

# GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY

Area 55, Panel 74 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 4 Panel Officers, 1 Area Delegate, 1 Alternate Delegate, 5 Past Delegate(s), 27 GSRs, 3 Alternate GSRs, 5 DCMs, 0 Alternate DCM, 0 current DCMC, 0 Alt. DCMC, 5 Area 55 Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs, 5 guest(s).

## MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2024

Josh D, Alt. Delegate, Area 55, Panel 74, opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Mission Statement was read by Joe Y, GSR, 12 Step West; Janet K, Alt GSR, New Noon South, read Tradition 2; Ross O, NOCYPAA Liaison read Concept 2. Panel 74 officers were introduced.

**New GSRs/Alternate GSRs:** Terry J, GSR Trail Group; Michelle M, Alt GSR Trail Group; Bob T, GSR Alcoholics Only; Ashley L, GSR Principles Before Personalities; Steve H, GSR Reality Check; Janet K, Alt GSR New Noon South; Betty Jo H, GSR Slice of Serenity; Lorinda R, GSR Nooners

**New DCMs/Alternate DCMs:** Teri H, Alt. DCM District 5

**Past Delegates:** Jim S, Area 55 Panel 70; Kelly C, Area 55 Panel 56; Henry C, Area 55 Panel 68; Sherry S, Area 55 Panel 72; John C, Area 55 Panel 66

**Service Structure and voting rights:** DCM, DCMC, GSR, Committee Chairs can vote. Alternates if the person holding the primary position is not in attendance.

**Approval of October minutes:** Karen W, Recording Secretary, presented the January 2024 minutes.

Motion to accept: Henry C, past delegate; Seconded by Bob T, GSR, Alcoholics Only. Motion moved.

*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 2024 Treasurer's Report:** Michael D, Treasurer, presented the Financial Report for January 2024.

**Operating Account:** Beginning Balance: 01/1/2024: \$10,053.88; Income: \$2,493.84; Expenses: \$663.17; Ending Balance: 01/31/2024: \$11,884.55.

**Prudent Reserve:** Beginning Balance: 01/1/2024: \$5,006.19; Interest: \$0.12; Ending Balance: 01/30/2024: \$5,006.31.

**Area 55 Mini Conference:** Beginning Balance: 01/1/2024 \$2,000.00 Income: \$180.00; PayPal Registrations: \$540.00 Expenses: \$32.28. Ending Balance: 01/31/2024 \$2,687.72.

**Group Contributions for YTD. 2024:** \$2119.84

**Dist/Ind/Assembly Basket/Other inc:** \$374.00

**Total Income Received YTD. 2024:** \$2493.84

**Total Expenses YTD.:** \$695.45

**Motion to accept the financial report made by:** Larry S, GSR, Living Sober; Seconded by: Betty Jo H, GSR, Slice of Serenity. Motion moved.

**Archives:** Melissa T [archives.chair@area55aa.org](mailto:archives.chair@area55aa.org)

Report to Area 55 GSA. February, 2024

The Archives Committee met for the 1<sup>st</sup> time on January 25<sup>th</sup> 2024 at Central Office at 6:30 pm. Committee Members Present were: Chairman Melissa T, Archivist Melanie R, Terri J, Michele M. Members unable to attend: Katie O, Jim F, Jack S.

Committee had an introduction to Archives cabinets, suitcases, etc. I showed them the Archives Workbook. It was a brief look at what Area 55 has.

Requests for Display sightings at Anniversaries were (almost) met. Eva S took the display to Warm Hearts Anniversary on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Jack S tried to take the display to Dare to be Different's Anniversary. Melissa T failed to give adequate directions to Jack S, so regretfully we couldn't find the meeting. We sincerely apologize for not making it to the anniversary. The committee discussed but did not finalize ways to make sure something like this doesn't happen again. We thought of the buddy system, 2 people go to the Anniversaries. Or we rotate so all committee members get a chance to take the display to an Anniversary.

