

GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY
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Meeting Minutes for June 24, 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 1:05 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. Brent G. read the Mission Statement. Lauren B. read the 6th Tradition, Billy S. read the 6th 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: 32 GSRs, 2 Alternate GSRs, 3 DCMs, 2 Alternate DCMs, 1 DCMC, 2 Past Delegates, Intergroup Chair and 3 Guests. New GSRs and Alternates were: Brandy M. - Alt. GSR, Blackberry Sobriety; Damion T. -DCM, District 16. Past Delegates John C. and Ron S. along with Carrie C. Intergroup Chair were present.

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Please note: Committee meeting minutes may also be submitted electronically by e-mail to Recording.Secretary@area55aa.org. Reports need to be submitted by or on the day of the Area Assembly for the mailing to be completed on time. Thank You! May 2018 Assembly Minutes were presented. No corrections were noted. Neal M. - DCM, District 14 made a motion to accept and this was seconded by Bob T. -GSR, Early Bird. Motion carried with no opposition.

Treasurer: Kenney A. / treasurer@area55aa.org

*In May, 7.42% or 22 of the 310 registered Groups in Area 55 made contributions. Year-to-date, 21.90% or 68 Groups contributed. **Is your Group Supporting Area 55 General Service?***

Kenney's report for May was as follows:

<u>4/30/2018 Checkbook Balance</u>	<u>\$6,759.07</u>
Income	\$1,083.75
Expenses	\$2,278.89
Total	\$5,563.93
5/31/18 Checkbook Balance	\$5,563.93
<u>4/30/2018 Prudent Reserve Balance</u>	<u>\$3,002.18</u>
Interest	.05
5/31/18 Prudent Reserve Balance	\$3,002.23
4/30/2018 Mini-Conference	\$800.00
Income	\$0.00
Expenses	\$0.00
5/31/18 Mini-Conference	\$800.00

Tim D., DCM District 4 made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Sherry S., Alt. DCM District 3. Motion carried unanimously.

Kenney also explained that for faster processing of our donations as well as reconciliation of accounts that he established an online donation account with the General Service Office. This allows our donation to be processed in approximately 5 days versus the 2 months prior.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

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

Billy S. provided notes from the committee on Nancy's behalf. The committee met May 31, 2018 at Central Office, June 14 a work day was held at Central Office including donations that were made to the archives committee. All commitments were met by the committee at this time. They will be at Young Peoples on 6/25/18 as well as Unity Day and the State Convention. Next committee meeting will be at 5:00pm at Central Office on 6/28/18. Respectfully Submitted, Nancy M., Chair.

Multi-District Correctional: Beth P. / corrections.chair@area55aa.org/

Beth P. gave the report. All committee members unable to attend have provided the chairperson updates on their commitments. Men's CTF is presently moving to the Toledo Prison and meetings will resume once the committee is able to get back in. The committee is still in need of members, especially females. The committee's new commitment Wednesday's at 10am is currently covered by co-chair Matt M. Next committee meeting will be 7/17/2018 5:30pm @ Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Beth P., Multi-District Correctional Co-Chair.

CPC/PI: Bill F. / cpc.pi@area55aa.org

No report available. Next meeting will be 7/18/18 5pm @ Central Office.

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

Jim S. gave the report. The committee met on 6/11/18 at Tim Horton's in Oregon. They discussed the upcoming committee commitments. They were able to meet 2 of 3 commitments. The Crosstown anniversary was unable to be met. They will be at both Unity Day and the Ohio State Convention in July. He presented the committee financial report for May 2018 listed as follows.

May 1-31, 2018 Financial Report is as follows:

Beginning Balance 05/01/18	\$49.00
Income	\$48.50
Expenses	\$0.00
Ending Balance 05/31/18	\$97.50

A motion to approve was made by Deborah A. -DCM District 1, seconded by Bob T.-GSR Early Bird. It was approved unanimously. Next committee meeting will be on 08/13/18 at 7:30pm at Tim Horton's in Oregon. Respectfully submitted, James S., Chair

Group Services: Daniel H. / groupser.chair@area55aa.org

Daniel H. gave the report. All commitments were met at this time up to the time of the assembly including the Walbridge Park Anniversary on June 10. Next committee meeting will be 7/3/18 6pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Daniel H., Chair

Accessibilities: Dawn F. / accessibilities@area55aa.org

Dawn F. presented the March and April report. The committee met on 6/11/18 at Frisch's on Navarre Ave. All commitments are being met except one recent referral at the end of April. There has been a new plan developed to handle calls and visits. 2 new members joined the committee at this time. There has been one person removed since they have returned to meetings. The committee currently decided due to size and number of those on the shut-in list that the goal is one visit per month and calls based on an individual basis. They have chosen to select responsibilities similar to corrections and hospital so all are covered. There have been no new referrals since the May 2018 committee meeting. The May 2018 financial report is as follows.

