

**GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY**  
**Area 55, Panel 66 NW Ohio & Monroe Michigan**  
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**Delegate: John C. 419-340-9646**

**Alt. Delegate/Area Chair: Henry C. 419-472-1091**

**Meeting Minutes For June 26, 2016**

Henry C. opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. Meladie S. read the Mission Statement. Chris C. read the 6<sup>th</sup> Tradition and Kelly C. read the 6<sup>th</sup> 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: 29 GSRs, 5 Alternate GSRs, 1 DCMs, 1 DCMC and 3 Past Delegates. New GSRs introduced themselves as follows: Michelle R., BG Sunday Night and Susan P., Alcoholics Only Group. Only GSRs, DCMs or their alternates may make motions or vote, although everyone has the right to be heard. We will from now on be using everyone’s first and last names at the meeting and in the minutes.

**RECORDING SECRETARY: Jackie B.**

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May 2016 Meeting Minutes were presented by Jackie B. An error was noted on Page 8 under “New Business.” The spelling of Sherri S.’s last name was incorrect. Jackie told everyone to make this correction in their copy of the Minutes. Motion to accept the report was made by Tim D., Came To Believe and seconded by Karen M., Downtown Group. Motion carried. **Please note: Committee meeting minutes may also be submitted electronically by e-mail to [Recording.Secretary@area55aa.org](mailto:Recording.Secretary@area55aa.org). Reports need to be submitted the day of the Area Assembly for the mailing to be completed on time. Thank You!**

**TREASURER: Marty C.**

[Treasurer@area55aa.org](mailto:Treasurer@area55aa.org)

The report for May was presented by Henry C. as Treasurer Marty C. was unable to attend.

**Checkbook**

Beginning Balance April 30, 2016	\$2,303.15
Income	936.17
Total	\$3,239.32
Expenses	622.10
Total	\$2,617.22
Checkbook Balance May 31, 2016	\$2,617.22

**Prudent Reserve Account**

Beginning Balance April 30, 2016	\$3,000.93
Interest	.10
Ending Balance May 31, 2016	\$3,001.03

Mini Conference 2015

Beginning Balance April 30, 2016	\$ 500.00
Income	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$ 500.00
Expenses	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance May 31, 2016	\$ 500.00

Motion to accept the report was made by Tim D., Came To Believe and seconded by Sherri S., Reno Beach Sobriety. Motion passed.

**In April, of the 310 registered Groups in Area 55, 19 Groups made contributions this month or 6.12% and Year to Date 37 Groups or 11.93%.**

**Is your Group Helping Support Area 55 General Service?**

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**ARCHIVES Committee: *Patty B.***

[Archives.chair@area55aa.org](mailto:Archives.chair@area55aa.org)

The committee met at Central Office on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. Present were Patty B., Nancy M. and Jean H. They discussed about sharing information with the Website Committee. The focus of this committee at this time is shredding material that has been sorted, organized and filed by the last committee. Our display has been invited to many anniversaries. This month, we went to Came To Believe on June 5<sup>th</sup>, Crosstown on June 16<sup>th</sup>, Woodville on June 18<sup>th</sup> and will be at Young Peoples on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Our next committee meeting will be June 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Patty B., Chair

**CPC/PI Committee: *John K.***

[CPC.PI@area55aa.org](mailto:CPC.PI@area55aa.org)

The committee met on 5/20/16 at Central Office. Bill F. and John K. were present. On May 17<sup>th</sup>, John and Bill went to the Harbor Mental Health Wellness Fair. There was a very good turnout. We were invited by the Area 53 CPC/PI Committee to attend a conference for the Addiction Studies Institute on July 20<sup>th</sup> through July 22<sup>nd</sup>. We had no one to attend due to scheduling conflicts. We also talked about getting more updated public information to radio and TV stations. Our next committee meeting will be on July 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, John K., Chair

