

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. 40 people were present including 4 Panel Officers, 1 Area Delegate, 2 Past Delegates, 17 GSRs, 2 Alternate GSRs, 3 DCMs, 1 Alternate DCM, 1 current DCMC, 4 Area 55 Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs, and 5 guest, including the current Chairperson for the Intergroup Association of Northwest Ohio/Southeast Michigan.

MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 21, 2021

Sherry S , Area 55 Chairperson, opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. followed by the Serenity Prayer. Geno F , Committee Co-Chair - Corrections, read the Mission Statement. Dion M , GSR - Starlight, read Tradition Eleven. Larry S , GSR - Eastside 12x12, read the Eleventh Concept. Panel 70 officers were introduced.

New GSRs/Alternate GSRs: Michael C , GSR - New Hope; Bill B , Alternate GSR -- New Hope; Sparkie A , GSR - Port Clinton Nooners; Cody M , GSR - Fostoria Tuesday Night Men's; Kathy J , GSR - Miracles-Genoa.

New DCMs/Alternate DCMs:

Past Delegates: John C , Past Delegate - Area 55 Panel 66; Henry C , Past Delegate - Area 55 Panel 68

Approval of September Minutes: George C , Recording Secretary, presented the September 19, 2021, minutes. There were a few corrections. Larry S , GSR - Eastside 12x12, moved to approve the September 2021 minutes as corrected; seconded by Wendy H , Committee Chair - Grapevine. The motion carried unanimously, and the September 19, 2021, minutes were adopted.

Approval of October Minutes: George C , Recording Secretary, presented the October 17, 2021, minutes. There were a few corrections. Geno F , Committee Co-Chair - Corrections, moved to approve the October 2021 minutes as corrected; seconded by Jocelyn P , GSR - Oregon St. Charles. The motion carried unanimously, and the October 17, 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 October Treasurer's Report: Chris C , Treasurer, presented the Financial Report for October 2021:

Operating Account: Beginning Balance 10/1/21: \$9,694.42 Income: \$1,405.88; Expenses: \$466.25; Ending Balance 10/31/21: \$10,634.05.

Prudent Reserve: Beginning Balance 10/1/21: \$3,003.68; Interest: \$0.05; Ending Balance 10/31/21: \$3,003.73.

Area 55 Mini Conference: Beginning Balance 10/1/21: \$2,000.00; No income or expenses; Ending Balance 10/31/21: \$2,000.00.

October Assembly Basket: \$74.00

October Group Contributions: \$1,238.92

Kimbrough P , DCMC – Area 55, moved to adopt the October 2021 Treasurer’s Report; seconded by Wendy H , Committee Chair - Grapevine. The motion passed unanimously, and the October 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 and Geno F / corrections.chair@area55aa.org /

Dawn F , Committee Co-Chair, gave a verbal report and submitted a written report. The Committee met on October 20, 2021 at Central Office, with 20 members present (including 11 new members). The Committee met 2 out of 2 Driver Intervention Program commitments, however the groups assigned by Central Office did not meet either of the two commitments. The Committee met with the Intergroup Central Office Committee to discuss assigning and will work with them to make sure groups are aware of their commitment. The group commitments for the DIP program for the remainder of 2021 are posted at area55aa.org. The Lucas County Corrections Center (Jail) contacted the committee September 24 to request in-person meetings (3 for men and 2 for women). The committee currently has 18 members that were approved in early 2020, but 13 of those are no longer active with the Committee. Since September 24, 14 additional Committee members were approved, making the total members approved for the jail at 19 total. The women’s meetings at the jail will be Thursdays at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at noon. The men’s jail meetings will be Mondays at 7 p.m., Thursdays at 8 p.m., and Fridays at 3:30 p.m. For CTF-Men’s Campus, the weekly meetings have increased to 12 men weekly. The Committee needs 3 more members to fill the weekly commitment but are waiting on CTF to provide training. For CTF-Women, there continues to be 25-30 women attending at each weekly meeting. The CTF Women’s facility is planning to move to the TCI (prison) campus this year. The Committee still needs two additional members to fill the CTF-Women’s weekly commitment. The Committee is also working with TCI (prison) to approve two applications that have been pending since September 1, and seven more applications submitted October 20. The Allen-Oakwood Correctional Institution (AOI) in Lima has requested AA Committee presence in Zoom meetings held Tuesdays at 5 p.m. and Thursdays at 6:15 p.m. There are ten members of the Committee available for the AOI meetings. The Wood County jail contacted the Committee requesting assistance in holding 2 men’s meetings and 1 women’s meeting weekly. The Committee submitted four applications to the Wood County Jail and are pending approval. The Committee decided that members will commit to 4 months of a particular assignment at a facility. The Committee is asking for Assembly approval for 4 Grapevine renewals for CTF men, CTF women, LCCC men and LCCC women and 1 new subscription for the Wood County Jail, all of which total \$144.85.

ASSEMBLY ACTION FROM COMMITTEE REPORT

Connor G , GSR – Came to Believe, moved to approve the request from the Multi-District Corrections Committee for \$144.85 for 4 Grapevine renewals and 1 new Grapevine subscription. After discussion, the Assembly voted. With more than 2/3 in favor, the motion passed, and the Assembly will provide \$144.85 to the Corrections Committee.

