

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 at the Senior Center; 2308 Jefferson; Toledo, OH 43604. 37 people were present including 5 Panel Officers, 1 Area Delegate, 2 Past Delegates, 15 GSRs, 3 Alternate GSRs, 5 DCMs, 1 Alternate DCMs, 1 current DCMC, 3 Area 55 Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs, and 1 guest.

MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Sherry S, Area 55 Chairperson, opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. followed by the Serenity Prayer. Joan S, GSR – Maumee Thursday 12x12, read the Mission Statement. Chrissy M, DCM – District 14, read Tradition Nine. Chris C, Treasurer – Area 55 Panel 70, read the Ninth Concept. Panel 70 officers were introduced.

New GSRs/Alternate GSRs: Linda K, GSR – Zoombusters; Mandy F, GSR – Raising the Bottom; Matt A, GSR - Renewed Life; Paul F, GSR – Warm Heart Serenity; Tina P, Alternate GSR - Eastside 12x12

New DCMs/Alternate DCMs: Don G, DCM - District 11

Past Delegates: John C, Past Delegate – Area 55 Panel 66; Kelly C, Past Delegate - Area 55 Panel 56

Approval of July Minutes: George C, Recording Secretary, presented the August 15, 2021, minutes. There were no corrections. Larry S, GSR – Eastside 12x12, moved to approve the July 2021 minutes as presented; seconded by Wendy H, Committee Chair - Grapevine. The motion carried unanimously, and the August 15, 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. Reports need to be submitted by or on the day of the Area Assembly for the mailing to be completed on time.

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

Operating Account: Beginning Balance 8/1/21: \$9,189.50 Income: \$861.08; Expenses: \$861.00; Ending Balance 8/31/21: \$9,189.58.

Prudent Reserve: Beginning Balance 8/1/21: \$3,003.58; Interest: \$0.05; Ending Balance 8/31/21: \$3,003.63.

Area 55 Mini Conference: Beginning Balance 8/1/21: \$2,000.00; No income or expenses; Ending Balance 8/31/21: \$2,000.00.

August Assembly Basket: \$25.00

August Group Contributions: \$831.08

David F, GSR – Northend Group, moved to adopt the August 2021 Treasurer's Report; seconded by Melanie R, Alternate GSR – Trail Group. The motion passed unanimously, and the August 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/

Geno F, Committee Co-Chair, gave a verbal report and submitted two written reports. The Committee met on August 25, 2021 at Central Office, with 8 members present (including 2 new members). The Committee met 3 out of 3 Driver Intervention Program commitments. The group commitments for the DIP program for the remainder of 2021 are posted at area55aa.org. There is now no limit to the number of people from a group that can attend the DIP program. For CTF-Men's Campus, committee members held meetings with 1-5 CTF men present each week in August. The co-chairs will contact CTF-Men to discuss ways to increase attendance. An additional member is getting trained to support the CTF-Men's weekly meeting. The CTF-Women's weekly meeting is a closed meeting between members of the Corrections Committee and CTF women. There have been 25 per week in attendance. 2 new committee members will be trained to assist with CTF-Women. Work Release has still remained closed. The Committee recently had a member that got approved at the TCI-prison, with two other members still pending. Chrissy Harper, DCM – District 14, needs help with conducting the in-person weekly meetings at the Allen-Oakwood Correctional Institution (AOI).

The Corrections Committee also met on September 15, 2021, at Central Office, with eight members present (including two more new members). The Committee fulfilled all 3 Driver Intervention Program commitments. For the LCCC (Lucas County Corrections Center), the Committee has not had any communication with the facility since May. The Committee will reach out to LCCC to see when meetings will resume. The Committee spoke with a CTF-Men's employee about increasing attendance at the weekly meeting. CTF-Men's is looking at making it a requirement for the men with alcohol-related problems to meet their treatment plan goals (This could result in 25-30 men out of 85-90-bed capacity attending meetings). Also for CTF-Men's, a second committee member was PREA trained. The CTF-Women's facility has plans to move their campus to the 2001 E. Central Avenue (prison campus) this year. A second committee member also received training for the CTF-Women's facility. Two more committee members were also approved at the TCI-prison facility, just awaiting orientation. The Committee's goal with the TCI-Prison is to have three members available to cover each meeting. The next meeting will be held October 20th 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. at Central Office; 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 September 15 at Central Office with five members in attendance. On September 8, Committee members Mary Beth D and Karen W presented to the UTMC Internal Medicine Program Credentialing staff. Due to Covid, this presentation was done via WebEx. The presentation focused on what A.A. does do – put on meetings, offer a 12-step program of recovery, and sharing experience with anyone seeking help with a drinking problem. The Committee will follow up with the UTMC Psychiatry Department, whom the Committee presented to this past year. The Committee will continue to work with the Zepf Center, who now administrates the SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services) grant that addresses mental health, substance abuse, crisis care, care coordination with hospitals, schools, and law enforcement (this grant was previously at Rescue Crisis). The Committee contacted the Oxford Houses, who has six single home recovery houses in the Toledo area. The Committee contacted the ProMedica EAP Program office in Lima and will work on contacting other ProMedica EAP offices. The Committee plans to pursue contacts with local hospital psychiatry departments, including Flower Hospital, St. Charles, and St. Vincent's. The Committee is working on contacting various prisons/facilities, probation departments, legal associations (including the Toledo Bar Association, Family Court, Domestic Relations Court, area judges, and other legal offices), and clergy. The Committee is also sending out PSAs to TV stations 13ABC, WTVG24 NBC, 11 WTOL, and WGTE Public Media, and has plans to send to local radio stations as well. The Committee will work with Chrissy H, DCM – District 14, for Lima area facilities. The next meeting of the CPC/PI Committee will be Wednesday, October 20, 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.

