

# 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. 38 people were present including 3 Panel Officers, 1 Area Delegate, 1 Alternate Delegate, 2 Past Delegates, 18 GSRs, 2 Alternate GSR, 6 DCMs, 0 Alternate DCM, 0 current DCMC, 1 Alt. DCMC, 6 Area 55 Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs, and 2 guests.

## MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 20, 2022

Kimbrough P, Area 55 Chairperson, opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Mission Statement was not read. Wendy H- DCM District 3, read Tradition Two, Chris C-Chair Group Services and Pro Tem Treasurer, read the Second Concept. Panel 72 officers were introduced.

**New GSRs/Alternate GSRs:** Carrie C, GSR – West Group; Troy D, GSR- New Beginnings, Mary M, GSR – Slice of Serenity, Eva S, GSR- Live & Let Live

**New DCMs/Alternate DCMs:** Sparky A, DCM 16

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

**Approval of January Minutes:** Melanie R, Recording Secretary, presented the January 16, 2022, minutes. There was one correction. Change “November” to “December.” Eva S, Live & Let Live, moved to approve the January 16, 2022, minutes as presented; seconded by Mary M, Slice of Serenity. The motion carried unanimously, and the January 16, 2022, minutes were adopted.

*Please note: Committee meeting minutes and District reports may also be submitted electronically by e-mail to [Recording.Secretary@area55aa.org](mailto: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 January Treasurer’s Report:** Chris C, Treasurer, presented the Financial Report for January 2022:

**Operating Account:** Beginning Balance 1/1/22: \$8,888.47 Income: \$2,422.68; Expenses: \$4,853.70; Ending Balance 12/31/21: \$6,457.45.

**Prudent Reserve:** Beginning Balance 1/1/22: \$3,003.83; Interest: \$0.05; Ending Balance 1/31/22: \$5,003.88.

**Area 55 Mini Conference:** Beginning Balance 1/1/22: \$2,229.01; Income \$655.00; Expenses \$42.22; Ending Balance 1/31/22: \$2,841.79.

**Group Contributions for YTD. 2022:** \$2,168.68 **Total Income Received YTD. 2022:** \$2,422.68

**Total Expenses YTD. 2022:** \$4,853.70

**Approx. Excess 2021:**

**January Assembly Basket:** \$34.00

**January Group Contributions:** \$2,168.68

Jocelyn P, Oregon St. Charles moved to adopt the January 2022 Treasurer’s Report: seconded Carrie C, West Group. The motion passed unanimously, and the January 2022 Treasurer’s Report was adopted.

## **COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS**

**Archives:** /Eva S / [archives.chair@area55aa.org/](mailto:archives.chair@area55aa.org)

The committee met January 17, 2022. The committee received the Archives Workbook from our delegate Sherry S, to review for guidance. Contributions of items from various groups are being looked at. Displays have been taken to events throughout the Fellowship. Groups are updating their histories for them to be put in a “group history binder.” **Next meeting is February 21, 2022.**

**Area Archivist:** / Deborah A / [archives.chair@area55aa.org](mailto:archives.chair@area55aa.org)

*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/](mailto:corrections.chair@area55aa.org)

No report.

*The Multi-District Correctional Committee has changed their meeting time. The Committee will now meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://area55aa.org).*

**CPC/PI:** Michael D / [cpc.pi@area55aa.org](mailto:cpc.pi@area55aa.org)

There were two reports submitted for January 19, 2021, and February 16, 2022.

In January the committee has reached out to UPMC Psychiatry, Internal Medicine, and UPMC departments. Michael will contact Midwest to introduce himself and reinforce meeting etiquette. Discussion of the Zepf Center, decided that they are more interested in A.A. meetings. ProMedica EAP contacts will be pursued. Letters will be drafted for email introductions for the various probation contacts in Area 55. Specific legal contacts and PSA's are ongoing. Multi-Faith Council will be contacted regarding a presentation.

