

# 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. 52 people were present including 4 Panel Officers, 1 Area Delegate, 1 Alternate Delegate, 1 Past Delegate(s), 30 GSRs, 4 Alternate GSR, 7 DCMs, 0 Alternate DCM, 1 current DCMC, 0 Alt. DCMC, 5 Area 55 Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs, 1 Intergroup chair of Finance Committee, 0 guest(s).

## MEETING MINUTES FOR November 20, 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 Nancy C, GSR, Oregon St. Charles; Devin K, GSR, OYPPAA, read Tradition 11; Teri H, Alt. GSR, Starlight, read Concept 11. Panel 72 officers were introduced.

**New GSRs/Alternate GSRs:** Devin K, GSR, OCYPAA; Lauren K, Alt. GSR, Alive After Five Group; Sally C, GSR, Oak Harbor into Action Big Book Group; Carol H, GSR, Woodville Saturday Night As Bill Sees It Group; Lou Ann D, Alt. GSR, Woodville Saturday Night As Bill Sees It Group; Josh F, GSR, Metamorphosis Group; Annie B, GSR, City Park Group; Daniel H, GSR, Tuesday Noon Group; Marcus G, GSR, Came to Believe Group.

**New DCMs/Alternate DCMs:** David F, North End Group, District 2; Sparkie A, Woodville Saturday Night As Bill Sees It Group, District 13

**Past Delegates:** John C, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 66

**Approval of October Minutes:** Melanie R, Recording Secretary, presented the October 16, 2022, minutes. Motion to accept: David F, GSR, North End; Seconded by Nancy C, Oregon St. Charles

*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 October 16, 2022, Treasurer's Report:** Larry B, Treasurer, presented the Financial Report for October 2022.

**Operating Account:** Beginning Balance: 9/30/2022: \$1,755.96 Income: \$2,351.49; Expenses: \$548.22; Ending Balance: 10/31/22: \$3,559.23.

**Prudent Reserve:** Beginning Balance: 9/30/2022: \$5,005.72; Interest: \$0.04; Ending Balance: 10/31/2022: \$5,005.76.

**Area 55 Mini Conference:** Beginning Balance: 9/30/2022 \$2,000.00; Income: \$0; Expenses: \$250.00; Ending Balance: 10/31/2022 \$1,750.00

**Group Contributions for YTD. 2022: \$12,638.97 Total Income Received YTD. 2022: \$25,360.05**

**Total Expenses YTD.:** \$22,413.76

**Approx. Excess 2021:** 0

**October Assembly Basket:** \$ 79.00

**October Group Contributions:** \$1,466.60

**September Individual Contributions:** 0

**Motion to accept the financial report made by:** Michael C, New Hope. Seconded by: Kenneth G, Inner City

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

The committee is grateful for the Unity Day workshop sponsored by Area 55 on July 30, 2022; an attendee joined the committee. Due to the chair's health, she was not able to participate in the role of chair, the committee members took care of their commitments. The Archive Display was displayed at several events, October 15, 18, 27 and November 9. Next meeting will be November 21, 2022, 6:00 p.m. at Central Office, 3328 Glanzman Rd. Toledo, Ohio 43614.

October 2022 report: The committee took a display to the Starlight Group anniversary, September 16, 2022. In the absence of the chair at the General Assembly meeting, Eva S, chair, emailed report to the Recording Secretary.

**Area Archivist:** / Deborah A / [archives.chair@area55aa.org](mailto: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)

**Driver Intervention** –Receipt of 2022 schedule from Talbot. There is major change: there will be one time per month where DIP will be held at the Holland Courtyard Marriott. The remainder will be at Rossford Courtyard Marriott. Driver Intervention Program (DIP) is always Saturdays 8-9 p.m. Lisa K. assigns groups to the schedule.

**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 2-3:00 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. covered by District 14 Women – Monday 6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. covered by District 11. **Sober Living** – Covered.

Currently scheduling DIP for the months of January, February, and March for the 2023 year. Flyers are out for recruiting new committee members. One meeting at TCI on Wednesday. OYPPAA seeking help from the committee to go into the juvenile facility; will follow the guidelines of the Correctional Committee, Chair Kenneth G will follow up with OYPPAA.

The contact person for TALBOT is Jasmine D, Admin. Assistant, 3100 Central Ave. Toledo, Ohio 43606.

