

GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY

Area 55, Panel 72 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. 40 people were present including 4 Panel Officers, 1 Area Delegate, 1 Alternate Delegate, 3 Past Delegates, 18 GSRs, 6 Alternate GSR, 2 DCMs, 1 Alternate DCM, 0 current DCMC, 1 Alt. DCMC, 5 Area 55 Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs, and 1 guest(s).

MEETING MINUTES FOR October 16, 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 Mike Z, GSR, Walbridge Park; Matt G, GSR, Raising the Bottom, read Tradition 10; Ken D, GSR, Starlight, read Concept Ten. Panel 72 officers were introduced.

New GSRs/Alternate GSRs: George C, Alt. GSR, Raising the Bottom, Matt G, GSR, Raising the Bottom; Ken D, GSR, Starlight; Karlotta H, Alt. GSR, Eastside 12x12; Joanne C, Alt. GSR, Positive Image; Nate H, GSR, Perrysburg A.M.; Nancy C, GSR, Oregon St. Charles; Mike Z, GSR, Walbridge Park; Steve D, Alt. GSR, Walbridge Park

New DCMs/Alternate DCMs: 0

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 September Minutes: Melanie R, Recording Secretary, presented the September 18, 2022, minutes. Motion to accept: Dave F, GSR, North End; Seconded by Mike C, GSR, New Hope.

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

Operating Account: Beginning Balance: 8/31/2022: \$2,870.45 Income: \$855.13; Expenses: \$1,969.62; Ending Balance: 9/30/22: \$1,755.96.

Prudent Reserve: Beginning Balance: 8/31/2022: \$5,005.68; Interest: \$0.04; Ending Balance: 9/30/2022: \$5,005.72.

Area 55 Mini Conference: Beginning Balance: 8/31/2022 \$2,000.00; Income: \$0; Expenses: \$0; Ending Balance: 9/30/2022 \$2,000.00

Group Contributions for YTD. 2022: \$11,172.37 **Total Income Received YTD. 2022:** \$23,008.56

Total Expenses YTD.: \$21,865.54

Approx. Excess 2021: 0

September Assembly Basket: \$ 55.97

September Group Contributions: \$799.16

September Individual Contributions: 0

Motion to accept the financial report made by: Chris C, Group Services Chair,
Seconded by: Lynn M, GSR, Warm Heart Serenity

Accessibilities: / Bev Z/ accessibilities@area55aa.org/

August 24, 2022, Minutes:

Thanked committee members for participating in Unity Day. There were 3 attendees who expressed interest in receiving more information about the expectations of committee members. Bev will follow up. Asked the committee about the display board and flyer regarding changes or improvements. Red N passed away. Committee members to instruct one shut-in on zoom meetings. Schedule was set up for committee members to visit/meeting for shut ins. There are two shut ins that have not responded to the committee. A shut in is going to reach out to his residence administration regarding listing the AA meeting on their Activity List. Discussed possible listing of resources for AA's who are deaf. This would need to be brought up to the body according to Bill G, Website Chair. Possible referral call came into Central Office regarding if there are any meetings for cognitive impaired people. The meeting Brain Guys and Accessibilities committee were referred. No response was received from the caller after outreach. The committee discussed ways that they may assist a person with this type of impairment. Consulted with the CPC/PI committee regarding reaching out to assisted living/nursing facilities to meet with the social workers since there are AA members living there.

September 28, 2022, Minutes:

Some AA members are learning zoom in their homes with assistance from the committee members. Regular meetings have been set up for a member in the Wolfcreek facility. Committee members are very active taking meetings to several members. One member reached out for an assessment and signed slips but was informed what the Accessibilities Committee does do. They gave him information where to get an assessment. Rescheduling Tammy C to speak to the committee regarding the deaf in AA meetings. Committee was asked to recruit more members.

Next meeting: October 26, 2022, 5:30 p.m. at Memorial United Church of Christ, 1301 Starr Ave. Toledo

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

No report

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/

August minutes: Driver Intervention – Please contact Lisa at 419-206-0119 to assign groups to the schedule. Driver Intervention Program is always Saturdays 8-9 p.m. International Zoom Meeting- Our committee and any other AA's interested in learning about corrections service work are invited to attend a weekly meeting. The first and last Sunday at 6 p.m., in between Sundays at 11 a.m. Zoom id# 239 990 5603 password 65110.

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 – Monday 7-8:00 p.m. Women – Monday – 7-8:00 p.m.

