

**GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY**  
**Area 55, Panel 68 NW Ohio & Monroe Michigan**  
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**Meeting Minutes for 12/16/2018**

*Only GSRs, DCMs, their alternates, Committee Chairs, Elected Officers and Past Delegates may make motions or vote, although everyone has the right to be heard.* James S., Area Chair, opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. Linda N. read the Mission Statement. Kristine Z. read the 12th Tradition, Nancy C. read the 12th Concept. Area 55 Panel 68 officers were introduced: Carrie C. – Mailing Secretary, Chris C.– Recording Secretary, Kimbrough P.– Registrar, Kenney A.- Treasurer and Henry C. - Panel 68, Area 55 Delegate. Present were 28 GSRs, 2 Alternate GSRs, 7 DCMs, 2 Alternate DCMs, 2 Past Delegates, and 3 guests. New GSRs, DCMs and Alternates were: Chrissy M.-DCM, District 14; Cheri F.-GSR, Women’s Slice of Serenity and Craig F.-Alt. GSR, New Beginnings. Past Delegates Ron S., and John C. introduced themselves. Intergroup Chairperson Carrie C. along with 2019 incoming vice-chair Tim D. introduced themselves.

**Recording Secretary:** Chris C. / [recording.secretary@area55aa.org](mailto:recording.secretary@area55aa.org)

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**Treasurer:** Kenney A. / [treasurer@area55aa.org](mailto:treasurer@area55aa.org)

*In November, 7.74% or 24 of the 310 registered Groups in Area 55 contributed. Year-to-date, 32.25% or 100 Groups contributed. **Is your Group Supporting Area 55 General Service?***

Kenney’s report for November was as follows:

General Fund: opening balance as of 10/31/18, \$7,088.08, income \$1,372.23, expenses \$1,359.85, ending balance \$7,100.96.

Prudent Reserve: opening balance, \$3,002.48, interest \$0.05, ending balance \$3,002.53

Mini Conference: opening balance, \$800.00, income \$612.85, expenses \$50.00, ending balance \$1,362.85

Nancy C.-GSR, Oregon St. Charles made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Jennifer H.-GSR, Perrysburg AM. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS**

**Archives:** Nancy M. / [archives.chair@area55aa.org](mailto:archives.chair@area55aa.org)

Next committee meeting will be at 5:00pm at Central Office on 12/27/18.

**Multi-District Correctional:** Beth P. / [corrections.chair@area55aa.org](mailto:corrections.chair@area55aa.org) /

The committee's assignments have been met at this time. They have added two women to the women's jail commitment. Next committee meeting will be 12/18/2018 5:30pm @ Central Office.

Respectfully submitted, Beth P., Multi-District Correctional Co-Chair.

**CPC/PI:** Bill F. / [cpc.pi@area55aa.org](mailto:cpc.pi@area55aa.org)

Dave F. provided a brief report. They met 11/14/18 at Central Office. They are working to make connections through the probation department as well as the local judicial departments regarding developing meeting possibilities. Four members of the committee were present for the committee meeting. Next meeting will be 12/19/18 5pm @ Central Office. Respectfully Submitted, Bill F., CPC/PI Chair.

**Grapevine:** James S. / [grapevine.chair@area55aa.org](mailto:grapevine.chair@area55aa.org) /

The committee met on 12/10/18. Three members attended the committee meeting, including one new member. They discussed upcoming commitments as well as the need of new members, especially women. They have covered all current commitments. All commitments up to the time of the assembly were completed. Next committee meeting will be on 1/14/19 at 6pm at Tim Horton's in Oregon.

James presented a financial report for November 2018:

Beginning Balance: \$441.25, Expenses: \$437.75, Income: \$64.00, Ending Balance 11/30/18: \$67.50

Nancy C.-GSR, Oregon St Charles, made a motion to approve the report, seconded by Bob T. Motion carried without opposition. Respectfully Submitted, James S., Grapevine Chair.

