

GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY

Area 55, Panel 70 NW Ohio & Southeast Michigan
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Only GSRs, DCMs, (GSR/DCM Alternates may make motions and vote in their absence), Committee Chairs, Elected Officers and Past Delegates may make motions or vote, although everyone has the right to be heard. Business conducted normally requires substantial unanimity to pass (2/3 vote on most items). Due to this meeting being online and the sign-in sheet having a processing error, many names for these minutes do not have positions/home groups.

This meeting was held via Zoom Teleconference. The 6 Panel Officers were present. 2 Past Delegates were present, and 26 other participants, including GSR's, Alternate GSR's, DCM's, Alternate DCM's and Committee members, were on the teleconference.

MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 5, 2020

Cheryl S., Area 55 Chairperson, opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. Jennifer H. read the Third and Fourth Tradition. Gale W. read the Third and Fourth Concept. Panel 70 officers were introduced.

New GSR's: Mike J., GSR, His & Hers.

Past Delegate: John C., Past Delegate, Area 55 Panel 66. And Ron S., Past Delegate, Area 55 Panel 48.

Approval of Minutes: George C., Recording Secretary, presented the February 9, 2020 minutes. Tim D. moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Wendy S., GSR, Ottawa Open Discussion. The motion carried unanimously and the minutes were adopted.

Please note: Committee meeting minutes and District reports 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.

Approval of February Treasurer's Report: Chris C., Treasurer, presented the Financial Report for February 2020:

Operating Account: Beginning Balance 1/31/20: \$5,334.88; Income: \$2,329.29; Expenses: \$1,831.34; Ending Balance 2/29/20: \$5,690.58.

Prudent Reserve: Beginning Balance 1/31/20: \$3,002.68; Interest: \$0.05; Ending Balance 2/29/20: \$3,002.73

2020 Mini Conference: Beginning Balance 1/31/20: \$3,096.50; Income: \$1,050.00; Expenses: \$59.91; Ending Balance 2/29/20: \$4,086.59.

East Central Regional Conference: (Seed Money for 2021 Ohio State Convention) Beginning Balance 1/31/20: \$1,500.00; No Income or Expenses; Ending Balance 2/29/20: \$1,500.00

Nathan K. moved to approve the February Treasurer's report, seconded by Jocelyn P. The motion passed unanimously, and the February 2020 Treasurer's Report was adopted.

Approval of March Treasurer's Report: Chris C., Treasurer, presented the Financial Report for March 2020:

Operating Account: Beginning Balance 2/29/20: \$5,690.58; Income: \$954.62; Expenses: \$291.53; Ending Balance 3/31/20: \$6,353.67.

Prudent Reserve: Beginning Balance 2/29/20: \$3,002.73; Interest: \$0.05; Ending Balance 3/31/20: \$3,002.78

2020 Mini Conference: Beginning Balance 2/29/20: \$4,086.59; Income: \$1,123.70; Expenses: \$2,914.12; Ending

Balance 3/31/20: \$2,296.17.

East Central Regional Conference: (Seed Money for 2021 Ohio State Convention) Beginning Balance 1/31/20: \$1,500.00; No Income or Expenses; Ending Balance 2/29/20: \$1,500.00

Marty C. moved to approve the March Treasurer's report, seconded by Gale W. The motion passed unanimously, and the March 2020 Treasurer's Report was adopted.

Approval of Mini-Conference Treasurer's Report: Chris C., Treasurer, presented the Financial Report for the 2020 Mini-Conference:

Income: Seed Money: \$2,000.00; Income: \$4,100.20; Total Income with Seed Monies: \$6,100.20

Expenses: \$3,804.03

Seed Money Return: Return to 2021 Mini Conference: \$2,000.00.

Excess Funds Remaining: \$296.17.

Karen W. moved to approve the Mini-Conference Treasurer's Report, seconded by John P. The motion passed unanimously, and the 2020 Mini-Conference Treasurer's Report was adopted.

The 2020 Mini Conference Treasurer's Report is concluded. The 2021 Mini Conference Treasurer's Report will be started with a \$2,000.00 beginning balance.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

Archives: Billy S. / archives.chair@area55aa.org

No report was given.

The Archives Committee meets the 4th Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m., Tim Horton's – 2621 Navarre Ave; Oregon, OH; although may be suspended during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Multi-District Correctional: Dawn F. and Geno F. / corrections.chair@area55aa.org

Dawn F., Co-Chair, presented a brief report and submitted a written Committee report. The Committee met on February 18 at 5:30 pm at Central Office with 9 members present. Jim S., Area 55 Panel 70 Delegate, addressed the committee about the spirit of rotation and getting new district and AA members involved. There have been riots in the prison, which canceled the prison meetings for the past month. The Committee would like to have two A.A.'s per commitment. As of February 18, there were 16 members approved for the jail (9 men and 7 women). The Committee is still waiting for a response from the prison regarding approval and PREA training. All meetings and DIP's have been filled through April 30. There is a closet at the jail that includes Big Books and 12x12s. The Committee also discussed the need to review the Corrections Workbook and Kit. As of March 29, the Committee has 16 members approved for the jail, 4 members approved for prison, and 2 approved for CTF.

The Multi-District Correctional Committee meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 5:30 p.m., at Central Office; although may be suspended during the Coronavirus pandemic.

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

No report was given.

