

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. 36 people were present including 3 Panel Officers, 1 Area Delegate, 1 Alternate Delegate, 3 Past Delegates, 16 GSRs, 1 Alternate GSR, 5 DCMs, 2 Alternate DCM, 1 current DCMC, 1 Alt. DCMC, 5 Area 55 Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs, and 0 guests.

MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 10, 2022

Kimbrough P, Area 55 Chairperson, opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Mission Statement was read by Pauli F., Michael D, CPC/PI Chair read Tradition Three and Four, George C, DCMC Alt. read Concept Three and Four. Panel 72 officers were introduced.

New GSRs/Alternate GSRs: Mitch M, Alt. GSR Eastside 12x12; Glen W, GSR Monday Nite Men's; Jason B, GSR, SST; Terri J, Alt. GSR Trail Group; Joe Y, Alt. GSR 12 Step West

New DCMs/Alternate DCMs: Mardy B, Alt. DCM District 14

Past Delegates: Kelly C Panel 56; Jim S Panel 70; John C Panel 66

Approval of February Minutes: Melanie R, Recording Secretary, presented the February 20, 2022, minutes. Carrie C, West Group, moved to approve the February 20, 2022, minutes as presented; seconded by Michael C, New Hope.

The motion carried unanimously, and the February 20, 2022, 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 February and March Treasurer's Report: Chris C, Pro Tem Treasurer, presented the Financial Report for February and March 2022:

Operating Account: Beginning Balance 2/1/22: \$6,457.45 Income: \$1,844.97; Expenses: \$1,862.76; Ending Balance 2/28/22: \$6,439.66.

Prudent Reserve: Beginning Balance 2/1/22: \$5,003.88; Interest: \$0.05; Ending Balance 2/28/22: \$5,003.93.

Area 55 Mini Conference: Inaccurate report for February. See Area 55 Mini Conference Final Report

Group Contributions for YTD. 2022: \$4,053.65 **Total Income Received YTD. 2022:** \$4,307.65

Total Expenses YTD.: \$4,853.70

Approx. Excess 2021: 0

February Assembly Basket:

February Group Contributions: \$1,844.97

Operating Account: Beginning Balance 3/1/22; \$6,439.66 Income: \$1,458.07; Expenses: \$542.40; Ending Balance 3/31/22 \$7,355.33

Prudent Reserve: Beginning Balance 3/1/22: 5,003.93; Interest: .04; Ending Balance: \$5,003.97

Area 55 Mini Conference Final Report: Beginning Balance 3/1/22 \$2,000.00; Income: \$4,255.00 Total Expenses: \$2,382.66

Excess Funds: \$1,872.34

Group Contributions for YTD: \$5,013.72 Total Income Received YTD. 2022 \$5,765.72 Total Expenses YTD. \$7,358.86

Approx. Excess 2022:

March Assembly Basket: 0

March Group Contributions: \$5,013.72

Jim S, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 70 moved to adopt the February and March 2022 Treasurer's Report: Seconded by: Kalen C, DCM District 6

Election of Treasurer: Jim S nominated Larry B; Larry accepted the nomination. Call for any other nominations from the floor, there were none. Treasurer Elect is Larry B by acclamation

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

Accessibilities: / Bev Z/ [accessibilities@area55aa.org/](mailto:accessibilities@area55aa.org)

Review of the Shut-In List, there are 5 people at this time and 3 need to be contacted. The Accessibilities Committee will remain holding their meetings at Eastside 12x12 on the third Wednesday of the month. Technology options for individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing will be checked into. The committee will officially be tracking the frequency of requests for interpreters at meetings. Bev will contact another Accessibilities Committee to share information.

The committee has not budget currently. They can request \$100 from the GS for supplies. In the past the committee had received \$50 for interpreting. **Next meeting April 20, 2022**

Archives: /Eva S / [archives.chair@area55aa.org/](mailto:archives.chair@area55aa.org)

The committee met February 21, 2022. The committee discussed the upcoming Mini-Conference and the questions we had been charged to discuss there. Committee members actively participated in the discussion. Our meeting on March 28th was postponed because of scheduling conflict. The chair and the archivist met to review how things are going. The archives have taken the display to several events. The committee is requesting partial payment for travel to more distant meetings to be paid to the chair. Groups are updating their information; other groups are reviewing their histories for up-dating in order to be in the group history binder. The committee has determined that group histories may need to be updated to explain how each group managed during COVID. **Next meeting is April 11, 2022.**

Area Archivist: Deborah A/ archives.chair@area55aa.org

The Archives Committee meets the 3rd Monday of each month, 6:00 p.m., at Central Office.

