

GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY
Area 55, Panel 66 NW Ohio & Monroe Michigan
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Meeting Minutes for April 23, 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. Bill W. read the Mission Statement. Tim D. read the 3rd Tradition and Bill F. read the 3rd Concept. Henry C. read the 4th Tradition and David G. read the 4th 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: 25 GSRs, 3 Alternate GSRs, 6 DCMs, 1 DCMC, 1 Past Delegate, 1 Webmaster and 1 Observer. New GSR's and Alt. GSRs were: Linda N., GSR, Maumee Sunday Night; Nancy C., GSR, Oregon St. Charles; Deborah A., GSR, Downtown Group; Wendy S., GSR, Ottawa Discussion Group; Jacob J., GSR, Port Clinton Thursday Night. New DCMs: Linda N., DCM, District 7 and Laurie N., DCM, District 8. Past Delegate Nancy M. introduced herself.

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February 2017 Meeting Minutes were presented. There were several corrections to name spellings. Motion to accept made by Tim D., Came To Believe and seconded by Willie R., Young Peoples. Motion carried.

Treasurer: Marty C. / treasurer@area55aa.org

*In March, 9.35% or 29 of the 310 registered Groups in Area 55 made contributions. Year-to-date, 15.8% or 49 Groups contributed. **Is your Group Supporting Area 55 General Service?***

Marty's report for February was as follows:

01/31/17 Checkbook Balance	\$6,028.19
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Total	\$6,631.73
Expenses	-1,411.66
Total	\$5,220.07
02/28/17 Checkbook Balance	\$5,220.07
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01/31/17 Prudent Reserve Balance	\$3,001.38
Interest	0.05
02/28/17 Prudent Reserve Balance	\$3,001.43

<u>01/31/17 Mini-Conference</u>	<u>\$1,763.00</u>
Income	2,586.00
Total	\$4,349.00
Expenses	0.00
02/28/17 Mini-Conference	\$4,439.00

2017 Mini-Conference Deposit = \$300.00

Motion made by Tim D., Came To Believe, to accept the report. Seconded by Jean S., Lima Grace 5:30. Motion carried.

Marty's reports for March were as follows:

<u>02/28/17 Checkbook Balance</u>	<u>\$5,220.07</u>
Income	<u>1,746.29</u>
Total	\$6,966.36
Expenses	<u>3,096.65</u>
Total	\$3,869.71
03/31/17 Checkbook Balance	\$3,869.71
<u>02/28/17 Prudent Reserve Balance</u>	<u>\$3,001.48</u>
Interest	<u>.05</u>
03/31/17 Prudent Reserve Balance	\$3,001.53

Motion made to accept the report by Tim D., Came To Believe and seconded by Veronica F., New Noon Trinity. Motion carried.

Marty's Final Report of the 2017 Mini-Conference was as follows:

<u>Mini-Conference 2017</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
	Hotel Deposit	300.00
	Income	<u>6,146.14</u>
	Total	\$6,946.14
	Expenses	<u>4,153.17</u>
	Checkbook Balance 03/31/17	\$2,792.97

Motion was made to accept this report by Larry O., Guides To Progress and seconded by Chris D., Goodwill Group. Motion carried.

Marty C. asked for a motion from the body to transfer \$1,992.97 to the General Service Checking Account, leaving \$800.00 in the Mini-Conference Checking Account. This motion was made by Tim D., Came To Believe and seconded by Nancy C., Oregon St. Charles. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

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

Henry C. read Patty B.'s resignation from the Chairmanship of the committee and Nancy M. will be stepping in as Chairperson. Patty will still serve on the committee. Nancy said the committee met at Central Office on March 30th at 5:00pm. The committee has been recording interviews from members

having 30+ years of sobriety. The committee has set a date for their Open House to be on June 17th from noon to 3:00pm at Central Office. Nancy requested today that David G. bring the projector and AAWS films to be shown at the Open House. The committee took the Archives display to the Oregon Happy Hour Anniversary on April 2nd. Next committee meeting will be on April 27th at 5:00pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Nancy M., Chair

