

GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY
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Meeting Minutes for July 28, 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. Jennifer H. read the Mission Statement. John C. read the 7th Tradition, Karen W. read the 7th 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 23 GSRs, 4 Alternate GSRs, 8 DCMs, 1 Alternate DCM, 2 Past Delegates and 3 guests. New GSRs, DCMs and Alternates are as follows: Brad P.-Alt. GSR, Warm Heart Serenity; Gale W.-Alt. GSR, SST; Don S.-GSR, Holland New Beginnings; Joe Y.-GSR, 12 Step West and Logan T.-DCM, Southern Monroe County, MI District. Past Delegate John C. and Robert S. introduced themselves. Intergroup Vice-Chairperson 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! Chris C. presented the June 2019 Assembly Minutes. Deborah A.-DCM, District 1, made a motion to accept as presented. Tim D.-DCM, District 4, seconded the motion. Motion carried with no opposition.

Treasurer: Kenney A. / treasurer@area55aa.org

*In June, **5.21%** or 16 of the 307 registered Groups in Area 55 made contributions. Year-to-date, **23.45%** or 72 Groups contributed. **Is your Group Supporting Area 55 General Service?***

Kenney's report for June 2019 is as follows:

June 2019: Beginning Balance as of 05/31/2019: \$6,323.64, Income \$979.68, Expenses \$304.60, Ending Balance 6/30/19: \$6,998.72.

Prudent Reserve: Beginning Balance 05/31/2019: \$3,002.78, Interest \$0.05, Ending Balance \$3,002.83

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

Jocelyn P.-GSR, Oregon St. Charles made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Wendy H.-GSR, Oregon Time for Us. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

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

The committee will be meeting starting in September the last Monday of the month, 7pm at Tim Horton's in Oregon. Next meeting August 29, 2019 530pm @ Central Office. Respectfully Submitted, Chris S., Committee member.

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

No report. Next committee meeting will be 8/20/2019 5:30pm @ Central Office.

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

No report. Next meeting will be 8/21/19 5pm @ Central Office.

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

James S. provided the report. All committee members attended the June meeting. All commitments were met since the previous assembly. Next committee meeting will be on 8/11/19 at 6pm at Tim Horton's in Oregon.

James presented a financial report for June 2019:

Beginning Balance: \$330.50, Expenses: \$281.25, Income: \$203.00, Book Order \$254.25, 5 One Year Subscriptions \$130.00 Ending Balance 7/28/19: \$214.25

George C.-GSR, Live and Let Live made a motion to approve, seconded by Vern M.-GSR, SST . Motion carried unanimously. Respectfully Submitted, James S., Grapevine Chair.

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

Due to circumstances beyond the committee control, no meeting was held. Via phone, all commitments were reviewed through the July Assembly. Next committee meeting will be 8/5/19 530pm at Frisch's on Woodville Rd. in Northwood. Respectfully Submitted Robert W., Group Services Chair.

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

Ynda C. presented the report. 4 new names have been requested to put on the shut in list. The concept of interpretation services in ASL for meetings are on hold due to several members unavailable to discuss at the July meeting. There was some experience shared from a visitor to the committee regarding interpreter services and interaction with the deaf alcoholic community.

The committee's beginning balance was \$129.75. There were \$20.50 in expenses, the new balance is \$97.75. Wendy H. made a motion to approve the committee financial statement, Seconded by David F.-GSR, North End Group. It was approved unanimously.

The next meeting will be 8/12/2019, 630pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Ynda C., Accessibilities Co-Chair.

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

Jennifer H. presented the report. There were 5 new members at the July meeting. Each were asked to read a copy of the committee guidelines. They have been receiving group event updates via the website form. The committee is waiting for word if there will be a website table they can set up at for this year's state convention. There is continued discussion to use the Area 55 schedule instead of toledoaa.com's schedule for the meeting guide app. They are going to make a new flyer for the website. They are working to obtain contact info for mailings for the Monroe, Sandusky and Toledo intergroups. The committee also decided to create business cards for the committee, at a cost of approximately \$9.95. There has been talk of doing a website presentation in January for new GSRs on how our website works. Next meeting will be 8/25/19 at 10am at Black Kite Coffee in Toledo. Respectfully submitted, Jennifer H., Web Committee Chair

Intergroup Liaison: Betsy G.

Tim D. provided the report. Intergroup picnic will be 8/4/19 12-4pm at Walbridge Park. The finance committee had a successful dinner and wanted to make mention again if you need literature, it can be called into Central Office and picked up at the General Service Assembly. There was no report from the Anniversary, Children's Christmas Party or Hospital committees at the last assembly. There was a motion passed to remove the finance committee chair. The chair will be sent a show cause notice and a vote taken at the August assembly. The next meeting will be 8/24/2019 6:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church. Respectfully Submitted, Tim D., Intergroup Vice-Chair.

Newsletter Liaison: Tarek K.

