

GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY
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Meeting Minutes for November 17, 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. Jeff G. read the Mission Statement. Beth P. read the 11th Tradition, Wendy H. 11th 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 22 GSRs, 7 Alternate GSRs, 6 DCMs, 4 Alternate DCMs, 1 Past Delegate and 2 guests. New members serving the assembly are as follows: Sherry T. -GSR, Good News Group. Tom Z. -GSR, Weekend Warriors, Jeff G. -Alt. DCM, District 14. Past Delegate John C. introduced himself. 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 October 2019 Assembly Minutes. He explained the correction of the date from September to October 27, 2019 assembly. Tim D. - DCM, District 4, made a motion to accept with corrections. Deborah A. -DCM, District 1, seconded the motion. Motion carried with no opposition.

Treasurer: Kenney A. / treasurer@area55aa.org

*In October, **7.81%** or 24 of the 307 registered Groups in Area 55 made contributions. Year-to-date, **26.71%** or 82 Groups contributed. **Is your Group supporting Area 55 General Service?***

Kenney presented the report for October 2019. It follows below:

Beginning Balance as of 09/30/2019: \$7,115.61, Income \$1,538.45, Expenses \$1,054.05, Ending Balance 10/31/19: \$7,600.01.

East Central Regional Conference: \$3,000 (Seed Money for 2021 East Central Regional Conference)

Prudent Reserve: Beginning Balance 09/30/2019: \$3,003.03, Interest \$0.05, Ending Balance 10/31/19 \$3,003.08

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

After questions were reviewed on having two separate accounts, Linda N. -GSR, Sober Women's BB Study made a motion to approve the report. Sherry S. -Alt DCM, District 3 seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

Archives: / archives.chair@area55aa.org /

Karen W. provided a brief report. The committee has two new members and has met all commitments up to the time of the assembly. At this time if you are requesting to have the archives at your event, please contact Central Office and they will provide Billy S.'s number or forward your request onto him. They are working on how to preserve recordings in formats such as reel-to-reel, audio cassette and even compact disc as well as looking into what options are available for digital storage of rare photographs and documents. Next meeting November 25, 2019 7:30pm @ Tim Horton's in Oregon.

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

Beth P. provided a report for October and November. The committee had coverage for Friday work release every week. They are working to have two members cleared to be able to enter the jail for a Saturday meeting. Work release commitment has stopped temporarily due to the move after 11/12/2019 to the former CTF facility. They are in contact with the work release representative to see when this meeting can be restarted. There will also be new rules and guidelines to be reviewed for having meetings in this facility. Next committee meeting will be 11/19/2019 5:30pm @ Central Office.

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

CPC/PI committee had no report for the assembly, however Dave F. has agreed to stay on as a temporary chair until one can be found within the committee or appointed by the delegate. Next meeting will be 11/20/19 5pm @ Central Office.

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

Wendy H., announced that the November 11 meeting was cancelled, however she did have the monthly financial report. Their next meeting will be 12/9/19 6pm @ Tim Horton's on Navarre.

Wendy presented a financial report for October 2019:

Beginning Balance: \$150.25, Expenses: \$0.00, Income: \$117.00, Ending Balance 10/31/19: \$267.25

Tim DeRan made a motion to approve, seconded by Linda N. Motion carried unanimously. Respectfully Submitted, Wendy H., Grapevine Co-Chair.

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

Due to work schedules, no meeting was held. All commitments have been covered. It is being discussed however of moving the day and time of the meeting to perhaps prior to the General Service Assembly come January 2020. Next committee meeting will be 12/9/19 5:30pm at Frisch's on Woodville Rd. in Northwood. Respectfully Submitted Robert W., Group Services Chair.

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

Ynda presented reports for the September, October and November meetings. November the committee did not meet due to weather. September they decided to table the ASL interpreter at meetings till the October meeting to better create a plan to present to the body. They determined that to test the idea, we should use a lead meeting as it'd be the easiest to interpret. The interpreter was willing to accept \$50 per meeting for her time. It would be done one meeting per month for a trial run of 6 months. Ynda discussed with the other members of the Trail Group, her home group, and they were considering being the meeting

this concept was tested at. They were hoping to start these meetings after the proper advertising in the first 3 months of 2020. Matt A. will assist as acting chair in the months of December and January. A new accessibility list was made available at the area assembly. Next meeting will be 12/9/2019, 630pm @ Central Office. Respectfully Submitted, Ynda C.

