

# 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 at the Senior Center; 2308 Jefferson; Toledo, OH 43604. 34 people were present including 4 Panel Officers, 1 Area Delegate, 3 Past Delegates, 12 GSRs, 1 Alternate GSR, 2 DCMs, 1 Alternate DCM, 1 current DCMC, 6 Area 55 Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs, and 3 guests.

## MEETING MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 19, 2021

Sherry S , Area 55 Chairperson, opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. followed by the Serenity Prayer. Larry B , GSR – Sunday Serenity, read the Mission Statement. Wendy H , Committee Chair - Grapevine, read Tradition Twelve. Lisa C , Committee Chair - Website, read the Twelfth Concept. Panel 70 officers were introduced.

**New GSRs/Alternate GSRs:** Jenny K , GSR – Living Sober; Aaron W , GSR – Oregon Men's.  
**New DCMs/Alternate DCMs:** Bonita F , DCM – District 14; Gale W , DCM – District 2; Brandi A , Alternate DCM – District 3  
**Past Delegates:** John C , Past Delegate – Area 55 Panel 66; Henry C , Past Delegate – Area 55 Panel 68; Kelly C , Past Delegate – Area 55 Panel 56.

**Approval of November Minutes:** George C , Recording Secretary, presented the November 21, 2021, minutes. There were no corrections. David F , GSR – Northend Group, moved to approve the November 2021 minutes as presented; seconded by Mike C , GSR – New Hope. The motion carried unanimously, and the November 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 November Treasurer's Report:** Chris C , Treasurer, presented the Financial Report for November 2021:  
**Operating Account:** Beginning Balance 11/1/21: \$10,634.05 Income: \$1,209.69; Expenses: \$2,725.14; Ending Balance 11/30/21: \$9,118.60.  
**Prudent Reserve:** Beginning Balance 11/1/21: \$3,003.73; Interest: \$0.05; Ending Balance 11/30/21: \$3,003.78.  
**Area 55 Mini Conference:** Beginning Balance 11/1/21: \$2,000.00; No income or expenses; Ending Balance 11/30/21: \$2,000.00.  
**November Assembly Basket:** \$56.62  
**November Group Contributions:** \$925.38

Wendy H , Committee Chair - Grapevine, moved to adopt the November 2021 Treasurer's Report; seconded by Gale W , GSR - SST. The motion passed unanimously, and the November 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) /

Geno F , Committee Co-Chair, gave a brief report. A written report was also submitted. The Committee met on November 17 with thirteen members in attendance, including 3 new members. The Committee also met on December 15 with fourteen members in attendance, including 2 new members. The Committee discussed the transition to new Committee Chairs. Geneva M and Kenneth "Greg" G are interested in being appointed as Co-Chairs and will attend the December General Service Assembly.

- *Lucas County Corrections Center (Jail)* – Friday meetings are being discontinued due to lack of attendance house on that floor. The Committee will still hold two meetings each week for men on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floor and two meetings for women on the third floor. The Committee also discussed problem with some members getting into the facility and/or bringing books into the facility, due to unawareness of rotating staff at the jail. The Committee has thirteen men and eight women currently approved by the jail to conduct meetings.
- *Driver Intervention Program (DIP)* – Committee members attended 2 of 3 commitments. AA groups attended 2 of 3 commitments. The Committee is working with Central Office on scheduling groups, and currently has the schedule for January – July 2022.
- *CTF Men* – The meetings have increased to twenty men. The Committee needs three more members to fill this commitment, but still waiting on CTF to provide training.
- *CTF Women* – 25-30 women continue to attend each week. The facility is planning to move to the 2001 East Central Avenue prison campus this year.
- *Work Release* – This facility is currently closed, and no date is known for reopening.
- *TCI-Prison* – The Committee has had two member applications pending since September and seven more applications submitted in October. One was not approved, and the remainder are pending
- *Allen-Oakwood Correctional Institution (AOCI)* – The Committee is still waiting on PREA training. In-person meetings stopped again in October due to Covid. Chrissy H , DCM – District 14, has been conducting phone meetings with an average of four men attending.
- *Wood County Justice Center* – The Committee has three approved volunteers to help conduct meetings. The Justice Center is currently closed to meetings due to Covid until January 3, 2022.

*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. at Central Office; 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 , Committee Chair, gave a brief report and submitted a written report. The Committee met on December 15 at Central Office with three members in attendance. Michael D will be the new CPC/PI Chairperson for Panel 72. The Committee will also have a new member, Larry O. The Committee will work with UTMC to introduce Michael D as the new chair to the Psychiatry/Substance Abuse Treatment and Internal Medicine residents. The Committee is making plans to offer A.A. informational presentations to the UTMC Emergency, Family Medicine, Ob/Gyn, Neurology, and Pain Medicine departments. The Committee continues to stay in contact with the ProMedica EAP office in Fremont and will attempt to contact the Fostoria EAP office. The Committee is also in contact with the Zepf Center and Midwest Treatment Center about offering presentations. Midwest Treatment Center will also be a topic of discussion for the committee, as they still bring 30-40 clients to a singular meeting. The Committee contacted the Mercy Psychiatry Department's Educational Director and with Flower Hospital and will plan to follow up. Television PSAs went out to local TV stations, and the Committee will work on local radio PSAs. The Committee is working on a PowerPoint presentation to send to the MultiFaith Council. The next meeting will be January 19, 2022, 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](mailto:grapevine.chair@area55aa.org)

Wendy H , Chair, gave a brief report. The Committee did not meet in December and did not have any commitments.

