

**GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY**  
**Area 55, Panel 68 NW Ohio & Monroe Michigan**  
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**Meeting Minutes for May 20, 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 1pm with the Serenity Prayer. Darcy B. read the Mission Statement. Billy S., GSR-Oak Harbor into Action, read the 5th Tradition. Nancy M., Archives Chair, read the 5th 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: 46 GSRs, 1 Alternate GSR, 5 DCMs, 1 Alternate DCM, 2 Past Delegates and Intergroup Chair. New GSRs and Alternates were: Lauren B.-GSR, YES Group; Greg S.- GSR, Principles before Personalities; Eric D.- GSR, Oregon Men’s; Aimee W.-GSR, Missions for Traditions; Juel L.-GSR, MONCYPAA, Kristine Z.-GSR, Raising the Bottom; Crystal B.-GSR, Women’s Friday 12x12; James B.-GSR, Alive after Five and Jacob J.-Alt, DCM Dist.16. Past Delegates Nancy M. and Ron S. were present. Also present Intergroup Chairperson Carrie C.

**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 April, 9.03% or 28 of the 310 registered Groups in Area 55 made contributions. Year-to-date, 20.96% or 65 Groups contributed. **Is your Group Supporting Area 55 General Service?***

Kenney’s report for April was as follows:

<u>3/31/2018 Checkbook Balance</u>	<u>\$5,313.02</u>
Income	\$5,316.27
Total	\$10,629.29
Expenses	\$3,870.22
Total	\$6,759.07
4/30/18 Checkbook Balance	\$6,759.07
<u>3/31/2018 Prudent Reserve Balance</u>	<u>\$3,002.13</u>
Interest	.05
4/30/18 Prudent Reserve Balance	\$3,002.18
3/31/2018 Mini-Conference	\$2,691.35
Income	\$0.00
Expenses	\$1,891.35
4/30/18 Mini-Conference	\$800.00

Willie R. GSR- Young Peoples made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Nancy C., GSR- Oregon St

Charles. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS**

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

Nancy M. provided the report. All commitments were met through the time of the assembly. The committee has three future commitments in the month of June. There will be a work day on 5/24/18 1pm @ Central Office. There are two new members to the committee with the possibility of a third joining in the near future. Nancy made a request for funds not to exceed \$500 to send up to two members of the committee to the National Archives Workshop on Sept. 28-30, 2018. These costs would include \$40 per registration, 1 hotel room at \$260 for two nights total and travel expenses. A motion was made by Willie R.-GSR, Young Peoples, seconded by Wendy S.-GSR, Ottawa Open Discussion. The motion carried unanimously. Next committee meeting will be at 5:00pm at Central Office on 5/31/18. Respectfully Submitted, Nancy M., Chair.

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

Beth P. provided the report. All commitments being met at this time. The committee at this time is in need of female members especially. CTF Men's is moving to the prison campus at this time. Also the prison is requesting starting a morning meeting. The committee has taken on one new commitment that occurs 11a-1p once a month with the Re-Entry Coalition at One Government Center. Next committee meeting will be 5/22/2018 5:30pm @ Central Office. Respectfully Submitted, Beth P., Chair.

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

Bill F. gave the report. The committee met on 5/16/18 5pm @ Central Office. The committee completed their commitments at Project Homeless Connect as well as the District 3 Opiate Town Hall. They are looking forward to Unity Day, the 62<sup>nd</sup> Ohio State Convention as well as being invited to the Diocesan Pastoral Conference in September. He thanked committee members for their sacrifice of time to handle these important commitments. He also noted that the committee will be purchasing a table banner for \$40 from Aardvark SPE printing. Next meeting will be 6/20/18 5pm @ Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Bill F., Chair.

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

Jim S. gave the report. No May meeting was held at this time due to conflicts of schedule. All commitments up to the current assembly have been met. They have two new members that have joined the committee. They have 5 upcoming commitments in June and will be restocking the inventory due to a large increase in sales. They requested \$150 from the body to renew 5 subscriptions for the monthly Grapevine Magazine, which the committee then sells. A motion was made by Billy S., seconded by Willie R., it was approved unanimously. He presented the committee financial report for March 2018 listed as follows.

April 1-30, 2018 Financial Report is as follows:

Beginning Balance 04/01/18	\$57.00
Income	\$293.00
Expenses	\$0.00
Ending Balance 04/30/18	\$350.00

A motion to approve was made by Billy S., seconded by Jen H., GSR-Perrysburg AM. Approved unanimously Next committee meeting will be on 06/11/18 at 730pm at Tim Horton's in Oregon. Respectfully submitted, James S., Chair

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

No report available. Next committee meeting will be 6/5/18 6pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Daniel H., Chair

**Accessibilities:** Dawn F. / [accessibilities@area55aa.org](mailto:accessibilities@area55aa.org)

Dawn F. presented the May report. The committee met on 5/14/18 at Frisch's on Navarre Ave. All commitments have been met except one due to current scheduling conflicts. Cards may not have gone out in April at this time. There are current 8 members to the committee, however after the end of July with the current roster it will be down to 6 members. There is a new list available and we ask that groups not pass it throughout their announcements. The newsletter has correct meeting location info and also \$50 was received for expenses at the April 2018 meeting.