**MULTI-DISTRICT CORRECTIONAL CHAIR: *Keith R.***

The committee met on May 16 and May 23, 2016. Present were: Keith R., Jim S., Eric H., Nicole K., Beth P., Michael L. and Al. We opened with the Serenity Prayer. Updates on commitments as follows: Tuesday night Work Release—Steve S. and Beth P. are sharing this. They are working on ways to get groups to show up for their commitments. Toledo Prison—Dale S. and Joe S. share this. No update at time of meeting. Lucas County Jail—Men—Keith R. has this. No update at this time. Work Release Friday Night—Jim S. and Nicole K. alternate weeks. Jim is having no problem having leads come in and Nicole chairs an open discussion. Lucas County Jail Women’s—Kim S. No update at this time. Holland Driver Intervention—Deb S. and Nick S. No update at this time. Rossford Driver Intervention—Eric H. is covering this. In May, the scheduled group showed up and the meeting went as planned. Zepf Driver Intervention—Michael L. There was no meeting in May. New Business: We had two

committee meetings in May because attendance at the May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting was low. Thought maybe there was some confusion because there were five weeks in the month so we had another meeting on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. We got a list together of all the contact people at the groups so we can call them to make sure a group representative(s) will be at their commitment. We also discussed that it is vital that we follow the Corrections Kit Workbook to make the committee stronger. Talked about the necessity of getting a meeting back in CTF. We talked about how the committee is growing but we still need more members. We talked about needing to get more directories. Next meetings will be at Central Office on July 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm and August 15<sup>th</sup> at Central Office at 5:30pm. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted, Keith R., Chair

**GRAPEVINE Committee: Veronica N.**

[Grapevine.chair@area55aa.org](mailto:Grapevine.chair@area55aa.org)

Veronica N. gave their Financial Report for May as follows:

Beg Balance 5/1/16	\$123.49
Income	<u>78.50</u>
Total	\$201.99
Expenses	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance 5/31/16	\$201.99

The committee met on May 10<sup>th</sup>. In attendance were Michelle M., Jim B., Bob S., Veronica N. and Luis N. They started with the Serenity Prayer. Some of the topics discussed were: upcoming anniversaries and who is going to cover them, needing new members on the committee, needing advance notice if we are going to come to your anniversary or function—we really want to come to your functions to bring the Grapevine to you. We attended Came To Believe on June 5<sup>th</sup> and will be attending Young Peoples on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Our next meeting will be on July 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Bay Park Hospital. Respectfully submitted, Veronica N., Chair

**GROUP SERVICES Committee: Steven G.**

[GroupSer.chair@area55aa.org](mailto:GroupSer.chair@area55aa.org)

The committee met on June 13<sup>th</sup> at the Navarre Park Shelter House. In attendance were Jeff K. and Steve G. We opened with the Serenity Prayer. We discussed upcoming events and also the need for recruitment. All of our commitments for June were met including Waterville, Walbridge Park, Raab Road and Tiffin Mixed Nuts. Steve wants to thank David G. for helping out. We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer at 7:20pm. Steve wanted to mention that they had discussed either repairing or replacing the wireless microphone system. The one local company that could possibly have repaired it wanted \$80.00 just for a diagnostic test. Steve went to Guitar Center and found a new one for \$39.99 which was a sale price that would have been gone by the time of our meeting. So he purchased it for \$52.53 which included a 2-year warranty. Next meeting will be on July 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Navarre Park Shelter House. After that, this committee's meetings will be held back at Central Office at 6:00pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. Respectfully submitted, Steven G., Chair

**SPECIAL NEEDS/ACCESSIBILITIES: Jim L.**

Meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup> was called to order at 5:30pm with the Serenity Prayer. In attendance were Jeff C., Kyle E., Julie L., Jim L., Tony O., Lynn S., Andr'e S., Bill W. and Denise Y. We signed cards and went over last month's committee report minutes. There were several changes to our ever evolving Shut-In list.

We noted the unfortunate death of Jerry K. and the addition of Donna K. and Al W. There was much discussion on how to keep and distribute a better Shut-In list. Central Office will have an updated Shut-In list as well as committee members. If you would like a current Shut-In list via email, please contact Jim L. Contact phone number for the committee is at the bottom of the list. We worked on a commitment schedule for committee members who put men and women together according to days they could make commitments. Committee members fulfilled commitments for the remainder of last month and three commitments for this month. Committee is also working on a first and third Monday of the month meeting at the Arbors of Sylvania.

