

GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY
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Meeting Minutes for June 25, 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. Veronica F. read the Mission Statement. Kristen T. read the 6th Tradition and Bob T. read the 6th 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: 26 GSRs, 6 Alternate GSRs, 5 DCMs, 1 DCMC, 1 Past Delegates, 1 Webmaster and 4 Guests. New GSR's and Alt. GSRs were: Kimbrough P., GSR, McClure Tuesday Nite; Terri J., GSR, Trail Group and Red N., Alternate GSR, Monday Nite Men's. Past Delegate Ron S. introduced himself.

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May 2017 Meeting Minutes were presented. There were no corrections. Motion to accept made by Tim D., Came To Believe and seconded by Bob T., Early Bird. Motion carried.

Treasurer: Marty C. / treasurer@area55aa.org

*In June, 6.45% or 20 of the 310 registered Groups in Area 55 made contributions. Year-to-date, 19.03% or 59 Groups contributed. **Is your Group Supporting Area 55 General Service?***

Marty's report for April was as follows:

<u>4/30/17 Checkbook Balance</u>	<u>\$6,056.03</u>
Income	2,700.30
Total	\$8,756.33
Expenses	1,360.34
Total	\$7,395.99
5/31/17 Checkbook Balance	\$7,395.99
<u>4/30/17 Prudent Reserve Balance</u>	<u>\$3,001.58</u>
Interest	.05
5/31/17 Prudent Reserve Balance	\$3,001.63
<u>4/30/17 Mini-Conference</u>	<u>\$ 800.00</u>
Income	0.00
Total	800.00
Expenses:	0.00
5/31/17 Mini-Conference	\$ 800.00

Motion made by Tim D., Came To Believe, to accept the report. Seconded by Sherri S., Reno Beach. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

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

Patty B. gave the report. The committee met at 5:00pm at Central Office on 5/25/17. The committee held an open house on 6/17/17 and did not have a big turnout but they are planning on having another open house sometime in the future. All of the committee's commitments for May were met. Next meeting will be on July 27th at 5:00pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Nancy M., Chair

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

Committee last met at the Harbor Wellness Fair. They met all their commitments for June and they have one more on June 27th with the Lucas County Recovery Council. They also met with Veronica B., VA Outreach Specialist, about future commitments. They also met with Keary S., President of Charitable Outreach Foundation Behavioral Health. Next meeting will be July 19th at 5:30pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, John K., Chair

Multi-District Correctional: Jim S.

The committee met on 6/19/17. The committee will have a display at Unity Day. Matt M. said the 6:30p Tuesday meeting at the Jail is going well. Marry is alternating with Beth and Nicole on the Womens' Thursday and Saturday meeting. Eric H. at the Rossford Driver Intervention and John R. at the Tuesday Work Release meetings said that groups are not showing up for their commitments. Beth P. at the Thursday Womens' Jail meeting said her meeting is going well. Committee's next meeting will be on July 16th at 5:30p at Central Office. Tim D. suggested that, since this is the Multi-District Correctional committee, that perhaps Jim should meet with the DCMs in Area 55 so that he could make a report on their commitments as well. Jim said he would do this. Respectfully submitted, Jim S., Chair

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

Laurie N. gave the report. The committee met on 5/18 at 6:00pm at Bay Park Hospital cafeteria. They talked about upcoming anniversaries at Sunday Night Men's on 6/11, Living Sober on 6/12 and Crosstown on 6/15. All of these commitments were covered. Next meeting will be on July 20th at 6:00pm at Bay Park Hospital in the cafeteria. May's Financial Report was as follows:

Beginning Balance 04/30/17	\$303.19
Income	22.00
Expenses	0.00
Ending Balance 05/31/17	\$325.19

Motion to accept made by Tim D., Came To Believe and seconded by Bob T., Early Bird. Motion passed. Respectfully submitted, Veronica N., Chair

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

Steve G. gave the report. The committee met on 6/15 at 6:30pm at Central Office. All previous commitments were met and they discussed upcoming commitments at the Tiffin Mixed Nuts anniversary

and at Unity Day in Bowling Green. Steve spoke with Randy S. from the Weston Wednesday Open Discussion group about getting the group registered with New York. Next meeting will be July 20th 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. gave the report. The committee met on May 8th at 7:00pm at the Frisch's on Navarre Avenue. The committee will be contacting the Intergroup Liaison to spread the word on to Intergroup members to contact the Accessibilities committee regarding any potential Shut-Ins. There are two changes to the Shut-In List: the addition on Don M. and the unfortunate passing of Bill Y. The committee spent time to read and discuss new Committee Guidelines and will continue each month until finished. Financial Report was given as follows:

Beg. Balance 4/30/17	\$28.23
Expenses—Office Max Stamps and Cards	\$18.80
Ending Balance 5/31/17	\$ 9.43

Motion to accept made by Lyle H., Living Sober and seconded by Sherri S., Reno Beach. Motion passed. Respectfully submitted, Jim L., Chair

Intergroup Liaison: Tim D.

