

# GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY

Area 55, Panel 72 NW Ohio & Southeast Michigan  
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This meeting was held at the Senior Center; 2308 Jefferson; Toledo, OH 43604. 46 people were present including 3 Panel Officers, 1 Area Delegate, 1 Alternate Delegate, 3 Past Delegates, 26 GSRs, 2 Alternate GSR, 3 DCMs, 0 Alternate DCM, 1 current DCMC, 1 Alt. DCMC, 5 Area 55 Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs, and 1 guest(s), Audit Committee-2

## MEETING MINUTES FOR July 17, 2022

Kimbrough P , Area 55, Alt. Delegate Panel 72, Chairperson, opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Mission Statement was read by George C Alt. DCMC, Eva Slawson, Live and Let Live, read Tradition Six and Seven, Chris C , Perrysburg Staying Sober, read Concept Six and Seven. Panel 72 officers were introduced.

**New GSRs/Alternate GSRs:** Sheila W , Holland Steps to Change, GSR; Kellie S , Womens Road to Recovery, GSR; Ashley S , Guides to Progress, GSR; Amy H , Maumee Sunday Night, GSR; Shannon(unknown), Friday Night Big Book; Nikki H , Holland Steps to Change, Alt. GSR

**New DCMs/Alternate DCMs:**

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

**Approval of May Minutes: In absence of** Melanie R , Recording Secretary, George C presented the May 15, 2022, minutes. Dave F , North End Group GSR moved to approve the May 15, 2022, minutes as presented; seconded by Mike H , New Hope GSR.

The motion carried unanimously, and the May 15, 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.*

Letter read by Larry B , Treasurer, Area 55, Panel 72 to indicate that an audit was performed by himself, Jackie B and Kevin B . The audit covered the period of 1/2021 through 5/2022. The total adjusted amount found due to discrepancies in the financial accounts was \$552.94, which has been credited to the account; accounts are currently balanced.

**Approval of May 15, 2022, Treasurer's Report:** Larry B , Treasurer, presented the Financial Report for May and June 2022.

**Operating Account:** Beginning Balance: 4/30/22: \$6,160.51 Income: \$1,742.27; Expenses: \$2,091.61; Ending Balance: 5/31/22: \$5,811.17.

**Prudent Reserve:** Beginning Balance: 4/30/22: \$5,004.01; Adjustment: \$1.15 Interest: \$0.04; Ending Balance: 5/31/22: \$5,005.56.

**Area 55 Mini Conference:** Beginning Balance: 4/30/2022 \$2,000.00; Income: \$0; Expenses: \$0; Ending Balance: 5/31/22 \$2,000.00

**Group Contributions for YTD. 2022:** \$6,837.05 **Total Income Received YTD. 2022:** \$9,566.14

**Total Expenses YTD.:** \$13,256.38

**Approx. Excess 2021:** 0

**May Assembly Basket:** \$ 52.75

**May Group Contributions:** \$1,136.58

**Motion to accept the financial report made by:** Henry C [redacted], Past Delegate, Seconded by Wendy H [redacted], DCM  
**Approval of the month of June, Treasurer's Report:** Larry B [redacted], Treasurer, presented the Financial Report for June 2022.

**Operating Account:** Beginning Balance: \$5,811.17; Income: \$928.71 Expenses: \$770.50 Ending Balance: \$5,969.38  
**Prudent Reserve:** Beginning Balance: 6/1/2022 \$5,005.56; Interest: 6/30/2022 0.04; Ending Balance: 6/30/2022 \$5,005.60.

**Area 55 Mini-Conference Account:** Beginning Balance: 6/1/2022 \$2,000.00; Income: \$0; Expenses: \$0; Ending Balance: \$2,000.00

**Group Contributions for YTD. 2022:** \$7,695.76 **Total Income Received YTD. 2022:** \$10,494.85

**Total Expenses YTD.:** \$14,026.88

**Approx. Excess 2021:** 0

**June Assembly Basket:** \$0.00

**June Group Contributions:** \$928.71

**Motion to accept the financial report made by:** Henry C [redacted], Past Delegate, Seconded by Jenny K [redacted] GSR, Living Sober,

## **COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS**

**Accessibilities:** / Bev Z [redacted] / [accessibilities@area55aa.org/](mailto:accessibilities@area55aa.org)

**Meeting May 18, 2022.** 8 members were present. Meeting to change to the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in the month. Discussed Unity Day. Saturday Zoom meeting might be hosted by Tim D [redacted]. Bev brought up idea of asking 2 of the regular attendees of that meeting to join the committee and share the host role.