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

Wendy H, Chair, gave a brief report and submitted a written report. The Committee met on September 9, 6:00 p.m. at Rudy's Hot Dog, with four members attending. The Committee attended the District 3 workshop and the Starlight Anniversary, both of which had book sales. The Committee has been invited to attend the Oregon Hope Anniversary on October 6. The next Committee meeting will be October 11, at 6:00 p.m., at Rudy's Hot Dog on Monroe Street.

August Financial Report: Beginning Balance \$110.25, Book Sales \$207.00, Book Order -\$196.00, Ending Balance \$121.25

Lisa C, Committee Chair – Website, moved to approve the August financial report; seconded by Dave F, GSR – Northend. The motion passed unanimously, and the August Grapevine Financial Report was adopted.

The Grapevine Committee meets the 2nd Monday of each month, 6:00 p.m., Rudy's Hot Dog on Monroe Street.

Accessibilities: Matt A / accessibilities@area55aa.org /

Matt A provided a brief report and also submitted a written report. The Committee met on September 18 with five people present. The Committee passed out the current list of Shut-Ins to review. The Committee will be coordinating with Area-55 sponsored online meetings for shut-ins, noting that tablets can be used to help shut-ins establish a Zoom account. The Committee will resume mailing shut-in cards. The Committee is also reviewing resuming an interpreter at some meetings. The Committee raised an issue with the assembly that the meeting directory does not list meetings that are 'handicap accessible.' The next meeting of the Accessibilities Committee will be October 25, at 6:30 p.m. at Central Office.

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.

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

John C, Chair, gave a brief report and submitted a written report. The Committee met on August 23, 6:00 p.m. at Central Office, with five people present. The Committee set up a table at the Intergroup picnic and passed out information about the Committee. The Committee is also reaching out to groups and DCMs to make sure information is correct on the Meeting Guide app. The next Group Services Committee meeting will be September 20, 6:00 p.m. at Central Office.

The Group Services Committee meets the fourth Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at Central Office.

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

Lisa C, Committee Chair, gave a brief report and submitted a written report. The Committee met Tuesday, September 7, 6:00 p.m. via Zoom with three members present. The Committee discussed ongoing meeting changes to online and in-person meetings. The webmaster will continue to post old newsletters to the area website. The Committee drafted a letter to home groups utilizing the area-reimbursed Zoom accounts that they may consider purchasing their own Zoom account, as the area may discontinue shared-access to accounts. The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 5, 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

August website statistics: 3,959 unique visitors, 7,082 total visits, 88,104 total pages viewed.

*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 Intergroup Report.

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

No report was given.

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 at the Senior Center. 7 DCMs were in attendance as well as five guests. The Group Services Committee asked the DCMs to ensure group information is correct with the Meeting Guide App. There was discussion about getting Alternate DCMs in each district, as positions will rotate in January. The DCMs will be hosting Unity Day on October 2 at Providence Lutheran Church on Airport Highway, in the Family Life Center, from 8 a.m. to noon.

District 7: Bill G, DCM – District 7, gave a brief report. There is a new meeting on Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. at the New Hope Christian Church on Holloway Road.

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

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

Unity Day: This is scheduled for October 2 and hosted by our DCMC and DCMs. At Unity Day, we can take an area inventory, here from our delegate, and get a better understanding about different service responsibilities.

Finance: A.A. General Service Office donations are up the first half of 2021 by 1% of the projected budget. The 7th Tradition for the first six months was almost \$4,976,316.

Publishing: This continues with reduced shipping costs through October 18. The new A.A. Service Manual is projected to be available in digital format, as the printed version is expected to be delayed.

Preamble Card: The Grapevine has new A.A. Preamble cards available. There is also a new Grapevine book called *Prayer & Meditation*. New Grapevine issues are also in print.

OLD BUSINESS

There was \$70 collected for today’s Assembly basket. John C, Past Delegate – Area 55 Panel 66, moved to keep the \$25 in the Area 55 operating funds; seconded by Larry S, GSR – Eastside 12x12. The motion carried unanimously, and today’s basket of \$70 will be kept in the Area 55 general operating fund.

NEW BUSINESS

The assembly discussed the Website Committee draft letter to be sent to groups notifying them that meetings hosted on area-reimbursed accounts may need to go away; groups may need to purchase their own Zoom accounts if they wish to continue online. No action was taken by the assembly – the area would like input from groups, and the assembly will discuss again in December.

John C, Group Services Committee Chair, moved to revise the Area 55 Guidelines (page 17) to ‘remove the bullet point regarding the Committee’s responsibility to manage the area sound equipment,’ seconded by Kristine Z, Alternate GSR, Perrysburg Staying Sober. After further discussion, a voice vote was taken. A majority of the assembly voted no, no abstentions – the motion failed.

The East Central Regional Forum will be online this November. Registration will open October 25. Next year’s East Central Regional Forum will be hosted in Area 54.

NEXT GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: October 17, 2021, 1:00 pm the Senior Center (corner of Jefferson Street and 23rd Street; Toledo, OH)

The Mission statement will be ready by George C, Recording Secretary.

Tradition 10 will be read by Bridget B, DCM – District 4.

Concept 10 will be read by Mary Beth D, Committee Chair – CPC/PI.

Geno F, Committee Co-Chair - Corrections, moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Melanie R, Alternate GSR – Trail Group. The motion carried unanimously, and the Assembly adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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