Multi-District Correctional: / Kenneth G / [corrections.chair@area55aa.org/](mailto:corrections.chair@area55aa.org)

Lisa K provided the Driver Intervention updates. You may contact Lisa for information and to be assigned to a group. The Driver Intervention meets at Rossford Courtyard Marriott and one time per month at the Holland Courtyard Marriott. Driver Intervention Program meets on Saturday's from 8:00-9:00 p.m.

Lucas County Corrections Center, 13 men and 8 women have been approved.

Women's and Men's Jail Meetings, CTF Men, CTF Women (moved to TCI) are being held, TCI prison applications are pending. Allen-Oakwood Correctional Institution in Lima is being provided with a zoom meeting. Phone meetings have an average of 4 men attending. Wood County Justice Center is being serviced by District 14 and women are needed.

An International Zoom Meeting is available to the committee and any other AA members. It is held the first and last Sunday of the month at 6:00 p.m. and the second and third Sunday at 11:00 a.m. ID# 239 990 5603 PW765110

The committee is going to find out the requirements for released people to volunteer to come back and carry the message.

Next meeting April 13, 2022, 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: Michael D/ cpc.pi@area55aa.org /

Recap of the Mini- Conference. Discussed speaker request from The Becca Project and agreed not the purpose of our committee. UTMC Psychiatry, there was no response to the email, a follow-up email will be sent. UTMC Internal Medicine is interested in a power point presentation in July and August. UTMC departments – looking specifically at education coordinators for each department. Reviewed final letter for email introductions to probation contacts in Area 55. PSAs are ongoing, 2 new PSA @ aa.org. Multi-Faith Council on going inquiry about a presentation in 2022.

Next meeting April 20, 2022, Central Office, 5:30 p.m.

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

Grapevine: Lisa C/ grapevine.chair@area55aa.org

Recognized Nancy C. for her sales at the Mini-Conference. Reviewed upcoming commitments and assigned them. Discussed ideas how to sell books. Discussed attending Intergroup, we have not sold any books, decide about it. The committee has met 1 commitment. Kenny H. has joined the committee.

Finance Report: Starting balance: \$70.75; Book Sales: \$ 214.00 Book orders: \$152.25; Ending balance: \$132.25

Motion to Accept: Kenan C, DCM District 14; Seconded by: Bonita F, Single of Purpose

Next meeting for Grapevine is April 13, 2022

The Grapevine Committee meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 5:45 p.m., Eastside 12x 12

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

Group Services Committee Reports for February 28 and March 28, 2022

February 28th meeting was held at Central Office. There was only me present. I left at 6:15 p.m.

We did complete our commitment for a/v equipment at the Ares 55 Mini Conference March 4 and 5, 2022. The March meeting was attended by me and new group member Leanna and from the Zeph Center guest Steven K, also a member of the fellowship. Steven came to our meeting regarding how an independent group of people could establish a new meeting and eventually a group. We discussed the process. I explained to Leanna the purpose of our committee and how we assist in the area. We had received one commitment for the anniversary at North Baltimore, Tuesday, on April 5, 2022. I am submitting a reimbursement of mileage with my report per the area guidelines.

The next meeting will be Monday, April 25, 2022, 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: Bill G / web.comm.chair@area55aa.org /

April 6, 2022 was the meeting. Discussed again the importance of groups reporting meeting changes as necessary, to ensure the most accurate meeting information gets posted on the website. The events calendar has been updated. New Group form is also on the website. The group change form has been added to the website home page for easier access for groups to report changes. If you need to make any changes, go to www.web.chair.com

Next meeting, April 5, 2022, Tuesday, at 6:00 p.m.

The Website Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom. Meeting I.D. 595-694-351 password 800

Northwest Ohio/Southeast Michigan Intergroup Liaison: Jim S

Upcoming Events: Finance Committee hosting prom dinner/dance, May 14, 2022. Tickets \$20.00 individual, \$30.00 couple. Finance Committee hosting Pig Roast, July 16, 20200 at St. Luke Church. Intergroup Picnic, August 22, 2022, maybe IBEW Hall in Rossford. Income: 2/22 Intergroup \$562.58, Central Office: \$3,234.20, Book Sales \$1,196.70 Checking and Savings: Intergroup \$16,729...87, Central Office \$34,581.26. Ad Hoc committee formed to investigate holding “Big Meeting” after Intergroup as done in the past.

Next Intergroup Meeting is April 23, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. Bethel Lutheran Church.

Newsletter Liaison: Chris S

No report

NOCYPAA Liaison: Carrie C (Northwest Ohio Committee of Young People in AA)

The meeting was held April 19, 2022. Dodge Ball Event was 1:00-6:00 p.m. Panel on topic was “Dodging the Obsession” Committee showed up. Good turnout. Next event is May 21, 2022, Bonfire. No committee meeting at Central Office. Cancelled April 10, 2022, meeting. Next scheduled meeting is April 24, 2022, at Central Office.

Next meeting February 27, 2022, Sunday 3:00 p.m.