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

Bill F. read the report. The committee made all commitments for April. They have a meeting with Homeless Connect on May 3rd and the Homeless Fair is on May 10th. On May 5th, the committee has a Q&A session with staff members of Common Lakes Garden which is a VA housing facility. On May 18th, the committee will be attending the Harbor Adult Client Health and Wellness Fair. On May 23rd, they will be attending a Health Awareness event in McClure, Ohio. Next committee meeting will be on May 17th at 5:30pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, John K., Chair

Multi-District Correctional: Jim S.

Jim S. gave the report covering their meetings on Feb. 20, Mar. 20 and April 17. All commitments are accounted for and going well at the time of Jim's report. Toledo Correction Institution, Tuesday Night Work Release, Friday Night Work Release, Holland Driver Intervention, Lucas County Jail Men's meeting and Lucas County Jail Women's meeting are all going well. Lucas County Jail meeting on Thurs. and Fri. being covered by Brian F. and Jim S. Dale S., who had been covering it, had to leave the committee for medical reasons. Wednesday nights, the committee has added a new commitment, Ohio Link on Madison Avenue which is being covered by new members, Skip and Mary H. Committee wanted to thank all who visited them at their table at the Mini-Conference. Committee is always looking for new members. Next meeting will be May 15th at Central Office at 5:30pm. Respectfully submitted, Jim S., Chair

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

Veronica N. gave the reports for February and March. Committee met on Feb. 16 at Bay Park Hospital. They discussed upcoming anniversaries and the Mini-Conference. Had all events covered. Tabled their discussion of a different meeting place until all committee members could be present. February's Financial Report was as follows:

Beginning Balance 01/31/17	\$113.64
Income	45.05
Expenses	0.00
Ending Balance 02/28/17	\$158.59

Motion made to accept the report by Tim D., Came To Believe and seconded by Linda N., Maumee Sunday Night. Motion carried.

For March, the committee met on 3/16 at Bay Park Hospital. They discussed the GSR Workshop on April 1st. They continued to table the vote on a new meeting place. Next meeting will be on May 18th at Bay Park Hospital in the cafeteria. Financial report for March was as follows:

Beginning Balance 02/28/17	\$158.69
Income	119.50
Expenses	0.00
Ending Balance 03/31/17	\$278.19

Motion made to accept the report by Lyle H., Living Sober and seconded by Willie R., Young Peoples.
Motion carried.

Next committee meeting will be May 18th at Bay Park Hospital in the cafeteria. Respectfully submitted,
Veronica N., Chair

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

Steve G. gave the reports for March and April as follows: Committee met on March 15th at 6pm at Central Office. All previous commitments were met and they discussed an upcoming commitment at the Rossford Group's Anniversary. Meeting closed at 6:40pm. Next meeting will be April 20th at 6:00pm at Central Office. Committee met on April 20 at 6pm at Central Office. They discussed upcoming commitments at Women's Friday 12x12 and the Walbridge Park picnic in June. Steve, Carlos G. and Kenney A. met with a new group in Weston, Ohio and gave the group's founder, Andy S., a packet of information, answered some questions he had and gave him some suggestions. Next meeting will be May 18th at 6:00pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Steven G., Chair

Accessibilities: Jim L.

Jim L. gave the reports for March and April. Meeting was held March 13th at Frisch's on Navarre. Committee is looking to reach out to the community in seeking alcoholics who may or may not know that we are capable of getting meetings to them. The committee will be contacting the CPC/PI committee for more direction on this. They also discussed Unity Day and getting a copy of the Big Book on CD. Treasury Report for March was as follows:

Beginning Balance 02/28/17	\$40.49
Income	18.00
Expenses	30.26
Ending Balance 03/31/17	\$28.23

Motion made to accept the report by Tim D., Came To Believe and seconded by Chris D., Goodwill. Motion carried.