**Group Services:** Daniel H. / [groupser.chair@area55aa.org](mailto:groupser.chair@area55aa.org)

Danny H. presented the report. Six members attended the meeting. The committee passed out phone information for their members. The committee met all responsibilities at this time. The committee discussed January's responsibilities as well. Next committee meeting will be 1/7/19 530pm at Frisch's on Woodville Rd. Respectfully Submitted, Bob W., Group Services member.

**Accessibilities:** Patty B. / [accessibilities@area55aa.org](mailto:accessibilities@area55aa.org) /

Patty B. reported she stepped down as committee chairperson. Ynda C. is working to keep the committee going at this time with Patty's assistance. The committee's receipts were turned into the area treasurer for cards and stamps that were purchased. Patty did contact several committee members to see if they were still willing to serve. The next meeting will be 1/14/2019, 630pm at Frisch's on Navarre Ave. Respectfully submitted, Ynda C., committee member.

**Website:** Jennifer H. / [web.comm.chair@area55aa.org](mailto:web.comm.chair@area55aa.org)

Jennifer H. presented the report. Seven people attended the meeting. The committee had one new member with David G. joining the committee. They discussed that the website survey needs to be ready for the mini conference by Feb. 1. Instructions on how to register via the website for the mini conference along with if donation and scholarships should be on a separate page. The page itself is under testing at this time. Kenney A. reported that the non-profit approval is pending with PayPal. All 2019 conference and convention flyers are available on the area website at this time. They also discussed how to get onto the meeting app via GSO as the primary contact for the area. Next meeting will be 1/20/2019 at 10am at Black Kite Coffee in Toledo. Respectfully submitted, Jennifer H., Website Committee Chair.

**Intergroup Liaison:** Tim D.

Tim reported on the election of new Vice Chair of Intergroup, Secretary of Intergroup and committee chair

and vice chairs elected during the meeting. The Anniversary committee is still seeking a chairperson as well as a vice chairperson. This was also Tim's final report as our intergroup liaison, a position he will no longer hold. The next meeting will be 1/26/2018 6:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church.

**NOCPAA Liaison:** Eddie K.

No report.

**Newsletter Liaison:** Tarek K.

Tarek K., the General Service Liaison to the newsletter provided a brief report. He announced the election of the Vice-Chair person for 2019 at Intergroup. He gave the first two topics of 2019 for the Area 55 Newsletter as well. Respectfully Submitted, Tarek K., Newsletter Liaison

**MONCYPAA Bid Committee for MCYPAA Conference Liaison:** Logan T.

Logan T. provided the report. They thanked the assembly for the letter of support however were not successful in their bid for MCYPAA 2019. They are re-forming on January 13, 2019 and will have a new representative to the assembly at that time. Their meeting location for the January meeting is to be determined.

**DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER ("DCM") REPORTS**

**DCM Chair: John C.**

John C. provided the report. The DCMs met at 1130am on 12/16/18. The DCM's discussed electing an alternate DCMC, however chose to elect one in January. We are discussing moving the meeting to 1100am, however this will be under discussion for January. We have a district workshop on Feb 23, 2018 and we have signed an official contract for our third Unity Day on July 6, 2019. We also discussed working with the hospital committee as well as CPC/PI due to the influx of treatment patients causing overcrowding issues at various meetings. The next DCM meeting is at the Senior Center 1/20/2019 1130am. Respectfully submitted, John C., DCMC

John addressed the question regarding the treatment center concerns. He said we are not trying to say that they cannot come in. The issues is that over capacity rooms lead into issues regarding legality and fire codes that could cause meetings to lose their meeting places. We are looking if we can ask these patients to attend meetings that are struggling with attendance.

**District 1: Deborah Alexander**

District 1 is working to re-light the district. They had four present at their December district meeting. They are going to keep their meeting for the first Sunday of the month at 1030am. Their next district meeting will be 1/6/19 1030am at the Senior Center in Downtown Toledo. Respectfully Submitted, Deborah A., District 1 DCM

**District 3: Dave G.**

Their meeting was 12/9/18 at Reno Beach Sobriety. They discussed ideas for their next workshop and had slightly lower attendance. They are sending reminders before the January district meeting. Their next meeting will be 1/17/18 530pm @ Oregon St. Charles. Respectfully Submitted, Dave G., DCM District 3.