Tim D. gave the report. The Intergroup Association met on 6/24. Anniversary committee reported that tickets and a flyer for the Anniversary Dance will be available in July. It will be held on October 20th at Parkway Plaza. The cost is \$30.00 per person. Central Office committee reported that group contributions have been down and the Central Office Manager evaluation went well. Children's Christmas committee had no report. The Entertainment committee reported that their dance went well, 50 people attended and the committee made \$175.40 after expenses which they donated to Intergroup. They will hold a Euchre Tournament after tonight's meeting. Planning is still continuing for the New Year's Eve dance. They will be holding it at the Radisson Hotel at MCO with a cost of \$20.00 per person. Finance Committee reported sales from tonight's dinner as \$150.00 from dinners paid for, \$34.00 sales from pop and water and \$93.00 in sales from literature. \$125.00 was approved for them to spend on the rental for the Pig Roast and \$150.00 was approved for them to spend on supplies for the Pig Roast. The Front Street Group donated 300 bottles of water for the Pig Roast. The Hospital Committee is looking for new members. Anyone fulfilling a commitment for the committee must have at least 1 year of sobriety. The committee has tabled discussion on the Joshua House meeting, the Zepf House in Cygnet, the UTMC Detox Unit meeting and the Unison Treatment meeting. The Harbor House meeting is on hold as they had a fire there. NW Psych on Mondays has missed several meetings, groups not showing up for their commitments. Compass meeting has had this same trouble. Chair has been contacted by the Zepf Center regarding a LGBT meeting—Chair is reaching out to LGBT groups for help. The Newsletter committee is contacting the Akron Intergroup Office regarding how they handle their newsletter process. The committee also reported that a computer and a printer had been purchased for use by the committee. This was discussed and clarified. Old Business: Elected new Vice Chair for the Hospital Committee. New Business: The Entertainment Committee requested a key to the church building for future events and this will be discussed with the church and acted on. Next meeting is July 22nd at 6:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 2440 South Avenue, Toledo. Respectfully submitted, Tim D., Intergroup Liaison

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

Wendy S. gave the report. The Web committee met on June 11th at 11:30am at Grounds For Thought, Bowling Green. The committee reviewed a prototype of the website built using the WordPress platform. The committee discussed the pros and cons of switching to WordPress including ease of use, cost, functionality and lack of flexibility. The committee decided to forego the use of WordPress at this time but may revisit the issue later on. The Webmaster will address any accessibility concerns by reviewing the website against the WCAG compatibility standards and adding components necessary to ensure the website is accessible. During the meeting, the committee added a translation function and a search box to the website. A site map will also be added in the near future. The committee has decided to move its meeting site to a location with WiFi—to be announced. Respectfully submitted, Josh D., Chair

NOCYPAA: Tyler J.

Lars J., NOCYPAA GSR, gave the report. The Sunnypalooza event on June 17 was a resounding success. So many people came out to support them. It was great to see sober people of all ages smiling and sharing what they've learned through the fellowship. They are preparing their skit and table for Unity Day. They are having an event on July 1st called Kickstock, a kickball festival, from 12 until 10pm. There will be a \$7.00 suggested donation and a Pie in the Face auction will be held. It will be at Jaycee Howe Road Park, 988 East Howe Road, Tallmadge, OH. They will have a 7:00pm meeting and teams of 7 are recommended. They would appreciate any support. Their next event will be held at Maumee Bay State Park and will include camping. Fliers will be out soon with more information. Their next meeting is yet to be determined. 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, 8, 9, 11 and 14. Unity Day will be on July 1 from 11 until 4pm in BG. District 9 will have a meeting on July 20 at 7:00pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bryan. Districts gave their reports. Rachel W. has completed a new District list. Respectfully submitted, Jim S., DCMC

District 1: Kenneth T.

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

District 2: Geno F.

Geno F., DCM was not present and had no report.

District 3: Bob O.

Bob O., DCM, said that they met at Eastside 12x12 at 5:30pm on June 14th. They discussed Unity Day and their guidelines. Their next meeting will be before the Reno Beach meeting on July 9th at 4:30pm. Respectfully submitted, Bob O., DCM

District 4: Tim D.

Tim D., DCM, gave their report. Meeting was held 6/21. They reported \$35.00 in their Treasury. Reported that Principles Before Personalities meeting will be moving from Hope United Methodist Church to St. Matthews Church on Tallmadge. Next meeting will be July 12th at 7:00pm at Reformation Lutheran Church on Douglas Road in Toledo. Respectfully submitted, Tim D., DCM

District 5: Melanie R.

Melanie R., DCM, had no report

District 7: Linda N.