**Next meeting: December 21, 2022, Central Office, 6:30 p.m.**

*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:** Michael D / [cpc.pi@area55aa.org](mailto:cpc.pi@area55aa.org)

October minutes: Confirmed presentation with Lucas County Adult Probation on November 9, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. UTMC departments, still identifying education coordinators for each department. Multi-Faith Council will take back information Teri H provided to their members to see if they would like further discussions. March 24<sup>th</sup> presenting to the residents and medical students of UTMC. Create email and list for local schools in the area. Committee agreed to cancel December 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

November minutes: Presentation with the Lucas County Adult Probation on November 9<sup>th</sup>. March 24<sup>th</sup> presentation to the UTMC medical students and residents. Reviewed and approved email to be sent to school boards. Discussed email regarding photos being taken at meetings by clients of treatment facilities. Facility contacted and messages left, no response to message left explaining why this cannot happen.

**Next meeting January 18, 2023, 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](mailto:grapevine.chair@area55aa.org)

Finance report as of October/November 2022: Beginning balance \$140.91; Book Sales \$143.00; Book Orders \$187.00; Ending balance \$96.91; Overage +\$2.09

Motion to accept: John C, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 66, Seconded by Michael C, New Hope

Total of 4 commitments, including today. Upcoming commitments Nov. 19, <sup>Oregon</sup> Renewed Life, Nov. 20, General Assembly at 1:00 p.m., all committee members are welcome and Dec. 1, SST Group. The 2023 Mini – Conference Planning Meeting, at Central Office at 11:00 a.m. Friendly reminder book prices are increasing starting January 1, 2023, on the “top ten” books and all others to increase after reprint.

**Next meeting: December 14, 2022, at Eastside 12x12 at 5:45 p.m.**

*The Grapevine Committee meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 5:45 p.m., Eastside 12x12*

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

The committee did not have a meeting in October. All the group responsibilities were met.

**Next meeting: November 21, 2022, and December 19, 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.*

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

**Oct. 26, 2022, Minutes** – Bev will be chairperson for one more year. Most members will be staying on another year. Gave accessibilities kits to new members Jody and Gina. Reminded members about the mileage. Made 7 visits. November visits are set up. Discussed reaching out to outlying areas, possibly through DCM meetings.

**Nov. 16, 2022, Minutes** – Attended the All the Literature meeting, topic was literature in ASL. Mentioned the feature that can be used on your computer/zoom for captions which can be used for someone that is hard of hearing. Also spoke of other things that the committee does. There were 8 visits and several calls. Cards signed today. Schedule is being created for December. Discussed the Mini Conference and the members volunteering to tend their table.

**Next meeting: December 21, 2022, Wednesday**

*The Accessibilities Committee meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 5:30 p.m. Memorial United Church of Christ, 1301 Starr Ave. Toledo*

**Website:** Bill G / [web.comm.chair@area55aa.org](mailto:web.comm.chair@area55aa.org) /

Updated any meeting changes. Discussed the NAATW regarding Hybrid Equipment. If your group has an event or anniversary that you'd like added to the calendar, please email [web.chair.comm@area55aa.org](mailto:web.chair.comm@area55aa.org)

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**Next meeting: December 6, 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:** Chris C, Group Services, on behalf of Jim S

Current checkbook balance approximately \$17,000. Central Office stressing importance of signing up for 12 step call list and "saving the phone number" for the office and answering service in their phone. They had 135 calls, 123 visitors, and 5 12-step calls for the month of October. Anniversary committee has started discussing the 83<sup>rd</sup> anniversary event as well as seeking committee members and a vice-chair. Entertainment has New Year's Eve tickets for sale \$30 per ticket, cut off is Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>. Finance Committee will sponsor a Chili Cook Off, Jan. 28, 2023. Children's Christmas Party will be held Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12-3:00 p.m. at Northwood Church of God. Donations continue to come in for the event. Hospital Committee discussed cutting down to one meeting per week at the Open Door, have also started a women's meeting at Talbot since no men are attending the men's meeting. Newsletter topics will be, December "Change", January "Open mindedness"; Newsletter looking for new members with computer skills.

There will be no financial audit till March 2023 where both 2021/2022 books will be reviewed. Intergroup elections will be held on December 17, 2022. **12 Step Answering Service phone number: 219-661-6704.** Intergroup balance = \$16,249.49  
Central Office balance= \$31,130.27

**Next Intergroup Meeting is December 17, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. Bethel Lutheran Church, 1853 South Ave. Toledo, Oh**

**Newsletter Liaison:** vacant

**OCYPAA Liaison:** Devin K

Our focus is outreach to people for the OYPPAA 40 in October 2023. Committee members are traveling to Kentucky and Michigan for their state conventions. We are open for membership and appreciate your support. Currently finalizing our upcoming events.

