

GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY

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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. 25 people were present on the video conference including 5 Panel Officers plus the Area Delegate. 1 Past Delegate was present. 17 other participants were present, including 13 GSR's, 0 Alternate GSRs, 1 DCM, 0 Alternate DCM's, 1 current DCMC, 1 Area 55 Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs, 1 Committee Member, and 1 guest – the Toledo Central Office Manager.

MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 18, 2021

Sherry S., Area 55 Chairperson, opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. followed by the Serenity Prayer. Linda K., GSR – Zoombusters (online), read the Mission Statement. Chris C., Treasurer – Area 55 Panel 70, read Tradition Seven. Gale W., GSR – SST, read the Seventh Concept. Panel 70 officers were introduced.

New GSR's/Alternate GSR's: Patty B. – Living Sober, Linda K. – Zoombusters (online)

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

Past Delegates: John C., Past Delegate – Area 55 Panel 66

Approval of June Minutes: George C., Recording Secretary, presented the June 13, 2021, minutes. There were a couple of corrections. Mary Beth D., Committee Chair – CPC/PI, moved to approve the May 2021 minutes as corrected; seconded by Kimbrough P., DCM Chair – Area 55. The motion carried unanimously, and the June 13, 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. Reports need to be submitted by or on the day of the Area Assembly for the mailing to be completed on time.

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

Operating Account: Beginning Balance 6/1/21: \$8,132.74 Income: \$698.34; Expenses: \$415.49; Ending Balance 6/30/21: \$8,415.59.

Prudent Reserve: Beginning Balance 6/1/21: \$3,003.48; Interest: \$0.05; Ending Balance 6/30/21: \$3,003.53.

Area 55 Mini Conference: Beginning Balance 6/1/21: \$2,000.00; No income or expenses; Ending Balance 6/30/21: \$2,000.00.

June Assembly Basket: \$20.00

June Group Contributions: \$678.34

Bill G., DCM – District 7, moved to adopt the June 2021 Treasurer's Report; seconded by Larry S., GSR – Eastside 12x12. The motion passed with 21 voting yes, 1 voting no, with 0 abstentions, and the June 2021 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

No verbal report was given; however, Dawn F., Co-Chair, submitted a written report. The Committee met on June 16 with 7 members present. The Committee thanked Dale S., who is stepping away from the Corrections Committee after five years of service. The Committee discussed different options for scheduling and organizing group commitments. Currently, Central Office assigns the group commitments based on a yearly form submitted to them. A motion was made for the Committee to work towards regaining responsibility for assigning and organizing group commitments. The motion failed, with 1 voting in favor, and 2 voting against. The vote means that the committee will keep the current process of Central Office assigning group responsibilities intact. The Committee will work with Central Office to get the 2021 group responsibilities assigned – currently no group was scheduled past June 26th. The Committee informed CTF-Men's program that they will no longer offer the Zoom meeting due to lack of attendance; however, the Committee informed CTF-Men's that they will be ready once in-person meetings are ready to resume. The CTF-Women's online Zoom meeting will continue Monday evenings. For TCI-Prison, the Committee is looking for more men in A.A. to carry the message into the institution. The Committee had \$40 donated through the Area 55 donations website and \$15 from an in-person donation. The Committee spent \$89.94 on June 1 for five Big Books and five 12x12's. The Committee reported that District 14 is covering meetings at the Allen-Oakwood Correctional Institution (AOCI) held on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. The next meeting of the Multi-District Corrections Committee will be July 28 at 6:30 p.m. at Central Office.

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.; the Committee may meet at an alternate location – for more information, visit area55aa.org.

CPC/PI: Mary Beth D. / cpc.pi@area55aa.org

Mary Beth D., Committee Chair, gave a brief report and submitted a written report. The Committee met on June 16 via Zoom with 3 members in attendance. The Committee discussed the follow up from the presentation to the Northwest Ohio Region of Correctional Supervisors on June 9. Committee member Karen W. will pursue CPC/PI presentations for accurate information on AA with the Adult Parole Board Chemical Dependency Specialists, Case Management supervisors, Toledo Correctional Institution supervisors, and will send the institutions sample literature and the Central Office contact information along with a price list for the prisons to purchase literature. The Committee agreed to purchase the yellow business-card-sized piece of literature from VistaPrint, which will include the Central Office 24-hour telephone number. The Committee named Bill W. as the lead, along with Mary Beth D., to contact probation professionals. The Committee formed a subcommittee headed by Cassandra K. on contacting TV and radio stations to get A.A. public service announcements out. The next Committee meeting of the CPC/PI Committee will be July 21 at 5:30 p.m. at Central Office.

The CPC/PI Committee meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 5:30 p.m., at Central Office.

Accessibilities: Matt A. / 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

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 /

John C., Chair, gave a brief report. The Committee has not met recently in-person but will be holding a meeting July 26 at 6:00 p.m. at Central Office. The Committee is here to help groups with different services, including helping groups make the transition back to in-person meetings.

The Group Services Committee meetings may be suspended during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Website: Lisa C. / web.comm.chair@area55aa.org /

Lisa Crosby, Committee Chair, gave a brief report and submitted a written report. The Committee met Tuesday, July 6 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom with four members present. The Committee welcomed Lisa C. as the new Chair. The Committee will continue follow-up on current changes of all meetings online, in-person, and/or hybrid.

