

GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY
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Meeting Minutes for May 21, 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. Sibylle N. read the Mission Statement. Jackie B. read the 5th Tradition. Michelle R. read the 5th 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: 22 GSRs, 6 Alternate GSRs, 7 DCMs, 1 DCMC, 2 Past Delegates, 1 Webmaster and 2 Guests. New GSR's and Alt. GSRs were: Linda H., GSR, AA Beyond Belief; Steve G., GSR, Front Street Group; Lynne H., GSR, Friends of Bill W. (Bowling Green); Sheryl D., GSR, Open Minded; Gene H., Alt. GSR, AA Beyond Belief; Lauren B., Alt. GSR, Living Sober and Bob T., Alt. GSR, Early Bird. Past Delegates Nancy M. and Ron S. introduced themselves.

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April 2017 Meeting Minutes were presented. There were no corrections. Motion to accept made by Tim D., Came To Believe and seconded by Sherri S., Reno Beach. Motion carried.

Treasurer: Marty C. / treasurer@area55aa.org

*In May, 5.16% or 16 of the 310 registered Groups in Area 55 made contributions. Year-to-date, 17.41% or 54 Groups contributed. **Is your Group Supporting Area 55 General Service?***

Marty's report for April was as follows:

<u>3/31/17 Checkbook Balance</u>	<u>\$3,869.71</u>
Income	<u>3,085.49</u>
Total	\$6,955.20
Expenses	<u>899.17</u>
Total	\$6,056.03
4/30/17 Checkbook Balance	\$6,056.03
<u>3/31/17 Prudent Reserve Balance</u>	<u>\$3,001.53</u>
Interest	<u>.05</u>
4/30/17 Prudent Reserve Balance	\$3,001.58

<u>3/31/17 Mini-Conference</u>	<u>\$2,792.97</u>
Income	0.00
Total	2,792.97
Expenses:	
Transfer to Gen. Fund	<u>1,992.97</u>
4/30/17 Mini-Conference	\$ 800.00

Motion made by Tim D., Came To Believe, to accept the report. Seconded by Bob T., Early Bird. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

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

The committee met at 5:00pm at Central Office on 4/27/17. They focused on the Archives Open House on 6/17/17 from 12:00 until 3:00pm. They are meeting on Tuesdays to review Archives materials and change out display cases in Central Office. Will resume recordings of oldtimers after the Open House in June. If you know of anyone who has 30 or more years of sobriety, please let Nancy know so she can make arrangements to record them. Next meeting will be on May 25th at 5:00pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Nancy M., Chair

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

Committee met on 5/18/17 at the Adult Health Fair at Harbor Behavioral. On 5/3, attended a meeting with Project Homeless vendors. On 5/15, met with YWCA Health Director, Winda B. On 5/17, met with VA Outreach Specialist Veronica B. about future commitments there. On 5/18, attended the Adult Health Fair at Harbor Behavioral. On 5/25, will be attending McClure Neighborhood monthly meeting. Next meeting will be June 21st at 5:30pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, John K., Chair

Multi-District Correctional: Jim S.

Nicole K. gave the report. The committee met on 5/15/17. All commitments are accounted for and going well at the time of the report. Toledo Correction Institution has about 50 people attending with discussions for a second meeting to be announced. Tuesday Night Work Release going well. Wednesday night Ohio Link is still ironing out access issues with staff but these will fade over time. Thursday Night Lucas County Jail Men's and Lucas County Jail Women's both going well. Friday Night Lucas County Jail Men's and Friday Night Work Release are both going well. Saturday Afternoon Lucas County Jail Women's and Saturday Talbot Driver Intervention in Holland are both going well. Saturday Afternoon Driver Intervention in Rossford has had the last two month's scheduled groups not show up but Eric H. has brought people with him and they have given leads. The committee discussed getting more Corrections Workbooks for new members and books from groups to help out. Next meeting is at Central Office on June 19th at 5:30pm. Respectfully submitted, Jim S., Chair

