

GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY

Area 55, Panel 72 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 at the Senior Center; 2308 Jefferson; Toledo, OH 43604. 34 people were present including 3 Panel Officers, 1 Area Delegate, 1 Alternate Delegate, 3 Past Delegates, 12 GSRs, 0 Alternate GSR, 6 DCMs, 0 Alternate DCM, 1 current DCMC, 6 Area 55 Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs, and 2 guests.

MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 16, 2022

Kimbrough P, Area 55 Chairperson, opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. followed by the Serenity Prayer. John C, Past Delegate, read the Mission Statement. Karen W - Registrar, read Tradition One, George C – Alternate DCMC, read the First Concept. Panel 72 officers were introduced.

New GSRs/Alternate GSRs: Dave F, GSR – Wayne Group; Chelsey B, GSR- BG AM,
Lori C, GSR – Reno Beach

New DCMs/Alternate DCMs: Kenny A, DCM – District 5; Larry B, Alt. DCM – District 9;
Kalen C, DCM-District 6; Bonita F, DCM- District 14

Past Delegates: John C, Past Delegate – Area 55 Panel 66; Henry C, Past Delegate – Area 55 Panel 68; Jim S, Past Delegate – Area 55 Panel 70.

Approval of November Minutes: Melanie R, Recording Secretary, presented the December 19, 2021, minutes. There were no corrections. John C, Past Delegate, moved to approve the December 2021 minutes as presented; seconded by Wendy S, Ottawa Open Discussion. The motion carried unanimously, and the December 21, 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 December Treasurer's Report: Chris C, Treasurer, Pro Tem presented the Financial Report for December 2021:

Operating Account: Beginning Balance 12/1/21: \$9,118.60 Income: \$1,554.18; Expenses: \$1,784.31; Ending Balance 12/30/21: \$8,888.47.

Prudent Reserve: Beginning Balance 12/1/21: \$3,003.78; Interest: \$0.05; Ending Balance 12/31/21: \$3,003.83.

Area 55 Mini Conference: Beginning Balance 12/1/21: \$2,000.00; Income \$280.00; Expenses \$50.99; Ending Balance 12/30/21: \$2,229.01.

Group Contributions for YTD. 2021: \$10,112.26 **Total Income Received YTD. 2021:** \$12,600.12

Total Expenses YTD. 2021: 12,150.99

Approx. Excess 2021: \$450.00

December Assembly Basket: \$43.00

December Group Contributions: \$1,281.18

Henry C, Past Delegate moved to adopt the December 2021 Treasurer's Report: seconded Michael C, New Hope. The motion passed unanimously, and the December 2021 Treasurer's Report was adopted.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

Area Archivist: /Deborah A

No report was given in the absence of the chair.

Archives: Eva Slawson / archives.chair@area55aa.org

No report was given in the absence of the chair.

The Archives Committee meets the 3rd Monday of each month, 6:00 p.m., at Central Office.

Multi-District Correctional: Kenneth G/ corrections.chair@area55aa.org

The report was not given at this time. The report will be given February 20, 2022, the committee's meeting wasn't until January 19, 2022.

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. at Central Office; the Committee may meet at an alternate location – for more information, visit area55aa.org.

CPC/PI: Michael D / cpc.pi@area55aa.org

The committee has not yet met. Michael will meet with MaryBeth prior to the scheduled meeting to discuss the previous two years. **Next meeting (s) January 19 and February 16, 2022.**

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

Grapevine: Lisa C / grapevine.chair@area55aa.org

Starting balance: \$276.00; Book Sales: 0 Book orders: \$205.25; Ending balance: \$70.75

Discussed dropping Lavina literature to Trail Community Center (Belinda), Contact Central Office for correct posting of the Grapevine committee (completed), Reviewed Grapevine Handbook, Discussed how to recruit committee members for Grapevine, Rough draft flier for Central Office to distribute announcing what Grapevine is available for as well as inviting AA members to join the committee, Zero commitments completed and zero commitments to date, Motion for dollars for \$ to add for subscription inventories for sharing for groups and committees for share.

The committee is purchasing 10 books @2.50 to sell to members.

A motion was made by K.Pauli F, Warm Heart Serenity, to accept the financial report; seconded by Jim S, Reno Beach. The motion passed unanimously, and the January, 2022 financial report was adopted.

Next meeting for Grapevine is February 9, 2022, Wednesday, 5:45 p.m., 12x12 Eastside.

The Grapevine Committee meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 5:45 p.m., Eastside 12x 12

Accessibilities: Larry S / accessibilities@area55aa.org /

No report was given in the absence of the chair.

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.

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

We had no committee meeting on December 27, 2021, due to a schedule conflict. We attended the Amazing Grace Anniversary on January 1, 2022; Open Minded on January 9, 2022 and will attend Warm Heart Serenity on January 25, 2022. We are actively seeking committee members currently. **The next meeting will be Monday, January 24, 2022, 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: Bill G / web.comm.chair@area55aa.org

The following changes have been made to area55aa.org: updated events page, <https://area55aa.org/upcoming-events> and calendar, <https://area55.org/calendar>, added the mini-conference online registration <https://area55.org/mini-conference-registration>, Financial Reports <https://area55aa.org/financial-reports>, Group Information Change Form send to Registrar <https://area55aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/infochange.pdf>, copy of minutes was also emailed.

