

GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY
Area 55, Panel 68 NW Ohio & Monroe Michigan
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Meeting Minutes for December 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. Jocelyn P. read the Mission Statement. Chris C. read the 12th Tradition and Tim D. read the 12th Concept. Area 55 Panel 68 officers were introduced: Carrie C. – Mailing Secretary (not present), Chris C. – Recording Secretary, Kimbrough P. – Registrar, Kenney A. - Treasurer and Henry C. - Panel 68, Area 55 Delegate. The Area 55 Panel 70 officers were also introduced: Sherry S. - Alternate Delegate/Area Chair, Jim S. -Delegate, Chris C. -Treasurer, Jennifer H. -Registrar and Karen W. - Mailing Secretary. Present were 27 GSRs, 6 Alternate GSRs, 7 DCMs, 4 Alternate DCMs, 1 Past Delegate. New members serving the assembly are as follows: Dion M. - GSR, Starlight; Jocelyn P. - Alt. DCM, District 3; Sarah T. - GSR, Reno Beach; John C. - GSR, Kenwood and Vern M. - Alt DCM, District 2. Past Delegate Ron S. 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 November 2019 Assembly Minutes.. Wendy H. - GSR, Oregon Time For Us, made a motion to accept with corrections. Tim C. - GSR, Came to Believe, seconded the motion. Motion carried with no opposition.

Treasurer: Kenney A. / treasurer@area55aa.org

*In November, **4.88%** or 15 of the 307 registered Groups in Area 55 made contributions. Year-to-date, **30.61%** or 94 Groups contributed. **Is your Group supporting Area 55 General Service?***

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

Beginning Balance as of 10/31/2019: \$7600.01, Income \$1,300.23, Expenses \$1154.56, Ending Balance 11/30/19: \$7,745.68.

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

Prudent Reserve: Beginning Balance 10/31/2019: \$3,003.08, Interest \$0.05, Ending Balance 11/30/19 \$3,003.13

Mini Conference: Opening Balance \$2,000.00, Expenses \$225.00 (online transfer to general fund)
Ending Balance \$1,775.00

Tim D. - DCM District 4 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 reported all commitments are being met. Karen is working with the area archivist to complete a high level inventory at this time. They are discussing the idea of changing the meeting day due to a new member's home group being on Mondays. Next meeting January 27. 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. Dawn and Geno F. will be chairing the corrections committee starting in 2020. Beth provided a current list of commitments with their locations and times. She also provided a list of contacts for all commitments at this time. Next committee meeting will be 12/17/2019 5:30pm @ Central Office.

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

Dave F., incoming chair provided the report. He reported on the success of recent events attended by the committee. He discussed that they took inventory of what pamphlets they had available and those that were needed. They discussed the dual responsibilities with the prospective committee members as well. Next meeting will be 12/18/19 5pm @ Central Office.

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

Wendy H., announced that the December meeting was cancelled, however she did have the monthly financial report. Their next meeting will be 1/13/20 6pm @ Tim Horton's on Navarre.

Wendy presented a financial report for November 2019:

Beginning Balance: \$267.85, Expenses: \$277.98, Income: \$134.50, Ending Balance 11/30/19: \$123.77

Tim D. made a motion to approve, seconded by Jocelyn P. Motion carried unanimously. Respectfully Submitted, Wendy H., Grapevine Co-Chair.

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

No meeting was held in December. John C. will be the new committee chair Next committee meeting will be 1/19/20 10am at Black Kite Coffee. Respectfully Submitted Robert W., Group Services Chair.

Accessibilities: Ynda C./ accessibilities@area55aa.org

Matt A. provided the report. Next meeting will be 1/13/2019, 630pm @ Central Office. Respectfully Submitted, Matt A.

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

Nathan K., incoming chair, provided the report. There was an outage on the website for 48 hours due to host equipment failure. The web host will provide invoices to the webmaster, whom then in turn will provide to the treasurer. The NOCYPAA committee meeting info was updated. The schedule has been updated on the site based on information provided by districts as well as Central Office staff. New events have been posted to the area calendar. The 2020 General Service budget was posted under the service guidelines page on the website. Next meeting will be 1/20/19 at 10am at Black Kite Coffee in Toledo. Respectfully submitted, Nathan K., Web Committee Chair

Intergroup Liaison: Betsy G.

Intergroup held their elections on 12/14/2019: All positions were filled un-opposed. The officers and chairpersons/vice chairpersons are as follows. Tim D. - Chairperson, Kevin B. - Vice Chairperson, Lori C. - Treasurer, Beth P. - Secretary. The Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs are as follows: Anniversary-Kimbrough P., Chair; Melissa M. - Vice Chair; Children's Christmas Party-Pam H., Chair; Victoria P., Vice Chair; Entertainment-Corey B., Chair; Chris S., Vice Chair; Finance-Bridget B., Chair; Jocelyn P., Vice Chair; Hospital-Don K., Chair; No Vice Chair at this time; Newsletter-Richard B., Chair; No Vice Chair at this time. The newsletter committee had to request \$200 from the Intergroup Association to cover production costs. It was approved unanimously. Next meeting will be 1/25/2019 at 630pm, Faith Lutheran Church.

Newsletter Liaison: Tarik K.

No report.

NOCYPAA Liaison: Nathan K.

Nathan provided a brief report for the assembly. Adam K. was elected NOCYPAA chairperson with Melissa M. being elected co-chair at this time.

MONCYPAA Liaison: Logan T.

No report at this time.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER ("DCM") REPORTS

DCM Chair: John C.