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

Jackie B. read the report that Veronica N. submitted. The committee met and discussed the following upcoming Anniversaries: Port Clinton Thursday Night on 5/11, Living Sober on 6/12 and Crosstown on 6/15. All will be covered by the committee. Next meeting is on June 15th at 6:00pm at the Bay Park Hospital Cafeteria. April's Financial Report was as follows:

Beginning Balance 03/31/17	\$278.19
Income	25.00
Expenses	0.00
Ending Balance 04/30/17	\$303.19

Respectfully submitted, Veronica N., Chair

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

Steve G. gave the report. The committee met on 5/18 at 6:30pm at Central Office. All previous commitments were met and they discussed upcoming commitments at the Walbridge Park Picnic on June 14th and the Tiffin Mixed Nuts Anniversary on June 17th. Steve is creating a list of all of the equipment the committee should have as there is some confusion as to who is responsible for their projector and video equipment. Steve would welcome any helpful input. Next meeting will be June 15th at 6:30pm at Central Office. The committee meets the third Thursday of every month at 6:30pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Steven G., Chair

Accessibilities: Jim L.

Jim L. was not present and there was no report.

Intergroup Liaison: Tim D.

Tim D. gave the report. The Intergroup Association met on 5/20. Anniversary committee reported that tickets and a flyer for the Anniversary Dance will be available in July. Central Office committee did not meet. Children's Christmas committee discussed the need for further use of a storage space for the children's gifts and other items as there were several items in the storage space that were not needed by the committee. The Entertainment committee reported that they will possibly sponsor a picnic on August 12th. The Finance committee reported \$235 from sales of dinners, \$36 from pop and water and \$33 from literature. They returned \$14 of seed money from the dinner. They had \$300.00 for the Pig Roast and \$100 for beverages. They are requesting donations of cases of water for the Pig Roast—either in dollars for the cost of a case or an actual case. Hospital committee had no meeting in May. Considering meetings at the Joshua Tree in Holland, OH and the Zepf Recovery House in Cygnet. The Newsletter committee reported approval of topic for June newsletter and reviewed upcoming commitments and newsletter topics. There was a complaint regarding anonymity in mailed copies of the newsletter. Decided not to have a Founder's Day issue of the newsletter. Will be at Unity Day on 7/1. GSO Liaison gave short presentation on the Shut-In List. No Old Business. New Business: Issue of looking into continued need of storage for Children's Christmas Party was approved. Entertainment committee will have a Euchre Party after June's Association meeting. Chair of Hospital committee resigned and Vice-Chair will step in as Chair. Hospital committee is currently looking for new Vice-Chair. There was a discussion of conflicts of events between General Service, Intergroup and NOCYPAA. Next meeting will be on June 24th 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 May 21st at 11:30am at the Senior Center. The committee discussed changing the site platform to Wordpress which would make editing the site easier and allow for more widgets to increase accessibility (such as translation.) There will be a \$99.00 fee for this switch. They will reach out regarding digital archives and digital newsletter to the respective committees. They discussed a plan for DCMs to have area55aa.org emails created to add to the site. Next meeting will be on June 11th at 11:30am at the Grounds For Thought Coffee Shop in Bowling Green. Respectfully submitted, Josh D., Chair

NOCYPAA: Tyler J.

Lars J., NOCYPAA GSR, gave the report. They had an amazing turnout for their Summer Kick Off bonfire on May 20th. Everyone enjoyed volleyball, corn hole, good food, fellowship and a great meeting. They are preparing their table and skit for Unity Day. Next meeting is today, May 21st 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. Reports were given by Districts 3, 4, 5, 8, 11, 14 and 16. Unity Day schedule was discussed. Information Change Forms were passed out to the DCMs. 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.

Bob O. not present and no report.

District 4: Tim D.

