

GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY

Area 55, Panel 70 NW Ohio & Southeast Michigan
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Only GSRs, DCMs, (GSR/DCM 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. Business conducted normally requires substantial unanimity to pass (2/3 vote on most items).

This meeting was held via Zoom Teleconference, Meeting ID 813-7037-7856, Password 100. 28 people were present on the video conference including 4 Panel Officers plus the Area Delegate. 1 Past Delegate was present. 23 other participants were present, including 13 GSR's, 0 Alternate GSRs, 3 DCM's, 0 Alternate DCM's, 1 current DCMC, 4 Area 55 Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs, and 2 guests.

MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 15, 2021

Sherry S, Area 55 Chairperson, opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. followed by the Serenity Prayer. Patty B, GSR – Living Sober, read the Mission Statement. Karen W, Mailing Secretary – Area 55 Panel 70, read Tradition Eight. Mandy F, GSR – Raising the Bottom, read the Eighth Concept. Panel 70 officers were introduced.

New GSR's/Alternate GSR's: No New GSR's or Alternate GSR's

New DCM's/Alternate DCM's: No new DCM's or Alternate DCM's

Past Delegates: John C, Past Delegate – Area 55 Panel 66

Approval of July Minutes: Sherry S, Alternate Delegate and Assembly Chair, presented the July 18, 2021, minutes. There were no corrections. Larry S, GSR – Eastside 12x12, moved to approve the July 2021 minutes as presented; seconded by Bill G, DCM – District 7. The motion carried unanimously, with one abstention, and the July 18, 2021, minutes were adopted.

Please note: Committee meeting minutes and District reports 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.

Approval of July Treasurer's Report: Chris C, Treasurer, presented the Financial Report for July 2021:

Operating Account: Beginning Balance 7/1/21: \$8,415.59 Income: \$1,686.43; Expenses: \$912.52; Ending Balance 7/31/21: \$9,189.50.

Prudent Reserve: Beginning Balance 7/1/21: \$3,003.53; Interest: \$0.05; Ending Balance 7/31/21: \$3,003.58.

Area 55 Mini Conference: Beginning Balance 7/1/21: \$2,000.00; No income or expenses; Ending Balance 7/31/21: \$2,000.00.

July Assembly Basket: \$5.00

July Group Contributions: \$1,224.93

Mary Beth D, Committee Chair – CPC/PI, moved to adopt the July 2021 Treasurer's Report; seconded by Sheryl D, GSR – Open Minded. The motion passed unanimously, and the July 2021 Treasurer's Report was adopted.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

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

No report was given.

The Archives Committee meets the 4th Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m., Tim Horton's – 2621 Navarre Ave; Oregon, OH; although may be suspended during the Coronavirus pandemic.

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

Dawn F, Committee Co-Chair, gave a verbal report and submitted a written report. The Committee met on July 28 with 4 members present. The Committee attended 3 of 4 Driver Intervention Program commitments. Central Office has assigned groups to cover the remaining DIP commitments for 2021. These group commitments are now posted at area55aa.org, and now there is no limit to the number of people that can attend from the group. The Lucas County Corrections Center (Jail) was contacted in May about returning to in-person meetings, and the LCCC will contact the committee when they can return. For CTF-Men, 7 men and 3 women completed required PREA training on July 13th to take meetings in person. The committee had a meeting with the CTF-Men, and 5 men attended August 5 and 1 attended August 12. For CTF-Women, there have been 20 women attending each week since the meetings were made mandatory. The committee restarted in-person meeting for CTF-Women on July 26. Work Release has not been open and there is no known date for it reopening. For the Toledo Correctional Institution (TCI-Prison), they reported having enough literature. DVDs were dropped off at TCI on July 31. Also at TCI, there are three meeting spots per week reserved for A.A. (1 Monday and 2 on Wednesday). The Committee is in the process of getting its members processed for approval at TCI. The Committee reported that District 14 is covering meetings at the Allen-Oakwood Correctional Institution (AOOI) held on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. The next meeting of the Multi-District Corrections Committee will be August 25th at 6:30 p.m. at Central Office.

The Multi-District Correctional Committee has changed their meeting time. The Committee will now meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.; the Committee may meet at an alternate location – for more information, visit area55aa.org.

