

GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY

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This meeting was held at the Senior Center; 2308 Jefferson; Toledo, OH 43604. 48 people were present including 4 Panel Officers, 1 Area Delegate, 1 Alternate Delegate, 2 Past Delegate(s), 21 GSRs, 3 Alternate GSRs, 4 DCMs, 1 Alternate DCM, 1 current DCMC, 1 Alt. DCMC, 6 Area 55 Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs, 4 guest(s).

MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 12, 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 Eva S, GSR, Live and Let Live; Michelle P, GSR, Positive Image, read Tradition 11; Kellie S, GSR, Road to Recovery read Concept 11. Panel 72 officers were introduced.

New GSRs/Alternate GSRs: Nicole D, GSR, Serenity Sisters in Service; Sparkie A, GSR, Woodville Saturday Nite; Mary Anne L, GSR, St. Charles Oregon; Betty Jo H, Alt. GSR, Women's Slice of Serenity; Karlee C, GSR, Saturday New Beginnings

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

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

Approval of October minutes: Melanie R, Recording Secretary, presented the October 15, 2023, minutes.

Motion to accept: Bev Z, Accessibilities Chair; Seconded by Mary M, GSR, Women's Slice of Serenity. 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 October 2023, Treasurer's Report: Larry B, Treasurer, presented the Financial Report for October 2023.

Operating Account: Beginning Balance: 10/1/2023: \$6,591.32; Income: \$3,052.31; Expenses: \$660.76; Ending Balance: 10/31/2023: \$8,982.87.

Prudent Reserve: Beginning Balance: 10/1/2023: \$5,006.19; Interest: \$0.00; Ending Balance: 10/30/2023: \$5,006.19.

Area 55 Mini Conference: Beginning Balance: 10/1/2023 \$2,000.00 Income: \$0; Expenses: \$0. Ending Balance: 10/31/2023 \$2,000.00.

Group Contributions for YTD. 2023: \$16,216.58

Total Income Received YTD. 2023: \$20,795.80

Total Expenses YTD.: \$15,512.70

October Assembly Basket: \$ 93.00

October Group Contributions: \$2,927.31

October Individual Contributions: \$0.00

Motion to accept the financial report made by: Jim S, Past Delegate; Seconded by: Mardy B, DCM. Motion moved.

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

A new member was welcomed at the meeting, Lisa T of the Open Minded group. The committee reviewed the Archive manual and the responsibilities of the committee. Discussion of nominating a Chair and Vice Chair for the committee was

tabled. The committee has produced three forms for regular use of collecting information. The Archives outreach, collection of names and contact information of anyone over 30 years of sobriety, and Group History. The committee has several commitments to bring the display to group anniversary celebrations. Guides to Progress, Perrysburg There is a Solution, Raising the Bottom, and Sober Sisters.

Next meeting: November 20, 2023, at Central Office, 6:00 p.m.

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

Old business: We are again tabling the subject of possible zoom options for meetings. We will reevaluate it at our next meeting, October 18, 2023. District 10 is responsible for the Bowling Green jail. Geneva will reach out to Michael D, Chair of the C.P.C./P.I regarding the reentry coalition program to establish non-affiliation with A.A. New business: The men and women CTF, Lucas County jail, and TCI are running smoothly. There is an update on a new location for DIP beginning October 6, 2023.

The committee needs to reestablish co-chair volunteer beginning January 1, 2024. Kelly S has been nominated for this position; she has accepted the position. Kelly will be in a temporary position from October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023. Lisa K has retired from DIP. Michell M will assume DIP responsibilities.

Next meeting: November 15, 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, making contact. No responses from area probation departments. No responses from various media outlets regarding PSA's. The committee discussed Reentry Coalition of NW OHIO; at this time; our committee would be involved if there was a need/request from the director of this program. Reviewed new booklet – "A.A. For the Older Alcoholic – Never to Late." Discussed TPS/ Promedica PreMedical Health Sciences Academy and any possible interest they may have in learning about A.A. ongoing.

Next meeting November 15, 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

Finance report: Beginning balance is \$175.20; Book orders \$0.00; Book sales \$22.94; Ending balance is \$198.14; Cash on hand \$198.14; Overage/short \$0.00. Motion to approve: Teri Hamer, GSR, Sober Sisters; Seconded by: Kenney A, DCM
There was no committee meeting due to the Variety Show practice. Completed a commitment at Guides to Progress and one commitment coming at Sober Sisters.