**Meeting June 22, 2022,** Members present 6, 1 guest Tim D [redacted]. Tim D [redacted] suggested having the CPC/PI committee to see if they want to do a presentation to Wolfcreek. The shut-in list that is given to groups is to be kept confidential. Members of the committee are not to give transportation to the shut-ins because of the liability that would be involved to General Service Committee. It is not the role of the members in this committee. Looking into interpreters signing for the deaf or hard of hearing. Unity Day will be covered by 3 of the members. Zoom Meeting at 2:00- Reno by the Lake, the committee unanimously decided not to host this meeting. Tim D [redacted] reported that the 3 members who regularly attend, agreed to be chair/host and keep the meeting going.

**Next meeting: July 27, 2022, 5:30 p.m. at Memorial United Church of Christ, 1301 Starr Ave. Toledo**

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

Commitments are set up for displays of the archives for September 16<sup>th</sup>, the Starlight Group Anniversary and October 15<sup>th</sup> for the 82<sup>nd</sup> AA Anniversary Dinner/Dance. Meeting met May 16 and June 20, 2022. The committee reviewed their purpose and processed items that were donated by the family of a deceased AA member. Currently seeking contact information for AA's in Area 55 who have 30 or more years of sobriety so that they may be interviewed for the archives. Asking groups to update their history's considering the challenges of COVID pandemic.

**Next meeting is July 18, 2022, 6:00 p.m. at Central Office.**

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

May report: **Driver Intervention:** Lisa K [redacted] provided updates. One major change: there will be one time per month where DIP will be held at the Holland Courtyard Marriott. The remainder will be held at Rossford Courtyard Marriott.

Driver Intervention is always Saturdays 8-9 p.m. **International Zoom Meeting:** If interested in learning about corrections service work the zoom meeting ID# is 239 990 5603 pw: 765110, First and last Sunday at 6:00 p.m. other Sundays at 11:00 a.m. **CTF:** Men- Thursday 7-8pm, Women- Monday 7-8pm; **Lucas County Jail:** Men- Monday 7-830pm, Thursday 8-930pm, Women – Thursday 7-830pm, Saturday 12-130pm **Wood County Jail:** Men – Monday 630-730pm, Women – Monday 630-730pm not be covered at this time, need women.

New contact person for TCI is Ms. Rochelle Johnson 419-726-7977 ext. 63314. PREA Training has some members still waiting for approval. Monday meeting will be starting up soon in June. Kenneth went over the rules of the Correctional Committee. Situation occurred and Sherry S [redacted], Delegate, informed the committee that she needs to be informed immediately.

**Next meeting June 15, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at Central Office**

**June report: no report received via email as requested.**

*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) /

No report.

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

**Grapevine:** Lisa C / [grapevine.chair@area55aa.org](mailto:grapevine.chair@area55aa.org) /

The meeting was on June 8, 2022, at Eastside 12x12

Discussed completed commitments 1, Discussed who will attend future commitments 3

Next meeting July 13, 2022, 5:45 p.m. at Eastside 12x12

The meeting was on July 13, 2022, at Eastside 12x12

Discussed completed commitments 3 (thanked members for service). Discussed one up and coming commitment for volunteering. Reviewed Unity Day date and what the Committee's part will look like. Thanked Nancy for attending both zoom meetings.. Followed up and thanked Belinda for dropping off LaVina to Aurora Gonzalas Community Center

Finance Report: (May and July 2022) Starting balance: \$211.25; Book Sales: \$ 59.50 Book orders: 101.50; Ending balance: \$169.25

Motion to Accept: Henry C , Past Delegate; Seconded by: David F GSR, North End

Starting Balance: \$169.25; Book Sales: \$75.00; Book Orders: \$163.29 Ending Balance: \$80.96

Motion to accept: Mary M GSR Women's Slice of Serenity; Seconded by Henry C , Past Delegate

**Next meeting for Grapevine is August 10, 2022, at Eastside 12x12**

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

**Group Services:** Chris C / [groupser.chair@area55aa.org](mailto:groupser.chair@area55aa.org) /

Met on May 23, 2022, and June 27, 2022, at Central Office.

