

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. 58 people were present including 3 Panel Officers, 1 Area Delegate, 0 Alternate Delegate, 4 Past Delegate(s), 40 GSRs, 4 Alternate GSR, 4 DCMs, 0 Alternate DCM, 1 current DCMC, 0 Alt. DCMC, 5 Area 55 Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs, 1 guest(s).

MEETING MINUTES FOR January 15, 2022

Sherry S, Area 55, Delegate Panel 72, (substituting for Alternate Delegate Chairperson), opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Mission Statement was not read; John C, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 66, read Tradition 1; Monica Z, Alt. GSR, New Noon South, read Concept 1. Panel 72 officers were introduced.

New GSRs/Alternate GSRs: Carl C, GSR, Pine Wood Group; Kevin Y, GSR, Navarre Park Group; Jennifer J, GSR, Open Minded; Vanessa S, Alt.GSR, Open Minded; Dan B, GSR, Guides to Progress; Kristin B, GSR, Maumee Thursday Night 12x12; Joni H, Alt. GSR, Maumee Thursday Night 12x12; Robert K, GSR, Life is Good.

New DCMs/Alternate DCMs: none

Past Delegates: John C, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 66; Jim S, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 70; Henry C, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 68; Kelly C, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 56.

Approval of December Minutes: Melanie R, Recording Secretary, presented the December 18, 2022, minutes.

Revision: Larry B, Treasurer, indicated that the "total income" included an amount of \$8,888.00 from the opening checkbook balance, should not have been in that total.

Motion to accept: Dave F, GSR, North End; Seconded by Wendy H, DCM, District 5.

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 20, 2022, Treasurer's Report: Larry B, Treasurer, presented the Financial Report for December 2022.

Operating Account: Beginning Balance: 11/30/2022: \$4,314.94 Income: \$1,590.11 Expenses: \$2,205.28; Ending Balance: 12/31/22: \$3,699.77.

Prudent Reserve: Beginning Balance: 11/30/2022: \$5,005.80; Interest: \$0.04; Ending Balance: 12/31/2022: \$5,005.84.

Area 55 Mini Conference: Beginning Balance: 11/30/2022 \$1,725.00; Income: \$0; Expenses: \$106.60; Ending Balance: 12/31/2022 \$1,668.40.

Group Contributions for YTD. 2022: \$15,222.83**Total Income Received YTD. 2022:** \$28,320.41

Total Expenses YTD.: \$25,233.58

Approx. Excess 2021: 0

December Assembly Basket: \$ 60.00

December Group Contributions: \$1,422.73

December Individual Contributions: \$167.38

Motion to accept the financial report made by: Lynn M, GSR, Warm Heart Serenity

Seconded by: Mary M, GSR, Slice of Serenity

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

The Archives committee did not meet on December 19th due to the upcoming holidays. The committee met the following commitments: New Beginnings November 9th, Open Minded January 8th, Warm Heart Serenity January 24th and Dare to Be Different January 25th, 2023, for group anniversaries.

Next meeting is January 23, 6:00 p.m. at Central Office.

Area Archivist: / Deborah A/ 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

Greg reported that the old business would be recorded today as the same as last month.

The area groups are scheduled through March 2023. All Correctional Committee (CC) member assignments for DIP in January 2023 are completed. Lisa to call/email Talbot to confirm upcoming schedule for January 2023. Thursday night 7:00 p.m. women's Lucas County jail meeting dropped from CC for lack of participation and CC members to assign. CTF, Phil stated the meeting to be going very well. Lucas County jail women's Saturday 2:00 p.m. meeting will continue to be held with Val being the CC assigned to that commitment. Area 55 Mini Conference 2023. The CC will utilize the same format as was used in 2022. Greg will bring the information board to present at the January CC member meeting January 18, 2023, to refresh the CC member's knowledge for this year's participation at the Mini- Conference.

Next meeting: January 18, 2023, Wednesday 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. 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

No report

Next meeting January 18, 2023, 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

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

Finance report as of December 2022/January 2023: Beginning balance \$168.75; Book Sales \$98.73; Book Orders \$0; Ending balance \$267.13.

Motion to accept: Wendy H, DCM, District 5, Seconded by: Carrie C, GSR, West Group

Completed 3 commitments including General Service Assembly. Upcoming commitments, one at Warm Heart Serenity, January 24, 2023. Shared financial report.

Next meeting: February 8, 2023, at Eastside 12x12 at 5:45 p.m.

