

GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY
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Meeting Minutes for April 14, 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 55 Chairperson, opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. Victoria P. read the Mission Statement. Wendy H. read the 3rd and 4th Tradition, Sherry S. read the 3rd and 4th 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 (Not Present). Present were 25 GSRs, 2 Alternate GSRs, 5 DCMs, 2 Alternate DCMs, 2 Past Delegates, and 3 guests. New GSRs, DCMs and Alternates are: Wendy H-GSR, Oregon Time for Us; Victoria P-Alt. GSR, Oregon Time for Us; Danny H-GSR, HOW Group and Jim F-Alt. DCM, District 5. Past Delegates Ron S and Nancy M introduced themselves. Intergroup Vice-Chairperson Tim D introduced himself.

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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! Chris C. presented the February 2019 Assembly Minutes. No corrections needed. Marty C.- GSR, New Hope made a motion to accept and this was seconded by Sherry S.-GSR, Reno Beach. Motion carried with no opposition.

Treasurer: Kenney A./ treasurer@area55aa.org

*In March, 6.45% or 20 of the 310 registered Groups in Area 55 made contributions. Year-to-date, 14.83% or 46 Groups contributed. **Is your Group Supporting Area 55 General Service?***

Kenney's report for February 2019, March 2019 and the 2019 Area 55 Mini Conference are as follows:

February 2019: Beginning Balance as of 01/31/2019: \$7,879.72, Income \$788.79, Expenses \$1,224.12, Ending Balance 2/28/19: \$7,444.39

Prudent Reserve: Beginning Balance 01/31/2019: \$3,002.63, Interest \$0.05, Ending Balance \$3,002.68

Mini Conference: Opening Balance \$1,300, Income \$4,232.25, Ending Balance \$5,532.25

March 2019: Beginning Balance as of 02/28/2019: \$7,444.39, Income \$1,876.40, Expenses \$1,694.61, Ending Balance 3/31/19: \$7,626.18

Prudent Reserve: Beginning Balance 02/28/2019: \$3,002.68, Interest \$0.05, Ending Balance \$3,002.73

Mini Conference: Opening Balance \$1,300, Income \$7,182.36, Expenses \$5,711.25, Total Profit, \$1,471.11, Ending Mini Conference Balance \$2,771.11

Mini Conference Report: Beginning Balance from Seed Money: \$1,300, Income: Registrations \$3,580.00; Banquets \$1,260.00; Hospitality Donations \$616.20; Scholarship Donations \$826.05; GSA Basket Donation \$52.85, Holiday Inn Refund \$847.26, Total Income \$7,182.36. Expenses Including for Hotel, Hospitality Room, Registration, Officers Expenses and Expenses for our ECR Trustee and GSO Staff Guest: \$5,711.25. Total Profit \$1,471.11

George C.-GSR, Live and Let Live made a motion to accept all three reports, seconded by Beth P.-GSR, Came to Believe. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

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

The committee had four commitments they were meeting in April. They are working from 1-3pm every Friday to organize the archives in chronological order. They are working on recording interviews every Tuesday with old timers in the area. They need to look at replacing the committee's large display, since it's unable to be repaired. The cost will be approximately \$200-\$500. Next committee meeting will be at 5:00pm at Central Office on 4/25/19. Respectfully Submitted, Nancy M., Chair.

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

Beth P. gave the report. All commitments currently covered. There is a new meeting being held on the 2nd floor of the jail on Tuesday nights. This seems to be going well since those attending are interested in the program itself. A concern was addressed regarding the lack of a committee member attending the Driver Intervention programs to be the contact for groups volunteering. Beth said she would address this with that committee member. Next committee meeting will be 4/16/2019 5:30pm @ Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Beth P., Multi-District Correctional Co-Chair.

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

No report available. Next meeting will be 4/17/19 5pm @ Central Office.

