

GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY
Area 55, Panel 68 NW Ohio & Monroe Michigan
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Meeting Minutes for 1/27/2019

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. Dan read the Mission Statement. Dave F. read the 1st Tradition, Kristine Z. read the 1st 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 24 GSRs, 5 Alternate GSRs, 5 DCMs, 2 Alternate DCMs, 3 Past Delegates, and 3 guests. New GSRs, DCMs and Alternates are: Kristine Z.-GSR, Perrysburg Staying Sober; Tony F.-Alt. GSR, Ottawa Open Discussion; Jocelyn P.-GSR, Oregon St Charles; Nancy C.-Alt GSR., Oregon St. Charles; Josh S.-Alt. GSR, Downtown Group; Reed L.-GSR, Perrysburg AM; Heather W.-Alt. GSR, Perrysburg AM; George C.-GSR, Live and Let Live; and Sheri S.-GSR, Reno Beach Sobriety. Past Delegates Ron S., Nancy M. and John C. introduced themselves. Intergroup Vice-Chair Tim D. introduced himself.

Recording Secretary: Chris C. / recording.secretary@area55aa.org

Please note: Committee meeting minutes 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. Thank You! December 2018's minutes were presented to the body. Three corrections were made regarding 2019 being listed as 2018. Bill W.-GSR, Eastside 12 x 12 made the motion to approve, seconded by Deborah A.-DCM, District 1. Motion carried with no opposition.

Treasurer: Kenney A. / treasurer@area55aa.org

*In December 7.09% or 22 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 11/30/18, \$7,100.96, income \$2,194.80, expenses \$1003.55, ending balance 12/31/2018 \$7,100.96.

Prudent Reserve: opening balance, \$3,002.53, interest \$0.05, ending balance 12/31/2018 \$3,002.58

Mini Conference: opening balance, \$1,362.85, income \$275.55, ending balance 12/31/2018 \$1,638.40

Lynne H.-GSR, Friends of Bill W. made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Greg S.-GSR, Principles Before Personalities. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

Archives: Nancy M. / archives.chair@area55aa.org

No December or January meeting at the time of the assembly. All commitments have been met. Next committee meeting will be at 5:00pm at Central Office on 1/31/19. Respectfully Submitted, Nancy M., Archives Committee Chair.

Multi-District Correctional: Beth P. / corrections.chair@area55aa.org

No report. Next committee meeting will be 2/19/2019 5:30pm @ Central Office.

CPC/PI: Bill F. / cpc.pi@area55aa.org

Bill F. provided the report. They had one commitment with the CTF of Lucas County. This ran for several hours where they received a new group of inmates every 90 minutes. They received several thank you letters from participants. These were given to our delegate. They are also working with our delegate currently regarding the current treatment center concerns of overcrowding in meetings. Any action at this time was tabled until the assembly provides their input. Next meeting will be 2/20/19 5pm @ Central Office. Respectfully Submitted, Bill F., CPC/PI Chair.

Grapevine: James S. / grapevine.chair@area55aa.org /

The committee met on 1/14/19. Three members attended the committee meeting, including one new member. They discussed the upcoming mini conference as well as upcoming events. There will be no March committee meeting due to the mini conference. All commitments up to the time of the assembly were completed. Next committee meeting will be on 2/11/19 at 6pm at Tim Horton's in Oregon.

James presented a financial report for December 2018:

Beginning Balance: \$86.50, Expenses: \$77.75, Income: \$126.50, Ending Balance 12/31/18: \$135.25

Sheri S.-GSR, Reno Beach Sobriety, made a motion to approve the report, seconded by Pauli F.-GSR, Living Sober. Motion carried without opposition. Respectfully Submitted, James S., Grapevine Chair.

Group Services: Robert W. / groupser.chair@area55aa.org

Robert W. presented the report. All records were checked for equipment at the meeting. All current responsibilities were met at the time of the assembly. Next committee meeting will be 2/4/19 530pm at Frisch's on Woodville Rd. Respectfully Submitted, Robert W., Group Services chairperson

Accessibilities: Ynda C. / accessibilities@area55aa.org

No report. The next meeting will be 2/11/2019, 630pm at Frisch's on Navarre Ave.

