

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).

This meeting was held via Zoom Teleconference, Meeting ID 813-7037-7856, Password 100. 34 people were present on the video conference, including 4 Panel Officers including the Area 55 Delegate. 2 Past Delegates were present. 28 other participants were present, including 15 GSR's, 1 Alternate GSR, 4 DCM's, 0 Alternate DCM's, 1 current DCMC, 3 Area 55 Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs, 1 Intergroup Liaison, and 3 guests.

MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 16, 2020

Sherry S., Area 55 Chairperson, opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. Bruce M., Guest and member of SST, read the Mission Statement. Lorrie E., GSR – Mission for Traditions, read the Eighth Tradition. Gale W., GSR – SST, read the Eighth Concept. Panel 70 officers were introduced.

New GSR's: No new GSR's were present.

Past Delegates: John C., Past Delegate, Area 55 Panel 66 & Delegate Chair of the CPC Committee; and Ron S., Area 55 Panel 48 & Delegate Chair of the Policy & Admissions Committee.

Intergroup Guests: Tim D., Chairman – Northwest Ohio/Southeast Michigan Intergroup Association.

Approval of July 19 Minutes: George C., Recording Secretary, presented the July 19, 2020 minutes. Bill G., DCM – District 7, moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Marty C., GSR – New Hope. The motion carried unanimously and the July 19, 2020 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 July Treasurer's Report: Chris C., Treasurer, presented the Financial Report for July 2020:

Operating Account: Beginning Balance 7/1/20: \$6,288.90; Income: \$1,058.62; Expenses: \$445.22; Ending Balance 7/31/20: \$6,902.10.

Prudent Reserve: Beginning Balance 7/1/20: \$3,002.93; Interest: \$0.05; Ending Balance 7/31/20: \$3,002.98.

2020 Mini Conference: Beginning Balance 7/1/20: \$2,000.00; no income or expenses; Ending Balance 7/31/20: \$2,000.00.

East Central Regional Conference: (Seed money for 2021 Ohio State Convention) Beginning Balance 7/1/20: \$1,500.00; no income or expenses; Ending Balance 7/31/20: \$1,500.00

George C., Recording Secretary – Area 55, moved to approve the July Treasurer's report, seconded by Rachel W., GSR – Trail Group. The motion passed unanimously, and the July 2020 Treasurer's Report was adopted.

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, submitted a written report for August. The Committee met on August 19 via Zoom, with 4 members present. All in-person commitments except the Driver Intervention Program are on hold due to COVID. Committee members have fulfilled all DIP commitments. For DIP's, only 4 AA's are allowed to participate due to social distancing; the Committee plans on 1 Committee member and 3 Home Group members to attend each commitment. If a group cannot fulfill their commitment, the Committee is asking that the group call the Committee Chair to inform them ahead of time, so that more Committee members may attend. To find the upcoming DIP dates and the groups assigned, they are on the Area 55 and the Central Office website (in Central Office Announcements).

The Lucas County Jail has no means of utilizing DVD's or CD's. On August 12, the Committee took a box of literature, books and newsletters to the jail. CTF Men's facility may have the ability to do Zoom meetings – they are discussing internally and will get back with the Committee. The CTF Women's facility currently provides Central Office directories upon discharge. Currently, the work release programs (men's and women's) at CTF does not have any inmates. TCI (prison) received 5 different DVD's from the Committee on July 31. TCI has the ability to play the DVD's on an inmate channel for viewing inside each cell. Allen-Oakwood Correctional Institution (AOCI) in Lima is checking into what platform they can use to conduct online meetings. An AOCI inmate seeking a sponsor was connected to the Committee.

The Committee has also been invited to attend weekly International meetings related to corrections committee work. This meeting is held on Zoom, the first and last Sunday at 6 p.m., and the in-between Sundays at 11 a.m., meeting ID 239-990-5603, password 765110.

The next meeting will be September 16 at 6:30 pm via Zoom (ID: 834-6924-9046, Password: jail).

The Multi-District Correctional Committee has changed their meeting time. The Committee will now meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m., at Central Office; although the Committee is meeting via Zoom during the pandemic – for more information, visit area55aa.org.

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.

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

Mary Beth D., Co-Chair, presented a brief report to the Assembly.

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

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

Wendy H., Chair, presented a brief report. The Committee met on August 10, at 6 p.m., at the Pearson Park shelter house.

Financial Report: Beginning Balance: \$145.62; No Income or Expenses; Ending Balance: \$145.62

Bruce M. moved to adopt the financial report; seconded by Bill G., DCM – District 7. The motion passed unanimously, and the Grapevine Financial Report was adopted.