Operating Expense Report:

Balance as of April 1, 2016	\$33.76
Income	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$33.76
Expenses	<u>17.79</u>
Balance as of June 13, 2016	\$15.97

Meeting closed at 6:30pm with the Lord's Prayer. Next committee meeting will be on Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Jim L., Chair

**INTERGROUP LIAISON: Derek L.**

Tim D. gave the report. He reported that the Intergroup Association met for its regular monthly meeting on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. Pig Roast is scheduled for July 16<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance, \$12.00 at the door. Children 10 and under are \$6.00 at the door. Intergroup Annual Picnic will be held August 14<sup>th</sup> from Noon until 6pm at the IBEW Local at 807 Lime City Road in Rossford, OH. 76<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance will be held on 10/21/16 from 6:00pm to 11:30pm at the Parkway Plaza at the corner of the Anthony Wayne Trail and Detroit Avenue. Tickets are \$28.00 and will be available from committee members. The dance will be announced in the future. Committees are looking for new members. Please take this back to your groups. As we are going into the second half of the year, we are encouraging members to begin to think about and plan for elections coming up later in the year. Please take this back to your groups also to get people involved in Intergroup. Next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 6:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church at 2440 South Avenue, Toledo, OH. Respectfully submitted, Tim D.

**WEB COMMITTEE: Josh D.**

**[web.comm.chair@area55aa.org](mailto:web.comm.chair@area55aa.org)**

Josh D. not in attendance, no report, however, if you are hosting an event, please email a flyer to [web.comm.chair@area55aa.org](mailto:web.comm.chair@area55aa.org) for inclusion on the Website calendar.

**OYPAA HOST: Bryan L./Lauren B.**

Matt G. gave the report as follows: Lauren B. opened the meeting 6/5/16 with the Serenity Prayer. Kevin M. spoke on Tradition Two. Lyndzie L. gave the Secretary's Report. Old Business: Kevin M. discussed the insurance policy for Kalahari Resort. Special Events: Eric D. checking into the provisions for St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Curtice, OH. Outreach: Jordan F. stepped down as Chair and Brentley H. stepped up. Inreach: Derek L. discussed the various anniversaries that our people would be attending this month. Program Chair Josh D. discussed the tentative schedule for our conference in September. Subcommittee meeting set. Shut-In: Not present, no report. Entertainment Chair Adam K. discussed putting an advertisement in Area

56's Newsletter, motion passed. DJ's and other entertainment were discussed for the conference in September. Currently they have 227 registrations including 47 scholarships. New Business: They discussed the group's commitment to an event at Founder's Day. Since the last General Service Assembly, we had our Summer Kick-Off Event which went very well. Prior to that, we had an event at Providence Metropark near Waterville which was a little below average in attendance, we think due to location. Next event will be July 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, the same location where Intergroup holds their Pig Roast. It will be a Slip-N-Slide Kickball Tournament with access to the beach so bring your swimsuits, towels and lawn chairs. There will be a \$10.00 suggested donation—food and drinks will be available. Respectfully submitted, Brian L./Lauren B.

## **DCM REPORTS**

### **DCMC**

Jim S., DCMC, Area 55, said the DCMs met today and discussed what is going on in their districts as of now. Jim and John C. are trying to support the Districts and reach out to them. Jim has been to District 11 and hopes to get to the District in Lima soon and reaching out to Findlay. We have some Districts here in Toledo that don't have a DCM. If you come from a District that does not have a DCM, you might want to speak with some people in your District about that and see if they want to elect a DCM. Jim said there is going to be a DCMC meeting with all DCMs before the beginning of each General Service Assembly at 11:30am. Tim D. asked if someone could see that this meeting is posted on the Website calendar and on the Area 55 Newsletter calendar.

### **District 3**

District met on April 20<sup>th</sup> at Eastside 12x12. The meeting started at 5:30pm with the Serenity Prayer. Members present were Bob O., Larry O., Sherri S., Jerry M., Lyle H., Taco Bill B., Jim L., Jim S. and David G. We discussed the workshop that is being held on May 21<sup>st</sup> at Northwood Church of God. We discussed group donations and got everything finalized for the workshop. The meeting ended at 6:08pm with the Lord's Prayer.

No meeting in May as we had our workshop.

