

**GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY**  
**Area 55, Panel 68 NW Ohio & Monroe Michigan**  
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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. Linda N. read the Mission Statement. Tim D. read the 10<sup>th</sup> tradition. Jocelyn P. read the 10<sup>th</sup> 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, 3 Alternate GSRs, 6 DCMs, 3 Alternate DCMs, 1 guest. New DCM and GSRs were as follows: Brad C.-GSR, Living Sober, Nathan K.-GSR, Tuesday Night Young Peoples and Bonnie S.-DCM, District 11. Intergroup Vice-Chairperson Tim D. introduced himself.

**Recording Secretary:** Chris C. / [recording.secretary@area55aa.org](mailto:recording.secretary@area55aa.org)

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**Treasurer:** Kenney A. / [treasurer@area55aa.org](mailto:treasurer@area55aa.org)

*In September, 7.09% or 22 of the 307 registered Groups in Area 55 made contributions. Year-to-date, 26.45% or 82 Groups contributed. **Is your Group Supporting Area 55 General Service?***

Kenney presented the report for September 2019, it follows below:

**September 2019:** Beginning Balance as of 08/31/2019: \$6,092.03, Income \$1,924.08, Expenses \$900.50, Ending Balance 9/30/19: \$7,115.61.

**Prudent Reserve:** Beginning Balance 08/31/2019: \$3,002.98, Interest \$0.05, Ending Balance 9/30/19 \$3,003.03

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

Beth P.-GSR, Early Bird, made a motion to accept the September report, seconded by Dave , North End Group. Motion carried unanimously.

Jim S., Area Chair advised we would not have committee reports at this time due to elections. The Grapevine will provide a financial report, however any committees needing to complete a financial report we would hear at this time, including needing funds or reporting of funds spent. Since no other reports,

**Grapevine Financial Report:** James S., Grapevine committee chair, provided the October financial report.

The opening balance was \$191.25. There was \$205.50 in sales. Expenses was a book order of 246.50. The ending balance was 150.25. Jocelyn P.-GSR made a motion to accept the report. Linda N.-GSR, Sober Women's Big Book seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

### **Area Elections for the Panel 70 Officers:**

At this time, Jim S. passed the meeting to Panel 68 delegate Henry C. Henry explained the members whom could vote and make nominations. A quorum was established based on the 45 voting members in the assembly. All officers are to be elected by substantial unanimity, which was established at 30 votes or 2/3 of the body. He explained that current panel officers may stand for another position without being nominated from the floor. He also explained the two year term of each position

The first position we elected was the alternate delegate/area chair. No current officer wished to stand for Alternate Delegate/Area Chair. Tim D. was nominated by Karen W.-GSR. He accepted the nomination. Sherry S. was nominated by Wendy H.-GSR. She accepted the nomination. No further nominations were received from the floor after three requests. After a two minute service resume from each nominee, the first vote was taken. The vote was 28 for Sherry, 17 for Tim. A 2<sup>nd</sup> vote was taken, the total was 35 for Sherry S. and 10 for Tim D. Sherry S. is elected Alternate Delegate/Area Chair.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> position was Area Treasurer. Chris C., Panel 68 Recording Secretary, chose to stand for Area Treasurer. Dave F. was nominated by Bill F., CPC/PI chairperson. He declined the nomination. Karen W., nominated by Mary Beth D., declined. Dave G. was nominated and declined. No other nominations were made from the floor and Chris C. was elected Area Treasurer by acclamation.

The third position was Area Registrar. No current area officer chose to stand. Karen W. was nominated, Karen accepted the nomination. Jennifer H. was nominated by Kimbrough P.-Panel 68 Registrar, and she accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations from the floor. Service resumes were heard from both nominees. The first vote Jennifer received 24, Karen 21. The 2<sup>nd</sup> vote was Jennifer 23, Karen 22. A 3<sup>rd</sup> vote was taken at this point. The result was Karen 23, Jennifer 22. Henry C. requested a motion from the floor instead of going to a 4<sup>th</sup> vote to go to the hat. Linda N.-GSR, made this motion. It was seconded by Jocelyn P.-GSR, and the motion passed unanimously. Both names were placed into the hat and non-voting member Eva S. drew the name. Jennifer H. was drawn to be the Area Registrar.

The fourth position to be elected was Area Recording Secretary. No current officers chose to stand. Eva S. was nominated by Panel 68 Recording Secretary Chris C. She accepted the nomination. Betsey G. was nominated. She accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations from the floor. Service resumes were heard from both candidates. The 1<sup>st</sup> vote was Betsey 25, Eva 20. The 2<sup>nd</sup> vote was 28 Betsey, 17 Eva. The third vote was Betsey 33, Eva 12. Betsey G. will be the new Area Recording Secretary.

The final position was Area Mailing Secretary. No current area officer chose to stand. Linda N. was nominated by Tim D.-DCM. She accepted the nomination. Karen W. was nominated by Chris C. She accepted the nomination. The 1<sup>st</sup> vote was Linda 18, Karen 27. The 2<sup>nd</sup> vote was Linda 10, Karen 35. Karen W. was elected the new Area Mailing Secretary.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Jim S. requested a motion to decide where \$41.05 from the monthly assembly basket is to be sent. Karen W. made a motion to send to GSO. Seconded by (not picked up on recording). Motion carried no opposition.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mary W.-GSR, 12 Steps to Courage made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Dave F. Motion carried. **Meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM, closing with the Responsibility Statement.**

**Next GSR Assembly Meeting will be held on November 17, 2019 at 1:00 PM at the Senior Center. Beth P. will read Tradition 11, and Wendy H. will read Concept 11. Oregon Men's will handle clean-up after the assembly.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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