April's meeting was held on April 10th at Frisch's on Navarre Avenue. They discussed looking into the criteria and logistics in which to make icons active on the meeting schedule on the Website that pertain to people with diverse needs. Committee will be contacting facilities having one or more alcoholics who wish to have a meeting brought in to them. Committee will be bringing a meeting to the Addison Heights Health and Rehabilitation Center on the 3rd Monday of each month. Committee will be asking DCMs to seek out those in their districts who would like to be placed on the Shut-In List. There was no Financial Report as the committee had financial activity in April. Next meeting will be on May 8th at 6:30pm at the Frisch's on Navarre Avenue. Respectfully submitted, Jim L., Chair

Intergroup Liaison: Tim D.

Tim D. gave the reports for March and April. The Intergroup Association met on 3/25. Anniversary and Entertainment committees had no report. Central Office committee paid \$291.20 into its prudent reserve so that prudent reserve is now at level specified by By-Laws. Children's Christmas party will be held at same church as last year, Reformation Lutheran on Douglas. Finance committee has been selling literature at the Intergroup meetings, at the Mini-Conference and at the General Service Assembly. Hospital Committee rescinded motion to move to General Service. Still looking for Vice-Chair. Newsletter

committee reported that there will be a section in the May issue dedicated to Mel B., who died recently. New Vice-Chair of Hospital committee will be Bill M. of the Turning Point and YES groups. GSO Liaison gave report on Mini-Conference. Michelle R. was nominated and accepted the position of Vice-Chair of the Finance committee as current Vice-Chair is moving from area. Next meeting on 4/22.

Intergroup Association met on 4/22. Anniversary committee will be having new date and time to meet based on conflict with Central Office. Central Office committee made payment to prudent reserve to bring it back up to \$20,000 level stipulated by By-Laws as reported last month. New meeting schedules are available. Children's Christmas party committee working on signing contract with Reformation Lutheran to lock in date for party in December. Entertainment committee said that Intergroup's summer picnic will be held at IBEW Hall in Rossford, same place as last year. Finance Committee took in funds from dinner and literature sales. Reported that this year's Pig Roast tickets are available, \$10 Adults in Advance, \$12 at the door and \$6 for children age 10 and under. Newsletter committee said the issue dedicated to Mel B. will be published in June rather than May. Committee will extend a discount on newsletter subscriptions to anyone buying a subscription at any event the committee is at like anniversary meetings. Intergroup Association approved a dance sponsored by the Entertainment committee to follow the association meeting on May 20th. Next Intergroup meeting will be May 20th not May 27th as May 27th is the weekend of Memorial Day. General Service needs to be advised as they are scheduled to do the dinner prior to the Intergroup meeting. Next meeting will be on May 20th at 6:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church at 2440 South Ave, Toledo. Respectfully submitted, Tim D.

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

The Web committee met on April 23rd at 11:30am at the Senior Center. The committee reviewed results of the Web survey. Main area of discussion was the meeting schedule and the need for communication between all entities to ensure accurate information. Ideas came up of having a searchable map of meetings on the Website, having a Spanish version of the site and posting some newsletter articles. The Web committee outreached at the Mini-Conference and wanted to especially thank Wendy S. for sustaining this effort over that weekend. Next meeting will be May 21st at 11:30am at the Senior Center. Respectfully submitted, Josh D., Chair

NOCYPAA: Tyler J.

Lars J., NOCYPAA GSR, gave the report. They are having their annual Summer Kick Off bonfire on May 20th. It will be at University Church at 4747 Hill Avenue. It starts at 1:30pm and goes until after dark. Suggested donation is \$5.00. Their Night of Fools event on April 1st went very well. Lars wanted us all to know how much he and the other members of NOCYPAA enjoyed the Mini-Conference. It was an honor and a privilege to serve breakfast and to provide some humor with the skit they did. Next meeting will be April 23rd at Central Office at 5:00pm. Respectfully submitted, Tyler J., Chair

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER ("DCM") REPORTS

DCM Chair: Jim S.

