

**GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY**  
**Area 55, Panel 66 NW Ohio & Monroe Michigan**  
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**Meeting Minutes For December 18, 2016**

Henry C. opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. Ed R. read the Mission Statement. Nicole K. read the 12<sup>th</sup> Tradition. Henry C. read the 12<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: 22 GSRs, 2 Alternate GSRs, 4 DCMs, 1 DCMC, 2 Past Delegates, 1 Webmaster and 1 Guest. New GSR's introduced were Kathy P., GSR, Port Clinton Thursday Night; Nancy C., Alternate GSR, Oregon St. Charles and Ed R., DCM, District 9 (Bryan, OH.) 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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November 2016 Meeting Minutes were presented by Jackie B. There was one correction noted. New GSR for the Kenwood Group last name was incorrectly spelled. There were no other corrections noted. Motion to accept made by Tim D., Came To Believe and seconded by Hazel S., Inner City. 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 by or on the day of the Area Assembly for the mailing to be completed on time. Thank You!**

**TREASURER: Marty C.**

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The report for November was presented by Marty C.

Checkbook

Beginning Balance October 31, 2016	\$5,872.37
Income	<u>1,224.90</u>
Total	\$7,096.27
Expenses	<u>1,486.51</u>
Total	\$5,610.76
Checkbook Balance November 30, 2016	\$5,610.76

Prudent Reserve Account

Beginning Balance October 31, 2016	\$3,001.28
Interest	.05
Ending Balance November 30, 2016	\$3,001.33

Mini Conference 2017

Beginning Balance October 31, 2016	\$ 550.00
Income	<u>40.00</u>
Total	\$ 590.00
Expenses	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance November 30, 2016	\$ 590.00

2017 Mini-Conference Deposit \$300.00

Motion to accept the report was made by Tim D., Came To Believe and seconded by Hazel S., Inner City. Motion passed.

**In November, of the 310 registered Groups in Area 55, 16 Groups made contributions this month or 5.16% and Year to Date 85 Groups or 27.40%.**

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

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

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Nancy M. gave the report. Nancy said the committee has fulfilled all of its obligations. They will be going to the Amazing Grace Anniversary on 12/31 and Open Minded Group's Anniversary on 1/8/17. The committee is organizing materials and they hope to have everything in notebooks so people can come and browse through them. The committee is planning on having an open house at Central Office sometime in 2017. Ron L. will be taking over as Chairperson in January. Respectfully submitted, Patty B., Chair

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

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John K. gave the report. On 11/28, we attended the Lourdes College/Sylvania Schools Awareness Program. On 11/29, we met with the Lucas County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board to discuss upcoming events for 2017. Next meeting will be Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at Central Office at 5:30pm. Respectfully submitted, John K., Chair

**MULTI-DISTRICT CORRECTIONAL Committee: *Jim S.***

Jim S. gave the report. The committee met 11/18 at 5:30p at Central Office. In attendance were Jim S., Dale S. and new member, James S. Keith R. and Dale S. reported that the men's meeting at Lucas County Jail on Friday nights is going well. Dale informed Jim S. that Dale was approached by the program manager at the jail about a possible new meeting there on Thursdays. Jim will know more after the first of the year. Jim S. and James S. will be doing Friday nights at Work Release. James S. will likely take over this meeting as he is currently alternating with Nicole K. Mike L. called in that the Old West End group did not meet their commitment last evening at Driver Intervention at Compass/Zepf Center and the meeting was cancelled. Next meeting will be 12/19/16 at 5:30 pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Jim S., Chair

Veronica N. gave the report. The committee met on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Bay Park Hospital. In attendance were new member Laurie N., Danielle G., Michele T., Patty B., Luis N. and Veronica N. We started with the Serenity Prayer. We discussed upcoming anniversaries which were SST on December 1<sup>st</sup> and the upcoming Women's Christmas Luncheon. We also discussed the upcoming Mini-Conference. They closed with the Lord's Prayer. Their financial report is as follows:

November Financial Report

Beginning Balance Nov. 1, 2016	\$259.89
Income	112.95
Expenses	72.00
Ending Balance Nov. 30, 2016	\$300.84

Next meetings will be Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Bay Park Hospital and Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Bay Park Hospital. Respectfully submitted, Veronica N., Chair

Kenney A. gave the report. Committee met on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Central Office. In attendance were Steve G. and Kenney A. All of our commitments have been met. We have upcoming commitments of Amazing Grace's Anniversary on December 31<sup>st</sup>, Open Minded's Anniversary on Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> and Warm Heart's Anniversary on Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Next meeting will be January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Steven G., Chair