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

The committee met on 4/8/19, @ Tim Horton's on Navarre. All commitments are being met. He said that sales have been down at the Area Assembly as well as Intergroup. He suggested groups could consider purchasing Grapevine Books as gifts for speakers or door prizes for their events. They have two commitments in April. Next committee meeting will be on 5/16/19 at 6pm at Pearson Park, near the Boat Rental area in Oregon.

James presented a financial report for March 2019:

Beginning Balance: \$5.25, Expenses: \$0.00, Income: \$208.75, Ending Balance 3/31/19: \$213.75

A motion to approve was made by Deborah A.-DCM District 1, seconded by Shannon C.-GSR Brothers and Sisters in Sobriety. The report was approved unanimously. Respectfully Submitted, James S., Grapevine Chair.

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

The committee had a meeting in March, however due to scheduling issues no April meeting. The committee has met all responsibilities. Next committee meeting will be 5/6/18 6pm at Frisch's on Woodville Rd. in Northwood. Respectfully Submitted Robert W., Group Services Chair.

Accessibilities: Ynda C./ accessibilities@area55aa.org /

Ynda C. presented two monthly reports. The committee discussed at their March meeting the mini conference. There was a very positive reaction to the committee display, especially the Big Book in Braille. Ynda thanked the committee members for assembling the display as well as working the table at the mini conference. They sold \$55.25 in materials at the mini conference bringing their account balance to \$129.25.

A motion was made by Linda H.-GSR, AA Beyond Belief to accept the financial report, seconded by Lynne H.-GSR, Friends of Bill W. The motion passed unanimously.

Their April meeting the committee selected Matt A. to be their co-chair. They decided for the months of May and June will only send Mother's Day and Father's Day cards. They have no income or expenses to report as of the assembly. They did request Tammy C. to bring a presentation regarding interpretation services for the deaf/hard of hearing community to the April Assembly. Tammy C. made this presentation to the body regarding her experience with organization of these services. She fielded questions from the assembly after the presentation. It was determined that the Accessibilities committee should come back to the assembly with a detailed presentation for offering this service. It should also include the financial commitment required to complete this task before any decision is made. The next meeting will be 5/13 /2019, 630pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Ynda C., Accessibilities Chair.

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

Jennifer H. presented the report. She presented a report for their March and April meeting. The display of the website at the Mini Conference was a great success. They had 34 online registrants for the Area 55 Mini Conference in its 1st year of use. They are hoping to do a similar display of the website for Unity Day. They had one new member to the committee in April. They are seeing increased use of the site as well as the event submission tool. This tool allows the committee to enter the information for events in a timely and accurate manner. They are also investigating investment in a new laptop for usage by the area as well as licensing of Microsoft Office 365 for Area Usage. They will have further details at a future assembly for the full body. Next meeting will be 5/26/19 at 10am at Black Kite Coffee in Toledo. Respectfully submitted, Jennifer H., Website Chairperson

Intergroup Liaison: Betsy G.

Tim D., Intergroup Vice Chair presented a brief summary of the Intergroup assembly highlights. The Entertainment Committee Picnic will be held at Walbridge Park on 8/4/19. The Pig Roast will be 7/20/19 at St Luke's Lutheran Church in Curtice. The Intergroup Anniversary Dinner Dance will be held 10/18/19 at Heatherdowns Country Club. They thanked the finance committee for bringing literature to the mini conference as well as to the assembly. The next meeting will be 4/27/2019 6:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church.

Newsletter Liaison: Tarek K.

The topics for the next 3 months are: April-Sobriety House Cleaning; May-May You Find Serenity; June is Tough Beginnings. They are working to set topics for the rest of 2019. Their only current commitment is the area mini-conference, Respectfully Submitted, Tarek K.

NOCYPAA Liaison: Eddie K.

