

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. 43 people were present including 4 Panel Officers, 1 Area Delegate, 1 Alternate Delegate, 4 Past Delegate(s), 19 GSRs, 4 Alternate GSRs, 3 DCMs, 0 Alternate DCM, 1 current DCMC, 0 Alt. DCMC, 4 Area 55 Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs, 3 guest(s).

MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

Kimbrough P, Alt. Delegate, Area 55, Panel 72, opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Mission Statement was read by Monica Z, Alt. GSR, New Noon South; Bev Z, Accessibilities Chair, read Tradition 9; Chris C, Group Services Chair, read Concept 9. Panel 72 officers were introduced.

New GSRs/Alternate GSRs: Michelle F, GSR, Serenity Sisters in Service; Chris K, GSR, New Life;

Tim P, Alt. GSR, SST; Kat M, Alt. GSR, Serenity Sisters in Service

New DCMs/Alternate DCMs: 0

Past Delegates: Jim S, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 70; Henry C, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 68; John C, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 66; Kelly C, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel

Approval of August minutes: Melanie R, Recording Secretary, presented the August 20, 2023, minutes.

Motion to accept: Dave F, DCM, District 2; Seconded by Wendy H, DCM, District 5. Motion moved.

Please note: Committee meeting minutes 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 2023, Treasurer's Report: Larry B, Treasurer, presented the Financial Report for September 2023.

Operating Account: Beginning Balance: 8/1/2023: \$7,337.19; Income: \$1,124.00; Expenses: \$2,295.02; Ending Balance: 8/31/2023: \$6,166.17.

Prudent Reserve: Beginning Balance: 8/1/2023: \$5,006.06; Interest: \$0.00; Ending Balance: 8/31/2023: \$5,006.06.

Area 55 Mini Conference: Beginning Balance: 8/1/2023 \$2,000.00 Income: \$0; Expenses: \$0. Ending Balance: 8/31/2023 \$2,000.00.

Group Contributions for YTD. 2023: \$11,821.49

Total Income Received YTD. 2023: \$16,194.21

Total Expenses YTD.: \$13,727.81

August Assembly Basket: \$ 81.00

August Group Contributions: \$755.00

August Individual Contributions: \$38.00

Motion to accept the financial report made by: Mike C, GSR, New Hope; Seconded by: Mike J, GSR, Message of Hope.

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: Geneva G/corrections.chair@area55aa.org/

No report

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

Reviewed previous minutes. Family Court, Domestic Relations Court, ongoing. No responses from area probation departments.

No responses from various media outlets regarding PSA'S. Discussed successful Unity Day. Consider chair for 2024-2025 term.

Next meeting September 20, 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

Completed one commitment at St. Charles. Starlite Anniversary, September 15, 2023, arrives at 6:00 p.m. Guides to Progress Anniversary, October 10, 2023, arrives at 6:00 p.m. Reviewed Grapevine money and Inventory. Count all money before all commitments. Verify the amount, write it down and sign it before and after each event. Document all sales with date, name of event and again count monies and sign slip and put into monies bag along with signed slip together.

Finance report: August/Sept 2023; Beginning balance \$345.14; Book Sales \$47.35; Book Orders \$0; Ending balance \$392.49.

Cash on hand \$286.55; Overage/short \$-105.94. The shortage is still being investigated.

Motion to accept: Lynn M, GSR, Warm Heart Serenity Seconded by: Henry C, Past Delegate

Next meeting: October 11, 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

The committee attended with sound, to the Starlight Anniversary on September 15, 2023, the BG Sobriety celebration on October 1, 2023, and Guides to Progress Anniversary on October 17, 2023. The committee still needs to meet with Back to Basics South to register their group. They are still in search of a committee chair for Panel 74.

Next meeting: October 15, 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

The committee has increased with two new members. They have also added a new shut-in. The past month there was 14 visits/meetings. Follow-up calls have been made. The committee meeting day has been changed to the third Wednesday of the month, to wit: Sept 20, October 18, November 15, December 20 at 5:30 p.m. at Memorial United Church of Christ.

Next meeting: September 20, 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

No report

The Website Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. Meeting I.D. 595-694-351 password 800

Northwest Ohio/Southeast Michigan Intergroup Liaison / Kellie S

Operating balance: \$16,297.98 Children's Christmas Party balance: \$1,409.50

Central Office: Next meeting was September 14, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at Central Office. 191 calls, 73 visitors, 13- Twelve step calls. **Anniversary Committee:** Next meeting September 11 at 6:00 p.m. this is a hybrid meeting. Deadline to purchase tickets for the Intergroup 83rd A.A. Anniversary is September 23, 2023. The tickets are \$25.00 and are being sold at Central Office and no tickets will be sold at the door. They are looking for donations from groups or individuals for Area 55 Newsletter subscriptions.

Children's Christmas Party: Next meeting September 23, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Central Office. November 25, 2023, is the shopping and the wrapping of gifts.

Entertainment Committee: Next meeting is September 21, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. Central Office. Working on the New Years Eve dance which will be held from 6:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. Seeking donations. You can send donations to Central Office marked as "New Year's Eve Dinner Dance." **Finance Committee:** Next meeting September 6, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at Central Office. Looking for groups to do dinners for November and December (for the dinners before) Intergroup. They are going to donate old pamphlets to the Hospital Committee.