The Website Committee next meeting will be Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom. Meeting I.D. 595-694-351 password 800

Northwest Ohio/Southeast Michigan Intergroup Liaison: Jim S, Intergroup of Northwest Ohio /Southeast Michigan held elections in December 2021. Chair: Ryan O., Vice-Chair: Lori C., Treasurer: Bridget B., Secretary: Lori N.

Jim will reach out to North Central Intergroup, Fort Wayne Intergroup and Monroe Intergroup to arrange to make contact as they serve groups in Area 55. By contacting these Intergroups we will be able to see how they are being served.

Next meeting for Intergroup January 22, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. Bethel Lutheran Church. Intergroup is meeting in person at this new location from now on.

Newsletter Liaison: Chris S

No report

NOCYPAA Liaison: Carrie C (Northwest Ohio Committee of Young People in AA)

The elections were held, new chair of committee is Brian V. along with co-chair Jeremy E. The Regional YPAA Winter Formal is February 5, 2022, 6:00 p.m. in Dundee Michigan, 460 Riley St. 48131. Next meeting January 23, 2022 at Central Office, 3:00 p.m.

MONCYPAA Liaison: Logan T

No report was provided.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER (“DCM”) REPORTS

DCM Chair: Chrissy H, District Committee Member Chair

5 areas were represented. District 5, no report, District 6 Meetings second Sunday of the month, District 9 meeting February 13, 2022, at the Alano Club in Fulton County, District 14 Meetings are last Sunday of the month, they are bringing skits to the mini-conference. Group started an Outreach Program with St. Ritas/Mercy Health, for any OD's on alcohol or drugs to be contacted in order to 12 step the individual. Next meeting February 20, 2022.

DELEGATE'S REPORT: Sherry S / delegate@area55aa.org

Sherry S, Delegate – Area 55 Panel 72, provided the Delegate's Report.

New York: Received correspondence about a general sharing session in the third quarter where the topic was “the elephant in the room”, the items included are how attendance has dropped off at service events, getting back in touch with virtual groups, feelings of separation, disconnected, apart. Discussion about attendees bypassing their delegates with agenda items. Other parts of the world are experiencing the same issues of members feeling disconnected from their groups, not enough Board members or volunteers. “How can we find those G.S.R.'s and other trusted servants?” What's our plan to rebuild after the pandemic?

The data base was converted and is now complete as the Fellowship Connection.

Redistricting Ad-Hoc Committee: Jim S, immediate past Delegate, was ask to Chair this committee. The committee's focus is rebuilding our area. Sherry has asked the Group Services, Registrar, District Committee Member Chair and the District Committee Members to assist in this process.

2022 Mini Conference: The Mini-Conference planning continues. The conference is being held at Providence Lutheran Church on Airport Highway

Contributions: General Services Office (G.S.O) contributions are down. There are new envelopes to take today with the new mailing address for your group's contributions; share with your home group members at your next group conscience or with your group's treasurer.

Conference of Delegates Past Delegates: Sherry S – Delegate Panel 72; Kimbrough P- Alt. Delegate Panel 72 will be attending this conference along with John C February 11-13, 2022, in Appleton, WI

OLD BUSINESS

Collection: There was \$34.00 collected for today's Assembly basket. Larry B-GSR, moved to keep the \$34.00 in the account, seconded by John C, Past Delegate- Panel 66. The motion carried unanimously.

Ad-Hoc Committee to update Area 55 Guidelines: Recommendation from John C-Past Delegate, Panel 56 to hold off revising guidelines until the redistricting is finished. Kimbrough P- Alt. Delegate, Chair, Panel 72 agreed with this recommendation.

Prudent Reserve Increase: Jim S, Past Delegate Area 55, Panel 70. Recommended the Prudent Reserve be increased to \$5,000.00. Discussion reviewed to the body of the need of the increase. Motion made by Jim S, Past Delegate Area 55, Panel 70, seconded by Henry C, Past Delegate Area 55 Panel 68. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

John C, Past Delegate Area 55, Panel 66- Discussed the amount of monies that are needed to send our delegate, alt. delegate and past delegates to conferences. The guidelines were reviewed, and an error was found regarding this matter. The minutes from February 9, 2020 clarified the confusion. The guideline will be corrected.

The dates for the Mini-Conference Planning Meetings are January 22, February 5, and February 19, 10:00 a.m. at Central Office.

NEXT GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: February 20, 2022, 1:00 pm the Senior Center (corner of Jefferson Street and 23rd Street; Toledo, OH)

The Mission statement will be read by K. Pauli F- GSR.

Tradition Two will be read by Wendy H, DCM District 3.

Concept Two will be read by Bonita F, DCM District 14.

Cleanup for the February meeting will be Reno Beach Sobriety.

John C, Past Delegate – Panel 66, moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Bill G, Website Chair. The motion carried unanimously, and the Assembly adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melanie R

Recording Secretary

Panel 72, Area 55 - Northwest Ohio & Southeast Michigan