

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. 44 people were present including 3 Panel Officers, 1 Area Delegate, 1 Alternate Delegate, 3 Past Delegates, 23 GSRs, 2 Alternate GSR, 6 DCMs, 0 Alternate DCM, 1 current DCMC, 1 Alt. DCMC, 3 Area 55 Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs, and 1 guest(s) Vincent Campbell, Finance Committee.

MEETING MINUTES FOR September 18, 2022

Kimbrough P, Area 55, Alt. Delegate Panel 72, Chairperson, opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Mission Statement was read by Jim S, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 70; Joe Y, DCM, District 4 read Tradition Nine; Paula G, Early Bird, read Concept Nine. Panel 72 officers were introduced.

New GSRs/Alternate GSRs: Paula G, GSR, Early Bird; Rick S, GSR, Wednesday Night Resentments Group Monroe; Brian V, OYPAA Representative; Loreda R, Alt. GSR, AA Nooners; George C, GSR, Raising the Bottom

New DCMs/Alternate DCMs:

Past Delegates: Jim S, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 70; Henry C, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 68; Kelly C, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 56

Approval of August Minutes: George C, (filling in for Melanie R, Recording Secretary), presented the August 18, 2022, minutes.

Sherry S, Delegate, Area 55, Panel 72 to send a couple of clerical corrections. George C, to provide "old business" corrections about the redistricting business. To adopt corrected minutes from 8/21/2022. Mary M, GSR, Slice of Serenity moved. Seconded by Dave F, GSR, North End Group. Passed unanimously.

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 18, 2022, Treasurer's Report: Larry B, Treasurer, presented the Financial Report for August 2022.

Operating Account: Beginning Balance: 7/31/2022: \$5,789.21 Income: \$1,555.23; Expenses: \$4,473.99; Ending Balance: 8/31/22: \$2,870.45.

Prudent Reserve: Beginning Balance: 7/31/2022: \$5,005.64; Interest: \$0.04; Ending Balance: 8/31/2022: \$5,005.68.

Area 55 Mini Conference: Beginning Balance: 7/31/2022 \$2,000.00; Income: \$0; Expenses: \$0; Ending Balance: 8/31/2022 \$2,000.00

Group Contributions for YTD. 2022: \$8,918.14 **Total Income Received YTD. 2022:** \$11,709.73

Total Expenses YTD.: \$15,421.93

Approx. Excess 2021: 0

August Assembly Basket: \$ 72.00

August Group Contributions: \$1,455.07

August Individual Contributions: \$28.16

Motion to accept the financial report made by: Dave F, GSR, North End

Seconded by: Joe D, GSR, Brothers and Sisters in Sobriety

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

No report

Next meeting: September 2022, 5:30 p.m. at Memorial United Church of Christ, 1301 Starr Ave. Toledo

Archives: Eva S / archives.chair@area55aa.org

Eva S, Chair and Debra A. archivist met Melanie R. from the Anniversary Committee to go through the archives to seek information about the history of AA in Toledo, August 23, 2022, at Central Office.

The committee traveled to two anniversaries to set up the Archive Display. The 20th Anniversary of Singleness of Purpose Big Book Study, August 29, 2022, and the Starlight Group, September 16, 2022.

Next meeting is September 19, 2022, 6:00 p.m. at Central Office.

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

Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer. New member Suzy M

Old business: Driver Intervention. Lisa K provided updates. Received 2022 schedule from Talbot. A change for DIP, one time per month will be held at the Holland Courtyard Marriott; remainder of the month will be at Rossford Courtyard Marriott. Lisa K, is contact, assigning groups to the schedule. Driver Invention Program (DIP) is Saturdays 8-9 p.m.

International Zoom Meetings – Our committee and any other AA members interested in learning about corrections service work can attend a weekly meeting held on zoom. The first and last Sunday, at 6:00 p.m., second and third Sunday, at 11:00 a.m. Zoom I.D. #239 990 5603 Password: 765110

Lucas County Jail: Men – Monday 7-8:30 p.m., Thursday 8-9:30 p.m., Women – Thursday 7-8:30 p.m., Saturday 12-1:30 p.m.

CTF: Men – Thursday 7-8:00 p.m., Women – Monday 7-8:00 p.m.

Wood County Jail: Men – Monday 6:30-7:30 p.m. Women – Monday 6:30-7:30 p.m. District 11 covers this meeting

The Lucas County Jail Sober Living on Monday will be attended by committee members to verify future attendance. DIPs are covered. Flyers being made to recruit members. Lisa and Geneva will be updating/calling women on the committee list to determine their commitment level.

