

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. 68 people were present including 4 Panel Officers, 1 Area Delegate, 1 Alternate Delegate, 6 Past Delegate(s), 37 GSRs, 7 Alternate GSRs, 4 DCMs, 0 Alternate DCM, 1 current DCMC, 1 Alt. DCMC, 6 Area 55 Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs, 5 guest(s).

MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 15, 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 Chris C, Group Services Chair; Wendy H, DCM, District 5, read Tradition 10; Lynn M, GSR, Warm Heart Serenity read Concept 10. Panel 72 officers were introduced.

New GSRs/Alternate GSRs: Kat M, Alt. GSR, Serenity Sisters in Service; Shirley S, GSR, Maumee Monday Noon

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 56; Nancy M, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 64; Bob S, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 62

Approval of September minutes: Melanie R, Recording Secretary, presented the September 17, 2023, minutes.

Motion to accept: Henry C, Past Delegate; Seconded by Terri J, Alt. GSR, Trail Group. 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 September 2023, Treasurer's Report: Larry B, Treasurer, presented the Financial Report for September 2023.

Operating Account: Beginning Balance: 9/1/2023: \$6,166.17; Income: \$1,549.28; Expenses: \$1,124.13; Ending Balance: 9/30/2023: \$6,591.32.

Prudent Reserve: Beginning Balance: 9/1/2023: \$5,006.06; Interest: \$0.13; Ending Balance: 9/30/2023: \$5,006.19.

Area 55 Mini Conference: Beginning Balance: 9/1/2023 \$2,000.00 Income: \$0; Expenses: \$0. Ending Balance: 9/30/2023 \$2,000.00.

Group Contributions for YTD. 2023: \$13,289.27

Total Income Received YTD. 2023: \$17,743.49

Total Expenses YTD.: \$14,851.94

September Assembly Basket: \$ 66.50

September Group Contributions: \$1,467.78

September Individual Contributions: \$15.00

Motion to accept the financial report made by: Henry C, Past Delegate; Seconded by: Carrie C, GSR, West Group

Entertain a motion to suspend further business for the Panel 74 Elections except for financial reports. Motion by: Chris C, Group Services; Seconded by: Henry C, Past Delegate. Motion carried.

Grapevine Committee Financial Report: Lisa C, Chair: Beginning Balance, \$286.55; Book Orders, \$237.68; Book Sales, \$126.33; Ending Balance \$175.20; Cash on Hand, \$175.20; Overage/Short \$0.

Motion to approve: Nancy C, Oregon St. Charles. Seconded: Wendy H, DCM, District 5

Panel 74 Elections:

The count was taken of all voting members, the total number is 58. The nominees have been asked to provide a 2-minute bio of themselves. Last month (September 2023) at the General Service Assembly, the body made and passed the motion that the runner up in the election of a Panel Officer, would have the opportunity to serve as an Alternate in the event the position would need a backup.

Alternate Delegate- Josh D nominated by Carrie C, GSR, West Group, the nomination was accepted. Larry B was nominated by Henry C, Past Delegate, the nomination was accepted. Chris C was nominated by Jim S, Past Delegate, the nomination was accepted. Mike Z was nominated by Michael D, CPC/PI Chair, the nomination was accepted.

A motion from the floor for the 5th ballot. Eva S, Archives, "so moved", seconded by Jim S, Past Delegate.

The vote went to the hat.

Alternate Delegate – Josh D

Recording Secretary – Shannon C nominated by Jim S, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 70; the nomination was accepted. Karen W, stood for the position. Seconded by Henry C, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 68.

Recording Secretary – Karen W

Treasurer – Michael D nominated by Chris C; the nomination was accepted. Aaron W was nominated by Wendy H, DCM, District 5, the nomination was accepted. Melanie R stood for the position.

Treasurer – Michael D

Registrar – Chris C nominated by Joe Y; the nomination was accepted. Melanie R was nominated by Jim S, Past Delegate; the nomination was accepted. Shannon C was nominated by Kimbrough P, Alt. Delegate; the nomination was accepted.

Registrar – Chris C

Mailing Secretary – Shannon C nominated by Kimbrough P, Alt. Delegate; the nomination was accepted. Melanie R stood for the position.

Mailing Secretary – Shannon C

Henry C, Past Delegate, would like to thank all the voters who stayed for the whole meeting. Henry C also requested the Body to appoint the Alternates.