#### The April 2018 Financial Report

Beginning Balance 04/01/18	\$-9.32
Income	\$50.00
Expenses	\$0.00 (receipt turned into the treasurer from Office Max)
Ending Balance 04/30/18	\$40.68

Three new referrals were made to the committee and contact efforts are being completed at this time. Larry will call the men on the list and report results. Cards were also made out during the meeting for mailing. The committee is also seeking a new chairperson as of July 31, 2018 due to the current chair stepping down.

The next meeting will be 06/11/2018, 630pm at Frisch's on Navarre Ave. Respectfully submitted, Dawn F., Chair

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

Jen H. gave the report. The committee met on 05/20/2018 at 11:30am at Black Kite Coffee. Jen and the webmaster Wendy were in attendance. Several items of old business were discussed including updates of information and posting of upcoming events. New business was upcoming events for June and July to add to the calendar. They would also like to add copies of conference approved literature pamphlets to the site for answering common service questions. The committee is also reviewing other area websites as well as working to update the template of the device for ease of access on mobile devices. Next meeting will be 06/23/2018 at 945am 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 5/19/18. The Anniversary dinner in October will cost \$30 per person, there will also be no sales at the door. They will end one week prior to the event. Central Office has completed updated pricing for literature. Children's Christmas Party is in dire need of members. Entertainment will host the New Year's Eve event at Radisson UTMC. The estimated ticket price will be \$25 and hoping to have 200 attendees. Newsletter had 7 articles for the May issue. H&I committee is in need of female members and also has been asked to bring two additional meetings. They are also working

with the V/A clinic to start a meeting at the outpatient clinic. The audit report was reviewed without further questions. The next meeting will be 6/23/2018 6:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church. Respectfully submitted, Tim D., Intergroup Liaison

**NOCYPAA Liaison: Lars J.**

Lars J. provided the report. They will be having their summer kickoff on 5/26/18 at University Church starting at 130pm with a \$5 suggested donation. They will also be at Maumee Bay 6/30/18, again \$5.00 suggested donation for the event. The hot dog eating contest was a rousing success with the winner eating 16 hot dogs in 6 minutes. They thanked everyone whom supported the event. They have also asked the Area for a letter of support as they will be presenting a bid in September for the 2019 OYPAA State Convention. A motion was made by Bill W. for General Service to write a letter of support on their behalf. It was seconded by Guy B.-GSR, Wayne group. It was approved unanimously. Their next meeting will be 5/20/18 5pm @ The Hope Spot. Respectfully Submitted, Lars J.

**DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER (“DCM”) REPORTS**

**DCM Chair: John C.**

Chris C., Recording Secretary presented the highlights of the meeting. Henry C. provided scholarship donation/request forms to all DCMs. We were informed that DCM of district 10 would be moving out of the district. However with the DCM of District 8 stepping down they would consider taking over in District 8. District reports were provided from each district. District 16 volunteered to do set up for Unity Day, District 8 will do registration and District 3 clean-up. John C. was selected as the lead for Unity Day. We also have selected three members of the committee to serve as panelists at the Ohio State Convention. We have chosen to use questions from the Grapevine Tradition checklist for the table discussions regarding unity. The next DCM meeting will be held at the Senior Center 6/24/2018 1130am. Respectfully submitted, Chris C., Panel 68 Recording Secretary.

**District 4: Tim D.**

Tim D., DCM, gave their report. Meeting was held 5/16/18. Tim reported the GSR school will be held 10/20/18 at St Andrew’s Episcopal Church 9a-12n. They are working with district 2 since they only have 4 active groups in their district at this time. This will allow the district 2 DCM to learn and hopefully grow her own district. They also briefly discussed singleness of purpose and the settlement of the manuscript legal action. Next meeting will be 6/20/18 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 have an established treasury of \$35. The district also set a tentative workshop date of 2/16/2019, details to follow. They also discussed singleness of purpose as well as safety during the meeting. The next meeting will be held 6/21/18 6pm @ Central Office. Respectfully Submitted, Mike M., District 7 DCM

**District 8: Laurie N.**

Laurie N. gave the report. She is stepping aside as DCM. She announced a new meeting date and time. It will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month starting in June. She also noted that the district volunteered to do registration at Unity Day. Next meeting 6/12/18, 630pm at Grounds for Thought Coffee House on Main St. in Bowling Green, OH. Respectfully submitted, Laurie N., DCM District 8.

