

GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY
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Meeting Minutes for September 15, 2019

Only GSRs, DCMs, (their alternates may make motions and vote in their absence), 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. Shannon C. read the Mission Statement. Joe Y. read the 8th Tradition, Linda N. read the 9th tradition. John C. read the 8th Concept, Dave G. read the 9th 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 20 GSRs, 3 Alternate GSRs, 8 DCMs, 2 Alternate DCMs, 2 Past Delegates and 1 guests. No new members of the assembly were present. Past Delegates John C. and Ron S. 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 July 2019 Assembly Minutes. John C.-DCMC, made a motion to accept as presented. Sherry S. Alt DCM , District 3, seconded the motion. Motion carried with no opposition.

Treasurer: Kenney A./ treasurer@area55aa.org

*In August, **4.88%** or 15 of the 307 registered Groups in Area 55 made contributions. Year-to-date, **25.40%** or 78 Groups contributed. **Is your Group Supporting Area 55 General Service?***

Kenney presented reports for July and August 2019. They follow below:

July 2019: Beginning Balance as of 06/30/2019: \$6,998.72, Income \$1,252.18, Expenses \$1,616.60, Ending Balance 7/31/19: \$6,634.30.

Prudent Reserve: Beginning Balance 06/30/2019: \$3,002.83, Interest \$0.05, Ending Balance 7/31/19 \$3,002.88

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

August 2019: Beginning Balance as of 07/31/2019: \$6,634.30, Income \$890.23, Expenses \$1,432.50, Ending Balance 8/31/19: \$6,092.03.

Prudent Reserve: Beginning Balance 07/31/2019: \$3,002.88, Interest \$0.05, Ending Balance 8/31/19: \$3,002.93

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

Jocelyn P.-GSR, Oregon St. Charles made a motion to accept the July report, seconded by Tim C.-GSR, Came to Believe. Motion carried unanimously.

Mary W.-GSR, Women's 12 Steps to Courage made a motion to accept the August report, seconded by Wendy H.-GSR, Oregon Time for Us. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

Archives: / archives.chair@area55aa.org

Karen W. provided a brief report. The committee is reforming at this time. There was no August meeting, the meetings will now be held at Tim Horton's on Navarre at 730pm, starting in October. Next meeting September 30, 2019 7pm @ Tim Horton's in Oregon.

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 presented at the assembly. After the assembly a report was received by e-mail of upcoming committee events as follows. First is staffing a Resource Fair for this years Annual Recovery March In Findlay. It is scheduled for Saturday, the 21st between 8am and noon at St. Marks Methodist Church. Next is another recovery event at Lima, Ohio's Allen-Oakwood Correctional Facility on October 5th. We will also be staffing that event. Finally there is a nationwide meeting of CPI Chairmen from all 93 areas where we will be joining in on a meeting regarding Service Work. We will be sharing what is and is not working in our areas and sharing new ideas. We will be utilizing ZOOM where an account is being set up for our sharing. I am excited about hearing from the CPI chairs from around the country. This is a first of hopefully many meetings. The date is Wednesday, October 16th at 6pm CST. Next meeting will be 9/17/19 5pm @ Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Bill F., CPC/PI Chairperson

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

Wendy H., Co-Chair presented the August and September report. Commitments have been met by the committee through the time of the September assembly. In the last two months the committee has welcomed 3 new members. Their next meeting will be 10/14/19 6pm @ Tim Horton's on Navarre.

Wendy presented a financial report for August 2019:

Beginning Balance: \$136.75, Expenses: \$0.00, Income: \$54.50, Ending Balance 8/31/19: \$191.25

Linda N.-GSR, Sober Women's Big Book Study made a motion to approve, seconded by Vern M.-GSR, SST . Motion carried unanimously. Respectfully Submitted, Wendy H., Grapevine Co-Chair.

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

No September meeting was held. All commitments were met. Next committee meeting will be 10/7/19 530pm at Frisch's on Woodville Rd. in Northwood. Respectfully Submitted Robert W., Group Services Chair.