Meeting was held December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Frisch's in Oregon. Those in attendance were Julie L., Jim L., Andre S., Bill W., Bryan W. and Denise Y. Committee reviewed last month's and upcoming commitments. Committee met at Central Office on Mon., Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p to work on a new Accessibilities display. Committee will have their next meeting at Central Office to finish the display and to get an accurate count of the literature needed to be ordered for the Mini-Conference. Tracy T. will be moving to Pristine Senior Living in the near future and Denise Y. was appointed our new Co-Chair of the committee. Treasury report is as follows:

Beginning Balance on Oct. 31, 2016	\$ 9.65
Income—Check from Gen Serv	100.00
Expenses—Office Max Cards	11.37
Expenses—Walmart	11.44
Ending Balance on Nov. 30, 2016	\$ 86.84

Next meeting will be on Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p at Central Office. Meeting closed at 7:30p. Respectfully submitted, Jim L., Chair

Tim D. gave the report as follows: The Intergroup Association met on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church on South Avenue. The minutes of the Nov. meeting were

approved as were the financial report, the Central Office financial report and all checks needed for payments through December. Further business was suspended and the meeting proceeded with elections. The election results were as follows: Intergroup Vice Chair, Farrel J.; Secretary, Kim G.; Treasurer, Michael D.; Vice Chair Anniversary Committee, Michele M.; Vice Chair Central Office Committee, Lori C.; Vice Chair Children's Christmas Party Committee, suspended until January meeting; Vice Chair Entertainment Committee, David G.; Vice Chair Finance Committee, Linda N.; Vice Chair Hospital Committee, suspended until January meeting; Vice Chair Newsletter Committee, Russell W. The Intergroup Association recognized outgoing Officers and Chairs of committees. Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm. Next meeting will be on January 28, 2017 at 6:30p at Faith Lutheran Church, 2440 South Avenue, Toledo, OH. Respectfully submitted, Tim D.

**WEBSITE COMMITTEE: Josh D.**

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The Web committee met on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:45am at the Senior Center. The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer. In attendance were Valerie P., Nicole K., Kenny A., Wendy S., Henry C. and Josh D. Meeting began with a discussion of their new flier and business cards. Some small changes were suggested. They will be printed for a mailing and for the upcoming Delegates/Past Delegates and Mini-Conferences. Henry will help distribute to other areas. The next two meetings will be spent preparing for the Mini-Conference where we will have a poster board and offer "Website Tours" on laptops. We will extend the Web Survey through the Mini-Conference. Josh will enter the data collected. In the past month, the Website has experienced 890 sessions, 644 users, 1,515 page views and 47 Russian viewers. We will spend \$75.00 on supplies for the Mini-Conference. Next meeting will be January 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30a at the Senior Center. Respectfully submitted, Josh D., Chair

**NOCYPAA COMMITTEE: Tony M.**

Lars J., NOCYPAA GSR, gave the report. The Ugly Sweater Christmas Party went well—good turnout, played cornhole and listened to some good music. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dodgeball Tournament is being planned, flier in process of being made up so stay tuned for more info on this. We were very grateful to have done the face painting at the Children's Christmas Party. We were glad to be a part of it. Tyler, our Co-Chair, is going to give some materials from OYPAA 35 to the Archives committee to be placed in their display at Central Office. Come and check it out if you get a chance. We are still looking for new members, so if you know anyone who would like to join, please tell them to see Lars or come to the next NOCYPAA committee meeting. Next meeting will be on January 8<sup>th</sup> at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Tony M., Chair

#### **DCM REPORTS**

#### **DCMC**

Jim S., DCMC, Area 55, said the DCMs met today. In attendance were Jim S., David G., Ed R., Chris C., Kristen T., Melanie R., Tim D. and John C. Jim introduced Ed R. as the new DCM for District 9, Bryan, OH. District reports were given from Districts 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11 and 14. Discussed

next year's Unity Day and will continue discussions on this next month. Unity Day is scheduled for July 1, 2017. Meeting closed at 12:00p. Respectfully submitted, Jim S., DCMC

### **District 3**

Bob O., DCM, submitted his report. District 3 met on 12/13/16 at Guides To Progress. Meeting started at 6:00pm and we opened with the Serenity Prayer. Ron S. gave the Treasurer's report and it was voted on and passed. We tabled adopting bylaws/guidelines until the next meeting. We discussed the upcoming GSR School which is set for February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 where the Living Sober group meets. We also discussed our next workshop which will be held sometime in April. We also discussed the possibility of having an Area 55 Unity Day by July of 2017. The meeting closed at 6:57 pm with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting will be Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 4:30pm where Reno Beach Sobriety meets. Respectfully submitted, Bob O., DCM, District 3