NOCYPAA will be holding a spaghetti dinner and 12 Traditions workshop on 4/28/19, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on Central Ave. This will start at 2pm with the workshop starting at 4pm. There will be a \$8.00 suggested donation for dinner. They are asking for assistance from the area for anyone willing to moderate a table on the traditions and to please sign up with Jim S. after the meeting. Respectfully Submitted, Eddie K., NOCYPAA Liaison.

MONCYPAA Liaison: Logan T.

No report.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER (“DCM”) REPORTS

DCM Chair: John C.

Kimrough P., Alternate DCMC presented the report. The DCM's met that morning to discuss several topics. After district reports were completed, the focus came to organization of Unity Day. There is currently a flyer available for Unity Day on July 6. The table moderators for the 13 tables, including one on the service structure/concepts have been selected. We decided to have committees formed to assist with Food, Set-Up, Clean-Up and Registration. Larry S. has agreed to chair the food committee. Anyone looking to volunteer for any of these, please reach out to Kimrough at registrar@area55aa.org or our DCMC John C. The schedule was discussed along with whom our lead will be that afternoon. Tim D. will reach out regarding having committees bringing their displays to the event. The next meeting will be 5/26/2019 1130am @ the Senior Center prior to the Area Assembly. Respectfully submitted, Kimrough P., Alternate DCMC

District 3: Dave G.

Dave G. provided the report. The district will hold their picnic 6/22/19 at St Luke's Lutheran in Curtice. This will be from 12-4pm with food from 1-3pm. They discussed the agenda item presented by their district regarding creating a 2nd edition of the book AA Comes of Age. This would cover events from the fellowship's history from 1980-present. This item was sent to GSO and Patrick C., GSO Conference Coordinator has requested further background information. This could be included as early as the 2020 General Service Conference as an agenda item. Next meeting will be 5/15/19, 530pm, prior to the Eastside 12x12 meeting. Respectfully Submitted, Dave G., DCM District 3.

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

Tim D., DCM for District 4, gave their report. They discussed visiting a young people's meeting within their district. The group working through disruptive behavior and overcrowding has taken action at this time with the beginning of their meeting to address the issue. There have been concerns at other meetings that were discussed regarding disruptive behavior and the collective experience, strength and hope was gathered at the district meeting to assist those groups. Their next meeting will be 5/22/19 7pm @ Faith United Lutheran Church. Respectfully submitted, Tim D., District 4 DCM.

District 7: Mike M.

Mike M. gave a report. They announced they will be holding a picnic on August 17, 2019 at Secor Metropark. The next meeting will be held 4/18/19 6pm @ St. Richard's Catholic Church. Respectfully Submitted, Mike M., District 7 DCM

District 8: Kimberli A.

Kimberli A., DCM, provided the report. She discussed the brief service structure presentation provided to two members of the district in attendance. They were unfamiliar with our service structure. She explained also they were provided service manuals for further information. Next meeting will be 4/18/19 630pm at Way Public Library in Perrysburg, Respectfully submitted, Kimberli A., DCM District 8.

District 10: John E.

John E. provided a report. They had meetings in the Month of March and April, they are going to be working with District 16 on a workshop in June. He was going to allow District 16 to present that information to the assembly. He did announce the unfortunate closing of the Trinity Nooners meeting in Fremont effective April 7, 2019. Next meeting will be 5/11/19 1130am, St Paul's Episcopal Church in Fremont. . Respectfully Submitted, John E., DCM District 10.

District 14: Chrissy M.

Chrissy M., DCM presented the report. The district has requested the treasurer's presence at the May meeting with two months of checking account statements to reconcile the district finances. The Grace Group will be presenting again the Christmas In July on 7/20/19 in Lima . It will open at 12noon with a speaker at 130pm. There was a question from the district regarding someone requesting further information from our area assembly and wanting to attend our assembly. We suggested they reach out to our CPC/PI chair and our Corrections Chair for further information. They also have new district schedules available. The next district meeting will be held 5/9/19 at 6:30pm at 1606 W. Elm St, Lima OH. Respectfully submitted, Chrissy M., District 14 Alt. DCM.

