

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. 39 people were present including 3 Panel Officers, 1 Area Delegate, 1 Pro Tem Alternate Delegate/Chair, 3 Past Delegate(s), 29 GSRs, 2 Alternate GSRs, 3 DCMs, 1 Alternate DCM, 1 current DCMC, 1 Alt. DCMC, 3 Area 55 Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs, 3 guest(s). Kimbrough P, Alt. Delegate was present; did not participate due to health leave.

MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 11, 2023

Karen W, Pro tem Alt. Delegate/Chair (*Kimbrough P, Alt. Delegate on health leave*) Area 55, Panel 72, opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Mission Statement was read by Kenney A, DCM, District 5; Bev Z, Chair of Accessibilities Committee, read Tradition 6; Jackie B, GSR, The Trail Group, read Concept 6. Panel 72 officers were introduced.

New GSRs/Alternate GSRs: Frank V, Alt. GSR, Monday Night Mens; Jimmy B, GSR, Young People Tuesday Night.

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

Approval of May minutes: Melanie R, Recording Secretary, presented the May 21, 2023, minutes.

Motion to accept: Jackie B, GSR, Trail Group; Seconded by Nancy C, Oregon St. Charles. Motion moved.

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 May 2023, Treasurer's Report: Larry B, Treasurer, presented the Financial Report for May 2023.

Operating Account: Beginning Balance: 5/1/2023: \$2,933.31; Income: \$3,539.32; Expenses: \$532.42; Ending Balance: 5/31/2023: \$5,940.21.

Prudent Reserve: Beginning Balance: 5/1/2023: \$5,005.94; Interest: \$0.00; Ending Balance: 5/31/2023: \$5,005.94.

Area 55 Mini Conference: Beginning Balance: 5/1/2023 \$4,572.70 Income: \$0.00; Expenses: \$2,572.70; Ending Balance: 5/31/2023 \$2,000.00.

Group Contributions for YTD. 2023: \$6,850.41 **Total Income Received YTD. 2023:** \$10,685.63.

Total Expenses YTD.: \$8,445.19

May Assembly Basket: \$ 91.36

May Group Contributions: \$787.26

May Individual Contributions: \$38.00

Motion to accept the financial report made by: Patty B, GSR, Wayne Group; Seconded by: Karlotta H, Alt.GSR, Eastside 12x12.

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

The meetings were held at Central Office, Monday, April 17, and May 15, 2023. Discussed the process for interviewing old

timers and contacted Chris C, Group Services Chair, to talk about recording these interviews. The interviews are from members with 30 or more years of sobriety. In the May meeting we reviewed the service Archives Workbook interview process. The information that has been collected is now on a spreadsheet. A list of leads and histories that are currently on CD's is also available on a typed sheet. The committee has 2 commitments to attend, the anniversary of "Woodville As Bill Sees It" at the Woodville United Methodist Church, Woodville, Ohio, Saturday, June 17, 2023 and Wednesday, June 28, 2023, "Leipsic Group Old Timers Meeting" to bring the display. The chair brought the Group Histories notebook binder to the General Assembly meeting to have GSR's look and see if their group is represented. The committee is asking all groups in Area 55 to update their histories, and to especially include how your group managed during the Covid period.

Next meeting: June 19, 2023, 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: / Geneva G / corrections.chair@area55aa.org/

No report, committee has not met yet.

Next meeting: June 21, 2023, Wednesday 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

Report given at the last assembly meeting.

Next meeting June 21, 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: Nancy C, Co-Chair / grapevine.chair@area55aa.org

No report, committee has not met yet.

Finance report April/May 2023; Beginning balance \$162.75; Book Sales \$103.50; Book Orders \$0; Ending balance \$266.25.

Motion to accept: Lori C, GSR, Reno Beach Sobriety; Seconded by: Teri H, GSR, Sober Sisters.

Next meeting: June 14, 2023, at 5:45 p.m., Memorial United Church of Christ

The Grapevine Committee meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 5:45 p.m., Memorial United Church of Christ, 1301 Starr Ave., Toledo

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

Due to an emergency for Chris C, the committee did not meet. However, they did visit a new meeting in Kalida, Ohio.

Next meeting: July 16, 2023, 12:00 p.m., at Senior Center

The Group Services Committee meets the third Sunday of each month at 12:00 p.m. at the Senior Center, 2308 Jefferson Ave. Toledo

Accessibilities: / Bev Z / accessibilities@area55.org /

Lori C resigned. Jackie will take over sending out cards.

A call came to Central Office from a disabled woman wanting rides to meetings. They mailed her a TARPS application and referred her to our committee to see if she had any other accessibility needs. She did not want a meeting or visit. We discussed possible ways to get to meetings.

Eight in person visits have been made since the last committee meeting. We scheduled our next in-person commitments. A new referral was made.

Tim D typed up all the zoom meetings in the area, which can be given out. A couple committee members asked about the possibility of changing the meeting to a different location. It was discussed but no decision made.