The committee is actively seeking to find new committee members. There is no sobriety requirement to be on the committee currently.

The Committee has a commitment at the anniversary for Perrysburg AM on July 23<sup>rd</sup> as well as Unity Day in Bowling Green, Ohio.

The Committee has also reached out to a new meeting to a group located at the Zeph Center, Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., as well as a 10:30 a.m., Tuesday morning meeting which the Committee has no content information for at this time.

Group Services will be assisting the Intergroup Association with a video projector set up for the 82<sup>nd</sup> AA Anniversary Dinner/Dance on Oct. 15, 2022, at Providence Lutheran Church.

**The next meeting will be July 25, 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) /

No report. Did not receive reports via email as requested.

*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

Upcoming Events: 82<sup>nd</sup> AA Anniversary is Oct. 15, 2022. Intergroup picnic is September 10, 2022, at the IBEW Hall in Rossford, OH. Pig Roast was July 16, 2022.

**Next Intergroup Meeting is May 21, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. Bethel Lutheran Church, 1853 South Ave. Toledo, Oh**

**Newsletter Liaison:** No Liaison. Carrie C gave an update. Contact for newsletter is: [area55news@gmail.com](mailto:area55news@gmail.com)  
August issue is finished. September is Service Work and October is 12 Step Recovery

**NOCYPAA Liaison:** Carrie C (Northwest Ohio Committee of Young People in AA)  
Business Meeting for June 12, 2022, and July 10, 2022

Finalizing hotel options and the bid booked. Member bio's, hotel contract and getting our bid skit video edited. Flier for the Day at the Bay. Bid for OYPAA, attending sober-burning man this weekend and doing the yard games portion of the Sahara boaters' weekend on August 19-21, 2022 at Kelly Island, Ohio. OYPAA 39 is August 12-14, 2022, at Mansfield, Ohio.

**Next meeting July 24, 2022, Sunday 3:00 p.m. Central Office**

**MONCYPAA Liaison:** Logan T No report was provided.

## **DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER ("DCM") REPORTS**

**DCM Chair:** Chrissy H , District Committee Member Chair

**Alt. DCM:** George C

6 districts represented. Discussed Unity Day; Need to have a check in the amount of \$90.00 to enclose with the contract for the church cost. Will need reimbursement for mileage. Groups updates, you must have your email addresses and a contact person listed, any questions contact Karen W , Registrar, Panel 72.

District 3 is having a picnic on September 10, 2022.

**Next meeting August 21, 2022 @11:30 a.m.**

## **DELEGATE'S REPORT:** Sherry S / [delegate@area55aa.org](mailto:delegate@area55aa.org) /

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

The North/South Connection was held on July 16th. Pre-registration was required. This event included Canada, the United States, Chili, and Argentina participants. It was in ASL, English, French, and Spanish speaking languages. The topic was Extending the Hand pf A.A. to Remote Communities.

- A conference update related to the processing costs between mailed in and online contributions was received. Due to labor costs processing mail in contributions is \$5.60 compared to the cost of \$2.93 for online contributions.
- Trustees reviewed the 2022 Advisory Actions and committee recommendations at the July Board meeting.
- At the end of May contributions and literature sales were both at roughly 43% of the projected budget. The costs of goods, supplies, labor and shipping continue to rise. Jan. to May was 53% of the 2022 budget. Overall costs are 49% of gross sales with a budgeted target of 40%.
- About 2,000 literature orders where shipped. Backorders were filled as literature became available.
- Self-support online contributions account for 22% of total contributions in 2022 so far.
  - 54% came from groups
  - 32% came from individuals
  - 13% from areas, districts, intergroups etc
- There are two staff positions available for the General Service Office. For more information, go to [aa.org](http://aa.org).
- Area 55's Unity Day will be held on July 30<sup>th</sup>
  
- The Ohio State Convention is in Worthington OH at the Doubletree August 5-7, 2022. Registration is \$30.00. Deadline for the banquet reservation is July 25<sup>th</sup>. Recovery includes Service, so bring a friend or two.
- The Illinois State and East Central Regional Conference is in Lisle IL August 12-14, 2022. Registration is \$40.00. Mail in registration is closed but you can still register online at [www.aa-nia.org/state](http://www.aa-nia.org/state).
- There will be a virtual writing workshop on Aug. 13, 2022, hosted by Area 54 related to revitalizing the pamphlet "A.A. for the Black & African American Alcoholic. It is a free workshop.
- Deadline for submissions of stories for the 5<sup>th</sup> Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book is Oct. 31, 2022.
- Deadline for submissions of stories for the Spanish 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the Big Book is Dec. 15, 2022

