

# 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. 30 people were present on the video conference including 5 Panel Officers. The Delegate was not able to attend, as he is attending the virtual General Service Conference. 2 Past Delegates were present. 23 other participants were present, including 16 GSR's, 1 Alternate GSR, 2 DCM's, 0 Alternate DCM's, 1 current DCMC, 2 Area 55 Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs and 1 guest.

## MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 18, 2021

Sherry S., Area 55 Chairperson, opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. followed by the Serenity Prayer. Stacey K., GSR – Perrysburg Staying Sober, read the Mission Statement. Gale W., GSR – SST, read the Third and Fourth Traditions. Sherry S., Chair & Alternate Delegate – Area 55 Panel 70, read the Third and Fourth Concepts. Panel 70 officers were introduced.

**New GSR's/Alternate GSR's:** No new GSR's or Alternate GSR's.

**New DCM's/Alternate DCM's:** No new DCM's or Alternate DCM's.

**Past Delegates:** Ron S., Past Delegate - Area 55 Panel 48; and John C., Past Delegate - Area 55 Panel 66.

**Approval of February Minutes:** George C., Recording Secretary, presented the February 21, 2021 minutes. Larry S., GSR – Eastside 12x12, moved to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Bill G., DCM – District 7. The motion carried unanimously, and the February 21, 2021 minutes were adopted.

*Please note: Committee meeting minutes and District reports 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.*

**Approval of February Treasurer's Report:** Chris C., Treasurer, presented the Financial Report for February 2021:

**Operating Account:** Beginning Balance 2/1/21: \$7,410.13; Income: \$471.00; Expenses: \$212.60; Ending Balance 2/28/21: \$7,668.53.

**Prudent Reserve:** Beginning Balance 2/1/21: \$3,003.28; Interest: \$0.05; Ending Balance 2/28/21: \$3,003.33.

**2021 Mini Conference:** Beginning Balance 2/1/21: \$2,000.00; no income or expenses; Ending Balance 2/28/21: \$2,000.00.

**February Assembly Basket:** \$47.00

Bill G., DCM – District 7, moved to approve the February Treasurer's report; seconded by Lorrie E., GSR – Missions for Traditions. The motion passed unanimously, and the February 2021 Treasurer's Report was adopted.

**Approval of March Treasurer's Report:** Chris C., Treasurer, presented the Financial Report for March 2021:

**Operating Account:** Beginning Balance 3/1/21: \$7,668.53; Income: \$631.58; Expenses: \$209.30; Ending Balance 3/31/21: \$8,090.81.

**Prudent Reserve:** Beginning Balance 3/1/21: \$3,003.33; Interest: \$0.05; Ending Balance 3/31/21: \$3,003.38.

**2021 Mini Conference (Final):** Beginning Balance 3/1/21: \$2,000.00; Income: \$195.00; Expenses: \$61.89; Ending Balance 3/31/21: \$2,133.11.

Mary Beth D., Committee Chair – CPC/PI, moved to approve the March Treasurer's report; seconded by Karen W., Panel 70 Officer – Mailing Secretary. The motion passed with 24 voting yes, 0 voting no, and 1 abstention. The March 2021 Treasurer's Report was adopted.

**Mini Conference Account above Reserve:** Ron S., Past Delegate – Area 55 Panel 70, moved to transfer the \$133.11 excess monies above the \$2,000.00 Prudent Reserve in the Mini Conference account to the Area 55 General Account; seconded by Joan S., GSR – Maumee Thursday Night 12x12. The motion carried unanimously, and the \$133.11 will be transferred from the Mini Conference account to the Area 55 General account.

## **COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS**

**Archives:** / Billy S. / [archives.chair@area55aa.org](mailto: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 and Geno F. / [corrections.chair@area55aa.org](mailto:corrections.chair@area55aa.org)

Dawn F., Co-Chair, gave a brief report and submitted a written report. The Committee met in-person at Frisch's on March 17, 2021, with 4 members present. The Committee discussed the Driver Intervention Programs – there have been 18 participants in the program; however, no AA groups are showing up. The Men's CTF weekly Thursday Night Zoom meeting – no one is showing up; the Committee has reached out to CTF to discuss plans. The Women's CTF weekly Zoom meeting – there are 5-10 women coming each week. Work release has not started back up yet. The committee meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month. The April meeting will be April 21.

*The Multi-District Correctional Committee has changed their meeting time. The Committee will now meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.; the Committee may meet at an alternate location – for more information, visit [area55aa.org](http://area55aa.org).*

**CPC/PI:** Mary Beth D. / [cpc.pi@area55aa.org](mailto:cpc.pi@area55aa.org) /

Mary Beth D., Chair, gave a brief report. The Committee met on March 17 via Zoom. The Committee has 2 new members. On March 9, the Committee met with the Intergroup Hospitals & Institutions (H&I) Committee and received a list of meetings that the H&I Committee attends. On April 7, the Committee made a presentation to the UT Psychiatry Department and mailed the department samples of A.A. literature and a price list, so that the department may purchase literature for patients in their recovery program. The Committee also provided sample literature and a price list to Rescue Crisis.