Tim D., DCM, gave their report. Meeting was held 5/17. They reported \$33.00 in their Treasury. Reported a visit with Principles Before Personalities to discuss recent issues. Discussed Unity Day—that District 3 is handling set up and clean up, District 14 contributed coffee and Districts 5 and 8 will be handling reception. There will be breakout sessions in 12 groups, one for each Tradition. Groups will discuss and provide ideas on each tradition. Invitations have been issued to the Toledo, Monroe and Sandusky Intergroup offices. All committees and Intergroup will have tables. Next meeting will be June 21st at 7:00pm at Reformation Lutheran Church on Douglas Road in Toledo. Respectfully submitted, Tim D., DCM

District 5: Melanie R.

Melanie R., DCM, District 5, had no report

District 7: Linda N.

Linda had no report at this time.

District 8: Laurie N.

Laurie reported that she will be having her first District meeting on June 7th at St. John’s Episcopal Church at 1505 E. Wooster Street, Bowling Green, OH at 7:00pm. Respectfully submitted, Laurie N.

District 9: Ed R.

Ed R. not present and had no report.

District 11: Kristen T.

Kristen T., DCM, District 11 reported that GSRs gave reports of their meetings. The District decided to have two workshops—one in July and another in the Fall. Date for the July workshop will be July 15 or July 22—Kristen will advise. Panel topics for the July workshop are A Simple Kit of Spiritual Tools,

Traditions 1-3 and Singleness of Purpose. Topics for the Fall workshop will be Prayer and Meditation, Traditions 4-6 and the 4 Absolutes. The Fall workshop will probably be held in October. John C. spoke about his recent trip to New York and Jim S. spoke about Unity Day. District 11 will be providing hot dogs and condiments for Unity Day. Ron S. asked if the District reports need to be read at the General Assembly since we all get a copy of them in the minutes that are sent out and John C. encouraged him to bring this to the microphone at the next General Assembly. Next meeting will be on June 8th at 7:00pm at St. John's UCC at 10 Main Street in Tiffin. Respectfully submitted, Kristen T., DCM, District 11

District 14: Jean S.

District 14's report for May was submitted by Jean S., DCM, District 14. At the May 8th meeting, GSRs reported for their groups. DCM Expenses of \$89.45 were approved. Jean raised the issue of Don T.'s question from the last meeting, namely, "Do you hold people who don't come to the Area meeting in contempt?" According to the attendees who were at the General Assembly, the discussion must have been just between the two people Don mentioned and no one else was aware of it. The answer was that "No, we don't hold people in contempt who do not come to the Area meeting." Jean asked at the Assembly about the possibility of attending the Area meeting through a "video chat" and was told that this is only available to the Delegate in discussions with other members of the conference committees prior to the convention in New York. Jean reported that if we invite the Newsletter to attend any of our functions, people can get a discount on subscriptions. The Area 55 Archives committee is doing interviews with people having 30 or more years of sobriety. There was a discussion about the upcoming Unity Day. If there are any changes to the District meeting schedule, please send these to Toledoaa.com instead of area55aa.org. Toledoaa.org handles all schedule changes or updates. Suggestions from the Safety Panel of the District's workshop were to add something to the opening statement for a group that they will not tolerate threatening or disruptive behavior and that if an AA member sees something inappropriate happening and does nothing, this is considered consent. Corrections committee reported that the meetings are going great and getting a great response. Cody K. said he is having people at the meetings sign up to get a Big Book and he is considering putting a message in each Big Book donated about which group donated it so that when the men are released they can visit that group to thank them. Cody also invites AA's from other Districts to participate in our meetings at Correctional facilities. Call Cody if you are interested in coming to Lima to help. Steve B. has plenty of up to date schedules and the District decided to give 50 of these to ACI. Jean S. will take the phone. Old Business: They are continuing to look into an AA "Business card." New Business: Jean made a motion for the District to donate coffee for Unity Day and this was approved. They decided to table the issue of getting another Post Office box for the District. Next meeting will be June 12th at 5:30pm at 222 S. West in Lima. Respectfully submitted, Jean S., DCM, District 14

District 16: Barb L.