**MONCYPAA Liaison:** vacant

## **DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER ("DCM") REPORTS**

**DCM Chair:** Chrissy H, District Committee Member Chair

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

Districts 2 ,3,12,13 have no reports.

**DCM Monthly Report: District 4, DCM, Kenney A**

Attended different meetings and discovered the same issue on minimal group members and low attendance. Many groups do not understand the importance of GS and do not want to be involved. Will return to these groups for a follow-up. Since district is growing will follow-up with current active GRS's to find out what time, day, and location to hold a District meeting. Still working on finding an Alt. DCM to attend women's meetings in the district 4. District group/finances are a total of \$25.00

**District 5, DCM, Wendy H**

Discussed workshop in Feb. Calls are being made on location. Discussed having a picnic in June. GSR took back to group on location, District Meeting Booklet. Group "Living Sober" may stay in District 5. There is a new meeting, Sober Sisters in Sobriety, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Navarre and Coy, Oregon, Ohio, Big Book, Monday at 6:30 p.m. Districts group contributions are a total of \$540.13 Made rounds to Reno Beach, Starlight, Oregon Hope, Reality Check, Guides to Progress, St. Charles.

Chrissy visited Findlay to obtain updated schedules for the registrar, and Pioneer. Club to obtain information regarding their meetings. Planning to visit the old District 4, District 10 and District 15.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** 2023 calendar is set along with other events. The preliminary agenda, distributed for the 73<sup>rd</sup> Conference, will be set in January 2023 by the Trustees. Sherry explained process how agenda items are voted upon. Discussed groups paying for their GSR/Alt. GSR to attend the Mini-Conference. Contribution forms for the scholarships/hospitality rooms were handed out. Explanation of how a district is lit via district meetings.

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

- Mini Conference Planning is on-going.
- Mini Conference will be held Mar. 3-4, 2023, at First United Methodist Church, 1526 E. Wooster St., Bowling Green OH.
- Cost for Area 55 Mini Conference is \$30.00.
- Scholarship/Hospitality Donations may be mailed to Area 55, P.O. Box 401, Toledo, OH 43697-0401.
- It is suggested that groups pay for their General Service Representative (GSR) to attend.
- 24 agenda items were submitted to revise rescind or revoke the last change to the preamble.
- Thank you to the groups that provided monetary contributions to Area 55.
- About 20% of groups made contributions to Area 55.
- North Central Ohio Alcoholics Anonymous Intergroup (located in Area 54) made a generous \$500.00 contribution of behalf of groups in Area 55 that use their services.
- Ask your GSR for further explanation of any of these items.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Collection:** There was \$79.00 collected for today's Assembly basket. Motion made to keep by Wendy S, Ottawa Open Discussion. Seconded by Chris C, Group Services, Chair. Motion carried.

**Bill G, Website Chair- "Research for equipment for a hybrid meeting at the Assembly Meeting**

The equipment needed to just get us up and running, are as follows, the laptop would need an upgrade to Windows 11 Pro Operating System at the cost of \$769.00. Most important is having a solid internet connection. This would involve hardwire a computer/laptop into a modem or router. An alternative to that would be a mobile hot spot, just for the unit, cost of \$339.00. Along with a mobile hot spot, you can either add a line to an existing internet account or purchase a separate data plan with a monthly cost. The projector that we now have is out of date and has no sound. A new projector cost is \$899.00. The recommendation to the Area is to form an ad hoc committee, there is more "foot work" to be done. If you are interested in joining the ad hoc committee, please contact Bill G, Kimbrough, or Sherry.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The 2023 calendar for the General Assembly schedule has been completed.

2023 Mini Conference was addressed in the delegate's report.

**NEXT GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: December 18th, 2022, 1:00 pm the Senior Center (corner of Jefferson Street and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street; Toledo, OH)**

The Mission statement will be read by Sally C, Oak Harbor into Action Big Book Group

Tradition Twelve will be read by Devin K, OCYPAA

Concept Twelve will be read by Kellie S, Women's Road to Recovery

Cleanup for the December meeting will be Monday Night Oak Harbor

**Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by:** Mary M, Slice of Serenity Group

**Seconded by:** Karlotta H, Eastside 12x12 Group

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

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie R

Recording Secretary, Area 55, Panel 72