- It's never too early to start planning for the 2025 International Convention to be held in Vancouver CA. Please pass this information on, if you have an entry issue due to past criminal history, you can begin the process of learning what travel requirements you may need to meet before 2025. Details on entry requirements are available at <https://www.cic.gc.ca/english/helpcentre/index.asp>
- Additionally, on the back tables, there are the A.A. Guidelines related to Finance; Area Challenge of \$6.06; Public Service Announcement you can pass out to hospitals, treatment facilities or other institutions.
- Proposed Agenda Items are due by Sept. 15, 2022. Experience suggests that the individual may want to discuss the idea first with their group, then at district or at an area meeting. The district or area can then forward it to the staff member at G.S.O. currently serving as the Conference Coordinator. I have forms available for anyone interested in submitting an agenda item.
- This year's timeline is being impacted by a couple of major circumstances in the category of things we cannot control, including unforeseeable staffing changes that are affecting all projects and timelines in the Publishing Department as well as global supply chain issues. Due to these circumstances, the timelines for the availability of 2022 Conference Final Report, in English, Spanish and French, are adjusted as follows:
  - Digital, anonymity-protected version: mid- to late September 2022.
  - Print version: December 2022/January 2023

The circle and triangle that we are familiar with often has the words Recovery – Unity – Service stamped on one side of a coin. Unfortunately, service is an often-neglected part of the triangle. Some members traveled to Akron for Founder's Day Weekend. An entire weekend devoted to celebrating Recovery and Unity! While in Akron, there were Alcoholics and Non-Alcoholics engaged in Service. Students escorted people around the campus using golf carts. The volunteers love this opportunity to be of service to us alkies. I heard over and over from volunteers how they look forward to Founders Weekend because we are such nice people to serve. Some of the committee members that participate in the program with the scheduling of speakers, giving introductions, housing the speakers, feeding and driving speakers for the entire weekend spend 13 years on this committee going through the various assignments to "put on" this yearly event.

The summer comes and we participate in camping events, bonfire meetings, picnics and other social events, celebrating our Recovery and Unity. We may travel to Lima or Tiffin or Findlay or Bowling Green, Toledo or Monroe on road trips and find district events, ice cream socials or workshops that promote Unity and Recovery. There's always time to participate in these events! They are fun, they are joyful, we are grateful that we have found recovery and we want to celebrate our recovery!

We express our gratitude with full and loving hearts in November when the topic always seems to be gratitude at meetings. I believe gratitude is more than a word meaning the quality of being thankful. Rather, I have come to understand that it is an action; the readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness.

Unity Day was held on July 30<sup>th</sup> at the First United Methodist Church in Bowling Green from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. How many of us were there for a 4-hour workshop focused on Service. We hoped to see you there, we hoped you wanted to join in, we hoped you wanted to celebrate your recovery through service, we hoped you found the time to come to this event. We hoped that in your gratitude for your recovery you became a part of the service structure of A.A. in Area 55. Finally, we hoped you carpoled and brought some friends with you to this event because Recovery includes Service and service IS more fun when you bring friends!

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Collection:** There was \$62.50 collected for today's Assembly basket. John C [redacted], Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 66 made motion to keep at Area 55 to. Seconded by Henry C [redacted], Past Delegate, Area 55 Panel 68. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Wendy H [redacted], District 3, requested seed money of \$300.00 for food at Unity Day. Kenny A [redacted], District 5, made motion to give seed money; Carrie C [redacted], NOYPAA, seconded, the motion carried.

Larry B [redacted], Treasurer, Area 55, Panel 72, recommended that the PayPal accounts be closed and would like the representatives to take this back to the groups.

**NEXT GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: August 21, 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 Karen W , Area 55 Registrar

Tradition Eight will be read by David F GSR, North End

Concept Eight will be read by Wendy H DCM, District 3

Cleanup for the July meeting will be Eastside 12x12

**Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by:** Mary M GSR, Women's Slice of Serenity

**Seconded by:** Wendy S GSR, Ottawa Open Discussion, Webmaster

Closed with the Responsibility Statement; Adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie R

Recording Secretary, Area 55, Panel 72