Hospital Committee: Next meeting September 12, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at Central Office. In need of women and new members on the committee. The committee will no longer be holding meetings at the Joshua Treatment Center, the center wants to interview the committee members to make sure we qualify. **Newsletter Committee:** Next meeting is September 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Central Office. A vice chair is still needed. Please announce on Zoom meetings about the Area55 newsletter. You may access the subscription at www.toledoaa.com under the Central Office tab. The folding of the newsletter is the third Friday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at Central Office. **OYPAA:** N/A

Next meeting of the Intergroup Association is September 23, 2023.

Newsletter Liaison: Mike J, Chair

New dates for folding newsletters will be 9/22, 10/20, 11/17, 12/15. August subscription drive has brought it closer to the goal of 200 subscribers for the bulk mailing rate. Discussion of adding color to the newsletter. Discussion of sending to each group on the Intergroup Central Office announcements mailing list one free issue of the Newsletter during the December mailing to increase awareness of giving it as a gift to fellow recovering people. A vice-chair is still needed.

Next meeting is October 3, 2023, 6:30 p.m. at Central Office.

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 2** – no report, **District 3** – Kelli reported for conference for the GSR school; **District 5** – Workshop being held on October 28, 2023, on the Service Structure. New Years Day Open House. \$296.93 District finances. Next meeting is October 13, 2023; **District 7**- no report; **District 10** - Planning a workshop "Disease of Alcoholism", date to be announced.

District 12 – no report.

Old business – GSR school discussed. The guidelines indicate that it is the Alt. Delegate's responsibility.

New business: North End Group question about reopening from District 2, only a couple GSR'S current. Elections are coming up, turnover for DCM's. A discussion brought forward by Don; said they were in AA on Facebook. Service piece on Internet and anonymity in literature. News Hope Saturday Night meeting is active. Chanting after the Serenity Prayer discussion. Group autonomy leads to their own nuances. Ongoing discussion about regional variations. Possible workshop topic on "13 Stepping" and Safety.

Announcements – Octoberfest, October 14, 2023, and Defiance Roundup, November 4, 2023.

Next meeting: October 15, 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

My focus today is on two subjects.

The first is the Final Report of the 73rd General Service Conference held in Brooklyn in April of this year. Of note is the following:

- Area 55 is listed as having 262 registered groups

- 73 groups contributed to GSO in New York
- That equates to 27.86% of groups in Area 55
- The average contribution for groups was \$212.61
- Area 55 was highest in the average amount of group contributions
- Area 56 was highest in the participation of groups contributing to GSO in New York at 38.11%

Reports are on the back table. Please take one if interested. I have provided copies to the District Committee Members for distribution in their respective Districts.

I would like to turn your attention to the East Central Regional Forum scheduled for November 17-19, 2023.

The slate of Class A and B Trustees, General Service Office Personnel and Staff that will be attending are as follows:

- Mike L, Class B Trustee from Omaha NE. Mike is the Interim Chair of the General Service Board
- Sister Judith Ann Karam, CSA, FACHE, is a Class A Trustee from Richfield OH.
- Kevin Prior, MBA, CFA, CPA is a Class A Trustee from St. Louis MO. Kevin is Treasurer of the General Service Board.
- Robert L, Trustee-at-Large Canada is a Class B Trustee from Quebec, Canada.
- Bob W, General Service Office General Manager.
- Misha Q is a part of the General Service Office Staff
- David S, Grapevine Class B Trustee from East Chatham NY.
- Clinton M, Non-Trustee Director from Ottawa Ontario
- Chris C, AAGV Director and Publisher
- And our own Cathi C, East Central Regional Trustee from Indianapolis IN

Thank you for your attention. I hope you are excited to attend and participate in the East Central Regional Forum event! The Delegate reviewed a brief video presentation and sample program on Regional Forums.

OLD BUSINESS

Collection: There was \$66.50 collected for today's Assembly basket.

Motion made to send to GSO in New York by Chris C, Group Services Chair; Seconded by: Jim S, Past Delegate

NEW BUSINESS

Jim S, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 70, informed the body that our Delegate, Sherry S, presented an article from the report booklet, page 32, "Our Common Perils and Common Solutions" at the conference in New York.

The General Assembly meeting for November has been changed to November 12, 2023.

The elections will be held in October. Henry C, Past Delegate, made a motion to have Alternate's for the panel officers. Seconded by Karen W, Registrar.

Discussion—Jim S, Past Delegate, suggested electing the alternates. Karen W suggested that they be called backups vs. alternates.

The motion was amended by Henry C, Past Delegate, stating that the person who receives the second highest number of votes would move into the Alternate position; but they will not automatically be rotated in for the next Panel office, Panel 76. The vote was taken by raising of hands. No minority opinion. Motion passed.

NEXT GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: October 15, 2023, 1:00 p.m. the Senior Center (corner of Jefferson Street and 23rd Street; Toledo, OH)

The Mission statement will be read by Chris C, Group Services Chair

Tradition 10 will be read by Wendy H, DCM, District 5

Concept 10 will be read by Lynn M, GSR, Warm Heart Serenity

Cleanup for the October meeting will be Maumee 12x12

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by: Lori C, GSR, Reno Beach

Seconded by: Michelle F, GSR, Serenity Sisters in Service

Closed with "The Responsibility Statement"

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie R

Recording Secretary, Area 55, Panel 72