June Website Statistics: 3,400 unique visitors; 5,797 total visits (1.7 visits per visitor); 79,767 pages viewed (13.7 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.*

Northwest Ohio/Southeast Michigan Intergroup: David G., Intergroup Liaison, gave a brief report. The Intergroup Association of Northwest Ohio & Southeast Michigan met on Saturday, June 26 via Zoom. The Intergroup is still looking for Vice Chairmen for the Finance and Newsletter Committees. Melanie R. recently accepted the Vice Chair position for the Anniversary Committee. The next meeting of Intergroup will be Saturday, July 24 via Zoom.

NOCYPAA Liaison: Connor Gavin (Northwest Ohio Committee of Young People in AA)

Connor G., NOCYPAA Chair, gave a brief report. The Committee met on July 11 and voted to seek a bid to host the next OYPAA (Ohio Young People in AA) State Conference. During the next business meeting (July 25), positions will be voted upon for the newly formed bid committee. NOCYPAA had to recently cancel their annual "Day at the Bay" due to hatchlings occurring at the park. The Committee recently sent people to Mansfield, who is the host committee for the 2021 OYPAA conference, in support of their event on July 17. The next meeting of NOCYPAA will be Sunday, July 25, at 3:00 p.m. at Central Office.

MONCYPAA Liaison: Logan T.

No report was provided.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER ("DCM") REPORTS

DCM Chair: Kimbrough P., District Committee Member Chair

Kimbrough P., DCM Chair, gave a brief report. The District Committee Member meeting was held at 11:30 a.m. today via Zoom. Reports were given from District 3, District 7, and Districts 2/4. District 3 will be hosting a workshop and picnic on September 11 – flyers will be coming soon. Unity Day is being planned for either September 25 or October 2 – The DCM Committee is still looking for a venue.

District 7: Bill G., DCM – District 7, gave a brief report. Monday Night Men's will remain at Chapter V through the end of the year. Swanton By the Book has moved to a new location on Dodge Street.

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

Jim S., Delegate – Area 55 Panel 70, provided the Delegate's Report.

65th Ohio State Convention: Area 55 is hosting this free online/virtual event August 20-22, 2021. Registration is free and can be done at area55aa.org. Once you are registered, you will receive a confirmation e-mail with the Zoom ID numbers and attachment. The program is available on the Area website. The Planning Committee has done an excellent job in preparing for this convention.

Grapevine Updated A.A. Preamble: The July 2021 issue of the Grapevine contains the revised A.A. Preamble. If your group is interested, Wendy H., Grapevine Chair, can assist in getting the subscription renewed.

DCM and Area Assembly Meetings returning to In-Person: Starting Sunday, September 19, 2021, the DCM meeting (11:30 a.m.) and the Area Assembly meeting (1:00 p.m.) will resume in-person meetings at the Senior Center at 2308 Jefferson Avenue in Toledo. *The facility requests that if you are not vaccinated, that you please wear a mask.*

Agenda Items for 2022 General Service Conference: If you or your group wishes to request an agenda item for next year's General Service Conference (Panel 72), the deadline to submit those items is September 15, 2021.

DELEGATE'S REPORT (continued):

Group Information Change Forms: As groups re-open, it is important that any changes made to time, location, contact person, General Service Representative, etc., be made via the Group Information Change Form. These can be found under the Area Website.

Theme for 2025 International Convention: The General Service Office is requesting ideas for the Theme of the 2025 International Convention, which will be held in Vancouver, Canada. The deadline is October 15, 2021, if you wish to submit your idea.

Website Committee Chair: Lisa C. was asked to serve as the Website Committee Chair, and she has accepted.

Area Committee Involvement: Please consider joining one of the Area 55 General Service Committees.

OLD BUSINESS

There was \$5 collected for today's Assembly basket. George C., Recording Secretary – Area 55, moved to keep the \$5 donation within the Area; seconded by Larry S., GSR – Eastside 12x12. The motion carried unanimously, and today's basket of \$5 will be kept in the Area 55 general operating fund.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held about NOCYPAA attending the 2021 ICYPAA (International Committee of Young People in A.A.) Convention in New Orleans, LA August 26-29. The cost of registration and hotel would be around \$600. Jim S., Delegate – Area 55, moved to provide up to \$600 to NOCYPAA to help offset the cost of registration and hotel; seconded by Larry S., GSR – Eastside 12x12. After discussion, the Assembly voted 20 in favor, 2 against, and 1 abstention, and the motion to provide \$600 to NOCYPAA passed.

Karen M., Central Office Manager, brought a discussion to the Assembly about the Downtown Group-sponsored Christmas Day and New Year's Day activities. The Downtown Group has ceased to meet, and the group is asking either the Intergroup or Area Assembly to take ownership of the 2 activities. After much discussion, George C., Recording Secretary – Area 55, moved to table the discussion until the August Area Assembly meeting, to allow a chance for GSR's to seek the conscience of their groups; seconded by Mary Beth D., Committee Chair – CPC/PI. The motion to table the discussion passed by a vote of 20 yes, 1 no, and 1 abstention. The discussion will be brought from the table during the August Assembly meeting.

NEXT GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: August 15, 2021, 1:00 pm via Zoom

Zoom ID: 813-7037-7856

Password: 100

The Mission statement will be ready by Patty B., GSR – Living Sober
Tradition 8 will be read by Karen W., Mailing Secretary – Area 55.
Concept 8 will be read by Mandy F., GSR – Raising the Bottom.

Kimbrough P., DCM Chair – Area 55, moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Chris C., Treasurer – Area 55. The motion carried unanimously, and the Assembly adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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