

# 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. 53 people were present including 3 Panel Officers, 1 Area Delegate, 1 Alternate Delegate, 3 Past Delegate(s), 27 GSRs, 5 Alternate GSRs, 5 DCMs, 0 Alternate DCM, 1 current DCMC, 1 Alt. DCMC, 6 Area 55 Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs, 2 guest(s).

## MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 16, 2023

Kimbrough P, Alt. Delegate/Chair Area 55, Panel 72, 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; Jason B, GSR, SST read Tradition 7; George C, Alt. DCMC, read Concept 7. Panel 72 officers were introduced.

**New GSRs/Alternate GSRs:** Dave Z, Alt. GSR, Came to Believe; Tim P, Alt. GSR, SST.

**New DCMs/Alternate DCMs:** Karlotta H, Alt. DCM, District 5

**Past Delegates:** Jim S, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 70; Kelly C Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 56, John C, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 66.

**Approval of June minutes:** Melanie R, Recording Secretary, presented the June 11, 2023, minutes.

One revision: add the last name B to the Accessibilities committee report.

Motion to accept: Wendy H, DCM, District 5; Seconded by Mike C, GSR, New Hope. Motion moved.

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

**Operating Account:** Beginning Balance: 6/1/2023: \$5,940.21; Income: \$1,588.55; Expenses: \$851.55; Ending Balance: 6/30/2023: \$6,677.21.

**Prudent Reserve:** Beginning Balance: 6/1/2023: \$5,005.94; Interest: \$0.12; Ending Balance: 6/30/2023: \$5,006.06.

**Area 55 Mini Conference:** Beginning Balance: 6/1/2023 \$2,000.00 Income: \$0; Expenses: \$0; Ending Balance: 6/30/2023 \$2,000.00.

**Group Contributions for YTD. 2023:** \$8,362.96

**Total Income Received YTD. 2023:** \$12,274.18.

**Total Expenses YTD.:** \$9,296.74

**June Assembly Basket:** \$ 61.00

**June Group Contributions:** \$1,512.55

**June Individual Contributions:** \$15.00

**Motion to accept the financial report made by:** Wendy H, DCM, District 5; Seconded by: John C, Past Delegate

**Motion to suspend further business for the Delegate's 2023 General Service Conference Report**

Motion to approve: Kenney A, DCM, District 4; Seconded by: John C, Past Delegate; Motion carried.

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

We discussed the Group History notebook. The Group History notebook is available today at the assembly for the GSR's to check and see if their group's information is current. We are asking that the group history be updated to explain how they managed during Covid. Eva S will check on-line to see what groups closed due to Covid. A blank Group History form has been created to permit groups to quickly provide a start on the history. Checking on the cost of purchasing small recorders to be used in interviewing Area 55 members over 30 years of sobriety. We will continue to ask members 30 years or longer to submit their name, phone number, sobriety date, and home group. The Archive display was at the anniversary of Woodville As Bill Sees It, June 17<sup>th</sup> and Leipsic Old Timers meeting June 28<sup>th</sup>. It is the committee's hope that Area 55 groups, planning events will invite the Archive display. **Next meeting: July 17, 2023, 6:00 p.m., at Central Office.**

**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:** Geneva G / [corrections.chair@area55aa.org](mailto:corrections.chair@area55aa.org)

Committee minutes: May 17, 2023

Kellie S and Jennifer are taking on the Lucas County jail women's commitment, each doing 2 Saturdays per month from 1-2 p.m. The Lucas County jail men's meeting is going well. The Driver Intervention Program is now being run by Empowered by Excellence, not Talbot Services. Phil M. has been voted in as the Vice Chairperson of the Multi-District Correctional in 2024. TCI, Mike G. stated everything is running smoothly and Ms. Crenshaw from Recovery Services at TCI is the contact. It was also reported that the people who do not get approved to come into the facility can be granted once a year guest pass to attend the commitment with another committee member. Men's CTF is running smoothly. The Women's CTF is Mondays 6-7p.m. New member Julie C. has been approved. PREA has no updates on scheduling. Lucas County jail is in the process of changing how they approve people by implementing background checks and creating a new application for committee members to get into the facility. Only active members on the Corrections Committee will be allowed to participate in the jail commitment. Tiffany T. CCNO/Stryker reported CCNO is starting a new program. A packet was given to the committee chair which included applications and policies. If the committee takes on this commitment members may schedule a meeting time to discuss options.

Committee minutes: June 21, 2023

Report TCI would like to have several meetings per week. Members will arrive 30 minutes earlier for each scheduled meeting. PREA Training Monday at 4:30 p.m. for committee members training. TCI, Joe L will no longer be able to attend due to relocating. An updated list of who is on the committee and approved to go into the facility will be prepared by Geneva. Geneva will be in contact with the men who are currently going into the facility but not attending the monthly committee meeting to confirm they are active members of the committee. Men and Women's CTF is running smoothly. Lucas County jail- The meeting is on hold, no male CC member to attend. The women's Saturday meeting is going smoothly. DIP- All July, August, and September 2023 AA groups have been scheduled. The time change goes into effect July 1, 2023, and the meeting for all home groups and committee members will start at 7p.m. This will be announced at meetings and email the Central Office for an update announcement in the newsletter and in the announcements. CCNO/Stryker- The screening process consists of applications for a background check and a 4-hour training to be completed before being approved. A discussion regarding implementing a hybrid CC monthly meeting to include zoom or phone in option for people in other districts who want to join but can't commute.

**Next meeting: July 17, 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 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)

Discussed March 24 presentation to UTMC residents/staff. Family court, Domestic Relations Court- contacting various courts, ongoing. No response from area probation departments. Much discussion on a letter from Lima area that was sent to Lighthouse Behavior. Still no response on letters sent to various media outlets regarding PSA's. Discussed Unity Day and who will attend. Consider chair for 2024-2025 term.