The May 2018 Financial Report

Beginning Balance 05/01/18	\$40.68
Income	\$0.00
Expenses	\$20.00 - Stamps
Ending Balance 05/31/18	\$20.68

The motion to approve the financial report was made by Deborah Alexander- DCM District 1, seconded by Neal M. - District 14 DCM. It was approved unanimously. There are currently 8 committee members with the chairperson leaving as of 7/31/2018. The next meeting will be 07/9/2018, 630pm at Frisch's on Navarre Ave. Respectfully submitted, Dawn F., Chair

Website: Jennifer H. / web.comm.chair@area55aa.org

Jennifer H. gave the report. The committee met on 06/23/2018 at 10am at Black Kite Coffee. 4 committee members were present along with the webmaster. Two new items will be added to the calendar including the Northcoast Intergroup Picnic August 5, 2018 and the District 3 picnic August 4, 2018. Carrie C. will investigate other area websites to see what can be done to make ours more user-friendly. Geno F. is looking into adding text of pamphlets to our website. They are looking for committee members with no experience needed. Next meeting will be 07/7/2018 at 9am at Grounds for Thought Coffee in BG, 174 S Main St, Bowling Green, OH. Respectfully submitted, Jennifer H., Chair

Intergroup Liaison: Tim D.

Tim D. provided the report from 6/23/2018. No report came from Newsletter or Anniversary. The Newsletter financial report was presented however. Central Office reported on current concerns with the 12 step call list and introduced the new back-up person for the office. Children's Christmas Party is scheduled for 12/9/18, 11a-3pm at Reformation Lutheran Church. Entertainment announced a new contract with the Radisson for New Year's Eve. Any change in attendance less than 10 days after the event will be an additional \$5 charge by the facility. The facility is also requiring a minimum of 150 dinners. Finance will be hosting a dance on 8/18/18 @ Pilgrim Church. Hospital committee is looking for assistance with having a meeting at a facility in the Clyde/Greensprings Area. Past intergroup chair Jeff H. addressed recent concerns about chairpersons not understanding what their committee responsibilities are as well as violation of by-laws even in good faith. The anniversary committee vice-chair has not been filled for 4 months at this time. Also we were asked to go back to groups to determine their ideas regarding events/dances that are held and what can be done in the future. The next meeting will be 7/21/2018 6:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church. Respectfully submitted, Tim D., Intergroup Liaison

NOCYPAA Liaison: Lars J.

Lars J. provided the report. The NOCYPAA has re-formed into NOCYPAA'S bid committee for OYPAA. The summer kickoff was a great success with a very moving campfire meeting. The next event for them will be Sunnypalooza III at Maumee Bay State Park, parking lot 5, 330pm till dusk. Hot dogs will be on the grill and you can bring your own meat to grill as well. There will be volleyball along with other games, however swim at your own risk. It is a \$5 suggested donation. There is no NOCYPAA bid committee specific event at this time. The committee however will be at Unity Day and the Ohio State Convention. Their next meeting will be 7/1/18 5pm @ Central Office. Respectfully Submitted, Lars J.

MONCYPAA Liaison: Logan T.

Logan T. presented the 1st report from the MONCYPAA group of Monroe County, MI. They are now the MONCYPAA Bid Committee for MCYPAA Convention in November 2019. He gave a description of what they attempt to do in their area and what occurred recently. Their next major event will be Camp Unity. 8/3-8/5, 2018 hosted by all 12 YPAA committees in Michigan. They are going to reach out to the Monroe Intergroup as well as Area 55 for letters of support for their bid. Currently they are looking at a dual hotel bid with Splash Universe/Best Western in Dundee, A Mariott in Ypsilanti and possibly a 3rd hotel in Ann Arbor. Their next meeting will be 6/28/18 after the Ida Road to Recovery meeting. Respectfully submitted, Logan T., MONCYPAA bid committee liaison.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER ("DCM") REPORTS

DCM Chair: John C.