**District 2/4: Betsy G./Tim D.**

Tim D., DCM for District 4, gave their report. The meeting occurred on 12/12/18. They discussed several concerns, including overcrowding of meetings beyond capacity legally allowed. They also discussed the concept of the informed group conscience. They are looking at May for a tentative date of their next workshop. Their next meeting will be 1/16/18 7pm @ Reformation Lutheran Church. Respectfully

submitted, Tim D., District 4 DCM.

**District 7: Mike M.**

Bill G., Alternate DCM of District 7, gave the report. Flyers are available at the assembly for the upcoming workshop. The next meeting will be held 12/20/18 6pm @ Central Office. Respectfully Submitted, Mike M., District 7 DCM

District 7 requested \$150 in seed money for their workshop. The motion to give \$150 was made by John C., seconded by Tim C., Came to Believe. The motion carried without opposition.

**District 8: Darlene K.**

Kimberli A., Alt. DCM, provided the report. We are going to help as a district the hospitality room with Saturday lunch at the area mini conference. Next meeting will be 12/20/18 630pm at Grounds for Thought in Bowling Green, OH. Respectfully submitted, Kimberli A., District 8 Alt. DCM District 8.

**District 10: John E.**

No report. First district meeting scheduled for 1/12/19 1230pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Fremont, OH.

**District 11: Ron S.**

No report Next meeting will be 1/10/19, 7pm at St John's United Church of Christ in Tiffin.

**District 14: Chrissy M.**

Chrissy M., DCM, provided the report. Neal M. due to job transfer to Michigan has stepped down as the district's DCM. She is taking over as DCM effective immediately. She made mention of the Christmas and New Year's Alkathons at Grace Fellowship Church as well as of the times. The next district meeting will be 1/8/19 at 6:00pm at Grace Fellowship Church, Corner of Elm and Nixon. Respectfully submitted, Chrissy M., District 14 Alternate DCM.

**District 16: Damion T.**

No report. Next meeting will be at Oak Harbor Public Library, 630pm 1/22/19.

**DELEGATE'S REPORT:** Henry C. / [delegate@area55aa.org](mailto:delegate@area55aa.org)

Henry C. presented his report as Delegate for Panel 68. We have closed the books on the 2018 Ohio State Convention. Our area received \$1,169.54 in excess funds from the event. Mini-conference planning for the March 1-3, 2019 event is up and running with two meetings scheduled in January. An excerpt from Box 459 regarding the 2020 International Convention with FAQs regarding the event is in the Area newsletter. He has discussed with Intergroup Finance Chair Matt K. that he will be available with literature at all General Service Assemblies in 2019. Anyone with a large purchase will call Central Office to place the order and he will bring it to the assembly. Henry has located a new agent; Auto-Owners will provide a new policy. The new agent believes it is a minimal increase. This insurance covers us at the Senior Center and allows us to obtain one-day riders for events such as Unity Day. Henry asked Ynda C. if she would serve as the accessibility chairperson. She said she is not an expert with a computer; however, she is willing to serve as chairperson. Henry on behalf of the area and its officers wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**OLD BUSINESS**

James S. requested a motion on how to use the monthly basket. Kenney A. provided the total of \$75.55.

Kimberli A. made a motion to send the funds to GSO. She then amended the motion to send the funds to the scholarship and hospitality fund for the mini-conference. Kristine Z.-GSR, Raising the Bottom, seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

After the monthly motion carried, he explained further that each month it would be decided how we distribute the monthly basket.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

James S. is searching for new locations for the mini-conference, so far most willing to work with us is Radisson at UTMC. Most locations are outside of our cost structure.

Motion to adjourn was made by Kimberli A., seconded by Kristine Z. Motion carried. **Meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM, closing with the Responsibility Statement.**

**Next GSR Assembly Meeting will be January 20, 2019 at 1:00 PM at the Senior Center. Clean up for January will be District 2/4. Tradition 1 will be Dave F., Concept 1 will be Kristine Z.**

Respectfully Submitted, Chris C., Recording Secretary Panel 68, Area 55, NW Ohio/SE Michigan