- After the vote, a minority opinion was expressed by John C , Past Delegate – Area 55 Panel 66.
- After a minority opinion was expressed, two members expressed their interest in changing their vote
- The Assembly proceeded to vote on whether to reconsider the motion. The motion carried.
- The Assembly then re-voted on the motion to provide \$144.85 to the Corrections Committee. With 26 voting yes, and 7 voting no, a 2/3 majority was reached, and the motion passed, and the Committee will provide the Committee with \$144.85.

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 October 20 at Central Office with three members in attendance. The Committee discussed UTMC and developing relationships through education coordinators. The Committee is also working with ProMedica EAP offices, ZEPF recovery facilities in Toledo and the Ashland treatment facility.

The CPC/PI Committee also met on November 17, 2021, with three members in attendance. The Committee is working on connecting with UPMC education coordinators for emergency, family medicine, Obgyn, neurology, & pain medicine. The Zepf Center has agreed to a brief A.A. presentation for housing facility staff and the Ashland facility. The Committee has also developed a list of all current probation contacts in the counties of Area 55. The Toledo Bar Association does not allow for organizations to present to their meetings. The MultiFaith Council requested an Area 55 presentation outline to their board meeting on December 14th; the board will meet with the hope of presenting in 2022.

The next meeting of the CPC/PI Committee will be Wednesday, December 15, 2021, at 5:30pm at Central Office. Michael D has accepted the CPC/PI Committee Chair position for Panel 72.

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 October 11, 2021, at Rudy's Hot Dog on Monroe Street and on Zoom with 3 members present. The Committee had two commitments for the North End Group and the Area 55 Anniversary. One commitment was unable to be fulfilled. The Committee also met on November 8, 2021, with three members present. There were no commitments for November

October Financials – Beginning Balance \$57.50, Book Sales \$145.75; No Expenses; Ending Balance \$203.25

Larry S , GSR – Eastside 12x12, moved to approve the October Grapevine Financial Report; seconded by Jocelyn P , GSR – Oregon St. Charles. The motion was approved unanimously, and the October 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 /

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.

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

John C , Chair, gave a brief report and submitted a written report. The Committee met on October 25, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at Central Office. The Committee had 3 commitments, including the Dundee, MI for an anniversary, Perrysburg Staying Sober Anniversary, and the Raising the Bottom Anniversary. The next meeting of the Group Services Committee will be Monday, November 22, at 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 November 2, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom with 4 members present. The Committee discussed the Area 55 shared accounts meetings, and the proposal for Area 55 to notify groups that the shared accounts will be eliminated for groups – groups will need to be self-supporting soon. The Committee also discussed consolidating the shared Zoom accounts for use for Area 55 committees. The Committee is also working with the Area 55 Registrar to consider making a web video tutorial for completing forms.

October Website Statistics: Unique Visitors 3,706; Number of Visits 6,922; Pages viewed 88,330.

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)

Connor G , Chair – NOCYPAA, gave a brief report. The NOCYPAA elections will be held the second week in January (January 9th) 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 at the Senior Center. Thirteen people were present, and 9 districts were represented. District 14 will be hosting a workshop on December 11th from 10 a.m. to 2p.m. on the Doctor's Opinion. The December DCM meeting will have elections for DCMC and Alternate DCMC.

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

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

Ohio State Convention: Several Panel Officers attended the State Convention Planning Committee meeting in Columbus. The Area received \$227.69, which is ¼ of the profits from the virtual State Convention (4 Areas in Ohio receive 25% of any profits). The Area also donated \$250 to the convention.

East Central Regional Forum: This forum was held virtually last weekend. Over 200 attendees attended, including some from other countries including Canada and from South America. Jim led a workshop on the 'Singleness of Purpose.'

Letter from the General Manager of the General Service Office: This letter reminded areas of gratitude month in November, and that book sales are still down at the General Service Office, however donations from groups are up.

OLD BUSINESS

There was \$56.62 collected for today's Assembly basket. John C , Past Delegate – Area 55 Panel 66, moved to keep the \$56.62 in the Area 55 operating funds; seconded by Wendy H , Committee Chair - Grapevine. The motion carried unanimously, and today's basket of \$56.62 will be kept in the Area 55 general operating fund.

The Assembly discussed a Website Committee proposal to send a letter to groups that utilize one of the Area 55 shared Zoom accounts that the Area will no longer be providing the free Zoom access accounts for their groups – that groups need to be self-supporting. George C , Recording Secretary – Area 55 Panel 72, moved to allow the Website Committee to approve the wording of a letter with a February 1, 2022 phase-out date; seconded by Larry S , GSR – Eastside 12x12. The motion passed unanimously, and the Website Committee will send out an approved letter with a February 1, 2022 phase-out date.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim S , Area 55 Delegate, moved to donate 10% of the area 55 Treasury (\$1,063.40) to the General Service Office, since the Area has over our prudent reserve; seconded by Wendy S , GSR – Ottawa Open Discussion. The motion carried unanimously, and the Area will donate \$1,063.40 to the General Service Office.

NEXT GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: December 19, 2021, 1:00 pm the Senior Center (corner of Jefferson Street and 23rd Street; Toledo, OH)

The Mission statement will be ready by Larry B , Alternate DCM – District 9.

Tradition Twelve will be read by Wendy H , Committee Chair - Grapevine.

Concept Twelve will be read by Jocelyn P , GSR – Oregon St. Charles.

Cleanup for the December meeting will be NOCYPAA.

John C , Past Delegate – Area 55 Panel 66, moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by George C , Recording Secretary – Area 55 Panel 70. The motion carried unanimously, and the Assembly adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Recording Secretary

Panel 70, Area 55 - Northwest Ohio & Southeast Michigan