The District met on June 14<sup>th</sup> at Guides To Progress. Meeting started at 6:00pm with the Serenity Prayer. In attendance were Bob O., John C., Ron S., Jeff C., Ross B., Sherri S., Lyle H., Larry O., Jim S. and Jim S. We discussed how the May 21<sup>st</sup> workshop went. Everyone in attendance seemed to agree that it was very informative. There were 48 people who attended and 6 Districts were represented. We also discussed our next workshop and what topics we would like the panels to discuss. The next workshop will be in October, date to be determined. We also decided to start attending meetings as a district. The meeting ended at 6:52pm with the Lord's Prayer. Our next meeting will be on July 17<sup>th</sup> at the Reno Beach Sobriety location at 4:00pm. Respectfully submitted, Bob O., DCM

### **District 11**

Kristen T., DCM, District 11 said they met on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at St. John's United Church of Christ in Tiffin. Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer at 7:05pm. In attendance were: Kristen T., Jim S., John C., Brian A., Paul R., Michelle W., Ray K., Jerry S., Henry C., Chris W., Tracy O., Mark M. and Don G. Everyone introduced themselves and what group they represented. Several pieces of literature were made available which included the GSR pamphlet, the "Is your group linked to AA as a whole?" sheet, information about Intergroup, AA Service

Manuals and a pamphlet about our Central Office in Toledo. Jim S., our Area 55 DCMC, shared that there will be a committee formed soon to address redistricting Area 55 and take a look at what makes sense as far as boundary lines for each district. He also talked about an effort by all DCMs in Area 55 to host a GSR School. John C., our Area 55 Delegate, shared that he is available anytime for questions or concerns with groups in District 11. He explained the costs of the General Service functions that he and other officers attend each year. We then talked about group donations and where groups can donate within the Area 55 structure. Kristen shared that at our next District 11 meeting we will be discussing Tradition 7, suggestions on how and to whom groups could donate and the importance of supporting the efforts of General Service. John C. also mentioned that if each member of AA donated \$6.80 to GSO each year, we would be totally self-supporting. He also mentioned the Birthday Club where each member can donate a dollar for each year he has been sober. Henry C., our Area 55 Alternate Delegate, shared that he will make himself available for anyone needing help with their group or with any questions they may have. He told us about the Area 55 Website, [area55aa.org](http://area55aa.org) and encouraged everyone to check it out. He said the meeting schedule is on there and if anyone noticed any errors in their group's listing, that they should contact our Webmaster whose address is on the Website. Chris W., Chairperson and Tracy O., Alternate Chairperson, from our Intergroup Association, told us of all the services offered to groups in Area 55 and to the still suffering alcoholics in our area communities. There is a 24-hour, 7 days-a-week phone service available. AA members interested in taking 12 Step calls can have their name put on the 12 Step call list maintained by the Toledo Central Office. The question was raised as to which Intergroup do groups in District 11 need to belong or donate to—the one located in Toledo or the one in Sandusky. It was shared that the groups are autonomous and can decide in their group conscience which Intergroup the group feels serves them best. Kristen asked group reps to give a report about their home group at the next District 11 meeting. She also gave them a form to sign up to receive the Central Office Announcements and other flyers. John C. suggested that we take a look at the Traditions Checklist put out by the Grapevine. We will have that available at our next meeting which will be on June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at St. John's United Church of Christ at 10 Main Street in Tiffin. Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The District held its June meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at St. John's UCC. In attendance were Kristen T., Jim S., John C., Jerry S. Paul R., Ron S. and Mary Ann R. Mary Ann reported from the Tiffin Wednesday Night Group that there are not any issues at this time and attendance has been steady. Paul R. reported from the Fostoria Monday Night Group that they have only 5 home group members and that it is hard to get new members to stay. He said they have a pie night every 1<sup>st</sup> Monday and are thinking of having hot dogs or something at the end of the month to attract members. Paul asked if people with court slips should be required to stay the entire hour to get their court slip signed and the group shared their experience and that it was up to Paul's group as to how it will handle this.

Ron S. from the Fostoria Tuesday Night Men's Group reported that his group just had its 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and it was a success. He also reported that attendance is good (20-30 generally) and that there is good support in the basket. Jerry S. from the Tiffin Friday Night Big Book Group reported that it has varying attendance from 15 to 30 people. He wants to call a group conscience so they can discuss topics including group donations and other things from our June District meeting. At this time, we discussed the days of AA past when there were fewer groups and asked the question "Could we benefit from having fewer meetings?" Maybe if we had just a few strong meetings in each area, the meetings would be better supported. We went over several sheets of information including about group donations, the General Service Office, the Intergroup Association, Central Office and the NCOA Intergroup in Sandusky. We reviewed the

pamphlet “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix.” We were reminded of the upcoming Ohio State Convention on August 19-21<sup>st</sup> in Westlake, OH. There will be a DCM College that weekend along with other interesting activities. We will begin planning a workshop at our July District 11 meeting. John won the door prize which was a basket of delicious candy and sparklers. Next meeting will be on July 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm at St. John’s UCC at 10 Main Street in Tiffin. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm and closed with the Lord’s Prayer. Respectfully submitted, Kristen T., DCM, District 11