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

Jennifer H. presented the report. She presented the highlights of two months of meetings. The committee discussed with the incoming delegate and alternate delegate budget costs for the site including its hosting and domain fees. They discussed the meeting guide app and its interfacing with the Area 55 website schedule. They are discussing creating business cards that can be created to make more aware of the area site. They also discussed a bulletin board page for photos of flyers as well as a possible merging of Area55aa.org and toledoaa.com, the current central office website. In October, 58,985 pages were visited, the highest amount of traffic ever for the sight. Next meeting will be 12/15/19 at 10am at Black Kite Coffee in Toledo. Respectfully submitted, Jennifer H., Web Committee Chair

Intergroup Liaison: Betsy G.

No report was provided due to the Intergroup had not met since our last assembly.

Newsletter Liaison: Tarik K.

Tarek K. provided a report. He explained that subscriptions are down at this time as well as articles being submitted to the committee, if the downward trend continues they may have to request funds from the Intergroup assembly to assist in continuing to cover publication costs. He announced the December and January 2020 topics as well. Respectfully Submitted, Tarik K., Newsletter Liaison

NOCYPAA Liaison: Eddie K.

Elections will be held 11/23/2019 at 3pm at Central Office.

MONCYPAA Liaison: Logan T.

No report at this time.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER ("DCM") REPORTS

DCM Chair: John C.

John C. presented the DCMC report. John discussed several topics including the election of a DCMC and their alternate by the DCMs in their December meeting. He also discussed the upcoming re-districting committee that will re-draw and re-organize some districts within Area 55. This work once the committee forms in early 2020 they are hoping to bring results to the assembly by summer 2020. Currently due to issues with the new ERP system at GSO, all registrars have been locked out of the prior system, donations are delayed in posting and no updates can be made presently. The next meeting will be 12/15/2019 11:30am @ the Senior Center prior to the Area Assembly. Respectfully submitted, John C., DCMC.

District 1: Deborah A.

No report.

District 2: Betsy G.

Betsy G. reported briefly on District 2. She announced that Vern M. will be the new Alt. DCM for District 2 as Betsy enters her role as Panel 70, Area 55 Recording Secretary. They are also working on the workshop being held at Riverpoint Ministries on 2/1/2020. Respectfully Submitted, Betsy G., DCM, District 2.

District 3: Dave G.

Sherry S., Alt. DCM, District 3, provided a report. They are looking to work towards a single meeting place and location each month instead of the rotating schedule. Their workshop was successful, however hoping for more attendance from those not currently involved in service work. Respectfully Submitted, Sherry S., Alt. DCM District 3.

District 4: Tim D.

Tim D. presented the meeting minutes from the combined District 2/4 meeting in November. They have candidates for DCM and Alt. DCM for their election in December 2019. They have worked out some of the issues with disruptions within meetings that had been occurring due to sober living bringing residents to meetings without education of how to present themselves within a meeting. Next meeting, 12/11/19 7pm @ Faith United Methodist Church. Respectfully submitted, Tim D., District 4 DCM.

District 5: Melanie R.

Melanie advised they had no attendance at their last district meeting, Jim F. will be stepping in January 2020 as the new DCM and no alternate has been selected at this time.

District 7: Mike M.

Mike M., DCM, District 7, provided the report. Bill G. will be taking over as DCM in January 2020. They are in the investigation stages of attempting to put a bus trip together for the 2020 International Convention on Friday only. They will meet further on this to study feasibility. Next meeting will be at Central Office 11/21/19 6pm. Respectfully submitted, Mike M., District 7 DCM.

District 8:

Chris C., Area Recording Secretary announced, that he and Jennifer H. were working to attempt to put a district meeting together on 12/7/19, 1230pm @ Way Public Library. This meeting would be held to elect a new DCM for District 8 and all groups within the district whether they had a GSR or not were welcome to send representation to this meeting.