Robert requested permission to purchase a 4 microphone wireless system that will cost approximately \$161 with a 2 year warranty on the equipment. John C. made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Tim D., DCM District 4. Motion approved unanimously.

Accessibilities: Ynda C./ [accessibilities@area55aa.org /](mailto:accessibilities@area55aa.org/)

No report. The next meeting will be 10/14/2019, 630pm at Central Office.

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

Jennifer H. presented the report. The committee reviewed the cost of web hosting services and 1 year domain hosting for the website. The website committee is discussing making payments for website hosting directly through the treasurer from the general fund directly. The usage of the event submission form has increased to allow the committee to have accurate information for the area calendar. She asked DCMs and Committee chairs to submit their upcoming meeting dates, times and locations for information to be updated. From 2018 to 2019, the pages visited went from 2,705 to 31,227 in 1 year. Area55aa.org is the schedule being used for the Meeting Guide App. AAWS is investigating adding a "Find a Meeting" feature to aa.org and are hosting remote feedback sessions during this process. Next meeting will be 10/27/19 at 10am at Black Kite Coffee in Toledo. Respectfully submitted, Jennifer H., Web Committee Chair

Intergroup Liaison: Betsy G.

Betsy G. provided the report. The anniversary committee will meet on 9/5/19. Tickets for the event will be \$36. Children's Christmas Party had no meeting. Entertainment is currently looking for a vice-chair at this time. Finance is working to come up with ideas to engage those in the program as well as getting awareness out for their meetings. The Hospital committee commitments were covered at this time. The previous finance chair has been removed and Bridget B. is the new finance committee chair. There was a motion to set the maximum seed money provided at one time to be \$300. The next meeting will be 9/28/2019 6:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church. Respectfully Submitted, Betsy G., Intergroup Liaison.

Newsletter Liaison: Tarek K.

Tarek K. provided a report. The deadline for articles for this month on service will be 9/18/19. He went over the final two topics of 2019. They are discussing the selection of a new vice chair and someone to assist with the publishing at this time. Respectfully Submitted, Tarek K., Newsletter Liaison

NOCYPAA Liaison: Eddie K.

No report

MONCYPAA Liaison: Logan T.

Logan provided the report. The committee has signed a contract with Best Western Dundee/Splash Universe if they are awarded the bid for MCYPAA. He is a co-chair for one of the 2020 International Convention volunteer committees. They will be having a service fair in January for those looking to volunteer, with more details to follow. 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 realign districts. The districts went through several reports as well as some of the struggles that the districts are working through at this time. They also discussed three upcoming events within the districts over the next few months as well as the upcoming General Service election in October. The next meeting will be 10/27/2019 1130am @ the Senior Center prior to the Area Assembly. Respectfully submitted, John C., DCMC.

District 1: Deborah A.

No report.

District 3: Dave G.

Dave G. reported on their district. They will be holding a workshop on 10/12/2019. 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. They will also be holding a service fair at the workshop and are asking all committees to send representatives to highlight their committees and need for people willing to serve on those. They will be setting a constant meeting location here in the near future. Respectfully Submitted, Dave G., DCM District 3.

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

Tim D., DCM for District 4, gave their report. They have been working to update contact information for groups, even if it's not the GSR so there is a constant stream of communication at all levels within the area. They announced their plans for the 2/1/2020 workshop at Riverpoint Ministries in Point Place. They also mentioned during their district meeting the October General Service Elections. Respectfully submitted, Tim D., District 4 DCM.

District 7: Mike M.

Mike M., DCM, District 7, provided the report. Their picnic had 40 in attendance. They had a lead by Sheila W. from Wauseon, OH. They also made note realizing the State Convention was the same weekend and may have affected attendance. Next meeting will be at Central Office 9/19/19 6pm. Respectfully submitted, Mike M., District 7 DCM

District 11: Ron S.

