5:00pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Bryan L./Lauren B., Co-Chairs

**AREA DELEGATE: John C.**

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John C. said that he and Henry C. went to the Delegates/Past Delegates Conference in Milwaukee last weekend. They got to speak with many Delegates and they were in some late night sessions. He said he has a lot of information to read before he goes to New York and wants to be as well prepared as possible. He said New York did not send a representative to this Conference either as they aren't to our Mini-Conference. He said a few groups in our Area wrote letters to New York to express their feelings on this. He got a chance to sit down with Bill F., our ECR Trustee and talked with him at length about this. After talking with Bill, John realized how busy they are in New York right now and how many days they have to pay people to be able to come to the Mini-Conferences. However, he hopes this does not happen year after year as so many members would otherwise not have the opportunity to meet someone who works in the New York office. He wanted to encourage everyone to register for the Mini-Conference. John has been asked to serve on a panel at the Illinois State Convention regarding young people in A.A. He read a letter written by Bill W. to the young people. He mentioned that we can use our last names here at the Assembly since it is a closed meeting. He said that when the Committees and Districts give their reports, they can put everyone's full names in their reports. He wanted to thank the Past Delegates that are here today—it means a lot to have them here for their experience and John wants to get together with all of them for dinner after the Mini-Conference. He wanted to thank Bob S. in particular for a list of pointers he gave him for his trip to New York. He thanked everyone in the room for allowing him to serve them and for all the service work everyone does.

#### **DCM REPORTS**

##### **DCMC**

Jim S., DCMC, Area 55, said the DCMs met today and discussed what is going on in their districts as of now. District 5 is planning a GSR Training class and District 3 is planning a workshop on the Concepts. Two other Districts are working on other things that they plan to do this year. He is working with the Registrar to make sure that all the DCMs and GSRs she has on her records are correct and up to date. Wants to make sure that all DCMs that were not at the DCM meeting this morning would please check with Rachel to see that she has their information. Said they will be developing maps so that we can locate the District we are in and begin introducing ourselves by saying what District we are in. Jim said they want the District maps to be on the Website so that you can find out what groups are close to you geographically.

### **District 5**

Melanie R., DCM, District 5 said that they are getting more participation. They had a meeting yesterday and there were 7 GSRs there. They had one rep show up who knew very little about the position of GSR and that took up most of the meeting. She said this was fine because it is all about being educated. This gave Melanie the idea of having a workshop on what it means to be a GSR. She is going to send a flyer out to let the GSRs in her district know that the District will be doing this so they can plan for it. Next month, they will focus on having an agenda for their meeting. Next meeting will be March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Central Office.

### **District 4**

Tim D., Alternate DCM, District 4, said they are making sure the District map they have is accurate. He said there is one line to the North that does not run along a street—it runs across a field. Meladie J. got the District list from the Registrar and they went through and crossed off the duplicates and any groups/meetings that have closed. They are also verifying that all the GSRs on the list are correct. District 4 is planning to have another district meeting TBA.

### **District 6**

Tim D. spoke on behalf of this District. He said that in this District, which is in the Monroe, MI area, the DCM there is going to go back to the Monroe Intergroup meeting. Their Intergroup meeting up there is big on putting on dances and dinners. They plan on sitting down with the Intergroup members to get something scheduled. He said that perhaps they will put on a morning meeting with a lunch on what a group is and what a District is. He also said that Districts 4 and 3 will invite the Monroe people to their next meetings/workshops.

### **District 14**

Jean S., DCM, District 14 said they met on February 8, 2016. In attendance were Jean S. – DCM, Chrissy M. – Treasurer and GSR LDG, Shane H. – GSR Hope, Pat D. – GSR Grace, Steve B. – GSR Peace, Billy F. – GSR SOP, Amy H. – Secretary, Andy R. – GSR Morning Group, Kristen J., Neil M. – Alt GSR SMWU and Ann S. Committee Reports: Corrections— Steve B. said the committee has not met for a while and he is trying to arrange a meeting. Kristen J. said that Oakwood needs women but men especially. They had a request for a book donation from Restoration House. Chrissy M. said that Lima Downtown donated 5 BBs and Shane H. said that the Hope group donated 2 BBs. Chrissy M. gave \$33.50 to the Grace group from the Women’s group, collected during the time the Women’s group was being supported by the Grace group. Billy S. said that he goes to a meeting at the Ridgeview Treatment Center in Middle Point and that they are requesting donations of Big Books. He said to contact him if you or your group would like to go to the Thursday meeting at 7:30p at the Center.

### **District 11**

Kristen T., DCM, District 11 said she is trying to get to the meetings in her district to make sure she has the correct information for all the GSRs in the District. They are going to have a District meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Tiffin Seneca Public Library.

### **District 16**

Dan L., DCM, District 16, had no report.

<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>
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Henry C. caught Nancy M. as she was leaving and asked her to share a few parting thoughts. She said that being our Delegate was an awesome experience. Representing Area 55 gave her a

whole different perspective on AA Worldwide. Area 55 is a small part of a worldwide program. She said we are well represented by Panel 66 and wanted to thank everyone for their support of her. She received a well-deserved round of applause.

## NEW BUSINESS

Karen M., Downtown Group, suggested that the Correctional Committee call Central Office for the GSR's name and number of the groups that are committed to do the Correctional Committee meetings in the correctional facilities and programs. She would like to see this done because although these commitments are listed in the Area 55 Newsletter and in the Central Office announcements, groups are still missing their commitments. Keith R. said this was a good idea and they will try to do this in the future.

Tim D., Came To Believe, spoke of his experience in 2007 when he was forced down to one meeting a week due to personal reasons. He said he was going through a lot and shared his issues at meetings. He experienced his confidentiality being broken and asked the GSRs here today to please mention the aspect of confidentiality to their groups at their group conscience meetings so everyone can keep the idea of confidentiality in mind.

Kimberly A., the "Alternate Alternate" GSR from the Kenwood group, said she has seen in another Area the practice of a New GSR Orientation for new GSRs when they come in. She asked if we could do this in our Area. Henry C. told her we have that in the works and it is on the back burner right now due to the Mini-Conference and the General Service Conference. It will be resurrected afterward and we are looking to have two GSR schools a year.

John P., GSR – Port Clinton group, asked how he can give a donation for a scholarship for his Alternate to go to the Mini-Conference and Henry C. directed him to the Scholarship Donation Form that was on the side table. John received a copy of this.

Henry C. reminded everyone that the Mini-Conference Registration Forms and the new Website Guidelines are on the side tables so please be sure to get a copies of these.

**The General Service Assembly Meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM, closing with the Responsibility Statement.** Motion to close made by Jim S., Reno Beach Sobriety, and seconded by Keith R., New Life. Motion carried.

**Next GSR Assembly Meeting will be held on April 17, 2016 at 1:00 PM at the Senior Center. Clean up for April is Reno Beach Sobriety. Tradition Three is James K., Mission for Traditions, Tradition Four is Ron L., Open Minded, Concept Three is Hazel S., Inner City and Concept Four is Ron S., Eastside 12x12.**

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