We discussed Mini-Conference coverage for Archives Display. We also discussed ways to attract people to the Archives Display at the Conference. Giveaways, Candy, Colorful decoration, etc. Chairman Melissa T will bring the display back to Central Office for all members to see and we will come up with a plan to attract people to the display.

**Next meeting: February 22, 2024, at Central Office, 6:00 p.m.**

*3rd Monday of each month at Central Office*

**Area Archivist:** Melanie R

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

**Corrections:** Geneva MG [corrections.chair@area55aa.org](mailto:corrections.chair@area55aa.org)

No report this month; two reports next month.

**Next meeting: February 23, 2024, 6:30 p.m. at Central Office**

*The Corrections 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:** Bev Z [cpc.pi@area55aa.org](mailto:cpc.pi@area55aa.org)

No report.

**Next meeting March 14, 2024, 6:30 p.m. at Central Office**

*The CPC/PI Committee meets the 2nd Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m., at Central Office*

**Grapevine:** Scott L [grapevine.chair@area55aa.org](mailto:grapevine.chair@area55aa.org)

No report.

Financial Report As of 02/17/2024: Beginning Balance: \$113.23; Book Orders: \$117.97; Ending Balance: \$231.19.

**Next meeting: February 21, 2024, at 5:45 p.m., Memorial United Church of Christ**

*The Grapevine Committee meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 5:45 p.m., Memorial United Church of Christ, 1301 Starr Ave.*

**Group Services:** Dalan S [groupser.chair@area55aa.org](mailto:groupser.chair@area55aa.org)

Group Services Report 2/18/24

We met on 2/18/24 at noon. Present were Ron C and myself. We discussed the mini conference and what we could have set up at our table. We took the sound equipment to the Rossford Group Anniversary on February 8 th . Everything went over very well. We do not have anything on the books for March yet, aside from the mini conference.

We are in need of members. We meet an hour before the General Service Assembly once a month. If you are interested in what we do, please find me after the meeting.

**Next meeting: February 18, 2024, 12:00 p.m., at Senior Center**

*The Group Services Committee meets the third Sunday of each month at 12:00 p.m. at the Senior Center, 2308 Jefferson Ave. Toledo*

**Accessibilities:** Jackie B [accessibilities@area55.org](mailto:accessibilities@area55.org)

ACCESSIBILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY JANUARY 24, 2024

Present were Lorraine M, Mary Beth D, John S, Miranda V and Jackie B.

The Committee has made 9 visits to Shut Ins on our list since the last Committee meeting and sent several cards.

We have been following up with everyone on our list. We encourage groups to adopt a Shut In to send cards to. Many people cannot leave the situation they are in and knowing that they are not forgotten does a great deal of help to their spirit.

**Next meeting: February 21, 2024, 5:30 p.m. at Memorial United Church of Christ**

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

**Website:** Tim D [web.comm.chair@area55aa.org](mailto:web.comm.chair@area55aa.org)

Minutes from February 14, 2024

Present: Kimbrough P Area 55 Delegate, Chris C Area 55 Registrar, Brian V, Tim D

Old Business: None

New Business: 1. Check internet booster connection at Senior Center on Sunday of GSA. 2. Discussed proposal for developing a hybrid meeting for the area. 3. Discussed proposal for a technology committee. 4.

Discussed what equipment the area currently has. 5. Discussed role of group services committee to this equipment. 6.

Discussed area having a separate zoom account for hybrid meetings. 7. Discussed storage at Senior Center for equipment

needed for area. 8. Discussed developing an ad hoc committee for the above. 9. Discussed and considered what is allowed to be displayed on area website. In spirit of unity the committee decided that any intergroup (5 in area 55) and NOCYPPA should be allowed to be displayed on the area 55 website. 10. Discussed possible different dates for committee meeting.

**Next meeting: March 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom**

*The Website Committee may change their meeting time/date.*

*Zoom Meeting I.D. 595-694-351 password 800*

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

Kellie did not ask Intergroup if she could become the liaison from Intergroup to GSA. Intergroup meets next Saturday. Since Josh plans to attend he will ask for a liaison.

