

GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY
Area 55, Panel 68 Northwest Ohio & Southeast 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. Sherry S., Area 55 Chairperson, opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. Michael M. read the Mission Statement. Linda N. read the 1st Tradition and Wendy H. read the 1st Concept. Area 55 Panel 70 officers were introduced: Karen W. – Mailing Secretary, Vacant– Recording Secretary, Jennifer H. – Registrar, Chris C. - Treasurer and James S. - Panel 70, Area 55 Delegate. Present were 27 GSRs, 6 Alternate GSRs, 7 DCMs, 4 Alternate DCMs, and 1 Past Delegate. New members serving the assembly are as follows: Gail W. -GSR, SST; Rachel W.-GSR, Trail Group; Sarah T.-GSR, Reno Beach Sobriety; Jocelyn P. - Alternate DCM, District 3; Victoria P. - GSR, Oregon Time for Us; Ashley S. - GSR, Guides to Progress; Laurie E. -GSR, Missions for Traditions; Patience K. - GSR, Life's Good; and Mike M. - DCM, District 16. Past Delegate John C. introduced himself. Intergroup Chairperson Tim D. introduced himself.

Recording Secretary: Vacant / 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 December 2019 Assembly Minutes. Corrections were noted and George C. - GSR, Live and Let Live, made a motion to accept with corrections. Gary M. - GSR, Downtown Group, seconded the motion. Motion carried with no opposition.

Treasurer: Chris C. / treasurer@area55aa.org

*In December, **16.04%** or 29 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 A., Panel 68 Treasurer, presented the report for December 2019. It follows below:

Beginning Balance as of 11/30/2019: \$7,745.68, Income \$1,755.25, Expenses \$2,369.88, Ending Balance 12/31/19: \$7,131.05.

East Central Regional Conference: \$3,000 (Seed Money for 2021 East Central Regional Conference), Expenses: \$1,500 (deposit to Radisson UTMC for 2021 Ohio State Convention/East Central Regional Conference), Ending Balance of Seed Money, \$1,500.00

Prudent Reserve: Beginning Balance 11/30/2019: \$3,002.73, Interest \$0.05, Ending Balance 12/31/19 \$3,002.78

Mini Conference: Beginning Balance 11/30/2019: \$1,775.00, Expenses \$63.00, Income: \$0.00, Ending Balance 12/31/2019: \$1,712.00

Billy S. - Archives Chair made a motion to approve the report. Nathan K. - GSR, Tuesday Night Young Peoples seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

Archives: Billy S. / archives.chair@area55aa.org /

Billy S., Archives Committee Chair, provided a report. All current commitments are being covered at this time. He explained the work to find a way for a member whom does not drive to do recorded interviews. The Archivist provided a report of her duties and working to catalog and determine how to properly store and insure the archives as well as to find additional space for archival material. They are working to determine the value of some of the items and proper insurance for these items. Respectfully submitted Billy S., Archives Chairperson and Deborah A., Area Archivist. Next meeting January 27. 2020 7:30pm @ Tim Horton's in Oregon.

Multi-District Correctional: Dawn F. & Geno F. / corrections.chair@area55aa.org /

Geno F., Corrections Co-Chair, provided the report for the December meeting. They are currently working on starting the PRIA certification process for those going to meetings inside CTF as well as the area prison to work towards allowing those members in as well as giving the ability for the commitments to be rotated every three months which is their goal. They have 10 additional potential members at this time whom have expressed interest and they are working to submit applications to complete background checks and PRIA training for these members. There has been some commitments that have been dropped including OhioLink. Stryker does not want the committee back at this time after the 2 prior members stopped going. There are three facilities being attended by non-committee members at this time, Paulding Correctional, ACI in Lima and Wood County Jail. Respectfully submitted Geno F., Corrections Co-Chair. Next committee meeting will be 1/21/2020 5:30pm @ Central Office.

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

Dave F., CPC/PI Chairperson provided the report. He reported on two committee meetings for laying the groundwork of the committee into 2020. The committee is reviewing the CPC/PI kit notebook for their work. Their emphasis is going to be as our kit states that we simply have the message for recovery regarding alcoholism. There have been pamphlets ordered for use by the committee at this time. Respectfully Submitted, Dave F., CPC/PI Chair. Next meeting will be 2/19/20 5pm @ Central Office.

