

# 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. 26 people were present on the video conference including 5 Panel Officers plus the Area Delegate. 1 Past Delegate was present. 19 other participants were present, including 11 GSR's, 1 Alternate GSR, 3 DCM's, 0 Alternate DCM's, 0 current DCMC, 2 Area 55 Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs and 2 guests.

## MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 16, 2021

Sherry S., Area 55 Chairperson, opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. followed by the Serenity Prayer. Dawn F., Committee Co-Chair – Multi-District Correctional, read the Mission Statement. Karen W., Mailing Secretary – Area 55 Panel 70, read the Fifth Tradition. Mandy F., GSR – Raising the Bottom, read the Fifth Concept. Panel 70 officers were introduced.

**New GSR's/Alternate GSR's:** Kristin Bowman, Alternate GSR – Maumee Thursday Night 12x12

**New DCM's/Alternate DCM's:**

**Past Delegates:**

**Approval of April Minutes:** George C., Recording Secretary, presented the April 18, 2021 minutes. There were a couple of corrections. Tim D., Registrar – Area 55 Panel 70, moved to approve the April 2021 minutes as corrected; seconded by Bill G., DCM – District 7. The motion carried unanimously, and the April 18, 2021 minutes were adopted as corrected.

*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 April Treasurer's Report:** Chris C., Treasurer, presented the Financial Report for April 2021:

**Operating Account:** Beginning Balance 4/1/21: \$8,090.81; Income: \$598.35; Expenses: \$1,173.19; Ending Balance 4/30/21: \$7,515.97.

**Prudent Reserve:** Beginning Balance 4/1/21: \$3,003.38; Interest: \$0.05; Ending Balance 4/30/21: \$3,003.43.

**Area 55 Mini Conference:** Beginning Balance 4/1/21: \$2,133.11; 1 expense to move excess above prudent reserve to Area 55 main operating account: \$133.11; Ending Balance 4/30/21: \$2,000.00.

**April Assembly Basket:** \$18.00

**April Group Contributions:** \$407.24

Larry S., GSR – Eastside 12x12, moved to adopt the April 2021 Treasurer's Report; seconded by Gale W., GSR – SST. The motion passed unanimously, and the April 2021 Treasurer's Report was adopted.

## **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 on April 21 with 5 members present. The Committee fulfilled all three of the commitments for the Driver Intervention Programs (Groups are no longer asked to attend due to the limit of 2 A.A.'s per program). The CTF-Men's campus is working on physical facility updates and, upon completion, will focus on getting men to attend meetings. Currently the CTF-Men's facility has an A.A. meeting via Zoom on Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. that is open to CTF men and Correctional Committee members only. The CTF-Women's weekly meeting on Mondays from 7-8 p.m. has had 1-5 attendees per week. The Work Release facility has not been open during the pandemic. At the TCI-Toledo Prison facility, Committee members have been attending meetings held Monday evenings and twice on Wednesdays. The Committee needs help to fill the Wednesday morning meeting at the TCI facility. At the Allen-Oakwood Correctional Institution in Lima, Chrissy M., DCM – District 14, has been attending Zoom meetings on Mondays with inmates of the facility.

*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) /

Karen W., Mailing Secretary – Area 55 Panel 70 and member of the CPC/PI Committee, gave a brief report. Mary Beth D. also submitted a written report. The Committee met on March 17 with 4 members in attendance (the Committee did not meet in April; and met on May 5<sup>th</sup>). Members of the Committee met via Zoom with the Intergroup Hospital & Institutions Committee to receive list of locations and contacts for meetings they are taking into the community. The Committee has been engaged extensively with the University of Toledo Medical Center (UTMC) – members of the Committee have met with the Outpatient Administrative Director and learned that they are currently purchasing AA literature and books through Central Office. The Committee also presented a PowerPoint to the UTMC Psychiatry Department – Recovery Services staff and offered A.A. meetings through the Intergroup H&I Committee on site or online. The Committee will provide A.A. pamphlets and yellow cards to the Rescue Mental Health & Addiction Services (Rescue Crisis) lobby, helpline department, and Crisis Stabilization Units. The Committee, through its work with the Allen-Oakwood Correctional Institution in Lima, is spearheading an opportunity to present a CPC/PI PowerPoint to the Northwest Ohio Region supervisors meeting on June 9. This June 9 meeting will include Supervisors from the Allen-Oakwood Correctional Institution, Grafton Correctional Institution, Lorain Correctional Institution, Mansfield Correctional Institution, Richland Correctional Institution, and Toledo Correctional Institution (TCI). The Committee discussed asking the Area Assembly for funds to purchase more literature; no action was taken as the Committee already can purchase up to \$100 of literature. The next meeting of the CPC/PI Committee will be June 16 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

*The CPC/PI Committee meets the 3rd 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. John C., Past Delegate – Area 55 Panel 66, has agreed to chair the Group Services Committee for the remainder of the Panel 70 Term. The Committee will be helping A.A. groups, especially as they transition from online meetings back to in-person meetings.

