

GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY
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Meeting Minutes for May 26, 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. Daniel H. read the Mission Statement. Kimbrough P. read the 5th Tradition, Chris C. read the 5th 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 30 GSRs, 3 Alternate GSRs, 5 DCMs, 4 Alternate DCMs, 3 Past Delegates, and 3 guests. New GSRs, DCMs and Alternates are: Linda N.-GSR, Sober Women’s Big Book Study; Rebecca B.-GSR, Alcoholics Only; Larry B. -GSR, Sunday Morning Serenity Wauseon; Dean B.-GSR, Mid-Evening 530; Danny R.-Alt. GSR, Renewed Life; Michelle A.-GSR, Good News Group; Christopher D.-GSR, Renewed Life; and Ron O.- Alt. GSR, Eastside 12x12 . Past Delegates Ron S., John C. 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 April 2019 Assembly Minutes. No corrections needed. Tim C.-GSR, Came to Believe, made a motion to accept. It was seconded by Deborah A.-DCM, District 1. Motion carried with no opposition.

Treasurer: Kenney A. / treasurer@area55aa.org

*In March, **10%** or 31 of the 310 registered Groups in Area 55 made contributions. Year-to-date, **19.03%** or 59 Groups contributed. **Is your Group Supporting Area 55 General Service?***

Kenney’s report for April 2019 is as follows:

April 2019: Beginning Balance as of 03/31/2019: \$7,626, Income \$1,847.29, Expenses \$2,516.58, Ending Balance 4/30/19: \$6,956.89.

Prudent Reserve: Beginning Balance 03/31/2019: \$3,002.73, Interest \$0.05, Ending Balance \$3,002.78

Mini Conference: Opening Balance \$2,771.11, Income \$771.11, Ending Balance \$2,000.00

Dave F.-GSR, Kenwood Group made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Sherry S.-Alt. DCM, District 3. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

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

The committee discussed the new large display they are looking to purchase and agreed to present a request to the assembly for up to \$350 to purchase the new display. They are continuing to organize the archives material in a chronological order. They are working to start doing books by year of the archives material. They met two commitments since the last assembly and have three commitments in June and July. They are going to start submitting a monthly article to the newsletter under the title "Did You Know?" This will be a tidbit from the archives. Next committee meeting will be at 5:00pm at Central Office on 5/30/19. Respectfully Submitted, Nancy M., Chair.

Linda N. made a motion to approve up to \$350 for a new archives display, seconded by Lee J.-GSR, Eastside 12x12. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Beth P. gave the report. All commitments going well currently. There was one concern due to the representative covering the Thursday jail commitment. Since he is an active member of the clergy, the jail is unwilling to give a double clearance for both his clergy work along with his work for AA. The committee chair as well as our past delegate are going to reach out to the jail regarding the concern immediately. The committee is creating a flyer in regards to the need for members to join the committee. Next committee meeting will be 6/18/2019 5:30pm @ Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Beth P., Multi-District Correctional Co-Chair.

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

Dave F. provided the report. The committee covered one commitment in the month of May. The next commitment for the committee at this time will be Unity Day. Next meeting will be 6/19/19 5pm @ Central Office. Respectfully Submitted, Dave F., CPC committee member.

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

Wendy H. provided the report. They met May 13 at Tim Horton's in Oregon. All 3 commitments were met at the time of the meeting. They have 3 upcoming commitments in June and July. Next committee meeting will be on 6/10/19 at 6pm at Tim Horton's in Oregon.

Wendy presented a financial report for May 2019:

Beginning Balance: \$218.75, Expenses: \$0.00, Income: \$30.00, Ending Balance 4/30/19: \$248.75

Linda N. made a motion to approve, seconded by Beth P.-GSR, Early Bird. Motion carried unanimously. Respectfully Submitted, James S., Grapevine Chair.

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

The committee met in May with two members present along with two guests. All commitments were covered at this time. They have no other commitments currently in the month of May or June prior to Unity Day July 6, 2019. Next committee meeting will be 6/3/19 6pm at Frisch's on Woodville Rd. in Northwood. Respectfully Submitted Robert W., Group Services Chair.

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

Matt A. presented the report. The accessibility list was revised at this time and will be distributed in May. The discussions are continuing within the committee as to a trial of 6 months offering interpretive services along with how to finance these services is under discussion as well as how to offer these services at meetings with handicap accessibility. The committee will continue to work to bring a plan in the coming months to the full assembly.

The committee's beginning balance was \$129.75. There were no expenses so the balance remained at \$129.75. Dean B. made the motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Pauli F.-Living Sober. The motion carried unanimously.

Several questions were brought in regards to the continuing viability and funding of this concept once the trial run ended. In the end, it was noted that this is continued to be researched by the committee and once a final plan was put together it will come to the assembly for the whole.

The next meeting will be 6/10/2019, 630pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Matt A., Accessibilities Co-Chair.

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

Wendy S. presented some statistics since no committee members were able to make the May meeting. There were 3,929 unique devices accessing the site. There were 5,856 site visits in the month of April, with an average of 6 pages viewed per visit. Next meeting will be 6/23/19 at 10am at Black Kite Coffee in Toledo. Respectfully submitted, Wendy S., Area 55 Webmaster.

Intergroup Liaison: Betsy G.