Grapevine: Wendy H. / grapevine.chair@area55aa.org /

Wendy H., Grapevine Chair provided the report. They had 4 present at the January meeting and are working to find further committee members to be able to rotate the commitments amongst the members. They have 6 total members at this time, and all commitments have been met. Their next meeting will be 2/10/20 6pm @ Tim Horton's on Navarre.

Wendy presented a financial report for December 2019:

Beginning Balance: \$123.77, Expenses: \$103.00, Income: \$115.00, Ending Balance 12/31/19: \$135.77

Respectfully Submitted, Wendy H., Grapevine Chair

Jocelyn P. - GSR, Oregon St. Charles made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Linda N. It was approved unanimously.

Group Services: John C. / groupser.chair@area55aa.org /

John C., Group Services Chairperson, provided the report. The meeting was held 1/19/2020 10am at Black Kite Coffee in Toledo. Two committee members were present. Scott G. has agreed to co-chair the committee with John. They are working to build a group of drivers for transporting equipment to their various commitments. Respectfully Submitted, John C., Group Services Chair.

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

Ynda C., Accessibilities Chairperson, provided a brief report. The meeting that is currently offering ASL translation is at the Waterville Group. This occurs the 1st Monday of each month at this meeting. She requested the committee funding of \$100 to cover the costs of interpretation services for this monthly meeting. Next meeting will be 2/10/2020, 630pm @ Central Office. Respectfully Submitted, Ynda C., Accessibilities Chairperson.

Website: Nathan K. / web.comm.chair@area55aa.org /

Nathan K., Website Committee Chairperson, provided the report. Tim D. joined the committee as a new member. The information for districts 1, 3 and 11 has been added to the site. The sidebar was updated with no assembly in March as well as election of a recording secretary at the January 2020 meeting. The 2020 Mini Conference registration was added to the website. There were 3,817 unique visitors, 1.54 pages visited per visitor and 61,524 pages visited in December. Next meeting will be 2/9/2020 at 10am at Black Kite Coffee in Toledo. Respectfully submitted, Nathan K., Web Committee Chair

Intergroup Liaison: David G.

David G. provided his first report as Intergroup Liaison. The anniversary committee is investigating sites for the 2020 event including Glass City Boardwalk. The Finance committee will be holding the annual Chili Cook-Off on 1-25-2020. They will also be holding a Valentine's Day dance on 2/15/2020. It will be a \$5 suggested donation with a spaghetti dinner available for an additional cost. There is currently an ad hoc committee reviewing the Association By Laws at this time that will have its first meeting in January 2020. Next meeting will be 1/25/2020 at 630pm, Faith Lutheran Church.

Newsletter Liaison: Vacant

No report.

NOCYPAA Liaison: Nathan K.

Nathan K., NOCYPAA Liaison, provided a brief report for the assembly. The January Dodgeball event had 10 teams enter with the winners being Team Executioners and Team Keeping It Spiritual as runners-up. Their next event will be February 29, 2020 at Church of St. Andrew United Methodist 3620 Heatherdowns Blvd. Toledo OH 43614. It will be a game night and will go from 430p-9pm. Their next committee meeting is 1/26/2020, 3pm @ Central Office.

MONCYPAA Liaison: Logan T.

Logan was unavailable for the assembly; however, he did provide a report by email. The committee was not awarded the convention. They have reformed as MONCYPAA Plus due to their membership throughout the area. He is chairing a volunteer committee for the 2020 International Convention in Detroit. They are hosting a volunteer fair from 1pm-4pm @ Cobo Center (now known as TCF Center) in Hall H, flyers are now available. Respectfully Submitted, Logan T., MONCYPAA Liaison.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER (“DCM”) REPORTS

DCM Chair: Kimbrough P.

Kimbrough P., DCMC presented a report. The committee has tentatively selected September 12, 2020 for our next Unity Day, and plans are in the works at this time. Several items were discussed during the district reports including again starting a district calendar so conflicts in scheduling can be avoided. During the meeting they elected Linda N. as the new alternate DCMC for Area 55. The next DCM meeting will be held on 2/9/20 at 1130am prior to the area assembly. Respectfully submitted, Kimbrough P., Panel 70 DCMC.

District 3: Tarek K.

Tarek Kadri reported. So they can support the district 2/4 workshop, they will move their district meeting for February to 2/8/2020 930am at the Oregon Municipal Building. Respectfully Submitted, Tarek Kadri, DCM District 3.

District 4: Tim D.