February – UPMC Psychiatry and Internal Medicine were sent email introductions and were asked if they would like a presentation this year. A list of contacts was compiled, the committee will select individuals to contact. Michael sent email introductions to Midwest and Zepf Center. Ongoing with ProMedica EAP and local hospital systems for presentations and introductions. Reviewed draft letters for email introductions to probation contacts in Area 55. Finalize letter next month and email contacts. Specific Legal contacts, PSA's and Multi-Faith Council are still ongoing. Looked at agenda items for the Area 55 Mini-Conference.

**Next meeting March 16, 2022, Central Office, 5:30 p.m.**

*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](mailto:grapevine.chair@area55aa.org)

**Finance Report:** Starting balance: \$70.75; Book Sales: \$ 21.50 Book orders: \$21.25; Ending balance: \$71.00

Motion to Accept: Henry C, Past Delegate; Seconded by: Jocelyn P, Oregon St. Charles.

The committee met on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, 5:45 p.m. Eastside 12x12. No members present. Co-chair Nancy C utilized time to recruit potential committee members. Two people joined the committee. There are 9 current members. A flyer was completed to let groups know about the purpose of the committee; flyer sent to Central Office for distribution to groups. One commitment for an anniversary has been completed.

**Next meeting for Grapevine is March 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](mailto:accessibilities@area55aa.org) /

No report was given. Kimbrough P, Alt. Delegate informed the body of Larry S resigning from the Chairperson position. Kimberly A has accepted the position of the Chairperson.

*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](mailto:groupser.chair@area55aa.org) /

The committee met on January 24, 2022, 6:00 p.m. at Central Office. Chris C was the only one in attendance. The meeting was over at 6:15 p.m. The committee is currently seeking committee members at this time. Anyone interested contact Chris at the website or call 419-343-2543. We met our commitment at Warm Heart Serenity Anniversary in January and our next current commitment is the Area 55 Mini-Conference, March 4-5, 2022.

**The next meeting will be Monday, February 28, 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](mailto:web.comm.chair@area55aa.org) /

Committee discussed the importance of groups filling out the Group Information Change Form. The form can be found at the website under Services>Information for GSR's and submitting them to the webmaster, Wendy S, to assist in keeping group information updated and accurate. Area 55 Registrar Karen W explained what information she needs to submit to New York when registering or updating a groups information. Updated events page. Notices have been sent to groups using Area 55 sponsored Zoom accounts. Meeting information has been updated.

Hit Stats for Website: Unique Visitors- 3,691; Number of Visits- 6,528 (1.76 visits/visitors); Pages Viewed- 8,714 (13.43 pgs. Per visit).

**Next meeting, March 1, 2022, Tuesday, at 6:00 p.m.**

*The Website Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom. Meeting I.D. 595-694-351 password 800*

**Northwest Ohio/Southeast Michigan Intergroup Liaison:** Jim S

The newsletter cost has changed. Mail subscription is \$15.00, Email subscription is \$5.00. A list was sent out for the Group Responsibilities from Central Office. I made copies to pass out, so take the list back to your group and talk to your group about it. If your committee is in the newsletter, it is your responsibility to make sure the information is correct. Donations for Central Office were up in 2021, they took in \$38,079.29. The donations to Intergroup were \$8,010.51 in 2021. Ryan O, Chair of the Intergroup Association of NWOHio / SEMichigan, was contacted by Jim regarding tables for their committees at the upcoming Area 55 Mini-Conference.

**Next Intergroup Meeting is February 26, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. Bethel Lutheran Church.**

**Newsletter Liaison:** Chris S

No report

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

The meeting was held January 23, 2022. Ice Cream Social for the Area 55 Mini-Conference was brought up. A vote was taken, the committee will do the function. We need the time and particulars for our duties to do the ice cream social.

Next event will be Dodgeball in April; details to follow.

**Next meeting February 27, 2022, Sunday 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

George C, Alternate DCMC gave the report in Chrissy's absence. They met today at 11:30 a.m. 10 people in attendance, 6 districts represented. A welcome to two new DCM's, Greg D, DCM District 7 Southwest, Ohio/ Swanton area and Sparkie A, DCM District 16 Oak Harbor/Port Clinton area. District 3 is preparing for some future workshops in June, also looking at some picnics in August. District 14, Lima area will be attending the Area 55 Mini-Conference to present a skit.