Jim S., DCMC, Area 55, said the DCMs met today. Reports were given by Districts 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 and 14 and a report from Dist. 11 was read. Also reports of workshops from Districts 3 and 14 were made. Unity Day will be July 1st from 11am until 4pm. New DCMs Linda N. and Laurie N. were welcomed. Respectfully submitted, Jim S., DCMC

District 1: Kenneth T.

Kenneth T. was unable to be present. No report.

District 2: Geno F.

Geno was not present and had no report.

District 3: Bob O.

David G., Alternate DCM, gave the report. District met on 3/12 at the Reno Beach meeting's location. They discussed details regarding their April 1st GSR School. They also discussed Unity Day to be held on July 1st. David G. was nominated and accepted position of Alternate DCM for the district. Respectfully submitted, Bob O., DCM, District 3

District 4: Tim D.

Tim D., DCM, gave their report. Meeting was held 4/19. They reviewed the District 3 Workshop from April 1st. They discussed the Mini-Conference and possible GSRs for the groups in their district. Next meeting is scheduled for May 17th at 7:00pm at Reformation Lutheran Church on Douglas Road. Respectfully submitted, Tim D., DCM

District 5: Melanie R.

Melanie R., DCM, District 5, gave the report. She said the district met on March 18th at Central Office. She said they were going to have a workshop on May 20th and they formatted the workshop. Next meeting was on April 22nd. Melanie decided to postpone the workshop that was originally scheduled for May 20th. Melanie will be visiting the Women's 12 Steps To Courage group to speak with them and give a small presentation. Next meeting will be on May 20th at 11:00am at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Melanie R., DCM

District 7: Linda N.

Linda had no report at this time.

District 8: Laurie N.

Laurie reported that she has been to all the groups in her district to introduce herself. The only meeting she has not been at yet is the 7:00am meeting. She will do this meeting this upcoming week. She went around to meet the GSRs in the groups and found that some groups, if they had no GSR, had volunteers right away and then there were other groups that were not interested at all. She is putting together a flyer for her next district meeting to be held at the end of May or beginning of June. Respectfully submitted, Laurie N.

District 9: Ed R.

Ed R. gave the report. Said he is in process of putting together their first district meeting but is having trouble finding meeting place. He is also trying to visit all the groups in his district. Respectfully submitted, Ed R.

District 11: Kristen T.

Kristen T., DCM, District 11 had to go home ill so gave no report at the meeting, however, she had emailed her minutes to the Recording Secretary so those minutes are given here. At their March meeting, all the GSRs gave reports from their groups. Jerry S. reported that he and Ray K. went to the Mini-Conference and learned a lot. The district decided not to hold a Sharing Session on April 8th because they feel they are not ready for it. They thought May or June would work better. The district is doing a lot of community outreach in the form of business cards and schedules as well as radio and newspaper ads. Ron S., GSR, said he wants to receive a report of donations to General Service so he can show his group its donations. Kristen will look into this. Next meeting will be April 13th at 7:00pm at St. John's UCC, 10 Main Street, Tiffin. The district met in April on April 13th. GSRs gave reports of their meetings. The community

outreach effort is ongoing. Kristen met with two persons from the Mental Health and Recovery Services Council of Seneca and Sandusky Counties. They have some upcoming recovery events that AA will be invited to be a part of. The district discussed having a sharing session or another workshop in the late summer. The group was reminded of Unity Day on July 1st and that Kristen will let them know what still needs to be provided for the event as each district will pitch in what is needed. Next meeting will be on May 11th at 7:00pm at St. John's UCC at 10 Main Street, Tiffin, OH. Respectfully submitted, Kristen T., DCM, District 11

District 14: Jean S.