Linda N., DCM District 4, presented a report regarding the February 1 workshop at Riverpoint Ministries in Point Place on 2/1/2020. They will open the doors at 8am, donuts and coffee for breakfast. There will be two presentations. The first will be on group responsibilities to the area committees (Corrections and H&I). The 2nd will be on group responsibilities, and presented by Jim S. and Chris C. Their next meeting will be 2/5/2020 7pm at Faith United Lutheran Church in Toledo. Respectfully submitted, Linda N., District 4 DCM.

District 7: Bill G.

Bill G. provided the report. They have put together a one day bus trip for the 2020 International Convention on for Friday July 3, 2020. The cost will be \$35 per person and 56 seats available. Further information is available at AAtoledo.com. Respectfully submitted, Bill G., District 7 DCM.

DELEGATE’S REPORT: James S. / delegate@area55aa.org

Jim S. presented his first report as Panel 70 Delegate. Jack R., Panel 36, Area 55 Delegate passed on January 4, 2020 and a memorial was sent from the area as a final thank you for the service to Area 55. There will be a volunteer fair on 2/8/2020 at TCF Center in Detroit for the international convention. For those whom can’t make it there will be a website to sign up for volunteering as well. The Conference of Delegates Past/Present will be held February 14-16 in Novi Michigan. We offer \$100 to past delegates to assist with their expense presently. If there is a level 2 or 3 Snow emergency in Lucas County, we will reschedule any Mini Conference planning meetings. The Mini Conference meeting will be held March 6/7 2020 at First United Methodist Church in Bowling Green, OH. The registration form can be used to register, to provide donations, to request scholarships as well. He has requested past delegate John C. chair an Ad-Hoc committee on re-districting. He has asked Area Chair Sherry S. to chair a committee on updating the guidelines. There is a save the date flyer available for the 2021 Ohio State Convention and East Central Regional Conference. It will be at the Radisson UTMC, Toledo OH, August 20-22, 2021. Our theme will be Our Great Responsibility. Respectfully submitted, James S., Panel 70 Area 55 Delegate.

OLD BUSINESS

The next two Mini Conference planning meetings are 2/8/2020 and 2/22/2020 both 10am at Central Office. The agenda will hopefully be set on 2/22/2020 for the Mini Conference and we are inviting all DCM's, committee chairpersons whom have committees in the mini conference structure as well as area officers to assist in this process.

Sherry S. requested a motion to decide where \$43.00 from the monthly assembly basket is to be sent. Linda N. made a motion we keep the basket funds here at the area level; seconded by Larry B. Motion passed unanimously.

The floor was opened for nominations for the Panel 70 Area Recording Secretary. Kimbrough P. nominated Jocelyn P., whom accepted the nomination. John C. nominated Rachel W., she declined. Chris C. nominated Tim D., whom accepted the nomination. Joe K. nominated George C. Service resumes were presented. The requirements for the position were read. It was stressed if serving in multiple positions you only have one vote available. A quorum was established to determine the 2/3 majority (30 votes based on 44 voting members). The first vote count was George 22, Jocelyn 16, Tim 3 out of 41 votes cast. The 2nd vote was George 26, Jocelyn 14, Tim 0. Due to receiving no votes by our 3rd legacy procedure Tim D. will be withdrawn from the vote. The 3rd vote rendered substantial unanimity with George receiving 27 votes, Jocelyn 13 votes out of 40 total. George C. will serve as the Panel 70, Area 55 Recording Secretary.

NEW BUSINESS

John C. requested consideration that we increase the contribution towards the past delegates attending the CDPP Conference in February to allow them to participate and perhaps to have their further involvement in the assembly as a whole. This will be reviewed by the ad-hoc committee as part of the area guidelines.

There was a note made about the corrections committee being referred as multi-district. All committees that serve the Area under general service assist all districts.

Tim D. brought two points that currently there is a by law committee from intergroup reviewing the meeting. He also brought up this is the business meeting of our area where our monthly business and reports are conducted.

Billy S. suggested compiling a list of men and women to help people whom do not drive attend the area mini-conference in BG. This was taken under advisement.

Geno F. made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Billy S. Motion carried. **Meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM, closing with the Responsibility Statement.**

Next General Service Assembly Meeting will be held on February 9, 2020 at 1:00 PM at the Senior Center. Sarah T. will read Tradition 2, Patience K. will read Concept 2. Inner City group will handle clean-up after the assembly.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris C., Recording Secretary Panel 68, Area 55, Northwest Ohio/Southeast Michigan