Friday, March 4, at 4:00 p.m. there will be a General Service Representative and District Committee Member workshops presented. There are 17 total districts in our area and only 8 districts are represented. We would like for all of you to talk about having a GSR or DCM that represents their area. It is important every member in AA, in any group across the area has a voice in this area as well in this assembly and structure.

**DELEGATE'S REPORT:** Sherry S/ [delegate@area55aa.org](mailto:delegate@area55aa.org) / (419) 309-0637

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

On January 22, 2022, I attended a virtual breakfast for the East Central Regional Seated Delegates (14 of us) and the Trustee Cathi C and was not able to attend the area's mini conference planning meeting due to the conflict of events. Kimbrough conducted the meeting and did a wonderful job.

I attended a virtual Treatment and Accessibilities Committee Meeting on Feb. 4, 2022, where I met other committee members, the Chair of T&A and our secretary assigned by GSO to support the T&A committee.

I attended two virtual delegates only meetings on Feb. 8-9, 2022. Each night was a 2-hour event where delegates gave a brief introduction to the body prior to the conference in New York.

I attended a virtual meeting with my conference buddy on Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>. She is a Panel 71 Delegate from North Coastal California. Kimbrough P, Alt. Delegate, John C, past Delegate and I traveled to Appleton, WI on February 11-13, 2022, for the Conference of Delegates Past and Present (CDPP). This conference is held annually at rotating locations to allow the seated delegates an

opportunity to participate with a review of a “mock” committee agenda item from committee discussion through the floor reporting process. The seated alternate delegates observe and become familiar with the process used during the General Service Conference as well. I gave my 2-minute talk regarding our Area’s current strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. On Feb. 15, 2022, the agenda items background was uploaded for printing. It contained over 968 pages that had to be reviewed prior to the last mini-conference planning meeting. The last Mini-Conference Planning Committee Meeting was held at Central Office. Area 55 Mini-Conference will be held March 4-5, 2022, at Providence Lutheran Church, 8131 Airport Highway, Holland, Ohio. NOCYPPA has agreed to dish up the ice cream at the Mini-Conference. District 14, Lima, Ohio “A.A. Follies “is presenting a skit.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Collection:** There was \$49.75 collected for today’s Assembly basket. Jocelynn P, Finance Chair moved to donate the \$49.75 to the Mini-Conference account, seconded by Jim S, Past Delegate. The motion carried unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Group Change Form must have a contact for their group and an email address of that contact is required. It does not have to be the GSR.

The registrar printer is outdated and needs to be thrown away. Kimbrough P, Alt. Delegate, requested a new printer to be purchased, the cost will be \$179.00. Motion made by Eva S, GSR and seconded by Jim S, Past Delegate. Henry C, Past Delegate, opposed the motion. Discussion.

George C, Alt. DCMC- George requested \$100.00 to purchase pamphlets for the DCMC and the Alt. DCMC to pass out when attending the districts in the area. Motion moved by Jim S, Past Delegate, Seconded by Henry C, Past Delegate.

The elected treasurer has been unable to assume the duties of the position. The body requested the Delegate to contact the treasurer and inform him of the decision to hold a special election to fill this vital position. Motion was made by Eva S, Live and Let Live, seconded by Melissa T, Trail Group, the motion carried.

Finance Committee, Intergroup Association- Chair Jocelyn P, informed the body that they will be attending the General Service Assembly meetings to make literature accessible to the groups for purchase. Groups may also order them from Central Office and the order can be delivered to the General Service Meeting for them to pick up

### **NEXT GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: APRIL 10, 2022, 1:00 pm the Senior Center (corner of Jefferson Street and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street; Toledo, OH)**

The Mission statement will be read by K. Pauli F- GSR Warm Heart Serenity  
Tradition Three & Four will be read by Troy D - GSR New Beginnings  
Concept Three & Four will be read by George C, Alt. DCMC  
Cleanup for the April meeting will be Living Sober and Warm Heart Serenity  
Motion was made to adjourn the meeting. George C made the motion, seconded by unknown

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie R  
Recording Secretary,  
Panel 72, Area 55 – Northwest Ohio & Southeast Michigan