Kimbrough P, Alt. Delegate, asked for a motion to table the rest of the Alternate selections. Motion made by Terri J, GSR, Trail Group. Seconded by: Kenney A, DCM. Motion moved.

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

There were materials recently donated to the archives this summer. Newspaper clippings from across the country, from 1939-1943. They were copyrighted in 1985 by the Archives of the General Office of A.A. Their literature reorder information is Archives Scrapbook#M-42 (1939-42) and Archives Scrapbook#M-66 (1943). July 29, 2023, the committee was at the Unity Day With a display. We were invited to set up the display at the Starlight Anniversary, on September 15, 2023. On October 1, 2023, we attended the Bowling Green celebration.

We received updates from the following groups, Road to Recovery, Came to Believe, Maumee Sunday Night, Camino Nuevo, and New Way Women. The two digital voice recorders have been purchased and donated for the Archives committee use.

The Guides to Progress Anniversary has invited the Archives to bring the display. The committee will also be attending Sober Sisters Anniversary on November 27, 2023.

Next meeting: October 16, 2023, at Central Office, 5:00 p.m. just for this meeting.

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

The committee is tabling discussion about Zoom options, will discuss at next meeting. District 10 is responsible for the Bowling Green jail. Geneva will reach out to Michael D from the CPC/PI committee regarding the reentry coalition program to establish non-affiliation with A.A. Men and Women CTF is running smoothly. Lucas County Jail has no issues and runs smoothly. TCI is also running well. OYPAA has asked that we attend their conference, October 13-15, 2023. The CTF Men's Correctional Treatment Facilities will be tabled, need to confirm if the meeting has been moved to a different day. Geneva will contact Roland regarding the approval process for applications. Florencio has been approved to serve.

New location for DIP beginning October 6, 2023, Best Western Toledo, 6425 Kit Lane, Maumee, OH

Tiffany will obtain the PREA training schedule. The committee needs to reestablish co-chair volunteer beginning January 1, 2024. Kellie S has agreed to sit as co-chair volunteer temporarily from October 1- December 31, 2023. Committee will need to establish co-chair beginning January 1, 2024. Lisa K is retiring from DIP, Michelle M will assume DIP responsibilities.

Next meeting: October 18, 2023, 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

Family Court, Domestic Relations Court, still trying to make contact. No responses from area probation departments. No responses from various media outlets regarding PSA's. Spoke to Geneva G, Chair of Multi-District Correctional Committee regarding Re-entry Coalition of Northwest Ohio; this will be discussed with the full committee at our next meeting.

Reviewed new booklet – "A.A. for the Older Alcoholic – Never too Late."

Next meeting October 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, Chair / grapevine.chair@area55aa.org

Picked up OYPAA conference, Friday and Saturday, October 14-15, 2023. Guides to Progress anniversary, October 10, 2023, arrive at 6:00 p.m. Reviewed Grapevine cash procedures. The November General Assembly meeting is on the 2nd Sunday instead of the third. Reviewed Grapevine money and Inventory.

Next meeting: November 8, 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.

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

The sound equipment was provided for the Starlight Anniversary in September. Will be taking equipment to Guides to Progress, October 17, 2023, Raising the Bottom, October 26, 2023, Perrysburg Staying Sober, November 12, 2023, Sober Sisters in Sobriety, November 27, 2023, and Walbridge Park, December 6, 2023.

Next meeting: November 12, 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 voted in Jackie Berkey as Chair for next term. Upcoming visits have been scheduled. Cards were sent September 9, 2023. Reviewed information for the contacts. Budget was reviewed. The committee is looking for new members, many current members are rotating off.

Next meeting: October 18, 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

Review of September 3, 2023, committee meeting. What we needed for the hybrid meeting. We have the equipment, talked about zoom accounts; we would need a personal account.

Wendy received an email from Zoom. Would need documentation of our status being a non-profit organization. Wendy recommended we go with this route to receive the discount.

The pro account is \$15.99 per month or \$149.98 per year. They offer electronic checking. The discount for the non-profit is 50% offered through a company called TechSoup. TechSoup charges \$19.00. The 501C3 registration from the federal government, under the IRS is required. Kimbrough P made a motion to go forward with the company TechSoup and to pay yearly. Tim D, point of order, this is the committee, and the committee makes the recommendation to the Assembly. Sherry S asked if anyone has inquired about this TechSoup website. Question of affiliation, discussion. Sherry suggested we table this discussion, check out more about TechSoup. Discuss more at the next meeting.