#### **District 14: Neal M.**

Chrissy M., Alt DCM provided the report. The meeting was held May 8, 2018 630pm. Groups provided reports and Neal provided a summary of the April assembly. He also let the district know that Area 55 approved purchase of 20 softbound Big Books for ACI. In old and new business the May workshop was discussed and responsibilities were selected by district members. Finances were discussed and after the workshop was completed they would review and consider donation via the structure. She also reported the May 19 workshop was a great success and well attended. Next District meeting will be held 6/12/18 at 6:30pm at 222 S. West Street, Lima. Respectfully submitted, Chrissy M., Alt. District 14 DCM.

#### **District 16: Damion T.**

Jacob J., Alt District 16 DCM provided the report. They have chosen to keep the meeting on the third Tuesday. They have changed the location to the Oak Harbor Public Library. They are working to establish a secretary and treasurer in their area. The next meeting will be 6/19/18 630pm at the Oak Harbor Public Library. Respectfully Submitted Jacob J., Alt. DCM District 16

#### **DELEGATE'S REPORT:** Henry C. / [delegate@area55aa.org](mailto:delegate@area55aa.org)

Henry C. presented his report as Delegate for Panel 68. Henry discussed his trip to New York as the experience as a delegate. He was able to sit in a non-conference meeting regarding Remote Communities including places that can only be traveled to by boat/plane along with military bases assisting alcoholics. He explained when his name was called and he said present it was emotional to be recognized by GSO serving our area. When he provided his highlights he didn't at first know if he belonged but when he finished he realized this is where he was to be. He was elected as alternate chair of the Finance Committee. Comments were limited to one minute at the microphone this year. That motion had passed. There were 7 floor actions out of 9 presented that came to a vote. He was able to visit the finance section of GSO as well as the archives in the office. He explained that online contributions use approximately 10 times less resources to process than mail contributions. Approximately 10% of contributions come in online, however that has increased steadily since that started. He also explained the electronic voting process. Friday, the final session went into 1130pm, this also included the farewell remarks given by outgoing delegates. Saturday after the farewell brunch, they were able to visit Stepping Stones. He explained how emotional the photos he was able to take and seeing it brought him at times to tears. He recommended anyone having the opportunity to visit it and the GSO office. The final report will be made available June 1 and his report on voting will be presented at the June General Service Assembly as well as Unity Day. Respectfully Submitted, Henry C., Panel 68, Area 55 Delegate.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Jim S. requested a motion to approve sending the May 2018 basket to GSO. A motion was made by Bill W., seconded by Marty C.-GSR, New Life. Passed Unanimously. Unity Day was discussed with what the DCMs have been planning and flyers are available. We want to stress the event is free to all. The Ohio State Convention has been meeting at this time. Henry touched on a letter received from New York thanking not only us for the \$1800 but also the additional donations made toward delegate expenses to New York. Area 55 Taxes have been filed and accepted. OSC Planning Committee met on May 5. The changes to adjust the rotation to bring it to only a 2<sup>nd</sup> year delegate hosting the convention was approved. Hence, 2021 will be hosted a year earlier by Area 55. Area 53 will host 1 year later than normal in 2022. 2030 International Convention sites have been pared down to Indianapolis and St Louis. The bid presentation were made at the trustee meeting. The decision will be made in October 2018.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Ron S. addressed the contributions to Central Office by the assembly. He also asked why all committee meetings were not being held at Central Office. He said that our guidelines mentioned that committees should meet at Central Office. It was first addressed that the \$75 was for storage of general service materials at Central Office for all committees including Archives, Accessibilities, Corrections and CPC/PI. The \$100 donation was due to the Mini-Conference as well as the State Convention Planning meetings. Henry addressed the storage payment made per month.

Committee chairs past and present addressed the issue of obtaining the key from the office between 8a-4p Monday-Friday. It was advised that any concerns about accessing the office for meetings should be brought up with the Central Office committee. The remarks were extended that it is not that we should not pay rent to Central Office, but to have meetings there only. It was advised that we'd consider taking committee meetings only to Central Office under advisement. It was also mentioned that our committee chairs were also trusted servants and should for the best of their committee be allowed to choose a location best suited for their committee.

Henry thanked NOCYPAA for changing dates for the Intergroup dinner which we would provide in June instead. Henry asked for a motion to assist Area 77 in Puerto Rico to supply 20 Spanish 12x12 for jail meetings being held at this time. A motion was made to purchase 20 Spanish 12x12 books to be shipped to the Area 77 Delegate for usage by Ynda C.-GSR, Trail Group, seconded by Nancy C., Oregon St Charles. After the initial vote was taken the minority opinion spoke, however no one wished to change their vote at the time, hence the motion carried with one objection.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dave F.-GSR, Kenwood, seconded by Billy S. Motion carried. **Meeting adjourned at 2:55 PM, closing with the Responsibility Statement.**

**Next GSR Assembly Meeting will be held on June 24, 2018 at 1:00 PM at the Senior Center. Clean up for June will be District 11. Tradition 6 will be Nancy C., Concept 6 will be Billy S.**

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