Website: Jennifer H. / web.comm.chair@area55aa.org

Jennifer H. presented the report. The committee had three members present. They discussed having a meeting March 17, even though there will be no assembly on that day. There was a survey being created for the mini conference, which Jeremiah will submit to the committee chair and webmaster for approval. There will also be a flyer for online mini-conference registration at the next assembly meeting. Next meeting will be 2/17/2019 at 10am at Black Kite Coffee in Toledo. Respectfully submitted, Jennifer H., Website Committee Chair.

Intergroup Liaison: Tim D.

Tim provided a brief report. The NYE Dinner Dance sold 160 tickets. The anniversary committee has a new chair and vice chairperson in Linda N. and Kimbrough P. respectively. The chili cook-off held January 26

was a success and well attended. The next meeting will be 2/23/2019 6:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church.

NOCYPAA Liaison: Eddie K.

Eddie provided a brief report. They will be holding a meeting 1/26/19 5pm at Central Office. They also will be assisting in various capacities at the Area 55 Mini Conference. Respectfully submitted, Eddie K., NOCYPAA Liaison.

Newsletter Liaison: Tarek K.

Tarek K., the General Service Liaison to the newsletter provided a brief report. He announced the new format of the newsletter as developed by the committee. He also announced the March topic for the area newsletter due by 2/13/2019. The folding was moved to 6pm on the 3rd Monday of the month. They will have their next meeting on 2/13/19 530pm at Central Office. Respectfully Submitted, Tarek K., Newsletter Liaison

MONCYPAA Liaison: Logan T.

Logan T. provided the report. Their re-formation meeting will be held after the Monroe Intergroup workshop on 2/9/19. They are assisting with set up and cleanup of the event. Respectfully Submitted, Logan T., MONCYPAA Liaison.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER (“DCM”) REPORTS

DCM Chair: John C.

John C. provided the report. The DCMs met earlier that morning prior to the January Assembly. Included in the meeting were the DCMC, Delegate and a DCM from Area 53 whom wished to observe our meeting. The DCMs selected Kimbrough P. as the new alternate DCMC. We discussed the upcoming mini conference requesting DCMs to help man the district table and to bring candy for the table. Each district discussed their plan with Deb R. regarding the hospitality room for the area mini conference. They also mentioned an approximate budget needed for their meal along with what the meal will be. The districts discussed the upcoming sharing session and a possible move of meeting time to 11am. Henry advised he would address this with the body as a whole. The next DCM meeting will be held prior to the General Service Assembly, 1130am on 2/17/19, Respectfully Submitted, John C. DCMC.

District 1: Deborah A.

District 1 is working to re-light the district. She and Chris L., the alternate DCM, were invited to come to the Inner City group within the district. Their next district meeting will be 3/3/19 1030am at the Senior Center in Downtown Toledo. Respectfully Submitted, Deborah A., District 1 DCM

District 3: Dave G.

Their meeting was 1/17/19 at Oregon St. Charles. They discussed the meal for the area mini conference. They also discussed moving the District 3 picnic back to St Luke's Lutheran this summer. Their next meeting will be 2/15/19 6pm @ Starlight Group. 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 1/16/19. The district discussed the concept of informed group conscience after learning of several groups where this concern arose. The concern was several oldtimers within the group would be making decisions including negotiation of contracts with the facilities where meetings are held. This discussion took into account the GSRs right to request an emergency group conscience to discuss their concerns. The majority of the meeting was regarding the current situation of treatment centers and overcrowding in meetings. This also covered their behavior in meetings. Two members of the New Hope group attended and expressed concerns of room exceeding fire codes and several other behaviors. Group members felt action could be imminent possibly. Henry C. mentioned that the CPC/PI committee is trying to work out a solution for this issue. This includes finding those to contact at the treatment centers, which treatment centers are sending the attendees and then having a conversation with those treatment centers to work toward a solution that serves all. Their next meeting will be 2/13/19 7pm @ Faith United Lutheran Church. Respectfully submitted, Tim D., District 4 DCM.

District 7: Mike M.