Next meeting: June 21, 2023, 5:30 p.m. at Memorial United Church of Christ

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 /

We came to a final decision on the equipment needed to create the hybrid General Assembly Meeting. Here are the final recommendations for a laptop and web cam. The cost of the laptop we feel would best fit the area's needs is \$499.00 and the cost of the web cam is \$24.99. We discussed posting the Archives virtual workshop flyer to the website. When your group has a change of group information, please email the changes to the Area 55 registrar or Webmaster. Do not send them to the Central Office. If your group or district has an anniversary or an event you would like to put on the website, please email Bill G.

The motion to accept the final recommendations to purchase the equipment for the hybrid meeting has been tabled until a total price (including taxes) has been presented to the body.

Next meeting: July 11, 2023, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

The Website Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. Meeting I.D. 273-332-805 password 800

Northwest Ohio/Southeast Michigan Intergroup Liaison: Kellie S

The Intergroup has not yet met.

Newsletter Liaison: Mike J, Vice Chair

In the event of the passing of Jeff Z, Chair, Mike J was elected at the Intergroup business meeting to become the Chair. The position of Vice Chair is needed. If there is anyone that is an email subscription and has not received your newsletter for June, please contact Mike.

OCYPAA: Jimmy B,

The date for the Toledo OYPAAXL Conference is October 13-15, 2023, Holiday Inn & Suites, 27355 Carronade Dr. Perrysburg, OH. More information contact is info@oypaaxl.com

MONCYPAA Liaison: Franklin S, Chairperson/ No report.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER ("DCM") REPORTS

DCMC Chair: Chrissy H, District Committee Member Chair

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

DCM Monthly Report: There were 3 districts represented. Discussion of Unity Day, July 29, 2023. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. The lead is to begin at 1:00 p.m. All committees will be contacted and asked to set up a table at the event. District 10, Singleness of Purpose is celebrating their 21st anniversary, August 21, 2023, eating at 6:00 p.m. lead at 7:00 p.m.

We would like to ask OYPAA to come and perform a skit and talk about their upcoming conference(s).

Next meeting: July 16, 2023, at 11:30 a.m.

The District Committee Meeting meets at the Senior Center prior to the General Assembly Meeting at 11:30 a.m.

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

Area 55's 8th Unity Day will be held on July 29, 2023, at the First United Methodist Church, 1526 E. Wooster St., Bowling Green, OH between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00p.m. Doors will open at 8:00 a.m. with a light breakfast available and a light lunch will follow the event allowing time for fellowship and friends. Why do we have a special time set aside?

What is Unity Day about? Area 55 has 263 active, in-person meetings and 7 virtual meetings registered with the General Service Office. Like any groups gathered for a single purpose, Unity Day allows the area fellowship to identify our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. If well attended, Unity Day is an opportunity to review how all those groups are doing. There have been many ways our Area has gone about this during these 8 years. Upon occasion, the Delegate has shared their experience of attending the General Service Conference held in New York. This day of reflection is only as strong as you make it. The first Unity Day was held in Bowling Green, but the facility was too small. There were roughly 125 members in attendance for the first one. The second event was held at the First United Methodist Church in Bowling Green. We also had a good showing that year. A couple of years we used the Traditions Checklist to take an Area Inventory.

A couple of years we used the time to introduce the next Area Delegate with their lead. We have asked General Service Representative's (GSR's) on a panel to speak about their experience serving a home group; District Committee Members (DCM'S) to speak about their experiences and growth. Unity Day was held online in 2020 during the Covid Pandemic. But, in 2021 it was held in person at Providence Lutheran Church. Attendance was low as people were still hesitant to gather in large groups. We again conducted a SWOT analysis of Area 55's health. Survival of Alcoholics Anonymous and Area 55 was a topic of concern. We have returned to Bowling Green these past two years. Bowling Green was chosen as being more centrally located for the Area. We are still trying to unify this area, to demonstrate that there is a strength within the area that comes from gathering our experiences, reviewing what the area is doing well; what can be improved; what opportunities are still waiting to be developed within the area and what threats might be in the area. My invitation to you is to attend this event on July 29th and bring a friend, a sponsee, bring a group member or two, pick someone up that isn't able to drive and bring them. Let's, you and I fill the auditorium.

OLD BUSINESS

Collection: There was \$61.00 collected for today's Assembly basket.

Motion made to keep in the checking account by: Kenney A, DCM

Seconded by: Nancy C, GSR, Oregon St. Charles, Motion carried.

One point of old business: the request from Henry C, Past Delegate, to receive a copy of the Articles of Incorporation, he took photographs of the documents with his personal phone.

NEW BUSINESS

Kimbrough P. Alt. Delegate will be returning on Sunday, July 16, 2023, to resume her duties as the Alternate Delegate of Area 55, Panel 72.

NEXT GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: July 16, 2023, 1:00 pm the Senior Center (corner of Jefferson Street and 23rd Street; Toledo, OH)

The Mission statement will be read by Nancy C, GSR, Oregon St. Charles

Tradition 7 will be read by Jason B, GSR, SST

Concept 7 will be read by George C, Alt. DCMC

Cleanup for the July meeting will be Came to Believe

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by: Kimbrough P, Alt. Delegate

Seconded by: Aaron W, GSR, Oregon Men's

Closed with the "A Declaration of Unity"

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie R

Recording Secretary, Area 55, Panel 72