Ron S. provided the report. They are working to work toward having a district meeting at the Dry Haven club in Fostoria every other month, with the opposite month being held in Tiffin. They will be having a workshop 10/12/19 9a-12 at St John's UCC in Tiffin. They will have 3 panels throughout the morning. He also is seeking a DCM for 2020 after he rotates out. Next meeting 10/10/19 7pm. St John's UCC in Tiffin. Respectfully submitted, Ron S., District 11 DCM.

District 14: Chrissy M.

Chrissy M., DCM presented the report. Groups have been moving or having to close meetings due to insurance requirements from facilities that were hosting their meeting. There are two groups whom have added or are looking at adding new meetings to their weekly schedule. There has been discussion of the yearly alcahthon. The district will hold nominations in the October meeting with elections to be held in November. The next district meeting will be 10/10/19 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 his report to the assembly. He first thanked the UAW hall leadership for on very short notice their accommodating our monthly assembly. The October assembly on October 27, 2019 will be held at the local 14 UAW hall if the Senior Center is unavailable. He made available 50 copies of the final conference report at the assembly. Upcoming dates that our delegate and alternate will be travelling to is the ECR Conference October 18-20 in Milwaukee, WI and the CDPP Feb 14-16, 2020 in Novi, MI. The agenda item submitted by Area 55 is currently pending in trustee committee. He introduced the two new class A trustees, one from North Carolina and the other from Cleveland, OH, a Nun from the same order as Sr. Ignatia, the Sisters of Charity. GSO has sent their new notice to all media outlets regarding our policy on anonymity. AA.org with the new enterprise resource planning system is being worked on at this time. Currently 21,000 copies of our great responsibility have been purchased from AAWS. He thanked all who attended the Ohio State Convention and will have final financial numbers

at the November 2019 assembly. He also discussed the election of upcoming officers or anyone whom be interested in serving as a committee chair or DCM. He suggested reading the position description on the area website. He thanked everyone again for their flexibility during the last two months and the challenges it has proposed on the assembly.

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

OLD BUSINESS

The first matter of business was how to handle the idea of children attending the area assembly. Sherry S.-Alt DCM, District 3 placed a motion on the floor stating: "To allow children within the meeting being attended to by the adult. If the child became disruptive, we'd ask the child to be removed." This motion was seconded by Tarek K., GSR-Starlight Group. Discussion ensued on the motion from both sides including the implication that the assembly was a closed business meeting, even though the service manual nor our area guidelines stated that the assemblies were closed business meetings. Tim D. made a motion to call the question, passed by a vote of 24-16.

The motion was re-stated. A vote was taken. It was explained all whom were eligible to vote and the quorum established. The vote was 16 in favor, 24 against. The motion failed. Those whom voted in favor were able to be heard via the Minority Opinion. After the Minority Opinion being heard, there was a request by two members to change their vote. The motion to re-vote passed 22 in favor and 18 against, which only required a simple majority, upon re-voting the motion still failed 18 in favor and 22 against. The motion failed.

Jim S. requested a motion to decide where \$45.50 from the monthly assembly basket is to be sent. Tim D. made a motion to send to GSO. Seconded by Linda N. Motion carried no opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

Ron S. placed a motion on the floor to add to the area guidelines effective immediately that the Area Assembly be considered a closed business meeting, seconded by Tim D., motion carried 28-10. There was no minority opinion voiced. There will be added to the guidelines immediately.

Logan T. placed a motion on the floor to request a letter of support for MONCYPAA's bid for the 2020 MCYPAA Convention. Tim D. seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

Jim S. requested a motion on the floor to sign a contract for \$225 to host the 2020 Mini Conference at First United Methodist Church in Bowling Green, OH. The mini-conference would only be on Friday and Saturday, however we would have use of the entire facility for those two days. Tim D. made a motion to approve the \$225 payment. Wendy S.-GSR, Ottawa Open Discussion seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. There will be further discussion at the November assembly regarding the required insurance rider for this event.

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

Next GSR Assembly Meeting will be held on October 27, 2019 at 1:00 PM at the Senior Center. Tim D. will read Tradition 10, Jocelyn P. will read Concept 10. Eastside 12x12 will handle clean-up after the assembly.

Respectfully Submitted,

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