District 16: Damion T.

Jacob J., Alternate DCM, District 16 provided the report. In February, Jacob J. was elected district secretary. They discussed the meal for the Area 55 Mini Conference in coordination with District 10. They elected a treasurer and established a treasury. In March, they elected a district activities chair. They will hold a workshop on 6/15/2019 Location will be either Oak Harbor United Methodist or Oak Harbor Library. The title will be "General Service: How it All Stacks Up." They will serve pancakes and have two panels. This will be done in conjunction with District 10. Their next district meeting will be 4/24/19 630pm at Oak Harbor Public Library.

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

James S., Alternate Delegate, Panel 68, Area 55, presented the report on behalf of Henry. There is currently a letter in development by the CPC/PI committee for all treatment centers as well as the Lucas County DART team. The Area 55 Mini Conference had 220 in attendance. In comparison: Area 53 had 143 attend, Area 54 108 and Area 56 had 86. However, these areas had higher participation in voting than Area 55. Available at the assembly are results of voting amongst the four area mini conferences. All 4 areas did agree that a fifth edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous should be started. However it is also to be noted there will more than likely be an advisory action **ONLY** to change the stories and not the first 164 pages. We are in the process of reviewing cost of new equipment and software for the area laptop at this time. The Intergroup Finance committee asked if we are willing to sponsor the December 14, 2019 dinner. Please take this under advisement to your groups to reach a consensus. NOCYPAA is doing a Traditions workshop on April 28 with dinner at 2pm and the workshop at 4 o'clock. They have asked anyone in the service structure willing to moderate a table to please sign-up after today's assembly. GSO has requested to report back for the May Assembly what are the under-represented populations within our area. What can we do to focus on carrying the message to them? There was a breakdown of costs for the area for upcoming events for the ECR Forum, Ohio State Convention and ECR Conference that were made available. The estimated expenses for those three events will be \$2,600.

There were \$1,471.11 in left over funds from the 2019 Area Mini Conference. The delegate has requested the body to do the following with the funds:

The mini-conference seed money increased to \$2,000 from the current \$1,300. A motion was made by Tim D.-DCM District 4, it was seconded by Tim C.-GSR, Came to Believe. There was discussion on the motion both for and against the motion. The vote was 20 in favor and 5 against the increase. The minority expressed their opinion on the issue. No one however from the majority chose to change their vote. The motion carried by substantial unanimity.

The second request was to donate \$200 to Central Office to the use of their facility for the planning meeting. A motion was made by Tarek K.-GSR, Starlight Group, it was seconded by Marty C.-GSR, New Hope. After discussion, the vote was 24 in favor, 1 against the motion. The minority chose not to give an opinion. The motion passed via substantial unanimity.

The third request was to donate \$250 to AAWS. A motion was made by Chrissy M.-DCM, District 14, it was seconded by Wendy S.-GSR, Ottawa Open Discussion. After discussion the motion passed unanimously.

The fourth was to move \$321.11 to the Area 55 General Account. The motion was made by Marty C., seconded by Vern M.-GSR, SST Group, it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Henry C., Panel 68, Area 55 Delegate. Alternate Chair-Finance Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Jim S. requested a motion to have \$40.00 sent to AAWS. Nancy M. made said motion. Seconded by Tim C. Motion carried no opposition.

The subject of moving the assembly time was brought to the body. It was decided the time will remain 1130am for the DCM meeting and 1pm for the Area Assembly.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a request for committee chairpersons for Unity Day for Set Up, Clean Up and Registration.

Motion to adjourn was made by Nancy M., seconded by Wendy S. Motion carried. **Meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM, closing with the Responsibility Statement.**

Next GSR Assembly Meeting will be held on May 26, 2019 at 1:00 PM at the Senior Center. Clean up for May will be District 2/4. Tradition 5 will be Kimberli A., Concept 5 Will be Chris C.

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