John C., DCMC, Area 55, said the DCMs met today. The DCMs met at 1130am on 6/24/18. We finalized plans for unity day, showing which districts would be responsible for set-up, clean-up and registration. We also set our table moderators explaining we want to review each tradition based on how well our groups/area do with it and where can we improve on what we do within that tradition. We discussed when the doors would open that morning as well. This will be held 7/7/18 at First United Methodist Church in BG on Wooster. We also briefly offered our experience regarding a concern with a sobriety house within District 3, with Jim S. and John C. offering to go with the DCM to discuss with that facility. Chris C. advised that there would be a new district calendar available for the July 2018 DCM meeting. The next DCM meeting will be held at the Senior Center 7/15/2018 1130am. Respectfully submitted, John C., DCMC

District 3: Dave G.

Sherry S., Alt. DCM, provided the report. They made a donation of \$100 to Unity Day as well as a non-monetary donation of 34 Tradition Checklists for use by participants. They will have their district picnic on 8/4/18 Noon-6pm at Pearson Park Ballpark Shelter, please bring a passing dish if able. Also this is open to anyone whom attends meetings in District 3. They will be handling clean-up at Unity Day and have scheduled a workshop for 10/13/18 at Northwood Church of God. The topics are pending at this time. Their next meeting will be 530pm 7/18/18 at Eastside 12x12. Respectfully Submitted Sherry S., Acting DCM, District 3

District 2/4: Betsy G./Tim D.

Tim D., DCM for District 4, gave their report. Meeting was held 6/20/18. At this time Districts 2 and 4 have agreed to hold a joint meeting for both districts to be hosted by District 4. Presently District 2 has 4 active groups, it was found to be in the best interests to help both districts in their process. 11 group representatives were present along with the area recording secretary and DCMC. The two districts are going to co-host a GSR school at St Andrew's Episcopal on Central Ave. in Toledo on 10/20/18, opening at 9am and going till 1pm. The districts chose to contribute \$25 to Unity Day from their treasury. The upcoming Ohio State Convention was discussed as well as how a group can sign up for group responsibilities via the Correction and Hospital/Institutional committees. Their next meeting will be 7/11/18 7pm @ Reformation Lutheran Church. Respectfully submitted, Tim D., District 4 DCM.

District 7: Mike M.

Chris C., area recording secretary, read Mike's notes to the body. They met 6/21/18 6pm @ Central Office. Chris was given the opportunity by the district to present information regarding Unity Day on July 7 along with the Ohio State Convention, July 27-29, 2018. Red N. will be moderating the discussion regarding the 7th tradition at Unity Day on behalf of the district. The district discussed the idea of open versus closed meetings as well as working with others that have concerns other than alcoholism, such as sometimes speciality meetings. An example was provided of LGBTQ meetings or also meetings like The Brain Guys, whom try to help those whom have had traumatic brain injuries. They did not have enough presently in their treasury to donate to Unity Day, however will be in attendance. The next meeting will be held 7/19/18 6pm @ Central Office. Respectfully Submitted, Mike M., District 7 DCM

District 8: Darlene K.

Chris C. gave the report on behalf of District 8. They met on 6/12/18 in Bowling Green, OH. 4 were in attendance including former District 10 DCM Darlene K. The members present reviewed the current treasury balance. They also reviewed the traditional format of their district meeting. They decided by substantial unanimity to elect Darlene K. as the new District 8 DCM. As a district they decided to hold their next workshop on 11/10/18 1pm-4pm. The topics will be Gratitude, Sponsorship and Anonymity. The next meeting will be 7/10/18 630pm @ Grounds for Thought Coffeehouse, Bowling Green, OH. Respectfully submitted, Darlene K., DCM District 8.

District 14: Neal M.

Neal M. provided the report. Neal reported he is working with Oakwood correctional to restart meetings within the facility. They will be hosting their next workshop on the 12 concepts. They are looking for a date in October 2018. They hope to have the date finalized by their Aug./Sept District meeting. They also mentioned two large events occurring in District, The Grace Group Christmas in July, July 14 2018. Also the St. Rita's Friendship Group Picnic on Aug. 26 11a-3pm. Flyers were provided at the announcement table with the area minutes. There will be no district meeting in July. Next District meeting will be held 8/14/18 at 6:30pm at 222 S. West Street, Lima. Respectfully submitted, Neal M., District 14 DCM.

District 16: Damion T.

Damion T. provided the report that District 16 will hold its' meeting on 6/24/18 in Oak Harbor at 630pm at the Oak Harbor Public Library, They will meet in the future on the 4th Tuesday at the Oak Harbor Public Library at 6pm. He wanted to thank the area recording secretary for creating a flyer for distribution to announce the meeting change. Respectfully Submitted Damion T., DCM District 16.

Jim S. did make mention that Ron Shore, Dist. 11 DCM was unavailable due to a recent health event, however the District 11 picnic will occur as planned on Aug. 4 2018.