CPC/PI: Mary Beth D / cpc.pi@area55aa.org

Mary Beth D, Committee Chair, gave a brief report and submitted a written report. The Committee met on July 18 at Central Office with 3 members in attendance. The Committee is presenting September 8 at the resident lecture through the current chief resident for the Internal Medicine program at the University of Toledo, which will take place at Toledo Hospital. This contact at the University was developed through the education coordinator at this health system. The committee is working on contacts with students' associations through the University of Toledo so that they can be reached with A.A. information. Rescue Crisis is now closed. As of July, the Zepf Center was awarded The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) allowing them to implement the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) model for care delivery. This CCBCH is a 'one-stop shop' for mental health, substance use treatment, and other health care services; and it ensures access to 24/7/365 crisis care. The Committee has reached out to the Chief Recovery Officer at the Zepf Center. The Committee is pursuing contact with professionals that run the Oxford Houses of Ohio. There are several recovery houses ran by Oxford in Area 55. The Committee has also contacted the ProMedica Employee Assistance Program, which has several locations, to provide A.A. information and presentations to its clients/employees. The Committee is also looking to present to the International Employee Assistance Professionals Association – Greater Toledo Chapter, which covers Toledo, Fremont, Findlay, and Southeastern Michigan. At the next meeting of the CPC/PI Committee, reports will be given on Probation department contacts, public service announcements, and PSA letters and e-mails for Radio and TV PSA's. The next meeting of the Committee will be August 18, 2020, at 5:30 p.m., at Central Office.

The CPC/PI Committee meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 5:30 p.m., at Central Office.

Accessibilities: Matt A / accessibilities@area55aa.org

No report was given.

The Accessibilities Committee meets the 2nd Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m., at Central Office; although may be suspended during the Coronavirus pandemic.

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

Wendy H, Chair, gave a brief report. The Committee did not meet in July; however, they attended the Living Sober and Brothers & Sisters in Sobriety group anniversaries.

June Financial Report: Beginning Balance \$99.25, \$11.00 in book Sales; Ending Balance: \$110.25

Sherry S, Chairperson, Area 55 Panel 70, moved to adopt the June Grapevine Financial Report; seconded by Wendy S, GSR – Ottawa Open Discussion. The motion carried unanimously, and the June financial report was adopted.

The Committee met on August 9, at 6:00 p.m., at Rudy's Hot Dog on Monroe Street with 3 members attending. The Committee was asked to attend the Port Clinton anniversary but did not have anyone to attend. The Grapevine has a new publisher. There is also a new Grapevine book, *Prayer & Meditation*, will be released in September.

July Financial Report: Beginning Balance \$110.25, no income or expenses; Ending Balance \$110.25

Larry S, GSR – Eastside 12x12, moved to adopt the July Grapevine Financial Report; seconded by Chris C, Treasurer – Area 55 Panel 70. The motion carried unanimously, and the July financial report was adopted.

The next Committee meeting will be September 13th, at 6:00 p.m., at Rudy's Hot Dog on Monroe Street.

The Grapevine Committee meets the 2nd Monday of each month, 6:00 p.m., Rudy's Hot Dog on Monroe Street.

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

John C, Chair, gave a brief report. The Committee met July 26th at 6:00 p.m. at Central Office. The Committee discussed contacting groups to make sure the Group Information Change Form is filled out correctly, and to offer any help and assistance with groups reopening back up. The Committee asked DCMs to assist in contacting groups. The next Committee meeting will be August 23rd, at 6:00 p.m. at Central Office.

The Group Services Committee meets the fourth Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at Central Office.

Website: Lisa C / web.comm.chair@area55aa.org

Lisa C, Committee Chair, gave a brief report and submitted a written report. The Committee met Tuesday, August 3rd at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom with four members present. The Committee discussed ongoing meeting changes to online and in-person meetings, and making sure groups use the proper channels and forms to notify the Area of meeting changes. The group also discussed online groups that utilize the shared Area 55 Zoom accounts, that the shared services may end December 31, 2021.

*The Website Committee has **rescheduled** their meetings to the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at Zoom meeting ID 273-332-805, password 830.*

Northwest Ohio/Southeast Michigan Intergroup: David G, Intergroup Liaison, gave a brief report. The Intergroup Association of Northwest Ohio & Southeast Michigan met on Saturday, June 26 via Zoom. The Intergroup is still looking for Vice Chairmen for the Finance and Newsletter Committees. Melanie R recently accepted the Vice Chair position for the Anniversary Committee. The next meeting of Intergroup will be Saturday, July 24 via Zoom.

NOCYPAA Liaison: Connor G (Northwest Ohio Committee of Young People in AA)

Connor G, NOCYPAA Chair, gave a brief report. NOCYPAA had an event and bonfire meeting yesterday (August 14) as a kick-off event for the Committee organizing to place a bid to host the OYPAA (Ohio Young People in AA) State Convention. Currently the bid committee has 15 members and are working on hotel arrangements for the bid packet. The Committee is also working on a skit and trivia night that will be presented at the 65th Ohio State Convention (virtual). NOCYPAA's last business meeting was August 8, at 3:00 p.m., at Central Office; and the next NOCYPAA business meeting will be Sunday, August 22nd, at 3:00 p.m. at Central Office.