Betsy G. provided the report. The anniversary committee is investigating re-negotiating the rate for the contract because it will put the current cost at \$36 per person. Entertainment has determined this year no one will be admitted after dinner. The Pig Roast will be July 20 at St Luke's Lutheran in Curtice. It will be a \$10 cost. The hospital committee has all commitments met. The newsletter committee would like to be invited to upcoming events. The association purchased a new microphone set including four microphones and a four-channel receiver for \$200. The next meeting will be 6/20/2019 6:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church.

Newsletter Liaison: Tarek K.

No report

NOCYPAA Liaison: Eddie K.

No report

MONCYPAA Liaison: Logan T.

Logan T. was present to provide a report. They have had two events in March and May. Their current membership has grown to double digits. They are working on a hotel proposal for a MCYPAA bid, including researching the largest facilities north of Monroe available. They are working to assist with pre-registration and raising scholarships for the current host committee. Their committee is going to have a table at Unity Day. Their next meeting is 5/28/19 9pm at Tim Horton's on Monroe St, in Monroe, MI, they meet every Tuesday.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER (“DCM”) REPORTS

DCM Chair: John C.

John C. presented the DCMC report. The discussion led to how to gain interest in district meetings and service in general during the meeting. After discussing these struggles, the discussion turned toward Unity Day with District 3 volunteering to serve lunch, District 10 doing clean up, District 14 doing set up and District 7 doing registration. Henry presented the 1st quarter donation totals from GSO from the groups in the area. Fifteen percent of active groups in Area 55 have contributed to New York so far this year. The next meeting will be 6/23/2019 1130am @ the Senior Center prior to the Area Assembly. Respectfully submitted, John C., DCMC.

District 3: Dave G.

Sherry S. 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. The district currently has workshop each fall, however no planning for one has occurred at this time. The GSRs are picking meetings that have after the 1st 6 months of this year going to support dark groups in the district. Now the next six months are going to go support meetings that have participated in district meetings this year. Respectfully Submitted, Sherry S., Alternate DCM District 3.

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

Tim D., DCM for District 4, gave their report. There have been three groups requesting visits at this time in District 4. In District 2, nothing has occurred to report at this time. Came to Believe has their group’s anniversary on June 30 in the Sullivan Center. Their next meeting will be 6/19/19 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 hold a picnic on August 17, 2019 at Secor Metropark. They will provide the meat and the lead, please bring a chair and if you can a side dish. The next meeting will be held 6/20/19 6pm @ St. Richard’s Catholic Church. Respectfully Submitted, Mike M., District 7 DCM

District 10: John E.

No report presented, however the will have a service structure workshop on 6/15/19 at United Methodist Church in Oak Harbor. Pancakes will be at 10am with the workshop at 11am. Next meeting will be 6/8/19 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 treasurer was available for the meeting and the accounts have been reconciled with the bank statements. The groups currently have not reported major issues at this. There are 8 active groups within the district with Chrissy still needing to visit another 4 groups. The Christmas in July held by the Grace Group will be July 20, 2019. They flyer is currently in the works. A workshop at this time was tabled due to lack of willingness of those wishing to assist in planning. The next district meeting will be 6/13/19 at 6:30pm at 1606 W. Elm St, Lima OH. Respectfully submitted, Chrissy M., District 14 DCM.

DELEGATE'S REPORT: Henry C. / delegate@area55aa.org / (419) 340-9646

Henry C., Panel 68, Area 55 delegate, presented a brief report at the assembly. Henry mentioned registration for the East Central Regional Forum is open at aa.org. It will be at the Sheraton at Detroit Metro Airport on July 12-14, 2019. Numerous staff members, trustees, the GSO Office Manager as well as the new Class A Treasurer for GSO will provide their 1st presentation. There is a new book available via AAWS. It's title is Our Great Responsibility. This consists of Bill W.'s talks to the General Service Conference from 1951-1970 and is \$8.00 per copy. There is also a new pamphlet, AAs with Mental Illness and Those Who Sponsor Them. This is available from our finance committee as well. The written report regarding voting for all agenda items will be available at the June assembly and he will be happy to discuss then or at the July Assembly once groups have had a chance to review the report. He as serving on the finance committee has suggested that if groups can contribute by e-check (no fee paid by GSO) or credit/debit card (included with all credit/debit card sales) it will save processing time cost 20% of processing a mailed check. He also thanked everyone for their understanding of his lack of attendance at the April assembly and honoring his family's wishes for privacy as well as the fellowship's prayers during that time.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Jim S. requested a motion to decide where \$52.01 from the monthly assembly basket to be sent. John C., DCMC made a motion to send to GSO. Seconded by Chrissy M., DCM District 14. Motion carried no opposition.

There was a consensus of the body requested if an agenda item should be submitted to the trustee committee on literature for a 2nd edition of AA Comes of Age, covering 1980 to the present. There was one from the body opposed, however they chose not to voice their minority opinion. There was also a consensus of concern of outreach to rural communities where AA meetings being available could thrive, however meetings seem to be lacking.

There was due to the locality of the International Convention no plans to organize a daily bus trip to and from the convention. The registration prices were announced for the international convention of \$115 for early registration starting on September 9, 2019. After the early registration period, the price will increase to \$140. Area 33 will also be looking for those registered willing to volunteer at the convention.

NEW BUSINESS

No New business.

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

Next GSR Assembly Meeting will be held on June 23, 2019 at 1:00 PM at the Senior Center. Clean up for June will be District 3 and District 11. Tradition 6 will be Sherry S., Concept 6 will be Wendy H.

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