**Next meeting of the Intergroup Association is March 23, 2024**

**Newsletter Liaison:** No report

**NOCYPAA:**

Last meeting February 11, 2024 at 1 p.m. Discussed Mini-conference. Some members have offered to handle the sobriety count-down. Discussed upcoming event - see flyer. March 16 - Jiggs dinner. doors open 6p, donation \$10.

**Next meeting: February 26, 2024 at 1 p.m. at Central Office**

**MONCYPAA Liaison:** No report

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

**District Committee Member Chair:** George C [dcmc@area55aa.org](mailto:dcmc@area55aa.org)

Met 02/18/2024 at 11:30a. George could not attend, Chris C gave report. DCMs are working on their skit for the mini-conference. Starting to plan for Unity Day. Plan to host at 1st United Methodist Church in Bowling Green. Possible dates - 7/27, 8/03, 8/10. Kellie S is Secretary and plans to reach out to the church to see if she can be the point of contact. Discussed Hosting a multi-district half day workshop possibly in October or November.

**DCM Monthly Report: Next meeting: April 21, 2024, 11:30 a.m.**

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

**DELEGATE'S REPORT:** Kimbrough P [delegate@area55aa.org](mailto:delegate@area55aa.org)

Working on mini-conference and planning for trip to New York in April to carry the voice of Area 55. Melissa T, Josh D, and Kimbrough went to Muncie, Indiana for the 50th East Central Regional Conference. Jim and Sherry S also attended. The conference consisted mainly of tips and tricks for the delegates when attending the conference in New York. AA Grapevine will change their price for the 1st time in 12 years to \$36 effective 04/15/2024. Digital subscriptions will stay at the current rate. New York is requesting that the delegates expenses be sent prior to March 1st. An advisory action carried at the 73rd conference voted that each delegate's contribution be increased from \$1800 to \$2200. Total anticipated cost is \$9200. Area 55 guidelines state that Area 55 will contribute \$1800. Motion to increase by an additional \$500 - Henry C, second Melanie R. Discussion - Larry B: Area 55 can afford more than an additional \$500. Henry amended his motion to increase the total amount to \$2700. Motion passes. Minority opinion - Larry B feels we could do (\$1000 extra) more since we have the funds and New York needs money. Sheila W would like the excess money to stay in Area 55. Motion to reconsider - Melanie R. Motion was seconded. Motion passed. John C would like funds for sending the spouse of the delegate to the conference also.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Collection:** \$76. Motion by Sherry S to send \$76 to NY. Second - Lorraine M. Motion passes.

Mini-conference - Kimbrough has agenda items. Final Mini-Conference planning Saturday. Committee chairs meet after GSA to discuss their duties.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Karen W has decided to step down as Recording Secretary, Panel 74. Duties - record GSA and produce minutes. Also, record and produce minutes for mini-conference and any other meetings as requested by the delegate. Need nomination for replacement. Sherry S nominates Ashley L who accepts. Ashley's service bio: she is currently the GSR for Principles Before Personalities, Alternate GSR prior. Served on H&I Committee and has been active in OYPAA.

**NEXT GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: April 21, 2024, 1:00 p.m. the Senior Center (corner of Jefferson St and 23<sup>rd</sup> St, Toledo, OH)**

The Mission statement will be read by Larry S, Living Sober

Traditions 3 will be read by Ron C, Tradition 4 will be read by Lisa K, Clean Air

Concept 3 will be read by Jim S - Reno Beach, Concept 4 will be read by Sherry S, Reno Beach.

Cleanup for the December meeting will be Came to Believe

**Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by:** Larry S, Living Sober

**Seconded by:** Karlotta H, Eastside 12 x 12

Closed with "The Declaration of Unity"

Respectfully submitted,

Karen W

Recording Secretary, Area 55, Panel 74