MONCYPAA Liaison: Logan T

No report was provided.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER (“DCM”) REPORTS

DCM Chair: Kimbrough P, District Committee Member Chair

Kimbrough P, DCM Chair, gave a brief report. The District Committee Member meeting was held at 11:30 a.m. today via Zoom. Reports were given from District 3, District 7, District 4, and District 16. District 3 will be hosting a workshop and picnic on September 11 – flyers will be coming soon. District 4 will have a live in-person meeting September 8th at 7:00 p.m. District 14 (Lima Area) will start meeting monthly rather than quarterly and is also planning a workshop on *The Doctor’s Opinion*. Unity Day is being planned for either September 25 or October 2 – The DCM Committee is still looking for a venue. The DCMs are working with the Area Group Services Committee to reach out to groups to make sure meeting information is correct. District 14’s Singleness of Purpose is having their annual “Wing-Ding” August 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

District 7: Bill G, DCM – District 7, gave a brief report. Metamora Lean on Me will be having a “Hobo Dinner” on September 18 at 5:30 p.m.; flyers will be posted.

District 14: Chrissy M, DCM – District 14, gave a brief report. The district will be discussing donating excess funds in the district treasury.

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

Jim S, Delegate – Area 55 Panel 70, provided the Delegate’s Report.

65th Ohio State Convention: Area 55 is hosting this free online/virtual event August 20-22, 2021. Registration is free and can be done at area55aa.org. Once you are registered, you will receive a confirmation e-mail with the Zoom ID numbers and attachment. The program is available on the Area website. Over 120 members are registered so far. The Planning Committee has done an excellent job in preparing for this convention.

7th Tradition Donations to the General Service Office: GSO is requesting that groups who make a 7th Tradition donation include an e-mail address if possible. Providing the e-mail address allows the GSO to provide an electronic group contribution acknowledgement and will save on postage cost.

East Central Regional Forum: The *Virtual* East Central Regional Forum will be held November 19-21, 2021. Registration will open October 25, and you can access the registration at aa.org.

71st General Service Conference Final Report: Due to COVID, there has been a delay in publishing the Final Report.

72nd General Service Conference Agenda Items: Agenda items must be received by the General Service Office by September 15, 2021. If you, your group, your district, or our area has an agenda item, please let Jim know. There is a form created to utilize in sending an agenda item request.

GSO Staff: The General Service Office is accepting applications for staff positions until September 30, 2021.

Notable Passing: John G, Past Delegate for Area 19 Panel 45, passed August 11, 2021. Also, please keep Area 55 Panel 68 Past Delegate Henry C in your thoughts and prayers – his wife and our friend Gerri C passed August 11, 2021.

OLD BUSINESS

Sherry S brought back from the table the discussion regarding the Downtown Group closing and its efforts to potentially have the Area sponsor the Christmas Day and New Year’s Day events previously sponsored by the Downtown Group. After discussion, no action was taken by the Area.

There was \$25 collected for today’s Assembly basket. Larry Sharp, GSR – Eastside 12x12, moved to keep the \$25 in the Area 55 operating funds; seconded by Wendy H, Committee Chair - Grapevine. The motion carried unanimously, and today’s basket of \$25 will be kept in the Area 55 general operating fund.

NEW BUSINESS

Tim D, Registrar – Area 55 Panel 70, brought up a discussion about streamlining a process between Area 55, its Registrar, the website, and Central Office, regarding meeting changes. Discussions are ongoing regarding sharing information.

NOCYPAA Chair Connor G updated the Assembly regarding a previously approved donation to NOCYPAA to attend the 2021 ICYPAA Convention in New Orleans. The ICYPAA Convention has been canceled, so no money is requested to attend.

NEXT GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: September 19, 2021, 1:00 pm the Senior Center (corner of Jefferson Street and 23rd Street; Toledo, OH)

The Mission statement will be ready by Joan S, GSR – Maumee 12x12.

Tradition 9 will be read by Chris C, Treasurer – Area 55.

Concept 8 will be read by Chrissy M, DCM – District 14.

Tim D, Registrar – Area 55 Panel 70, moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Bridget B, DCM – District 4. The motion carried unanimously, and the Assembly adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

George C

Recording Secretary

Panel 70, Area 55 - Northwest Ohio & Southeast Michigan