Linda N., DCM, had no report at this time.

District 8: Laurie N.

Laurie N., DCM, reported that Chris C. volunteered to be District Secretary until one could be chosen. GSRs from Perrysburg Staying Sober, Waterville, Friends of Bill W., Whitehouse and BG AM gave their reports. They discussed Unity Day. Next meeting will be held on July 5th at 6:00pm at St. John's Episcopal Church at 1505 E. Wooster Street, Bowling Green, OH at 7:00pm. Respectfully submitted, Laurie N. DCM

District 9: Ed R.

Ed R., DCM, gave the report. The location for the District's regular meeting will be at Trinity Lutheran Church at 509 Center Street in Bryan, OH. It will be held in the basement of the church on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. Their first meeting will be on Thursday, July 20th. Notices will go out on July 5th to all groups, GSRs and others. Respectfully submitted, Ed R., DCM

District 11: Kristen T.

Kristen T. DCM, District 11 reported that GSRs gave reports of their meetings. They discussed their upcoming workshop. They discussed getting donations from the groups and who would be bringing what to the workshop. They also discussed Unity Day and how they could afford both Unity Day and their workshop. Kristen will speak to Jim S. at the next DCM meeting. The Trinity 12x12 meeting is doing well with their new format. One of the members reported that Firelands does not have current meeting schedules. Kristen will speak with a friend there to see how the District can better serve them. Next meeting will be July 13th at 7:00pm at St. John's UCC at 10 Main Street in Tiffin. Respectfully submitted, Kristen T., DCM

District 14: Jean S.

District 14's report for June was submitted by Jean S., DCM, District 14. GSRs reported for their groups. DCM Expenses of \$129.99 were approved. They discussed Unity Day and John C. gave a report of his recent trip to the General Service Conference in New York. Jean shared a flier on District 11's workshop on July 15th in Tiffin. Steve B. reported that he has plenty of up to date meeting schedules. They decided to give 50 of these to Kristen to share with recovery services in Lima and Kenton. Chrissy M. will take the phone. Chrissy M. made a motion for the District to purchase 500 two-sided yellow AA business cards for \$109.00 and this was approved. Jean said that the Area may not use all of the 5 cans of coffee the District donated for Unity Day and they decided that what is left over the District will donate to the Area. Neal M. volunteered to speak about the District at Unity Day if the opportunity comes up—Jean will be out of town for this. Jean mentioned for everyone to be thinking about replacements for the officers when everyone rotates at the end of this year. Chrissy mentioned that two envelopes containing donations are still missing in the mail. Next meeting will be on July 10th at 5:30pm at 222 S. West in Lima. Respectfully submitted, Jean S., DCM

District 16: Barb L.

Barb L., DCM, was not present.

DELEGATE'S REPORT: John C. / delegate@area55aa.org / (419) 340-9646

John encouraged everyone to attend the Ohio State Conference on July 28th through 30th and to attend Unity Day on July 1st. John said there will be at day on July 27th (7/27) where all members of AA are encouraged to make a donation of \$7.27 to General Service in New York. John, Henry and Jim S. will be visiting all the District meetings and will be showing John's PowerPoint presentation of what went on at the General Service Conference. John gave a detailed report of his trip to the Conference. You can request a copy of his report by emailing John at delegate@area55aa.org. They retired the pamphlet "Three Talks to Medical Societies" and will create one entitled "Unity In Action." They made footnote and text changes to other pamphlets as well as voting to review and rewrite still others. They will develop language regarding the topic of safety at meetings and they will create a card regarding safety for use at meetings. The Area contribution for the Delegate's trip to New York was increased from \$1600 to \$1800. A new video public service announcement will be developed at a cost not to exceed \$40,000. John also gave financial numbers and statistics. He reported that all information from the General Service Conference is also in the latest Box 459. John thanked everyone for giving him the opportunity to serve the Area as Delegate. Respectfully submitted, John C., Delegate

OLD BUSINESS

Rachel W. reported that she will be working on the District lists with three main goals: 1) to get the District lists updated, 2) to define which groups are in which Districts and 3) to update the FNV, the Fellowship New Vision system.

NEW BUSINESS

Henry said he has the fliers out for the Ohio State Conference. Henry also reminded everyone that officer elections will be in October. He asked that if you are interested in running for an office to let him know and also to have someone at the meeting to nominate you. Henry will also be talking to people about chairing committees which the Delegate must appoint.

Motion to adjourn made by Sherri S., Reno Beach and seconded by Bob T., Early Bird.

Meeting adjourned at 2:24 PM, closing with the Responsibility Statement.

Next GSR Assembly Meeting will be held on July 16, 2017 at 1:00 PM at the Senior Center. Clean up for July is Eastside 12x12. Tradition 7 will be read by Sherri S., Reno Beach and Concept 7 will be read by Norm W., Kenwood.

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