*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 and member of the Website Committee, gave a brief report and submitted a written report. The Committee met Tuesday, May 4 with three members present. The Committee welcomed new member Kaleb C. The Committee also discussed the merging of the Ad Hoc Online Meetings Committee with the Website Committee.

*April Website Statistics: 3,495 unique visitors; 5,515 total visits (1.57 visits per visitor); 93,656 pages viewed (17 pages per visit).*

The next meeting of the Website Committee will be Tuesday, June 1 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

*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.*

**Northwest Ohio/Southeast Michigan Intergroup:** No report was given

**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. /

No report was given.

## **DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER (“DCM”) REPORTS**

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

No report was given. The District Committee Member meeting was held at 11:30 a.m. today.

No District Committee Members provided a report during the meeting.

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

Jim S., Delegate – Area 55 Panel 70, provided the Delegate’s Report. Jim provided an in-depth report of activities during the 71<sup>st</sup> General Service Conference held virtually April 18-24.

**71<sup>st</sup> General Service Conference Highlights:** The Conference covered 1,487 pages of background material, covered 110 agenda items, had 47 committee recommendations, 49 advisory actions, and 89 committee considerations. There were 6 floor actions resulting in 6 advisory actions. A few advisory actions included:

- Began the process to translate the Fourth Edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* into an easier-to-read / modern language version.
- To change parts of the 12x12 and add the Long Form of the Traditions to follow the essay on each tradition.
- To NOT retire the 12 Traditions Illustrated.
- To change the pamphlet on sponsorship.
- To revise the pamphlet “A.A. for the Black and African American.”
- To revise the pamphlet “A.A. for the Native North American.”
- To revise the opening statement of the A.A. Preamble, and to submit it to the Grapevine Board for adoption.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was \$50 collected for today's Assembly basket. Larry S., GSR – Eastside 12x12, moved to donate the \$50 from today's basket to the General Service Office in New York; seconded by Karen W., Mailing Secretary – Area 55 Panel 70. The motion carried unanimously, and today's basket of \$50 will be sent to the General Service Office.

Chris C., Treasurer – Area 55 Panel 70, moved to bring from the table the motion to donate \$810 to the Toledo Central Office; seconded by Larry S., GSR – Eastside 12x12. There were 14 voting yes, 5 voting no, and 0 abstentions. The motion passed and the motion was successfully brought from the table to the Area Assembly for consideration. After discussion and debate on the issue the Chair called the question to vote on whether to donate \$810 to the Toledo Central Office. There was 1 voting in favor, 20 voting against, and 0 abstentions. The motion failed, and no Area action will be taken at this time regarding the issue.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion was held on allowing GSR's for online groups in the Area Assembly. George C., Recording Secretary – Area 55 Panel 70, moved to *(1) Allow online groups in the area to send a GSR to the General Service Assembly, and (2) charge the Ad Hoc Online Meetings Committee to draft guidelines for online group representation for consideration at next month's General Service Assembly*; seconded by Bill G., DCM – District 7. After further discussion, the Chair called a vote on the issue. There were 17 voting yes, 2 voting no, and 0 abstaining. The motion carried – the Area will General Service Representatives sent from online groups in the area, and the Ad Hoc Online Meetings Committee will draft guidelines for this incorporation and will present to the Assembly their findings and recommendations during June's Assembly.

Chris C., Treasurer – Area 55 Panel 70, discussed the efforts to potentially find a new site to hold in-person meetings for the Area General Assembly.

## **NEXT GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: June 13, 2021, 1:00 pm via Zoom**

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

**Password:** 100

Tradition 6 will be read by Larry S., GSR – Eastside 12x12.

Concept 6 will be read by Bill G., DCM – District 7.

Larry S., Eastside 12x12, moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Karen W., Mailing Secretary – Area 55 Panel 70. The motion carried unanimously, and the Assembly adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

George C.

Recording Secretary

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