Next meeting: December 13, 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 committee has a new member, Dalan S. We discussed the responsibilities of the committee with him. The committee discussed selling two speakers at fair cost currently stored in the General Service cabinets; there is no longer an additional amplifier to operate the speakers and they are outdated vs. our current system. We want to sell them for \$75.00 each. The committee would like to purchase an "all in one" system that includes Bluetooth microphones, and an outdoor PA speaker built in. We request a motion to not exceed a purchase cost of \$250.00 as the equipment necessary has ranged in research between \$175.00 and \$220.00. The committee would hope to complete the purchase prior to the start of Panel 74.

The person making the purchase would then need to be reimbursed for the cost. We are currently scheduled to attend with equipment the Perrysburg Staying Sober anniversary November 12, 2023, New Beginnings on November 15, 2023, Sober Sisters Anniversary November 27, 2023, and Walbridge Park, December 6, 2023.

An addendum is after the sale price of \$75.00 suggested, the retail price is \$119.00. They would be sold to the purchaser as is.

Next meeting: December 6, 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

Reviewed status of those on list. Scheduled visits/meetings. It was agreed that 4 members have removed from the list. There are 3 members that will be followed up with to find out if they still want to be contacted by the committee. A suggestion of giving those we visit a little something for the holidays. In December we will have 3 committee members rotating off.

Next meeting: October 15, 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 briefly discussed the hybrid assembly meeting. It is the committee's recommendation that a hybrid assembly meeting be postponed until after January 1, 2024, when the panel of officers are in place. The committee also recommends that an Ad-hoc committee be created to determine whether there should be a website committee solely responsible for just the website and a separate committee to be responsible for the facilitation of the hybrid assembly or would they be one committee.

If your group has an event or anniversary that you would like to be added to the calendar, please email web.chair.com@area55.org

Next meeting: December 5, 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: \$16,014.01 Children's Christmas Party balance: \$809.50

Central Office: Next meeting was November 9, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at Central Office. 106 calls, 68 visitors, 6- Twelve step calls. New directories are available. They would like you to recycle the old directories because only 30% of the information is correct.

The Central Office financial report was not given due to errors in the report and will be given in November.

Anniversary Committee: Next meeting November 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. this is a hybrid meeting. No October meeting since it was close to the Anniversary. The Intergroup 83rd Anniversary Dinner/Dance was a success. They were able to return \$166.83 and they donated the remainder of the coffee, sugar, and pop to the Intergroup.

Children's Christmas Party: Next meeting November 1, 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 November 16, 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. at Conn Weissenberger Post No. 587 Hall on Alexis Rd., Toledo, Ohio. The tickets are only \$25.00 per person. They are looking for donations for the event because of the high cost of the event last year. You can send donations to Central Office marked as "New Year's Eve Dinner Dance." One suggestion is to purchase a ticket and donate to the committee for someone that is unable to afford it. I have brought flyers and placed them on the table.

Finance Committee: Next meeting November 6, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at Central Office. Preparing for the Chili Cookoff. They made \$180.00 with the dinner and drinks sold. The literature sales were \$9.80.

Hospital Committee: Next meeting November 13, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at Central Office. In need of women and new members on the committee.

Newsletter Committee: Next meeting is November 6, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Central Office. Great News! They have passed the 200 subscriptions so they can get the bulk mailing rate. They are now at 208 but keep spreading the word since subscriptions expire. Great Gift Idea! Please announce on Zoom meetings about the newsletter. You can access the subscription form at toledoaa.com under the Central Office tab. The folding of the newsletter is the 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:00 p.m., Central Office.

New Business: Lori C, Chair of Intergroup, would like to remind everyone that the Central Office is a place of business and to not loiter in the lobby or go through filing cabinets. You should have permission to use the office. The Newsletter wants to use the Intergroup list to send 1 free copy of the newsletter in December, they will advise if that goes against the Bylaws.

Next meeting of the Intergroup Association is November 18, 2023

Newsletter Liaison: No report

OYPAA: Dalan S, informed the assembly that the Young Peoples Conference was amazing and well attended. They will have a disbandment meeting this Sunday, 6:00 p.m. November 12, 2023, discussing reformation of NOCYPAA.

MONCYPAA Liaison: 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: There was a total of 10 people in attendance. 5 districts represented. **District 5** –Their workshop that was held on October 28, 2023, on the Service Structure had a good turnout. New Years Day Open House, 10: 00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. **District 10** –Working on location for the Alkathon. Voted in all positions for 2024.