District 14's reports for March and April were submitted by Jean S., DCM, District 14. At the March meeting, GSRs reported on their groups. DCM Expenses of \$107.84 were approved. Don T., the Alternate DCM for this district reported that he had attended the General Service Assembly in February and overheard the Tiffin DCM and a Past Delegate speaking of having utter contempt for those who don't attend the General Assembly. He had a question for the Area, that being, "Do you hold people who don't come to the Area meeting in contempt?" Cody K. questioned whether it would be possible to attend the Area meetings through Videochat? Is that an option or could it be in the future? Jean handed out a report with the results of the voting at the Mini-Conference. The district continues to work with correctional facilities such as Allen Correctional, the Worth Center and Alvis Halfway House. Steve B. is still manning the district phone. Jean handed out flyers for Unity Day. Don T. would like a motion to remove the need to submit mileage to Area meetings. He also wants the minutes to state that "the Alternate DCM does not report to the DCM." Next district meeting will be April 10th. The district met on April 10th. GSRs made reports of their groups. Allen Correctional needs Big Books. Steve B. donated 20 schedules to Rick S. for PI at Open Gate. John B. will take the district phone. Jean S. said she will be picking up donuts around 7:30am for their workshop and then open the doors. Volunteers are needed to set up tables around 8:00am. As far as their AA Business Card goes, they decided to keep the Toledo area's answering service phone number on the card. Chrissy M., Treasurer, said she has money orders for the District, Area and World Services. The check to the district will be \$999.45. Jean made a motion to set aside \$250.00 of that for workshops. Rick Z. seconded and motion passed. Billy S. stated that the Ridgeview Treatment Center is in need of Big Books. Next meeting will be on May 8th at 5:30pm at 222 S. West in Lima. Respectfully submitted, Jean S., DCM, District 14

District 16: Barb L.

Barb L. was not present and had no report.

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

John was unable to attend today's Assembly as he is in New York at the General Service Conference. He will have a report next month.

OLD BUSINESS

Henry said he has fliers out for the Ohio State Convention this summer. He encourages everyone to go to show our support for the State even if we go just for one day. Henry also reminded everyone that the Finance Committee is here with literature. Grapevine and Newsletter committees are also here. Lynn S., Newsletter Chair, said that if the committee sells a subscription at your anniversary, they will do so for an annual rate of \$8.00 and an individual rate of \$0.50 an issue. She wanted to thank everyone for their support and encouraged anyone to write an article. The ECR Delegates/Past Delegates Conference had a good turnout and it was profitable.

NEW BUSINESS

The Mini-Conference had 200 registrations, 14 scholarships and it was successful with the new concepts of the overhead projector and PowerPoint. Tax report information has been forwarded to our attorney as we, as a non-profit organization, still have to file a tax return. Our attorney is in the process of filing this and Henry will pass on his progress. Henry said the printer we used to have at Central Office died at the Mini-Conference so we need a new printer. Henry would like a motion to buy a new printer for no more than \$250.00. Motion was made by Tim D., Came To Believe and seconded by Willie R., Young Peoples. Motion carried. Henry reminded everyone that this is election year for our officers. Elections will be in October and if you are interested in Chairing a committee, see Henry. Tim D. said that Central Office did not have a schedule for our meetings and he would like to find an original copy of this. Henry said that he has a copy on his computer at home and will get a copy for Tim, for Central Office and for newcomers here to the Assembly. Henry said that safety at meetings is currently a hot button topic. He said on AA.org under Service Material there is a three-page pamphlet called "Safety in AA—Our Common Welfare." He suggested we go on there and print off a copy of this and take it to our groups for edification purposes.

The General Service Assembly Meeting adjourned at 2:38 PM, closing with the Responsibility Statement.

Next GSR Assembly Meeting will be held on May 21, 2017 at 1:00 PM at the Senior Center. Clean up for May is NOCYPAA. Tradition 5 will be read by Chris C., Perrysburg Sunday Night and Concept 5 will be read by Linda N., Maumee Sunday Night.

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