### **District 4**

Tim D., DCM, gave their report. Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm at Reformation Lutheran Church on 12/14/16. Meeting started with the Serenity Prayer. In attendance were Brian R., Tyler J., Nicole K. and Tim D. Minutes from November meeting were read and approved. Treasury Report: As of today, District 4 has \$18.00 in Treasury. There were no new GSRs in attendance. There was one group visit made to the Principles Before Personalities group conscience meeting. There was no Old Business. There was a discussion of group issues which included Brian R. reporting that the Turning Point group continues to work on their Treasurer position and other group issues. Tyler J. discussed how Raising the Bottom is dealing with determining the amount of rent to pay, how often to have group conscience meetings and that his group is in favor of conducting a group inventory. Tim D. talked about how Came To Believe is dealing with possibly moving their meeting place and also conducting a group inventory. Nicole K. noted that groups need to be aware of the calendar maintained at Central Office, the calendar on the Website, the Central Office Announcements that come out each month and the events listed in the Area 55 Newsletter. There was a discussion on the current district group list as issued by Area 55. Specifically, it was noted that the status of about 6 groups in the district needs to be determined. There was a discussion on how to structure a district list to be of advantage to groups in the district. Further discussion will be held in future district meetings in order to develop a list. Next meeting will be on Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00p at Reformation Lutheran Church on Douglas Avenue, Toledo, OH. Meeting closed at 8:10pm with the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted, Tim D., DCM

### **District 5**

Melanie R., DCM, District 5, gave the report. The District met on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am at Central Office. In attendance were Melanie R., Jim S. and John C. They discussed how to get the groups in the district to attend the district meetings. Set the date of May 20, 2017 to have a workshop. More information to come in the months ahead as we prepare. Next meeting will be Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at Central Office at 11:00am. Respectfully submitted, Melanie R., DCM

### **District 11**

Kristen T., DCM, District 11 said the district met on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at St. John's United Church of Christ in Tiffin. In attendance were Kristen T., Paul R., Mary Beth I., Paige Q., Jerry S., Ron S. and Ray K. GSRs reported for their groups and attendance is down for the meetings in Tiffin. It was agreed upon that we are seeing fewer court slips and fewer newcomers. Two groups within the District are choosing GSRs to represent them. Another group has set up a regular group conscience meeting and is finding this helpful. We discussed how we might get better participation at the district meetings. Suggestions were to invite people personally and to give a better explanation to members about why we are meeting and to put specific agenda items on the flier

and announce it at meetings. We looked at some questions off the Traditions Checklist and discussed about the judicial system referring people to AA, sponsorship and singleness of purpose. We brainstormed as to why the oldest group in Tiffin is declining in attendance. It was suggested that perhaps there are too many meetings in Tiffin on Tuesday nights and this led into a discussion of perhaps having a "Sharing Session" in 2017 and we are to think of topics and bring them to January's meeting. Kristen shared a tri-fold pamphlet put together by District 16 in Area 34 which showed all that district's meetings, a phone number and email contacts and an invitation to their district meeting, letting members know when their district meets and where. This is maybe something that we will consider doing in the future. Meeting closed 8:10pm with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting will be January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00pm at St. John's UCC, 10 Main Street, Tiffin. Respectfully submitted, Kristen T., DCM, District 11

#### **District 14**

District 14's report was submitted by Jean S., DCM, District 14. In attendance were Jean S., Chrissy M., Steve B., Neal M., Ricky L., Rick Z., Don T., Steve B., Billy S. and Dawn J. The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer. 12 Traditions were read by Rick Z. and the Twelfth Concept by Dawn J. Chrissy M. read our Declaration of Unity, Responsibility Statement and Communication through the Structure. Jean S. read the Review of Voting and Discussion Procedures. November meeting minutes were read and accepted. Treasury Report given by Chrissy M. and accepted. DCM Expenses submitted and approved were \$90.29 in mileage and \$26.68 in ink cartridges for a total of \$116.97. DCM Report: Area 55 is working on getting all 17 Districts in Area 55 "lit up" meaning that they have District meetings and a DCM to represent them. Only 6 Districts are currently active but the outlook is positive. The Website Committee shared that 10% of their visitors are from China and 10% from Russia. Unity Day plans are underway. It is to be held in Bowling Green, it is free and they are considering having a table for each District. Jean thinks this is something the District should consider. Jean S. had another offer from the Accessibilities Committee to come and share what has worked for them in reaching out to Shut-Ins. They would be coming just to share information, not to tell the District what to do. District 3 will be holding a workshop on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> and a workshop in April covering Concepts 7,8 & 9.