#### **District 14**

Jean S., DCM, District 14 said they met on June 13, 2016. In attendance were: Jean S., Steve B., Amy H., Rick Z., John B., Chrissy M., Neal M. and Pat D. DCM Report: Said that Rainbow Retreat recruits people from halfway houses saying they will “heal” them. Be aware if you know people in halfway houses, if people talk about Rainbow Retreat, it is not a good thing to do. Amy H. said that our 10<sup>th</sup> Tradition says that “No A.A. group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate A.A., express any opinion on outside controversial issues—particularly those of politics, alcohol reform or sectarian religion. The Alcoholics Anonymous groups oppose no one, concerning such matters, they can express no views whatsoever.” So she pointed out that A.A. is not the sole method by which people can recover. Group Reports: Steve B. from Sunday Morning Wakeup said they have good attendance. John B. from the Oasis Group said the meeting is discussing changing to a lead meeting instead of an open discussion as it is now. Rick Z. from Out of the Darkness said there’s been a drop off in attendance so they are thinking of changing the meeting start time from 6:00am to 6:30am. Chrissy M. from LDG Group said attendance is good. Someone took off with the group’s meeting stamp and she told the group that if they see anyone having a stamp from their group that is dated after June 9, it is fraudulent. Chrissy M. also reported for the Women’s Meeting saying that members agreed to shut it down due to financial reasons. Neal M. from the Friendship Group/St. Rita’s said their attendance is steady. Said there was an incident recently of an outburst that lead the speaker to leave the meeting. We talked amongst ourselves on ways to halt disruptions by having the elders of the meeting take the disgruntled person aside or calling hospital security. He said the disgruntled person ended up coming back to the group. Pat D. from the Grace Group said their attendance has been steady and no word yet on their Summer Fling event. Committee Reports: Corrections Committee—no report. Schedules: Pat D. said he has 130 new green ones. Changes include: new meeting place for the Out of the Darkness group and a new group has been formed named the Care Group in Russells Point at 124 Burkhardt Street which is an Open Discussion on Saturdays at 7:30pm. Phone Rotation: Rick Z. will keep the phone. Reported he had 10-20 calls and it was “very uplifting.” Old Business: Amy H. reported that Steve B. gave her a flyer about new meetings but has not reached out to companies yet. Posting District Minutes has been carried over because not enough meetings have had their group conscience yet. Money to our hosts: Jean S. asked Chrissy M. to make out a check to St. Rose for April basket, Sharing Session and May basket. New Business: Chrissy M. said there were two withdrawals in March from web.com. They will table until next month dealing with this irregularity. The district received 33 years’ worth of Grapevines from the St. Rita’s Crisis Center. Some suggestions were to give these to the corrections committee, to other groups or donate to Handlebar Rick for his Grapevine archives. Tabled until next month. We want to invite John C. to come to District 14 to present General Service Conference report. Corrections: We need people to step up and support and replace Steve B. who has been spearheading this for many years. Neal M. and John B. said they will help with this. Chrissy M. said the WORTH center still needs women. Next meeting will be July 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Meeting closed at 6:31pm with the A.A. Responsibility Statement.