Sept. 24, 2022, 9:00-2:00 p.m. Caravan Workshop in Maple Grove, Columbus.

Area 53 Correctional Committee Workshop, September 10, 2022

Next meeting September 21, 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 Unity Day, discuss reaching out to schools in the area. Cleaned out the storage cabinet. Discussed email from Chris C. and agreed to give presentation to the zoom meeting, All the Literature, about our committee, September 18, 2022.

Still waiting on responses from Lucas County Adult Probation and others that have been emailed in the area; follow ups in progress.

UTMC departments – Still identifying education coordinators for each department.

Discussed attending Oct. Multi-Faith Council meeting to ask if they would like a presentation to their board.

Picked a potential date in March to present to new residents at UTMC

Next meeting September 21, 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: Lisa C / grapevine.chair@area55aa.org

Finance report as of August/September 2022: Beginning balance \$176.27; Book Sales \$105.50; Book Orders \$157.75; Ending balance \$124.01

Motion to accept: Wendy H, DCM, District 5, Seconded by Mary M, GSR, Slice of Serenity
Request a motion for \$289.70 for 10 annual subscriptions for sale on table. Motion to accept Jim S, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 70, Seconded by Henry C, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 68 Passed unanimously.
Requested \$135.00 for 10 books "Language of the Heart" before price increase of Grapevine books. Moved by Wendy H, DCM, District 5; Seconded by Dave F, GSR, North End Group. Passed unanimously.

Meeting met on September 14, 2022, at Eastside 12x12. Started with Serenity Prayer. Verbal celebration of Sobriety Birthdays recognized. Completed two Anniversary commitments. Discussed one up and coming commitment. Reviewed price increases for January 1, 2023. Reviewed podcasts available (You Tube, Spotify, Instagram, Apple Podcasts, Pocket Casts and Sticher).
Reminded committee members of today's meeting September 18, 2022, 1:00 p.m.

Next meeting: October 12, 2022, at Eastside 12x12 at 5:45 p.m.

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 /

Meeting held August 22, 2022, 6:00 p.m. at Central Office. In attendance were Chris C, Kelly C, Leslie, Tina W and guest J.D. (no last name given). Introductions were made and explanation of what the committee does within the area. Went over 2 scheduled commitments and answered questions. We met our September commitments of the Area assembly and the Starlight Anniversary, September 16, 2022. The committee has commitments for equipment for the Intergroup area anniversary on October 15, 2022, and a tentative commitment for the Guides to Progress anniversary, October 18, 2022. The committee has been notified of a new Tuesday night meeting that we will visit soon. We are also investigating the possibility of investing in additional microphone stands to be used at the Area Assembly for multiple microphones on the floor for questions/motions from the assembly members. No costs are available currently.

Next meeting: September 26, 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 /

No report given. Wendy S, webmaster gave an update on her work. Gave website changes since last meeting. Removed old districts map, replaced with new district map, refined boundaries based on last meeting. Uploaded district changes to the meeting schedule. Provided Delegate for lists by new district. Meeting directory online- Can filter by district, day of week (default). Can see all the meetings listed in each new district. Website committee did discuss meeting changes. National AA Technology Workshop held in Seattle via zoom- Wendy attended took notes regarding recommended technology enhancements and procedures. In committee meeting, put new temporary district labels in the map. Page on website, which is home for districts. New forwarder e-mail addresses are completed for the new DCMs. New district pages will be worked on next.

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Next meeting: October 1, 2022, 6:00 p.m. on Zoom

The Website Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. on

Zoom. Meeting I.D. 273-332-805 password 800

Northwest Ohio/Southeast Michigan Intergroup Liaison: Jim S, Past Delegate, Area 55 Panel 70

Preparation for Intergroup Picnic was discussed. It was held September 10, 2022, and was well attended.

Tickets are still available for the 82nd AA Anniversary Dinner/ Dance, October 15, 2022. The cost is \$15.00. Call Central Office for tickets.

Children Christmas Party needs donations. Please make sure donations indicates for "The Children's Christmas Party (CCP) Committee.

Next Intergroup Meeting is September 24, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. Bethel Lutheran Church, 1853 South Ave. Toledo, Oh

Newsletter Liaison: Carrie C

No report given.