MONCYPAA Liaison: Logan T

No report was provided.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER (“DCM”) REPORTS

DCM Chair: Chrissy H, District Committee Member Chair

Alt. DCMC: George C

5 DCM’s present; 2 Alt. DCM’s present; Sherry S, Delegate, Area 55, Panel 72; Alt. Delegate, Kimbrough P, Area 55 Panel 72; Jim S, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 70

District Reporting: **9-** first district meeting in Feb. only 3 times a year; **16-** May 3, 2022, district meeting; **3-** Workshop May 14, 2022, Round table on Tradition 2 and Spirituality and The Basket; **14-** Going to an app called Sidelines. New Group/Meeting in Spencerville, Thursday at 5:30 p.m. Book Fair and Ice Cream Social coming up; **6-** District meeting April 24, 2022, Sunday.

Old business: Re-districting has been voted on by Ad-Hoc committee. Goes from 18 districts to 12 districts. Discussion of treasury handling. Discussion of having each district do a workshop or sharing session. DCM’s take re-districting maps back to GSR/Groups to vote on.

New business: George C discussed new spread sheets containing information on all the districts. Kimbrough P discussed revisions on the DCM/GSR power point presentations, have workbooks take place.

DELEGATE’S REPORT: Sherry S / delegate@area55aa.org

Sherry S, Delegate – Area 55 Panel 72, provided the Delegate’s Report.

Let me start by saying thank you -thank you- thank you! The mini conference held on March 4-5, 2022, was a smashing success. I heard and saw that the rooms were overcrowded, and you were smashed into the rooms like sardines in a can, but that also means we had an amazing registration and attendances for the mini conference. The final tally was 111 preregistered and 45 registered at the door for a total of 156 people interested in sharing their voices on the direction of Alcoholics Anonymous.

I received a letter from Steve S, Conference Co-Ordinator, General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous greatly appreciated the receipt of the \$1,800.00 for my expenses at the 72nd General Service Conference. I want to point out that this amount is only a fraction of the actual cost incurred by GSO. The cost for my attendance exceeds \$8,000.00.

I received a request from Tom B., Class B Trustee, directed toward Armed Forces Members. It is a call for volunteers who are willing to help with an interview project that is being done by the General Service Office. If you are or were a member of the Armed Forces or if you know of someone, a group member or friend in A.A. please have them go to aa.org for more information.

The North/South Special Forum will be held on Saturday, July 16, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. est. This event includes sharing between three service structures and four countries from Canada to Argentina and Chile. If interested go to aa.org for more information. I have received an event flyer for the East Central Regional Conference which will be held from August 12-14, 2022, in Lisle, IL. The topic is “More will be Revealed.” This event will include panels, roundtables, and lead speakers. I have been asked to co-ordinate an idea sharing session for Treatment Committees.

Kimbrough P. and I attended and participated in four mini conferences during March. I will be leaving for Brooklyn, New York on April 22nd and returning on April 30th. I will be able to share my conference experience next month with those in attendance at the General Assembly but I hope you invite me to your district meeting, workshops, or group so I can share my experience in attending and voting for the fellowship of Alcoholic Anonymous.

There is a call for stories for the pamphlet “A.A. for the Black and African-American”, the Fifth Edition of the book “Alcoholics Anonymous” both of these are due by October 31, 2022. There is a call for stories for the Fourth Edition of the Big Book Alcoholicos Anonimos due by December 15, 2022. All are from the General Service Office for more information go to aa.org.

OLD BUSINESS

Collection: There was \$51.00 collected for today's Assembly basket. Sherry made motion to retain it in the general account, seconded by Pauli F, Warm Heart Serenity. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Jim S, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 70 to put the excess funds of \$1,872.34, from the Mini-Conference into the General Fund; Seconded by Mike C, New Hope. John C, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 66, ask the area to take into consideration increasing stipend (from \$1,800 to \$3,000) for the delegate to go to the General Service Conference in New York.

The Alateen is requesting participation at KOMIAC July 29-31,2022 and Al-Anon Convention, June 10-12, 2022, looking for AA speakers, contact Kimbrough P, Alternate Delegate, Panel 72. April 30, 2022, the AA & Al-Anon Mini Conference in Lenaw County. Toni S addressed Archival needs.

NEXT GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: May 15, 2022, 1:00 pm the Senior Center (corner of Jefferson Street and 23rd Street; Toledo, OH)

The Mission statement will be read by Jim S, Past Delegate, Panel 70

Tradition Five will be read by Glen W, Monday Nite Men's

Concept Five will be read by Joe Y, 12 Step West

Cleanup for the May meeting will be Mandy F, Raising the Bottom

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting. made the motion unknown, seconded by unknown

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie R

Recording Secretary,

Panel 72, Area 55 – Northwest Ohio & Southeast Michigan