The CPC/PI Committee meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 5:00 p.m., at Central Office; although may be suspended during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Grapevine: Wendy H. / grapevine.chair@area55aa.org

No report was given.

The Grapevine Committee meets the 2nd Monday of each month, 6:00 p.m., Tim Horton's – 2621 Navarre Ave; Oregon, OH; although may be suspended during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Group Services: John C. / groupser.chair@area55aa.org

No report was given.

The Group Services Committee meets the day of the General Service Assembly, at 11:30 a.m. at the Downtown Senior Center; although may be suspended during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Accessibilities: Ynda C./ accessibilities@area55aa.org /

No report was given.

The Accessibilities Committee meets the 2nd Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m., at Central Office; although may be suspended during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Website: Nathan K. / web.comm.chair@area55aa.org

Nathan K., Chair, presented a brief report. No Committee meeting was held today due to the current pandemic. Wendy S. has been staying on top of the group meeting cancellations. For February, there were 7,834 unique visitors to area55aa.org, 10,529 total visits (1.3 visits per user); 66,712 pages were visited in February (total of 6.33 pages per visit). For March 2020, there were 4,701 unique visitors to the website, a total of 10,571 visits (2.24 visits per user); 85,984 total pages were visited for March (8.13 pages per visit). Area 55 has also set up a list of online meetings in the area.

The Website Committee meets the day of the General Service Assembly, at 10:00 a.m., Black Kite Coffee – 2499 Collingwood Boulevard; Toledo, OH; although the May 17th Meeting will be held via Zoom, Meeting ID 482-088-376.

Northwest Ohio/Southeast Michigan Intergroup: Tim D., Chairman, Intergroup Association of Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan presented a report. The April 25 meeting has been canceled. Central Office and Intergroup are still accepting donations via mail, and Central Office also has a PayPal account. Central Office is currently closed, with Karen only going in a few days. While Central Office is closed, the answering service is still answering and providing their services.

Newsletter Liaison: No report was provided. *There is not currently a Newsletter liaison.*

NOCYPAA Liaison: Nathan K. (Northwest Ohio Conference of Young People in AA)

Nathan presented a brief report. The Committee had to cancel their Seren”DIP”ity event. The Committee has started hosting an online meeting and Trivia night on Fridays.

MONCYPAA Liaison: No report was provided.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER (“DCM”) REPORTS

DCM Chair: Kimbrough P., District Committee Member Chair

Kimbrough P. gave a brief report. The DCMC meeting was held online via Zoom at 11:30 a.m. on April 5. DCMs or Alternate DCMs were present from Districts 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 14, and 16. Most districts have at least one meeting online via Zoom. District 3 has set up a shared account available for District 3 groups. The Committee discussed discouraging face-to-face meetings during the Coronavirus pandemic. Intergroup donations can still be mailed in. The local Central Office has set up a Paypal account. The April 25 Intergroup Association of Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan meeting has been canceled.

District 7: Bill G.

The Bus Trip to the International Convention for July 3 has been canceled due to the International Convention being canceled. Lisa H. has started to process the refunds for those that had purchased a ticket.

DELEGATE’S REPORT: James S. / delegate@area55aa.org

Jim S., Panel 70, Area 55 Delegate, presented his report to the assembly.

38th Mini Conference Update: 41 Agenda Items, 147 registrations, 9 districts, 72 evaluations returned. Feed everyone breakfast, lunch, and dinner at the conference. \$296.17 left. The other 3 mini conferences in the state were canceled.

Cancelations: The International Convention and Founders Day Convention have been canceled.

2020 General Service Conference: This conference has been canceled – it will now be online.

Ad Hoc Online Meetings Committee: On March 18th, Jim S. established an Ad Hoc Online Meetings Committee. On March 20th, the first meeting was held. The Committee established a daily Area 55 Online meeting, so members could access a meeting. As of today, there are now 89 meetings in Area 55 online which represents 31 groups. As more groups establish a meeting, the Area 55 meetings will phase out. There are 3 shared accounts for Area 55 uses – purchased by Jim Snider, Tuesday Night Young People’s, and District 3.

Other Items: Contributions can still be made to Area 55 by mail or online via the area55aa.org website.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

George C., Area 55 Panel 70 Recording Secretary moved to reimburse the following individuals \$32.02 for their Zoom Account purchase: (1) Jim S., (2) Josh D./Tuesday Night Young People's, (3) Tarik K./District 3. The \$32.02 represents two months of hosting a Zoom account, and these meetings are for the shared use of Area 55 groups. The motion was seconded by Gale W. The motion passed, with 18 voting yes, 0 voting no, and 1 abstention. Chris C., Treasurer, will cut checks to these individuals.

Rachel W. moved to transfer the \$296.17 excess revenue from the 2020 Mini-Conference to the Area 55 general operating fund, seconded by Karen W. The motion passed, with 19 voting yes, 0 voting no, and 1 abstention.

John B. moved to post information about making contributions to Central Office on the Area 55 website. The motion was seconded by Lee J. The motion failed, with 1 voting yes, 16 voting no, and 1 abstention.

NEXT GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: May 17, 2020

Tradition 5 will be assigned.

Concept 5 will be assigned.

Larry B. moved to adjourn the Assembly, seconded by Marty C. The motion passed unanimously and the General Service Assembly adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

George C., Recording Secretary Panel 70, Area 55, Northwest Ohio & Southeast Michigan