Wood County Jail: Men – Monday 6:30-7:30 p.m. covered by District 14 Women – Monday 6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. District 14

Lucas County Jail: Sober Living, Monday, to see if meeting is to be continued. Will be discussed with Sherry S, Delegate, Area 55, Panel 72. All DIP's are covered. Flyers being made to recruit members for the committee. Women on the correctional committee will be contacted to determine their commitment level. September 24, 2022, 9.m. – 2:00 p.m. Caravan Workshop in Maple Grove Columbus. Area 53 Correctional Workshop September 10, 2022.

Next meeting September 21, 2022, 6:30 p.m. at Central Office.

September minutes: Driver Intervention – Updates provided. Driver Intervention Program is always Saturdays 8-9 p.m. International Zoom Meeting- Our committee and any other AA's interested in learning about corrections service work are invited to attend a weekly meeting. The first and last Sunday at 6 p.m., in between Sundays at 11 a.m. Zoom id# 239 990 5603 password 65110.

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Monday Night Sober Living – Spoke with Mr. Nolan, inmates in sober living is mandatory to participate or they will be removed from sober living.

Geneva will contact Mr. Nolan, if the women have a sober living and is it mandatory to attend the meeting. Lack of participation on Thursday and Saturday with the ladies. TCI on Wednesday 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

covered.

Flyers being made to recruit new committee members. All women on the Correctional Committee list will be contacted to determine commitment level.

Next meeting: October 19, 2022, Central Office, 6:30 p.m.

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

Michael and Mary Beth gave a presentation for the All the Literature meeting on September 28. Corresponded with Lucas County Adult Probation regarding future presentation. UTMC Depts., still identifying education coordinators for each department. Teri attended Oct. 2 Multi-Faith Council meeting to inform members of AA. Confirmed March 24th to present to UTMC residents and medical students. Discussed best approach to reaching out to schools in the area.

Next meeting October 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: Lisa C / grapevine.chair@area55aa.org

Finance report as of October 2022: Beginning balance \$124.01; Book Sales \$0; Book Orders \$0; Ending balance \$124.01

Motion to accept: Jim S, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 70, Seconded by Henry C, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 68.

Meeting met on October 12, 2022, at Eastside 12x12. Started with Serenity Prayer. Old business: Completed one commitment since last meeting. Starlight financial report included last report. New business: October 18th, Tuesday, Guides to Progress- 6p.m., October 19th Wednesday, North End Group- 6 p.m., October 27th Thursday, Raising the Bottom-8 P.m.

GSR meeting Sunday, 1:00 p.m., Sept. 16,, 2022, Senior Center

Next meeting: November 20, 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 /

Meet at Central Office 6:00 p.m. New member Paul F. Discussed how the committee worked and upcoming commitments.

The committee attended the Walbridge Park anniversary. Will attend Guide to Progress on October 18, Raising the Bottom on October 27, New Beginnings on November 9, and Perrysburg Staying Sober on November 13

Next meeting: October 24, 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 /

Added new meetings to website; Karen was going to try to visit the new group to have them fill out a new group form. Sherry has asked me to research equipment needed to create a hybrid General Assembly. I will have a report the November assembly on my results. If you want any events or anniversaries posted to the Event Calendar (on the website) please email

web.comm.chair@area55aa.org

Next meeting: November 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

Intergroup Association celebrated its 82nd AA Anniversary last night, with a dinner, lead, and dance. It was attended and many here today participated in the event. What a wonderful celebration it was. Children's Christmas Party, Dec. 2022 at 12:00-3:00 p.m. Northwood Church of God 1838 S. Coy Road, Northwood, Ohio. Need volunteers for the day of the event, Contact Patty B. or Deb R.

12 Step Answering Service phone number: 219-661-6704. Intergroup balance = \$16,249.49 Central Office balance= \$31,130.27

Next Intergroup Meeting is October 22, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. Bethel Lutheran Church, 1853 South Ave. Toledo, Oh

Newsletter Liaison: Carrie C

No report given.

OCYPAA Liaison: Nate H

Elections were held Sunday, September 25, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. The new website is OYPAAxl.com for basic information and upcoming events <https://oypaaxl.com/> Held first business meeting October 9, 2022. Sub-committees were ordered to form. Five to 6 sub-committees to deal with different aspects of the 40th Statewide Conference that we will be putting on in a year. Still have a lot of co-chair and alternate positions available. Doing all the events that NOCYPAA put on throughout the year. Discussion of a Fall Event. The Dance Formal in the winter, end of this year, beginning of the next year. Did some outreach already, had a member attend the 82nd AA Anniversary. Group of 4 people attended the Indianapolis Statewide Conference of Young People in AA. We will be forever grateful for the basket here being donated. We will need funds, another goal for putting on events.