*November Financials* – Beginning Balance \$203.25, No income or expenses; Ending Balance \$203.25

David F , GSR – Northend Group, moved to approve the November Grapevine Financial Report; seconded by Pauli F , GSR – Warm Heart Serenity. The motion passed unanimously, and the November report was adopted.

*The Grapevine Committee meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6:00 p.m., Rudy's Hot Dog on Monroe Street. This meeting date and time may change with the new Chair.*

**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.*

**Group Services:** John C / [groupser.chair@area55aa.org](mailto:groupser.chair@area55aa.org) /

Chris C ; Incoming Group Services Chair, gave a brief report and submitted a written report. The Committee met on November 22, 6:00 p.m. at Central Office with four members present. The Committee covered the Walbridge Park anniversary on December 8 and will have two commitments in January – Open Minded and Warm Heart Serenity anniversaries. The next meeting of the Group Services Committee will be Monday, December 27, 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](mailto:web.comm.chair@area55aa.org) /

Lisa C , Committee Chair, gave a brief report and submitted a written report. The Committee met December 7, 6:00 p.m. via Zoom with two members present. The Committee discussed and decided to remove Intergroup committee meetings from the meeting schedule page as Intergroup is a separate entity and maintains its own website. All meetings on the meeting schedule, except for three online-only meetings, have their district number included in the meeting information.

*November Website Statistics:* Unique Visitors 4,435; Number of Visits 6,868; Pages viewed 83,962.

*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:** Jim S , Delegate – Area 55 Panel 70, has agreed to serve as the liaison to Intergroup, as he will rotate off the Panel as Delegate.

**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 9<sup>th</sup>) 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. Fourteen people were in attendance, nine districts were represented, including 4 DCMs. Chrissy H , current DCM – District 14, was elected to serve as the Panel 72 DCMC. George C , current Recording Secretary, was elected to serve as the Panel 72 Alternate DCMC. District 14 hosted a skit and workshop on *The Doctor's Opinion* that went well.

**District 14:** Chrissy H ; DCM, mentioned that District 14 will have a Christmas Alcathon and a New Year's Alcathon.

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

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

**2022 Mini Conference:** There have been two planning meetings so far in preparation for the Mini Conference. There are 139 agenda items that are being considered by New York.

**Monies Saved:** Due to the pandemic, the Area has saved a considerable amount of money by not traveling during Panel 72.

**New A.A. Service Manual:** These new publications were handed out at the Assembly. The cost of the new manuals is \$4/each.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was \$43.00 collected for today's Assembly basket. Larry B , GSR – Sunday Serenity, moved to send the \$43.00 to the General Service Office in New York; seconded by Kelly C , Past Delegate – Panel 56. The motion carried unanimously, and today's basket of \$43.00 will be sent to New York.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Assembly discussed the need to update the Area guidelines, due to the new Service Manual being published. No action was taken by the assembly. Sherry S , incoming Delegate, will appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to revise the guidelines.

Jim S , Delegate – Panel 70, discussed the need to raise the Area's prudent reserve from \$3,000 to \$5,000. No action was taken by the assembly, and groups are asked to get the input of their groups.

Geno F , Committee Chair – Corrections, discussed obtaining \$144.40 from the Area to purchase 10 Corrections Committee Workbooks (at \$14.40/each). John C , Past Delegate – Panel 66, moved to approve the request; seconded by Wendy S , GSR – Ottawa Open Discussion. The motion passed unanimously, and \$144.40 will be available to the Corrections Committee to purchase the workbooks.

John C , Past Delegate – Panel 66, mentioned that the General Service Office is now being staffed in-person.

*The Assembly divided into Districts for DCM Elections (for those Districts that have not elected one).* Kenney A was elected today to serve as the DCM for District 5. Larry B was elected to serve as the Alternate Delegate for District 9.

**NEXT GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: January 16, 2022, 1:00 pm the Senior Center (corner of Jefferson Street and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street; Toledo, OH)**

The Mission statement will be ready by John C , Past Delegate – Panel 66.

Tradition One will be read by Karen W , incoming Registrar Panel 72.

Concept One will be read by George C , incoming Alternate DCMC – Panel 72.

Cleanup for the January meeting will be Eastside 12x12 and District 14.

John C , Past Delegate – Panel 66, moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Henry C , Past Delegate – Panel 68.

The motion carried unanimously, and the Assembly adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Recording Secretary

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