*The CPC/PI Committee meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 5:00 p.m., at Central Office; although during the pandemic their meetings will be at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom at 831-8766-3059, Password: 530.*

**Accessibilities:** Matt A. / [accessibilities@area55aa.org](mailto: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.*

**Grapevine:** Wendy H. / [grapevine.chair@area55aa.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.*

**Website:** Vacant position / [web.comm.chair@area55aa.org](mailto:web.comm.chair@area55aa.org) /

Wendy S., Area 55 Webmaster, gave a brief report. The Website Committee Chairman, Nathan K., has resigned. The Committee met on March 9 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom with 2 members present. The Committee discussed publishing older articles from the Area 55 Newsletter to the Area 55 website. The Committee also met on April 6 via Zoom with 2 members present. The Committee did post older Area 55 Newsletter articles to the website. The Committee discussed adding current district information to each group's meeting listing on area55aa.org, which can be change after any Area 55 redistricting. The website plugins have been updated. The Area treasurer's monthly reports have also been added to the website. The Committee discussed a request from the webmaster of the Intergroup Association of Northwest Ohio & Southeast Michigan website (toledoaa.com) to share meeting information; Intergroup is changing their meeting listing publicly available to the same format as the Area 55 website. The Committee, after considering the spirit of cooperation, and recognizing that meeting listings are publicly available on area55aa.org, agreed to share the meeting information with the Intergroup Association webmaster. The next Committee meeting will be Tuesday, May 4.

*April 2021 website statistics: 3,495 unique visitors; 5,515 total visits (1.57 visits per visitor). 93,656 pages visited (16.98 pages per visit).*

*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.*

**NOCYPAA Liaison:** Connor G. (Northwest Ohio Committee of Young People in AA)

No report was provided.

**MONCYPAA Liaison:** Logan T.

No report was provided.

**Ad Hoc Area 55 Online Meetings Committee:** Josh D. / [joshdaviesosu@gmail.com](mailto:joshdaviesosu@gmail.com)

No report was given.

## **DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER ("DCM") REPORTS**

**DCM Chair:** Kimbrough P., District Committee Member Chair

The District Committee No report was given. Bill S. is the new Alternate DCMC.

**District 4:** Bridget B., DCM – District 4

Bridget B., DCM – District 4, gave a brief report. The District will hold a meeting via Zoom on May 10 at 5:30 p.m.

**District 7:** Bill G., DCM – District 7

Bill G., DCM – District 7, gave a brief report, and submitted a written report. The District meeting was held March 11, with 4 people in attendance. The District hosted a Big Book Study via Zoom on February 27, with 58 people in attendance. The study is available online at <https://www.recoverytapers.com/z-threads-of-recover-bill-h>, tracks 141, 142, and 143. The District is also looking for an Alternate DCM who would take the position effective January 2022 and would be a 2-year commitment. The next District 7 meeting will be held the third Thursday in May (May 20) at 6 p.m. via Zoom.

**District 11:** Bonnie S., DCM – District 11

Bonnie S., DCM - District 11, gave a brief report. Most meetings in the district are still online via Zoom.

**DELEGATE'S REPORT:** Jim S. / [delegate@area55aa.org](mailto:delegate@area55aa.org) / (419) 708-4408

Sherry S., Alternate Delegate – Area 55 Panel 70, provided the Delegate's Report. The Delegate Jim S. is currently attending the virtual General Service Conference.

**East Central Regional Forum:** The East Central Regional Forum will be held virtually November 19-21, 2021.

**Ohio State Convention:** Area 55 is hosting the 2021 Ohio State Convention (virtual), and the planning committee meetings are being held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month via Zoom at 10 a.m. So far, there are 26 registered for the Convention.

**A.A. Groups – Transitioning from Online back to In-Person meetings:** Sherry encouraged groups who make this transition to (1) have a group conscience meeting to make this decision, (2) contact Area 55 and your Intergroup Association, and toledoaa.com updated, and (3) keep any published group listing current, including the Meeting Guide App (which is through the Area 55 directory).

**OLD BUSINESS**

\$18.00 was collected during today's February General Service Assembly PayPal basket. Bill G., DCM – District 7, moved to keep the \$18.00 from today's basket within Area 55; seconded by Larry S., GSR – Eastside 12x12. There were 24 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention. The motion passed and the \$18 monies received will be kept within the Area.

**NEW BUSINESS**

John C., Past Delegate – Area 55 Panel 66, discussed donating from the Area 55 General Operating account to the General Service Office in New York. The account is well over our reserve. George C., Recording Secretary – Area 55 Panel 70, moved to donate 10% (\$810) of Area 55 monies to the General Service Office; seconded by Gale W., GSR – SST. There were 24 voting yes, 1 voting no, and 0 abstentions. The motion passed, and the Area 55 Treasurer will submit a \$810 donation to the General Service Office on behalf of Area 55.

Chris C., Treasurer – Area 55 Panel 70, discussed the future of a physical meeting site for the Area Assembly. Currently, the Senior Center is not allowing any outside groups, and probably will not allow the Area to utilize the site any longer. Chris is currently looking for alternate sites. Chris is looking parks, shelter houses, union halls, and other sites. For reference, the Area paid the Senior Center \$50 per month for monthly meetings.

Joan S., GSR – Maumee Thursday Night 12x12, moved to donate 10% (\$810) of the Area 55 bank account balance to the Northwest Ohio/Southeastern Michigan Intergroup Association; seconded by Don S., GSR – New Beginnings. The Area discussed the issue at length.

George C., Recording Secretary, Area 55 Panel 70, moved to table this motion until GSR's have time to discuss this with their groups; seconded by Dawn F., Committee Co-Chair – Multi District Corrections. The motion to table passed unanimously. The motion to donate \$810 to the Northwest Ohio/Southeastern Michigan Intergroup Association Central Office was laid upon the table.

**NEXT GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: May 16, 2021, 1:00 pm via Zoom**

**Zoom ID:** 813-7037-7856

**Password:** 100

Tradition 5 will be read by Mary Beth D., Committee Chair – CPC/PI.

Concept 5 will be read by Mandy F., GSR – Raising the Bottom.

Tim D., Registrar – Area 55 Panel 70, moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Gale W., GSR - SST. The motion carried unanimously, and the Assembly adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



George C.

Recording Secretary

Panel 70, Area 55 - Northwest Ohio & Southeast Michigan