Mike M. gave the report. They discussed final preparations for the Feb 23 workshop at St. Richard's in Swanton. The topics will be Sponsorship, Service Sponsorship and the Home Group. The workshop will start promptly at 9am, lunch will be served at the end at 12noon. Doors will open at 8am. The next meeting will be held 2/21/19 6pm @ St Richard's Catholic Church in Swanton, OH 333 Brookside Swanton, OH. Respectfully Submitted, Mike M., District 7 DCM

District 8: Kimberli A.

Chris C., Area Recording Secretary, provided the report. We discussed the meal for the mini conference lunch to be coordinated with District 7. To increase participation from all groups within the district, we're moving the district meeting as of February to Way Public Library in Perrysburg. Next meeting will be 2/21/19 630pm at Way Public Library in Perrysburg, OH. Respectfully submitted, Chris C. Area 55 Recording Secretary.

District 10: John E.

No report. Next district meeting scheduled for 2/9/19 1130am at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Fremont, OH.

District 11: Ron S.

Ron provided the report. Two members of the district, both former members of the Area CPC/PI committee, wanted to start the same committee within the district. They would be working with the universities, treatment facilities, courts and law enforcement along with other unplanned events in the community. The concern was how to finance this concept and Ron advised he would bring it to the assembly for assistance in funding the committee. Next meeting will be 2/14/19, 7pm at St John's United Church of Christ in Tiffin.

District 14: Chrissy M.

No report. The next district meeting will be 2/12/19 at 6:00pm at Grace Fellowship Church, Lima OH.

District 16: Damion T.

No report. Next meeting will be at Oak Harbor Public Library, 630pm 2/26/19.

DELEGATE'S REPORT: Henry C. / delegate@area55aa.org

Henry C. presented his report as Delegate for Panel 68. There have been new Grapevine flyers as well as a tool kit for the Grapevine chair available. He has appointed Betsey G. as the new Intergroup Liaison, replacing current Intergroup Vice-Chair Tim D. He discussed that the board is meeting this weekend in New York. We are hoping to have agenda items and background material by 2/15/19. The final mini conference meeting will be held on 2/16/19 with the officers selecting the agenda after the planning meeting. All committee chairs are invited to observe the proceedings. Once selected we are working to have the items and the background material to all committee chairs and co-chairs by 2/20/19. We will hold a folder stuffing and orientation meeting on 2/28/19 at 5pm. This is where we will go over voting procedure. All hotel rooms for the mini conference need to be booked by 2/1/19 and we are requesting that banquets should be ordered by 2/19/18. Finally, there will be a sharing session after the 2/17/19 General Service Assembly. The subject for the sharing session will be "Attendance and Overcrowding in meetings" The guidelines of a sharing session are on page s-40 of the service manual. Henry did share some of the basics of the session. This will be held at the Senior Center. In coordination with the sharing session, CPC/PI is working to put a presentation together for treatment center staff regarding our concerns. He has also reached out for experience, strength and hope from not only GSO, but also all the other delegates in the US and Canada. Respectfully submitted Henry C., Panel 68, Area 55 Delegate.

OLD BUSINESS

James S. requested a motion on how to use the monthly basket. Kenney A. provided the total of \$54.10. Linda N.-GSR, Kenwood Group made a motion to split between the mini conference hospitality and scholarship funds. Vern M.-GSR, SST seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Henry C. requested a motion to purchase 50 service manuals. Tarek K. made the motion to purchase, seconded by Kristine Z. After discussion of the motion, it passed unanimously.

James S. asked the body to consider changing the format of the mini conference to two days so it can be held at a facility similar to where we hold Unity Day.

Chris C. requested if anyone was willing to be a typist at the Area mini conference, please contact him after the area assembly.

Henry C. asked the body to consider for a vote at the February assembly to move the DCM meeting to 1030am and the assembly to a 12noon start time.

Bill W. made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Nancy C. Motion carried. **Meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM, closing with the Responsibility Statement.**

Next GSR Assembly Meeting will be February 17, 2019 at 1:00 PM at the Senior Center. Clean up for January will be District 8. Tradition 1 will be Kristine Z., Concept 1 will be Linda N.

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