If you are registered as a GSR or Alt. GSR and have received a Welcome Packet from NY, please note on your paperwork that you do not need another Welcome Packet. Also, please let Jean know if you are receiving more than one copy of Box 459 and she will stop your duplicate copy. The General Service Mini-Conference will be March 3,4 & 5 at the Holiday Inn French Quarter in Perrysburg. Jean handed out copies of the Website Survey and Box 459. GSR Reports: Sunday Morning Wakeup attendance is steady with some newcomers. The building is cold so dress warmly. SOP attendance is steady. LDG attendance is good. Friendship Wednesday attendance is strong with new folks joining the group and good leads on Sundays. St Charles attendance is good. Peace attendance is down with colder weather and they also have some newcomers. Out of the Darkness meeting will be ending on Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>. Corrections Committee had no report. Steve B. is stepping down as Chair and we need someone else to step up. Schedules Committee asked that if your group has any changes, to let Steve B. know. Dawn J. will now handle the phone. There is also Al-Anon info with the phone from Neal. Old Business: Billy S. contacted Web.com and they made an offer of \$10.00 per month which was voted down. Billy will cancel tonite. We have the domain name until Nov. 2017. Lima Downtown Group had their 12 Step call list and it is now with the phone. Rick R. is handling the sign up sheet for the Alcathon. You can call his number at the bottom of the flier to sign up for a time. Slots are available for Christmas and New Year's. New Business: Jean would like to hold a workshop in 2017 and would like ideas from groups as to topics. Billy S. said that Ridgeview is again in need of Big Books. There are only two left and they do not need to be new. Jean said we need a new Secretary to take notes at District

meetings. Please take this back to your groups. Next meeting will be Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30p at 222 S. West. Meeting adjourned at 6:07p with the Responsibility Statement. Respectfully submitted, Jean S., DCM, District 14

**AREA DELEGATE: John C.**

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John reported that Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> he will be going to the Board weekend in New York and will get updates from New York. He said in February (10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>) is our Delegates/Past Delegates Conference and then in March is our Mini-Conference. He asked that we register our GSRs as early as possible for this. He and Henry will be at the District 3 workshop on February 25<sup>th</sup> at the Northwood Church of God at the corner of Coy and Curtice Roads. John said everything is getting set up for our Mini-Conference and said we will be having another meeting on this on January 21<sup>st</sup> at Central Office at noon. We will be having at the Mini-Conference on Friday evening a presentation at about 4:30/5pm on what GSRs do and another meeting on sponsorship. John and Henry will be attending the Mini-Conferences of the other Areas in the state during March and then after that John will be going back to New York in April for the annual General Service Conference. He said in District 5 that he and Henry will be supporting a workshop on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017. He said he and Henry are trying to get DCMs installed in all the districts and get them active. They will also be supporting an Area 55 Unity Day sometime in July down in Bowling Green. He asked us not to forget to send in contributions to New York to support our New York main office. John said 50% of the income that comes into the New York office comes from the sale of literature and he said that the more we contribute, the less expensive of our literature will be. He said that as a result of our contributions, we are \$818,000 above budget for the year and we want to keep this going. Respectfully submitted, John C., Delegate

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Henry said he has fliers out for the Mini-Conference and the Delegates/Past Delegates Conference on the side table and encouraged everyone to get a copy for their group. Nancy M. is chairing the Delegates/Past Delegates Conference and Henry encouraged anyone who wants to help with this to see Nancy. Nancy said she needs help with Hospitality and Registration. The new Guidelines are out and Henry asked that only GSRs take one. Henry reminded us that the Finance Committee of Intergroup will be setting up a literature table at our Assembly beginning in January and asked us to support them. Same for the Newsletter Committee that is setting up a table at the Assembly as well.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Henry said the 2017 Calendar of General Service meetings is on the back table. We adjusted the Easter Sunday meeting back one week and the same for Father's Day in June. There is also no Assembly in March because of the Mini-Conference. Kenney A. said that the Group Services committee had an old amplifier and two wireless mics to get rid of. After some discussion, it was suggested to give these items to David G. Motion was made to do that by Willie R., Young Peoples and seconded by Jim S., Reno Beach Sobriety. Motion passed. Tim D. received a message that Joe B., a Class B Trustee from Canada had passed away. John C. let us know that Area 55 General Service sent a Serenity Prayer stone to the family of Past Delegate John Z. who also passed.

**The General Service Assembly Meeting adjourned at 2:12 PM, closing with the Responsibility Statement.**

**Next GSR Assembly Meeting will be held on January 15, 2017 at 1:00 PM at the Senior Center. Clean up for January is Eastside 12x12. Tradition 1 will be read by Kristen T., Tiffin Mixed Nuts and Concept 1 will be read by Danielle G., Life's Good.**

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