OCYPAA Liaison: Brian B, representative

Elections are to be held Sunday, September 25, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. Sent members to ICYPAA in New Orleans, Louisiana. The new website is OYPAAxl.com for basic information and upcoming events <https://oypaaxl.com/>

MONCYPAA Liaison: No report was provided.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER (“DCM”) REPORTS

DCM Chair: Chrissy H, District Committee Member Chair

Alt. DCMC: George C

15 people at the meeting, 6 districts represented. Voted in new Alternate Secretary, Kalen C. Mileage was submitted. Recovery Fair at Allen Oakwood- People from AA International Corrections Committee coming to Allen Oakwood.

Wendy H, DCM, District 5

District description: East of the river to County line (Lucas County and Wood County) 6 to 8 active GSR's

District Boundaries for 4: bound by Dorr St., I-475, Ohio Turnpike, Maumee River, I-75

Discussed a 2023 workshop but tabled to see what or if the area is going to have a workshop.

Discussed District 5 having a open house on New Year's Day checking on a place to have it, tabled to next month.

Discussed District picnic and finished that up.

We discussed attending a meeting that needs support in the district this month, Good News Group was selected.

District had a picnic, in attendance was 20-25 people.

A few groups have donated to the district and picnic.

Would like to see if there are any suggestions on how to do a calendar for the area with General Assembly and Intergroup so we are not planning events on the same day. Starlight had their anniversary and was well attended. Upcoming anniversary's, Oregon Hope, Oct. 12, 2022, doors open at 11:00 a.m., Guides to Progress, Oct. 18, 2022, doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Made rounds to Guides to Progress, Eastside 12x12, Renewed Life, St. Charles.

Next District Meeting: October 7, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting location is Starlight, Echo Meadow Church, 2905 Starr Ave., Oregon, OH

DELEGATE'S REPORT: Sherry S/ delegate@area55aa.org / (419) 309-0637

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

General Service Report

- The final Report of the 72nd General Service Conference has been posted in pdf format to the Area's website and is password protected. The password is AAnonymous. Please don't share this document with any person not in the A.A. fellowship or not within our area. The information is confidential for members only. Thank you.
- I attended an East Central Regional Meeting on September 7th
- I attended a Delegate Session on September 12th which was a preparatory session for the membership survey
- A membership survey will be conducted this year. Randomly selected groups have been notified of the selection.
- We are in the process of finalizing the new boundaries for the Districts. DCM's now have maps of their areas with a list of groups within the District.
- I have asked the Web Committee to research the costs associated with a Hybrid Assembly Meeting pursuant to the Area Guidelines
- There have been some changes to the meeting guide app. The filters have been changed. You can now do a search for daytime type attend an on-line or in person meeting, format type, communities, language or other features such as childcare, concurrent with AIAnon or Alateen etc.

- Deadline for submission of stories for the 5th Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book is Oct. 31st.
- Deadline for submission of stories for the Spanish 4th Edition of the Big Book is Dec. 15th
- It's never too early to start planning for the 2025 International Convention to be held in Vancouver CA. If you have an entry issue due to past criminal history, you can begin the process of learning what travel requirements you may need to meet before 2025.
- If you have an idea for the theme presentations and workshop topics for the 2024 General Service Conference suggestions are due by Dec. 2nd
- General Service Office indicated that work is underway to provide the background information for the 73rd General Service Conference simultaneously in all three languages by adding additional translators and focusing workflow to fulfill this important service to the fellowship.

OLD BUSINESS

Collection: There was \$55.97 collected for today's Assembly basket. Jim S, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 70 made motion to keep at Area 55. Seconded by Joe Y, DCM, District 4. Motion carried.

Ad hoc committee: Bob T and Kalen C on Paypal alternatives. The committee has presented 2 options, Venmo (Paypal affiliate)- Free and Zelle (Wells Fargo affiliate) – Free. Jim S, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 70 moved to table this issue until next month. Seconded by Henry C, Past Delegate, Area55, Panel 68. Motion passed; issue is tabled until next month.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

NEXT GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: October 16, 2022, 1:00 pm the Senior Center (corner of Jefferson Street and 23rd Street; Toledo, OH)

The Mission statement will be read by Bob T, GSR, McClure Tuesday
 Tradition Ten will be read by Rick S, GSR, Resentment Group
 Concept Ten will be read by Joe D, GSR, Brothers & Sisters
 Cleanup for the October meeting will be Joe Young, DCM, 12 Step West

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by: Jim S, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 70

Seconded by: Shannon B, Friday Night Big Book

Closed with the Responsibility Statement; Adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Rt

Recording Secretary, Area 55, Panel 72