Kimbrough P., Incoming DCMC provided the report. It was discussed that they would elect an alternate DCMC at the January meeting. It was also discussed that John C. will be heading the re-districting committee. It is the hope of this committee to complete this process by June 2020 at this time. The DCMs chose to elect a district committee secretary, electing Betsy G. to this position. The next DCM meeting will be held on 1/19/20 at 1130am prior to the area assembly. Respectfully submitted, Kimbrough P., Panel 70 DCMC.

District 1: Deborah A.

Deborah is rotating out and we current will not have a DCM serving District 1 at this time.

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. Betsy will stay on as DCM of District 2. 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.

Dave G. provided his final report. He reported that Tarek K. has been elected DCM, with Jocelyn P. serving as his alternate. They will now meet the 1st Saturday of the month at the Oregon Municipal building for their district meeting. Respectfully Submitted, Dave G. DCM District 3.

District 4: Tim D.

Tim D. presented the meeting minutes from the combined District 2/4 meeting in December. They have elected Linda N. as DCM for Panel 70 and Bridget B. - Alt. DCM. They are in the process of hosting the workshop with District 2 on 2/1/2020. This will cover responsibilities at the group level and at the area level. Respectfully submitted, Tim D., District 4 DCM.

District 7: Mike M.

Bill G. provided the report. They have elected a new alternate DCM as Bill will be the panel 70 DCM. Greg D. from Whitehouse Wednesday/Friday will be the alternate DCM. This is all they have to report at this time. Respectfully submitted, Bill G., Panel 70 District 7 DCM.

District 8:

Chris C., Area Recording Secretary announced; that he and Jennifer H. held a district meeting on 12/14/2019. Two groups attended and they will hold a 2nd meeting on 1/11/2019 1230pm @ Way Public Library. Respectfully Submitted, Chris C. Panel 68 Recording Secretary.

District 11: Ron S.

Bonnie S., incoming DCM provided a brief report. They discussed they are working to find an alternate DCM for the district. They will continue to meet in Tiffin at this time on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Respectfully submitted, Bonnie S., Panel 70 District 11 DCM.

District 14: Chrissy M.

Chrissy M., DCM presented the report. They continued to advertise the Christmas and New Year's Eve alkathons at this time. They are keeping the location of their district meeting, however they are moving it to the 4th Thursday of the month at 6pm. So their next meeting will be 1/23/20 at 6pm. Respectfully Submitted, Chrissy M., District 14 DCM.

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

Henry C., Panel 68, Area 55 Delegate, presented his final report to the assembly. There has been a request for writings for the pamphlets AA for the Older Alcoholic and Cooperation with the Elder Community. The deadline for submissions will be 1/15/2020. The ASL DVD of the Big Book is now available. There is an ASL DVD of Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions as well at this time. There has been a restructuring of the communication services department at GSO to help ease communication and to increase effectiveness. Henry then went into his farewell as the Panel 68 delegate. He thanked the GSRs, DCMs, and all whom have assisted him during his two years as delegate. He expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve Area 55 and Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole in this capacity. He also thanked his officers that served with him the last two years and is forever grateful for the opportunity to be the area's trusted servant.

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

OLD BUSINESS

The next two Mini Conference planning meetings are 1/4/2020 and 1/18/2020 both 10am at Central Office

Jim S. requested a motion to decide where \$53.00 from the monthly assembly basket is to be sent. Tim D. made a motion we keep the basket funds here at the area level; seconded by Wendy H. Motion passed unanimously.

The Accessibility is still testing the needs of ASL translated meetings in the area. This is something that continues to be tested.

NEW BUSINESS

It was announced that Betsey G. has submitted her resignation to serve as Panel 70 Recording Secretary.

Linda N. placed a motion on the floor to elect a new Recording Secretary at the assembly today. It was seconded by Jocelyn P. The motion failed 18 in favor 15 against due to failing to meet substantial unanimity. There was no minority opinion expressed.

Nate K. placed a motion on the floor to table the election till the January assembly. Jim S. seconded the motion. It carried unanimously and nominations will be taken at the January assembly for a new recording secretary. Chris C. will fill the role on an interim basis while starting his duties as area treasurer.

In the area guidelines it read that the DCMs will meet quarterly. An amendment was proposed for the guidelines which states: The DCM meeting is held at least quarterly, but may meet more often if the DCMs decide it is necessary. There will not be a meeting in March due to the mini-conference. A motion to approve the verbiage was made by Tim DeRan, seconded by Nathan K. It was approved unanimously.

It was mentioned to save the date for Aug 20-22 2021 for the 65th Ohio State Convention as well as the East Central Regional Conference.

Jim S. requested permission to investigate purchasing two replacement printers as well as a replacement laptop for the area. Jocelyn P. made a motion to provide the permission, seconded by Larry B.,-GSR, Sunday Serenity.

Cheryl D. requested clarification regarding the 2020 General Service Assembly Calendar.

Chrissy M. brought up concerns from her district regarding being forgotten by the area as may have occurred in the past. She said she wants to be sure the area provides needed support when necessary to the districts, especially the outlying districts.

Dave F. questioned if International Convention Flyers were available.

Lee J.-GSR, Eastside 12x12 discussed prior issues regarding district support briefly.

Tim D. made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Nathan K. Motion carried. **Meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM, closing with the Responsibility Statement.**

Next GSR Assembly Meeting will be held on January 19, 2020 at 1:00 PM at the Senior Center. Linda N. will read Tradition 1, Wendy H. will read Concept 1. District 3 will handle clean-up after the assembly.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