*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. In **August**, the Committee will Meet August 10 at the Pearson Park Shelter House at 6pm.*

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

Wendy S., Committee member and Area 55 Webmaster, presented a brief report and submitted a written report. The Committee met August 11 via Zoom with all members and the Area 55 Delegate present. The Committee discussed meeting information updates and requests for events to be posted. The Committee decided to add the following question to the online meeting request form: *Was this meeting created as a result of a group conscience decision?* The Committee Chair announced another Area 55 member interest in joining the Committee. Because of a conflict between an update of the web platform we use and the theme used for website formatting, the Webmaster changed the theme (formatting) to one that was close to what we were using so that our dropdown menus would continue to function properly. For July, there were 2,379 unique visitors, 4,376 visits (1.83 visits per visitor), 75,437 pages visited (17.23 pages per visit). The next meeting will be held September 1 at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom, Meeting ID: 273-332-805, password: 830.

*The Website Committee has **rescheduled** their meetings to the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at Zoom meeting ID 273-332-805, password 830.*

Ad Hoc Area 55 Online Meetings Committee: Josh D.

No report was given.

Ad Hoc Area 55 Redistricting Committee: John C.

No report was given.

Ad Hoc Area 55 Guidelines Committee: Sherry S. / alt.delegate@area55aa.org

The Committee has not met. If you have any suggestions for the Area 55 Guidelines, please contact Sherry.

Northwest Ohio/Southeast Michigan Intergroup: Dave G., Liaison for the Intergroup Association of Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan, presented a brief report. Intergroup will be having a Zoom meeting on Saturday, August 29. All social activities for the Intergroup Association have been suspended through the end of the year due to COVID.

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

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

Connor G., Committee member, presented a brief report. The Committee met on August 9 at 3:00 p.m. There will be a 3-speaker panel on Saturday, August 29, at Maumee Bay State Park. The Committee has excess income from their reserve, so they donated \$22 to Area 55 and \$22 to Intergroup. The next NOCYPAA Committee meeting will be Sunday August 23; and they are hoping to have that meeting in person.

MONCYPAA Liaison: Logan T.

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 today at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom. Unity Day is still being planned.

District 3: Tarik K., DCM

Tarik reported that District 3 meets monthly, and they are planning to host a Tradition 7 Workshop November 14th either in-person or via Zoom.

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

Jim S., Panel 70, Area 55 Delegate, and Alternate Chair of the CPC Committee presented the Delegate’s Report:

2020 Virtual Ohio State Convention: Area 54 has decided to host the Ohio State Convention virtually on August 21-22. It will take place from 7:00 pm to 9:30pm both evenings.

GSO Audit: The audit of the General Service Office has been completed. Jim presented a couple of slides from the Financial Report.

7th Tradition: 7th Tradition Donations can be mailed to: Area 55 Treasurer; PO Box 401; Toledo, OH 43697-0401; or can be made online at <https://area55aa.org/make-a-contribution/>. The receipt for the area55aa.org will say ‘Ohio State Conference’ as this is the old (but active) PayPal account. For General Service Office donations, you can mail to: G.S.O.; PO Box 459; Grand Central Station; New York, NY 10163-0459. Jim encouraged groups or members within Area 55 to send a check for \$55.

Meeting Changes: This is a challenging time, and groups are striving to open under many different circumstances. If your group changes how, where, or when they will meet, please make every attempt to let all entities that serve your meeting know.

Area 55 Committees: Committees are encouraged to begin or continue meeting on a regular basis either online or in an outdoor socially distanced setting. The work of committees must focus on keeping the heartbeat of our solution alive.

OLD BUSINESS

The Assembly brought from the Table (per a June 2020 vote of the Assembly) a motion to reduce the frequency of the Area Assembly meetings from monthly to quarterly. Discussion was held – including that there are 285 active groups within Area 55, however only 15 General Service Representatives are present at today’s meeting. Chris C., Treasurer – Area 55 moved to indefinitely table the motion; seconded by George C., Recording Secretary – Area 55. 23 votes yes, 3 voted no. The motion passed and the matter is tabled.

There were no collections received during the July Assembly.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was presented.

NEXT GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: September 20, 2020, 1:00 pm via Zoom

Zoom ID: 813-7037-7856

Password: 100

Tradition 9 will be read by Logan T., DCM.

Concept 9 will be read by Chris C., Treasurer – Area 55.

George C., Recording Secretary – Area 55, moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Gale W., GSR – SST. The motion carried unanimously, and the Assembly adjourned at 3:01 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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