Kimbrough inquired where the committee was at with having a name change for the Website Committee to Technology Committee. Ideas from Bill and Karen were discussed. Drafts of ideas for guidelines of the committee. Having a person who has a background in technology to run the hybrid meeting. A back up for the "technology person." Will this position receive payment/stipend. If we have a paid technology coordinator position and a paid Webmaster position, the Webmaster position could be the backup, there would be no transfer of compensation.

A suggestion, that each of us as individuals write down a vision for this committee; how it's structured and provide those to Bill. Have him coordinate what that might look like with all the suggestions. In November will have the information about TechSoup. We will have a better idea of the structure that we could talk about, narrow down the suggestions that could go forward to the Body. So that we have something in front of us that's coordinated among us. Keep in focus and scope. An outline of what we are talking about.

Announcements/flyers to be put on the website. Trail Group, Defiance Round Up, Raising the Bottom, not heard from them yet.

Next meeting: November 7, 2023, at 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. 595-694-351 password 800

Northwest Ohio/Southeast Michigan Intergroup Liaison / Kellie S

Operating balance: \$15,230.98 Children's Christmas Party balance: \$1,409.50

Central Office: Next meeting was September 14, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at Central Office. 136 calls, 90 visitors, 16- Twelve step calls. **Anniversary Committee:** Next meeting October 9 at 6:00 p.m. this is a hybrid meeting. The committee sold 127 tickets for the anniversary.

Children's Christmas Party: Next meeting October 11, 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 October 19, 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." Very grateful to all who came and supported the Intergroup Picnic. **Finance Committee:** Next meeting October 2, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at Central Office. There were 23 dinners sold for a total of \$138.50, 5 dinners at 50% off \$15, 6 drinks \$6, \$20 donation, for a total of \$179.

Hospital Committee: Next meeting October 10, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at Central Office. In need of women and new members on the committee. **Newsletter Committee:** Next meeting is October 3, 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 November 17 and December 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Central Office. **OYPAA:** Grateful for the \$600.00 donation by Intergroup. The donation covered the expense of the flight to the San Francisco Convention.

Next meeting of the Intergroup Association is October 28, 2023

Newsletter Liaison: No report

OYPAA: 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 – There was no attendance. No participation from groups. Next meeting November 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Sipps Coffee **District 5** – Workshop being held on October 28, 2023, on the Service Structure. New Years Day Open House, 10: 00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., District 3 elections next month. Next meeting is November 5, 2023, 4:00 p.m. at Reno

Beach; **District 10** – District elections possibly in November. Working on location for Alcathon. Talk of a workshop on the Disease Concept. Sherry S, Delegate expressed concerns about this topic for a workshop because we are not medical professionals.

Old business – GSR school discussed. The guidelines indicate that it is the Alt. Delegate’s responsibility. Need to be planned with Alt. Delegate, Kimbrough P.

New business: We held elections for Alt. DCMC and Secretary positions. Nominated for Alt. DCMC was Wendy H. Kellie S volunteered to be a secretary. Both were nominated for Panel 74. Chris C made an appeal regarding a Chairperson for the Group Services Committee.

Next meeting: November 12, 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 / (419) 309-0637

No report due to Panel 74 elections

OLD BUSINESS

Collection: There was \$93.00 collected for today’s Assembly basket.

Motion made to keep it in the treasury by Aaron W, GSR, Oregon Men’s; Seconded by: Bev Z, Chair of Accessibilities.

NEW BUSINESS

NEXT GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: November 12, 2023, 1:00 p.m. the Senior Center (corner of Jefferson Street and 23rd Street; Toledo, OH)

The Mission statement will be read by Eva S, GSR, Live and Let Live

Tradition 11 will be read by Michelle P, GSR, Positive Image

Concept 11 will be read by Kellie S, GSR, Road to Recovery

Cleanup for the November meeting will be Eastside 12x12

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by: Jim S, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 70

Seconded by:

Closed with “The Responsibility Statement”

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie R

Recording Secretary, Area 55, Panel 72