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

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

We discussed goals for the committee in 2023 and visiting new meetings. Since the last meeting the committee provided sound equipment to Amazing Grace and Open-Minded anniversaries. John C, Jim S visited the new meeting Restoration to Life. This meeting is an open book meeting with 3 home group members. One more commitment at Warm Heart Serenity, January 24, 2023.

The committee is seeking new members, there is no sobriety requirement and would like to see women join for the women meeting's needs.

Next meeting: January 23, 2023, 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

Accessibilities: Bev Z/ accessibilities@area55.org

There are 3 new people on the list and 7 in-person contact. The committee discussed having home groups adopt a shut in; you can send cards, make phone calls, and visits. You do not have to do all three suggestions. This gives more individualized attention. The committee has made several phone contacts. A list will be created of the AA members that are part of the committee. If your group would like to have this list, contact Bev, chair. Remember that this list is to remain confidential, do not pass around with the announcements. Keep among the group members/group conscience.

Next meeting: January 18, 2022, Wednesday

The Accessibilities Committee meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 5:30 p.m. Memorial United Church of Christ, 1301 Starr Ave. Toledo

Website: Bill G/ web.comm.chair@area55aa.org /

The committee is continuing the discussion of the necessary equipment needed to facilitate a hybrid General Assembly Meeting. The Senior Center was going to provide a Wi-Fi extender for possible use to improve internet access in the room we use. A test was going to be conducted at the January Assembly meeting. The next Ad Hoc committee meeting date and time is to be determined.

Next meeting: February 7, 2023, 6:00 p.m. on Zoom

The Website Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom. Meeting I.D. 273-332-805 password 800

Ad-Hoc Committee for Hybrid General Service meeting: No report

Northwest Ohio/Southeast Michigan Intergroup Liaison: Kellie S is the new liaison for both General Service and Intergroup. Kellie S will approach Intergroup to find out if they will accept her position.

Discussion about a joint calendar with the General Service and Intergroup Association so we can possibly prevent events occurring on the same dates.

Newsletter Liaison: vacant

OCYPAA Liaison: No report

MONCYPAA Liaison: vacant

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER (“DCM”) REPORTS

DCM Chair: Chrissy H, District Committee Member Chair

Alt. DCMC: George C, Alt. District Committee Chair

DCM Monthly Report: There were 4 districts represented. Discussed getting a date set and the topics for Unity Day. Discussed the upcoming Mini-Conference.

Next meeting: February 19, 2023

The District Committee Meeting meets at the Senior Center prior to the General Assembly Meeting at 11:30 a.m.

DELEGATE’S REPORT: Sherry S/ delegate@area55aa.org / (419) 309-0637

We are gearing up for the Mini-Conference. There is registration, donations for scholarship and hospitality forms on the table. On the reverse side of the registration form is the scholarship request. A person may ask for full or partial funding, it’s a need basis. I would ask you to take the forms with you to meetings, pass them out and let the groups know that we are having this event.

The Mini-Conference is for the delegate’s preparation to go to New York. Often times when I get back, I hear that New York makes all of the decisions; they decide what the changes will be. Well, New York didn’t change it, we do. We changed the Preamble because either we didn’t go to the Mini-Conference and use our voice to let the delegate know what you were thinking, or we did go to the Mini-Conference and let the delegate know you support the change to the Preamble. This is your opportunity to use your voice. Let your General Service Representative (GSR) and Alt. GSR hear your voice and ask them to carry your voice to the Mini-Conference.

Video of “About Agenda Items” was presented to the Assembly.

OLD BUSINESS

Collection: There was \$60.00 collected for today’s Assembly basket. Motion made to keep in our account by John C, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 66.

Seconded by Kenney A, DCM, District 4. Motion carried.

Ad Hoc Banking Committee Report:

There was a need for more documents from us, that was taken care of. It will be rectified, Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS

John C, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 66, made a motion to create a service piece regarding a Birthday Fund in our area (Area 55) in order to fund sending the delegate to the New York Conference. Seconded by: Eva S, GSR, Live and Let Live.

NEXT GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: February 19, 2023, 1:00 pm the Senior Center (corner of Jefferson Street and 23rd Street; Toledo, OH)

The Mission statement will be read by Kellie S, Women’s Road to Recovery

Tradition 2 will be read by Vanessa S, GSR, Open Minded

Concept 2 will be read by Eva S, GSR, Live and Let Live

Cleanup for the February meeting will be Sally C, Friday Night As Bill Sees It

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by: Henry C, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 68

Seconded by: Mary M, GSR, Slice of Serenity

Closed with the Responsibility Statement

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie R

Recording Secretary, Area 55, Panel 72