Tarek K. provided a report. They are still looking for someone to take over as vice-chair for the committee. They received 5 articles for the August newsletter. Next meeting will be 8/14/19 530pm @ Central Office. Respectfully Submitted, Tarek K., Newsletter Liaison

NOCYPAA Liaison: Eddie K.

No report.

MONCYPAA Liaison: Logan T.

Logan provided the report. They are working on their final bid package and have Splash Universe/Best Western/Cabela's to Host 2020 MICYPAA. Their 2nd option for a more traditional option is the Sheraton Detroit Metro if the Best Western becomes a challenge. They did outreach at the Iowa YPAA State Convention so unfortunately could not attend Unity Day. They feel they are one of the 4 front runners for MICYPAA in 2020, however the official decision will be made at the 2019 MICYPAA convention in Detroit, MI. Respectfully Submitted, Logan T., MONCYPAA liaison.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER ("DCM") REPORTS

DCM Chair: John C.

John C. presented the DCMC report. John discussed the work to continue to attempt to relight districts. The group also discussed the idea of getting large home group members involved in the various levels of service work. He will be travelling to the Ohio State Convention for anyone looking to travel with him. The next meeting will be 8/25/2019 1130am @ the Senior Center prior to the Area Assembly. Respectfully submitted, John C., DCMC.

District 1: Deborah A.

They are currently working to re-light district 1 and its 13 meetings, however the process is continuing at this time. They are asking GSRs not only to attend the assembly however also the district meeting. No District 1 meeting date mentioned at the meeting. Respectfully submitted, Deborah A., DCM District 1.

District 3: Dave G.

Dave G. reported on their district. They will be holding a workshop on 10/26/2019. One of the main focuses will be the 3rd legacy. It will be held 9a-1p at Northwood Church of God at the corner of Coy and Curtice. Their next meeting will be announced on the area55aa.org website due to a scheduling conflict with the state convention, however should be held prior to the Starlight meeting in Oregon. Respectfully Submitted, Dave G., DCM District 3.

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

Tim D., DCM for District 4, gave their report. They had three in attendance due to a lack of communication of the meeting occurring. They want to be sure we know of the District 2/4 workshop on Feb 1, 2019 At Riverpoint Ministries. Their next meeting will be 8/21/19 7pm @ Faith United Lutheran Church. Respectfully submitted, Tim D., District 4 DCM.

District 7: Mike M.

Bill G., Alt. DCM, District 7, provided the report. Their picnic will be August 17, 2019. They are still searching for a replacement lead due to their original lead attending the state convention. Next meeting will be at Central Office 8/15/19 6pm. Respectfully submitted, Bill G., District 7 Alt. DCM

District 14: Chrissy M.

Chrissy M., DCM presented the report. They are continuing to work towards increasing opportunities for women to work in corrections in their district. They are working on planning for their Alkathons later this year. They are looking forward to the District elections later this winter. Within this process, they discussed the concept of the spirit of rotation within the district. The next district meeting will be 8/7/19 at 7pm at 1606 W. Elm St, Lima OH. Respectfully submitted, Chrissy M., District 14 DCM.

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

Henry C., Panel 68, Area 55 delegate, presented a brief report at the assembly. Henry first announced the appointment of Logan T., DCM of District 12. The GSO website will be down through August 5, 2019 for online orders due to the Enterprise Resource System update. The agenda item submitted by Area 55 has gone to the trustee committee on literature per conference coordinator Patrick C. Language of the Heart is now available as an audiobook, its cost is 9.95. The new book Our Great Responsibility is \$10 and will be available via the Intergroup Finance Committee as well as Central Office. Henry thanked everyone for their participation in Unity Day with 71 signed in as well as a successful NOCPYAA bake sale. He was impressed how each panel was willing to look at the positive and negative groups do within each tradition. Henry discussed the ECR Forum that he, Jim and Chris attended in Detroit including one of the highlights the current translation of the Big Book into ASL. He also made another mention of the Ohio State Convention in Cincinnati August 16-18. Henry thanked everyone for their support. Respectfully submitted, Henry C., Panel 68, Area 55 Delegate. Alternate Chair-Finance Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Jim S. requested a motion to decide where \$48.50 from the monthly assembly basket to be sent. Tim D. made a motion to send to GSO. Seconded by Vern M.-GSR, SST. Motion carried no opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

Tim D. requested to please request support of the finance committee bringing literature to the assembly. He also mentioned literature can be ordered in advance via Central Office and picked up at the assembly.

The Intergroup association is also looking to see how to make events viable and interesting to the fellowship even if changes should be considered at this time.

Jocelyn P.-GSR, Oregon St. Charles, requested the idea of bringing her child to the General Service Assembly even though it is considered a closed business meeting. After discussion on both sides of the point a consensus was reached to bring back to the August assembly after discussing with our groups.

Kimberli A. made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by George C. Motion carried. **Meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM, closing with the Responsibility Statement.**

Next GSR Assembly Meeting will be held on August 25, 2019 at 1:00 PM at the Senior Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

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