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

Henry C. presented his report as Delegate for Panel 68. First mentioned were the results of the June Intergroup dinner that was prepared and served by the Area 55 General Service. Thirty-two dinners were served, all food was used that was prepared and he wanted to thank Kristina L. from the Newsletter Committee for assistance in cleaning up after the meal. The \$7.40 plan was presented to the body. Similar to the 7/27 plan in 2017, if every member of AA gave \$7.40 to GSO, the office would be self-supporting for one year. Therefore we are asking all alcoholics in the fellowship to contribute \$7.40 on 7/4/18 or if you cannot that specific day in the month of July. GSO received a letter outlining an offer to show the manuscript recently sold on a loan program within the AA Archives. Greg T., our GSO General Manager, wrote a letter to the new owners expressing gratitude, however our Archival policy does not allow us to exhibit items on loan from other parties. Henry received two letters he wished to share from the delegate in Puerto Rico. The first was to acknowledge receipt and thank the members of our area for the Spanish 12x12 books received. He was able to take them to the local prison and use them after the previous were destroyed by Hurricane Maria. The second letter expressed further gratitude and the happiness of the inmates to be able to doing a 12 step study within the prison with the receipt of the books provided. Henry then began his presentation of his report of the 68th General Service Conference. In consideration of the length of the material provided and also out of respect to the importance of the information our delegate provided the body the full report is not in these minutes. We have chosen to make the report available by visiting Area55aa.org or please contact our delegate if you cannot access online to receive a copy of the report. He did however make one mention that by the right of decision he fought and voted for a pamphlet for the AA with Mental Illness and their sponsors. He did not want a portion of our fellowship to be forgotten because of another condition they may suffer from medically speaking.

After the presentation of the report. He fielded any questions regarding the report. Several were regarding how no action was taken or how the decision was made to enter litigation in the beginning. He explained the legal ramifications if the conference chose to remove the trustees in place or dissolve the current GSO service board and the greater concerns that would arise by taking these actions. The trustees will whenever possible attempt to confer with the conference before taking action in the future when circumstances allow that to be done. John C., past delegate mentioned that each staff member at GSO is serving 14,000 alcoholics in the United States and Canada alone, along with those alcoholics in developing countries. Henry also explained that the 21 trustees chose on their first vote unanimously to take the action regarding the manuscript. Henry did explain that for legal reasons, information regarding litigation must be kept confidential and private between counsel and the parties involved. Finally it was mentioned that we are not a punitive organization, nor should we be punitive with the actions we take. Henry thanked the body for their support, Respectfully Submitted, Henry C. Panel 68, Area 55 Delegate.

OLD BUSINESS

Jim S. requested a motion to approve sending the June 2018 basket to GSO. A motion was made by Neal M., DCM District 14, seconded by Bob T., GSR Early Bird. The amount sent was \$54.76. The motion was approved unanimously. We again invited all to Unity Day on July 7, 2018. We requested continued donations towards hospitality and scholarships for the Ohio State Convention. The final planning meeting for the Ohio State Convention will be held 6/30/2018 10am at Central Office. Henry wanted to thank Jennifer H. for her work with preparing his Powerpoint presentation for the assembly of his trip to New York as well as the presentation that will be made at Unity Day.

NEW BUSINESS

A question was asked by Accessibilities chair Dawn F. regarding the spirit of rotation for committee members. It was said based on the spirit of rotation a committee member should only serve two years unless they become a co-chair or chairperson.

John C., Panel 68, Area 55 DCMC, requested a motion from the floor for \$300 in seed money for supplies for Unity Day. It was made by Neal M., DCM Dist. 14, seconded by Billy S., GSR Oak Harbor Into Action. It was approved unanimously.

MONCYPAA requested a letter of support from the body for their bid for the 2019 MCYPAA convention. A motion for that was made by Logan T. - Dundee Sunday Night, seconded by Billy S., The motion was approved unanimously. Michelle R., GSR Close Park and Intergroup Finance Committee Chair made an announcement that Pig Roast tickets for July 21, 2018 were on sale at \$10 in advance \$12 at the door.

Motion to adjourn was made by Tim D., DCM District 4, seconded by Billy S., GSR- Oak Harbor into Action. Motion carried. **Meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM, closing with the Responsibility Statement.**

Next GSR Assembly Meeting will be held on July 15, 2018 at 1:00 PM at the Senior Center. Clean up for July will be District 8. Tradition 7 will be Chris C., Perrysburg Staying Sober, Concept 5 will be Billy S., Oak Harbor Into Action.

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