Respectfully submitted, Jean S., DCM, District 14

John started out by thanking everyone in the body for sending him to the General Service Conference in New York on April 16<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> as our Delegate. He arrived Friday evening and said he and his wife Connie had a convenient time getting in. He said he attended and voted in all sessions and that the days started at 8:00am and ended at 9 or 10:00pm. He has a PowerPoint presentation of his report that he is working with some computer savvy people to get to us. The committees meet early in the week and the Conference reports begin on Wednesday. The first day on Saturday was considered pre-Conference and they took a bus trip to Stepping Stones. This helped to break the ice with some good fellowship on the way there and back. Saturday evening there were some meetings including the Remote Communities meeting, the 1728 meeting and the first Delegates only meeting. Afterward he met with his CPC/PI committee's Chair and other committee members. There were 93 Delegates from the US and Canada plus 25 Trustees and Directors and 16 Grapevine and GSO staff members. The full Conference began on Sunday morning with roll call. There was immediately a floor action to change the agenda and avert it to the original agenda. There was a poll vote in December of 2015 to postpone the Anonymity workshop until 2017 and replace it with a discussion workshop devoted to the General Service Board's Strategic Plan and brainstorming about the future of Alcoholics Anonymous. The Chairman of the Board admitted that the poll vote process was handled improperly. There was much discussion for and against. Finally, the question was called and John voted to restore the agenda. He was in the minority but did not go to the mic. The motion failed and the Conference moved on. Sunday afternoon was the Treasurer's Report. John will give everyone the highlights from this report. The opening banquet took place Sunday night. There were 5 speakers, 10 minutes each. One was a French speaking man and John got a feeling of what he and others who don't speak English must go through trying to interpret the whole week of the Conference. This is why it is very important that we get our literature printed in other languages. There is a new General Manager at GSO, his name is Greg T. One focus on the Board has been on strategic planning and A.A.'s future. AAWS Report: Big Book sales in 2015 were down about 500,000 from 2014. In 2015, publishing sales were about \$2 Million below estimate. In 2016, budget shortfall for AAWS is about \$26,000. The largest International Conference held so far was in Atlanta but they had a \$210,431 shortfall because they had 7,000 more people than expected. We have to stop being last minute people and we have to get our registrations in ahead so they can plan properly for these Conferences. 2015 Contributions were up 3.71% over 2014 but there are fewer groups contributing with each contributing a greater amount. Grapevine report: 2015 circulation is down 2,034 copies from 2014. Grapevine had budgeted losses of \$14,614 but came out with a net income of \$245,204. In March 2016, Grapevine, Inc. transferred \$260,000 into its Reserve Fund and this is the third consecutive year they've had to do this. Overhead costs came in at \$227,899. Financial report overall was that General Service Board and Grapevine both operated in the black but LaVina operated at a loss. The total amount we were in the black for 2015 was just over \$300,000. Self-supporting bottom line is that we are supporting 73.4% of the services we receive. This will become even more acute as the sales of print literature go down. We are looking at the question that if contributions don't go up, how are we going to make up the difference? We can see that group contributions have been going down over the last 10 years. On the International Convention, they discussed keeping the funds for the International Conventions in a separate fund so that they can just draw out of there if necessary. They are talking about raising the registration fees again. Wednesday morning featured the breakout groups followed by an open sharing session. John introduced having a fund raiser with a \$50.00 Big Book Campaign. He said they used electronic voting and it was extremely beneficial. He will get to how all the voting turned out in the next session. Karen M. asked if John's report could be put on the Website and John said he would look into this. Bob S. asked if John had gotten an answer from Greg T. about why he didn't send a rep



from GSO to our last Mini-Conference and John said he has yet to get an answer from Greg but will get one because we have the Delegates/Past Delegates Conference and our next Mini-Conference coming up. Jim S. asked if we have the capability to see a PowerPoint presentation and we voted to have the Group Services committee look into this. We have a computer and a screen (at the Senior Center) but we need a projector. Group Services will look into what we have and what we need.

#### OLD BUSINESS

The Ohio State Convention is August 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> and all of our officers will be at this so we will be moving our next General Service Assembly to August 28<sup>th</sup>. Also, the Area Guidelines revision is still in progress with Nancy M. chairing this effort.

#### NEW BUSINESS

It has been suggested that we send out Thank You notes to the groups that contribute to General Service. Henry said he thinks we should do this on a yearly basis. This idea was tabled until next month.

Tim D., GSR, Came to Believe, said we are coming into a political season so let's make sure that no members are handing out literature in favor of one candidate/issue or another. Secondly, we do not have a literature committee nor do we have a literature table set up here at the Assembly. He would like us to consider this. Third, we do need to have a committee to look into our Districts. We need to know which groups are in which Districts. Lastly, OYPAA had an event that conflicted with the Intergroup Association meeting last month and also, there was a DCM meeting here before the General Service Assembly today. Tim said he would like these things to be published on the Area 55 Newsletter calendar and on the Website calendar so people can take a quick look and know what is going on.

**The General Service Assembly Meeting adjourned at 2:55 PM, closing with the Lord's Prayer.** Motion to close made by Karen M., Downtown Group and seconded by Meladie S., 12 Step West.

**Next GSR Assembly Meeting will be held on August 28, 2016 at 1:00 PM at the Senior Center. Clean up for June is SST. Tradition Seven is Sherri S. and Concept Seven is Melanie R.**

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