Old business –

New business: Discussed the GSR/DCM School, considering having it in different districts to attract more attendance. The school will be presented closer to the end of January/February 2024 so as not to conflict with the Mini-Conference.

Next meeting: December 17, 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

Since our last General Service Assembly held on October 15, 2023, the following has occurred:

- The General Service Board has selected Scott H., past Trustee -at-Large Canada to be added on the slate of officers as chairperson of the General Service Board at the 74th General Service Conference. Letters are on the back table for you to take to your home groups.
- Quarterly Contribution Reports have been provided to current DCMs in attendance at the 11:30 meeting this morning. The remaining contribution reports were provided to Chrissy H., D.C.M.C.
- I attended a training session in October related to the new database that replaces the Dashboard database used by GSO in New York.
- I also attended a Treatment and Accessibilities Meeting in October with the Trustee to review agenda items submitted related to the committee I serve on.
- I attended several group anniversaries in October.
- I attended the District 5 Workshop held in October.
- On Nov. 1, I participated in Waffle Wednesday. This meeting is held monthly with the East Central Regional Trustee and the 13 other Delegates in the ECR. We discussed topics of concern from the areas with the Trustee. Cathi C, the ECR Trustee, shared information from the General Service Board Quarterly Meeting held the last weekend in October.
 - Indianapolis Indiana was selected as the site for the 2035 International Convention. This will be the 100th year since Alcoholics Anonymous began in 1935. If you hope to be there, start saving now.
 - The GSB anticipates the completion of the Plain Language Big Book in 2024. A reading room will be at the General Service Conference and Kimbrough will have the opportunity to review it before it goes to print for sale.
 - The conference week preliminary agenda items were reviewed.
 - Contributions to the General Service Board are still down. New York is 4% behind what was budgeted which is lower than anticipated. But New York was also under budget on expenses. They are still digging out of the hole due to higher upfront expenses with the conference and the costs of printing being higher post covid. Part of the problem is the light flow of money at the beginning of the year (when it’s needed) and heavier contributions at the end of the year.
 - Grapevine needs you to buy subscriptions and buy books. We need to continue self-support through our contributions with purchasing.

- o I was told that approximately 375 people from the East Central Region have pre-registered for the Forum in Cleveland next weekend. Area 54 will be presenting a DCM college and a GSR workshop as part of the forum.
- We participated in the Ohio State Planning Meeting held in Worthington Ohio on Nov. 4, 2023. The Ohio State Convention was very successful, and each Ohio Area received a portion of the profits amounting to \$255.00 for this area.
- If you want you can start planning to attend the Michigan State Convention combined with the East Central Regional Conference which will be held at Calvin University in Grand Rapid MI from June 7-9, 2024.

OLD BUSINESS

Collection: There was \$55.25 collected for today's Assembly basket.

Motion made to send money to New York by Eva S, GSR, Live and Let Live; Seconded by: Jim S, Past Delegate

NEW BUSINESS

Mike J was nominated by Mike Z, GSR, Walbridge Park, to become the Newsletter liaison. Seconded by Nicole D, GSR, Serenity Sisters in Service. Mike J accepted. It was explained that this position is for 2 years and is not a General Service committee. A liaison reports on what is in the Area 55 Newsletter at the Assembly.

Motion to the body from Chris C, Group Services Chair to sell 2 speakers, \$75.00 for the entire set, \$60.00 (minimum). Seconded by John C, Past Delegate. Motion passes.

Motion to the body from Chris C, Group Services Chair, to purchase an all-in-one system, wireless, for \$250.00 (based on research) and be reimbursed to the committee chair upon request. Seconded by Mary M, GSR, Maumee How it Works. Motion passes.

The Group Services Committee will travel with this all- in- one system. The current system will remain to be used for General Assembly, Mini- Conference, District Area events, etc.

Chris C, Group Services Chair motioned to create an ad hoc committee for reorganization of the website committee. Seconded by: Mark G, GSR, Came to Believe.

NEXT GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: December 17, 2023, 1:00 p.m. the Senior Center (corner of Jefferson Street and 23rd Street; Toledo, OH)

The Mission statement will be read by Sparkie A, GSR, Woodville Saturday Nite

Tradition 12 will be read by Joe Young, GSR, 12 Step West

Concept 12 will be read by Jim S, Past Delegate

Cleanup for the December meeting will be Reno Beach Sobriety

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by: Bev Z, Chair of Accessibilities

Seconded by: Mary M, GSR, Women's Slice of Serenity

Closed with "The Declaration of Unity"

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie R

Recording Secretary, Area 55, Panel 72