Next business meeting: October 23, 2022

MONCYPAA Liaison: No report was provided.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER (“DCM”) REPORTS

DCM Chair: Chrissy H, District Committee Member Chair

Alt. DCMC: George C, Alt. District Committee Chair

10 people in attendance. 3 Districts represented. Each district/DCM gave a report. Discussed finalizing redistricting. The Delegate stated, we will discuss today at the General Assembly. District 10, in Lima, brought up an issue with the treatment centers sending large groups to meetings. DCM's had a discussion on this issue. We will put District 10 in contact with Michael D, Chair of the CPC/PI committee. Several years ago, Area 55 had a sharing session on this exact issue, we will send minutes of that session to District 10 DCM. Discussed the critical need to have updated information for each group to the Area 55 Registrar. The Delegate discussed an area mailing that will go out across Area 55 – getting groups linked to AA. Central Office recently sent out a mailing regarding the 60-30-10, a suggested donation structure to the groups. 60% would go to Central Office, 30% to Intergroup and 10% to General Service Office. This being the suggested donation structure, please consider the Area 55, there is a large need.

DCM Monthly Report: District 4, DCM, Kenney A

District 4 (new) being able to attend different meetings that were not in my previous District (5) and discovered the same issue on minimal group members while low in attendance. Visited the groups that were listed on the NOT registered in New York and gave them New Group Form. Will return to these groups for a follow-up. This is a slow process for activations to find out on which groups are active or not in a timely matter. Working on a Alt. DCM to attend women's meetings in the new District 4. Working on location available to hold DCM meeting and cost.

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

October 16, 2022

- Membership surveys are now completed. There were five groups selected from Area 55. One group declined to participate after the selection process was completed and it was not possible to replace the group with an alternate group. Two surveys were conducted via digital polling and two were conducted in person.
- I participated in a Trustees Committee Joint Committee Meeting on Oct. 4, 2022
- I participated in a East Central Regional Meeting on Oct 5, 2022
- I attended City Park's 72nd Anniversary celebration on October 11th.
- District 10 Lima AA Friendship Group held an Annual Picnic on Oct. 15, 2022 and dressing up for Halloween was optional.
- I attended the 82nd Anniversary Dinner/Dance hosted by Toledo's Intergroup Association on Oct. 15, 2022.
- I contacted First United Methodist Church to determine if we could hold the 2023 Mini-Conference at their facility and scheduled Mar. 3-4, 2023. I also contacted the East Central Regional Trustee for availability and confirmed her attendance for our conference.
- Our Webmaster has indicated that at the end of 2023, in the spirit of rotation, she will be rotating out of the position having served in it for 10 years. If you are qualified with computer knowledge in creating and maintaining web sites, either commercial or personal, I hope that you will provide your name for consideration to become Area 55's webmaster.

- The September Quarterly Report from G.S.O. was sent out to Delegates.
- The General Services Board Meeting is at the end of October to determine which of the 180 agenda items will go forward for committees to discuss at the 73rd General Service Conference. There are 24 requests to revise, rescind or reverse the Grapevine Preamble read at most meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

Collection: There was \$60.50 collected for today's Assembly basket. Motion made to keep by Karen W, Registrar, Area 55, Panel 72. Seconded by Charlie H. Motion carried.

PayPal and /or Peer to Peer cash transfer report: After reviewing the advantages/disadvantages, costs, and services of more than 20 applications currently available, the committee identified 2 options it recommends for consideration; VENMO and ZELLE. Both applications are easy to set up and can be used without incurring any changes for the purpose of accepting cash donations into the Area 55 checking account. Security risks and potential fraud issues need to be considered and safety protocols need to be implemented and followed. There are no transaction costs or fees to use these apps unless the contribution involves the use of a credit card. The sender can note the purpose of the donation, enabling the treasurer to route or transfer funds to the appropriate account from the General Service bank account if necessary.

NEW BUSINESS

There is a lack of women participating in the correctional facilities. Lisa K and Lisa C gave their experience about being of service to women in the facilities, driver intervention, jail, etc. There are so many that are in need. The Corrections Committee meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at Central Office, 6:30 p.m. Be there to find more information about participation, being of service.

NEXT GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: November 20th, 2022, 1:00 pm the Senior Center (corner of Jefferson Street and 23rd Street; Toledo, OH)

The Mission statement will be read by Nancy C, Oregon St. Charles
 Tradition Eleven will be read by Lynn M, Warm Heart Serenity
 Concept Eleven will be read by Bev Z, Open Minded
 Cleanup for the November meeting will be SST, Jason B

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by: George C, Alt. DCMC, Area 55

Seconded by: Lori C, Reno Beach Sobriety

Closed with the Responsibility Statement; Adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie R

Recording Secretary, Area 55, Panel 72