District 9: Charlie H.

Charlie H. provided a report to the DCMs. His work has been to travel to meetings throughout the district and attempt to pull a district meeting together at this time. One meeting in Napoleon had closed and was looking to possibly re-open in a new home. No word on when their first district meeting will be held.

District 10:

District 10's DCM sent a report of an issue of a sign up sheet for a class on how to administer Narcan being passed around in meetings and not knowing how to address the issue at hand. This was all to report,

District 11: Ron S.

Ron S. provided the report. He introduced Bonnie S. as his incoming DCM for 2020. They had 4 members attend the meeting at Dry Haven, however none were from Fostoria. They are working to establish a consistent day and time for meetings that will be held in the future. Next meeting 12/12/19 7pm. St John's UCC in Tiffin. Respectfully submitted, Ron S., District 11 DCM.

District 14: Chrissy M.

Chrissy M., DCM presented the report. Chrissy announced she will be serving another two years as DCM since she completed the prior DCM's term. She also introduced her new alternate DCM, Jeff G. The Christmas and New Year's Alkathons will be held at Grace Church in Lima, Christmas will go from 6pm

Christmas Eve through Midnight Christmas night. New Year's Eve will go 6pm to 2am New Year's Day. Sign-ups for a two hour block can be done via limadist14@gmail.com. They are asking if groups would be willing to purchase Big Books for Allen County Correctional to facilitate a meeting behind the walls. The next district meeting will be 12/12/19 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. Henry discussed first the current issues with software in New York not allowing the Registrar to access information nor Henry to access contribution totals for Q3 and more than likely Q4 2019. The Registrar may have to send group update forms by mail to GSO directly for updates until completed. The Trustee's Committee on Literature has tabled the agenda item for AA Comes of Age II until the Feb 2, 2020 meeting. This item may still be on the agenda for the 2020 General Service Conference. There is an abridged version of the Big Book being released on DVD in ASL format. He discussed the final results of the 2019 Ohio State Convention. The excess funds were split 4 ways and each Area received approximately \$383. The current budget for attendance at the International Convention is 50,000. There was concerns with the fire marshall regarding moving of staff to another floor at GSO for safety reasons. The sales of Our Great Responsibility have fallen dramatically at this time. Henry noted December will be his final report as Area Delegate. Respectfully submitted, Henry C., Panel 68, Area 55 Delegate. Alternate Chair-Finance Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Jim S. requested a motion to decide where \$55.67 from the monthly assembly basket is to be sent. Linda N. made a motion to send to GSO. Seconded by Mary Beth D. -GSR, Warm Heart Serenity. The motion failed with one in favor. Tim D. made a motion we keep the basket funds here at the area level. Seconded by Karen W.-GSR, Perrysburg Staying Sober. Motion passed via substantial unanimity.

NEW BUSINESS

Ynda C. advised new accessibility lists were available on the table. There was note of the 1st mini-conference planning meeting on 11/23/19 10am at Central Office. There was a request to print General Service Responsibility books for District 5.

A motion was placed on the floor by John C. to vote at the November meeting for updating the area guidelines where we will rotate the Alternate DCMC into the DCMC position instead of holding an election for DCMC in December. It was seconded by Tim D. The vote was 38-1 to decide this matter today.

A 2nd motion was placed by John C. that the Alternate DCMC rotates in after the DCMC term expires and this be added to the Area Guidelines effective immediately. Tim D. seconded the motion. The motion passed 42-0.

Jim S. made a motion to have \$383.56 from our proceeds from the Ohio State Convention be donated to GSO. Chris C., Panel 68 Area 55 Recording Secretary seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Marty C. -GSR, New Hope made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Ynda C. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM, closing with the Responsibility Statement.

Next GSR Assembly Meeting will be held on December 15, 2019 at 1:00 PM at the Senior Center. Chris C. will read Tradition 12, Tim D. will read Concept 12. Districts 2/4 will handle clean-up after the assembly.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris C., Recording Secretary Panel 68, Area 55, NW Ohio/Southern Monroe County Michigan