**Next meeting July 19, 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, Chair / [grapevine.chair@area55aa.org](mailto:grapevine.chair@area55aa.org)

One commitment completed as Bill Sees It. One commitment upcoming at Oregon St. Charles and Unity Day, July 29<sup>th</sup>. Finance report June/July 2023; Beginning balance \$266.25; Book Sales \$39.99; Book Orders \$45.00; Ending balance \$261.24. Not voted on. Motion to accept: Seconded by:

**Next meeting: August 9, 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](mailto:groupser.chair@area55aa.org)

The new group in Kalida wa given pamphlets and helped them fill out their new group registration. Equipment commitment at Unity Day, July 29, 2023.

**Next meeting: August 20, 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:** Beverly Z / [accessibilities@area55.org](mailto:accessibilities@area55.org)

In this chairperson's absence, Vice-Chair Jackie B agreed to facilitate the meeting. Minutes were not taken. The following is a summary of what Jackie B told me was discussed. Kelly C was welcomed as a new committee member. Individuals' needs on the shut-in list were discussed and Kelly was brought up to date. Regular bi-weekly visits are happening. Others are being called periodically.

**Next meeting: August 16, 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](mailto:web.comm.chair@area55aa.org)

The newsletter committee reached out about posting a printable newsletter subscription form on the Area website. The Area website already has a link to toledoaa.com which has the subscription form posted so we decided not to post a direct link on the site to the form. We reviewed the equipment needed for a hybrid assembly, a laptop, and a web camera. We have all the cables needed to plug into the projector and sound system. If your group or district has an anniversary or event and would like to put on the website, please email me at web.com.chair@area55.org

**Next meeting: August 1, 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

Operating balance: \$17,264.92 Children's Christmas Party balance: \$1,409.50

The Central Office has some discrepancies in the financial report, so it is tabled till next month. Alarm issues, looking into getting 3 estimates. Toledo Edison is increasing by 40% looking into different providers. 151 calls, 110 visitors, 8 Twelve Step calls.

Anniversary committee- Having a DJ. Deadline to buy tickets September 23, 2023, no ticket sales at the door. Tickets available in July, \$25.00 per person. Need donations. Donate Area55 subscriptions. Childrens Christmas Party – Dec. 3, 2023, at Faith United Lutheran Church. Need a balloon artist. Reaching out to OYPAA to do face painting. Entertainment Committee – Intergroup Picnic Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, 12p.m.-6p.m. at Walbridge Park. New Year's Eve Dance – Looking for locations and meeting with the chair of OYPAA and LGBTQ members to discuss merging the event. Finance Committee – Need a group to cook the meal for August Intergroup meeting. Pig Roast is July15th, St. Lukes Church in Curtice, OH. The August dance has been tabled, not enough help. Hospital Committee – Women are needed to join the committee. Zepf Center at 7:00 p.m. can be attended by women. Looking into Divine Rehabilitation and Nursing Home to hold a meeting. Newsletter Committee - Mike J is the newsletter chair and a Vice Chair is needed. Intergroup contributed \$500.00 to the newsletter.

A financial audit was taken on May 16, 2023, by Michael D and 2-3 more members, all 3 organizations are in good standing.

**Newsletter Liaison:** Mike J, Chair

No report.

**OCYPAA:** Jimmy B

No report.

**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 Member Chair

**DCM Monthly Report:** District 3,4,5,7,10,12 were represented. **District 3** Two people attended the meeting. **District 4**, Kenney A went to groups and explained about Unity Day, 2 recruits for the panel. **District 5** had their meeting on July 7<sup>th</sup>. 8 active GSR's. New Year's Day open house flyer. Workshop for fall discussion. New banking account \$183.00. August 3<sup>rd</sup> next meeting at St. Charles. **District 7** First Sunday's, 7:00 p.m. at Panera Central Ave. in Sylvania. **District 10** meeting was held on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Three in attendance, one other GSR there. Weekends after Area 55 Assembly. Discussing workshop in fall on the disease concept. **District 12** no report.

Unity Day is scheduled for July 29, 2023, at the First United Methodist Church, 1526 E. Wooster St. Bowling Green, Oh. Mike J requested a table at Unity Day. The Accessibilities Committee will also have a table set up. OYPAA will be there to do a skit. Set up for Unity Day is Brett F. The panel program is finalized. The lead will be Kimbrough P, Alt. Delegate. Greeters are confirmed and Group Services, Chris C, is setting up for microphones.

Sherry S, Delegate, is reporting on the General Service Conference. A report about the Area 55 newsletter.

Next meeting: August 20, 2023, 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](mailto:delegate@area55aa.org)

The body voted to suspend regular committee reports. The Delegate's report on the General Service Conference was given. The financial report and the results of all proposed agenda items may be found on a password protected page at area55aa.org Please ask your group's General Service Representative for the password.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Collection:** There was \$77.50 collected for today's Assembly basket.

Motion made to contribute to New York General Service by: Jim S, Past Delegate; Seconded by: Joe Y, GSR, 12 Step Study Group.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **NEXT GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: August 20, 2023, 1:00 p.m. the Senior Center (corner of Jefferson Street and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street; Toledo, OH)**

The Mission statement will be read by Geneva G, Multi-District Correctional Chair

Tradition 8 will be read by Kellie S, GSR, Road to Recovery

Concept 8 will be read by Lori C, GSR, Reno Beach Sobriety

Cleanup for the August meeting will be Eastside 12x12.

**Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by:** Wendy H, DCM, District 5

**Seconded by:** Lori C, GSR, Reno Beach Sobriety

Closed with the "A Declaration of Unity"

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie R

Recording Secretary, Area 55, Panel 72