Barb L. was present but had no report.

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

John gave a brief report of his trip to New York. He said he will give a full report next month and at Unity Day he will have a Powerpoint presentation. He asked what we would like to hear about and it was agreed that we would like to hear about the results of the voting of the issues we voted on at our Mini-Conference. It was also decided that we would like a synopsis of what occurred at the New York Conference. John thanked the body for its support. He said they covered 92 agenda items and 8 floor actions at the General Service Conference. John discussed the Districts getting active and said he would like to step into the DCMC position when he rotates out of the Delegate position, obviously with the body's approval. He appreciates the Area's financial support and said that if everyone gave \$0.25 per week or \$13.00 per year throughout the U.S., AA would be totally self-supporting. We are now at 80% of being

totally self-supporting. A lot of this money goes to foreign countries and remote places where they don't have the money to be able to purchase literature and other things needed to carry on the AA message. He said there is probably going to be some litigation regarding ownership of the original manuscript of the Big Book. It was going to be put up for auction but it was determined that AA owns it so we will have to go through some litigation to get this legally set. He also said safety was an issue brought up at the Conference. He said he and Henry C. and Jim S. will be visiting the Districts. He wanted to thank the Panel 66 officers for helping to serve dinner at the Intergroup Association meeting last evening. John will be giving a presentation on the General Service Conference at Unity Day.

OLD BUSINESS

Ron S. asked that we clean up our agenda to reflect that NOCYPAA now exists instead of OYPAA. The Finance committee is here with its book sales and Henry asked that we support them. Henry said that the ECR Delegates/Past Delegates Conference had a good turnout and it was profitable. We just closed out the books and the seed money was sent to Indiana. We had excess funds of \$2,382.33 that we forwarded to the Treasury of the East Central Region. We had 214 registrations, 31 volunteers, 62 meal packages and 42 banquets only.

NEW BUSINESS

Henry said he has the fliers out for the Ohio State Conference. Rachel W. said she has some things the Registrar will be doing. She is working with several others to update the FNV system with the locally known meeting updates, to produce updated group lists for the DCMs and Central Office and to determine which groups are in which Districts. Henry said our taxes have been filed and we are waiting to hear from the state as to their acceptance. Tim D. asked if anything had been checked into regarding insurance for our Archives materials at Central Office and Nancy M. said "No." Henry said our new printer has been ordered, the same kind that we had before so that we can use the same ink cartridges that we use for the other printer that we already have. The cost of the printer was \$254.97 and we had only approved \$250.00 so Henry said he would eat the other \$4.97 himself. Ron S. came to the mic and asked that the Area eat the \$4.97 so as not to make it a matter of officers incurring expenses personally. If we set that precedent, it might make it look that our officers have to "have the money" to serve and we don't want to do that. Tim D., Came To Believe, made the motion for the Area to pay the \$4.97 and Jim S., Reno Beach, seconded. Majority voted "Yes" with one "No" and zero abstentions. The minority did not wish to speak so the motion passed. Henry, speaking for Lynn S., said that newsletter subscriptions are falling off and Lynn is having trouble getting articles written. Henry encouraged everyone to write articles and said that if we want the newsletter to survive, we have to support it.

Motion to adjourn made by Tim D., Came To Believe and seconded by Linda H., AA Beyond Belief.

Meeting adjourned at 2:16 PM, closing with the Responsibility Statement.

Next GSR Assembly Meeting will be held on June 25, 2017 at 1:00 PM at the Senior Center. Clean up for June is the Kenwood Group. Tradition 6 will be read by Kristen T., Tiffin Mixed Nuts and Concept 6 will be read by Bob T., Early Bird.

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