

# 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. 48 people were present including 4 Panel Officers, 1 Alternate Delegate, 3 Past Delegate(s), 26 GSRs, 5 Alternate GSRs, 4 DCMs, 1 current DCMC, 3 Area 55 Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs, 1 guest(s).

## MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 21, 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 Latasha A, Alt GSR, Principles Before Personalities; Rob C, GSR, read Tradition 3; Lisa K, GSR, Clean Air, read Tradition 4. Jim S, Past Delegate Area 55, Panel 70, read Concept 3. Sherry S, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 72, read Concept 4. Panel 74 officers were introduced.

**New GSRs/Alternate GSRs:** Ken M, GSR, SST. Latasha A, Alt GSR, Principles Before Personalities. Rick C, GSR, Louann D, GSR, Port Clinton Sober Sisters. Jack L, GSR, East Side 12 x 12. Nicky H, GSR, Life is Good. Jeff Z, Alt GSR, Reality Check. Herman A, Alt GSR, Raising the Bottom.

**New DCMs/Alternate DCMs:**

**Past Delegates:** Sherry S, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 72; Jim S, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 70; Henry C, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 68.

**Approval of February minutes:** Ashley L, Recording Secretary, presented the February 18, 2024 minutes.

Motion to accept: Sherry S, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 72; Seconded by Melanie R. 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 February 2024, Treasurer's Report:** Michael D, Treasurer, presented the Financial Report for February 2024.

**Operating Account:** Beginning Balance: 02/01/2024: \$11,884.55; Income: \$1,519.57; Expenses: \$8,713.05; Ending Balance: 02/29/2024: \$4,077.93.

**Prudent Reserve:** Beginning Balance: 02/01/2024: \$5,006.31; Interest: \$0; Ending Balance: 02/29/2024: \$5,006.31.

**Area 55 Mini Conference:** Beginning Balance: 02/01/2024: \$2,687.72 Income: \$2,784.98; Expenses: \$1,307.03. Ending Balance: 02/29/2024 \$4,077.93.

**Approval of March 2024, Treasurer's Report:** Michael D, Treasurer, presented the Financial Report for March 2024.

**Operating Account:** Beginning Balance: 03/01/2024: \$8,713.05; Income: \$1,150.33; Expenses: \$175.00; Ending Balance: 03/31/2024: \$9,688.38.

**Prudent Reserve:** Beginning Balance: 03/01/2024: \$5,006.31; Interest: \$.13; Ending Balance: 03/31/2024: \$5,006.44.

**Area 55 Mini Conference:** Beginning Balance: 03/01/2024: \$4,077.93 Income: \$1,894.00; Expenses: \$1,479.07. Ending Balance: 03/31/2024 \$4,492.86.

**Motion to accept the financial report made by:** Terri J, GSR; Seconded by: Ken G, GSR. Motion moved.

**Archives:** Melissa T / [archives.chair@area55aa.org](mailto:archives.chair@area55aa.org)/ (419-266-3257); No Report.

**Next meeting: Monday, May 19, 2024, 6:00 p.m. Central Office.**

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

**Multi-District Correctional:** / Geneva MG / [corrections.chair@area55aa.org](mailto:corrections.chair@area55aa.org)

On 3/20/2024. Members Present: 9. Geneva MG—Chair, Linda F, Tiffany T, James B, Michelle M, Todd S, Judy F, new member Hope. Meeting started at 6:35. Old business: We're still struggling with the career training with people that need to be renewed or anyone new that needs to come in because Mr. Martinette has personal stuff going on and we can't contact him. We've had three people reach out to him and he has not responded as of this date. The women's ETF—no issues. Women's Jail—no issues. Men's Jail—no issues. Men's ETF—no issues. TCI—we've not been reporting issues, but we're not going to say that now because the person covering TCI hasn't been coming to the meetings and I was going to talk to Kimbrough so we can find out if we need to go to the DCM to find out what's going on. We had a member resign on 3/11/24. On 3/20/24, we nominated a co-chair, Todd S. On 4/17/2024, members present: Geneva MG, Chair; Todd S., co-chair; Hope I., Tiffany T.; Lisette R.; Bill; Michelle M. I read the minutes from 3/20/24. DIP will be moving. Tiffany T made contact with her connection with CCNO and there is a career training at Cornerstone, but she will get back to us with a date. No issues with Jail, men or women; no issues with ETF, men or women.

**Next meeting: Wednesday, May 15, 2024, 6:30 p.m. at Central Office**

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

No Report.

**Next meeting May 9, 2024, 5:30 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)

**Next meeting: May 8, 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)

We met on 4/21/2024 at noon. Present were Ron C, Josh D, and myself. We discussed how we could get more people interested in our committee. Ron took the sound equipment to North Baltimore's anniversary on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, and they were very grateful and had a successful anniversary. As of right now, we have no commitments to speak of. If anyone knows of anything going that may need the sound equipment, please let me know. Group Services does meet every third Sunday of the month one hour before General Service Assembly. We're always looking for new members and if anyone would like more information, please find me after the meeting.

**Next meeting: May 19, 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)

This is our report from our March meeting. The meeting started at 6pm at Central Office on March 27<sup>th</sup>. In attendance was Mary Beth D., Amy D., Lorraine M, Josh S., and myself. We have 13 members on our Shut In list and we are holding bi-weekly visits with five of the people on the Shut In list and we are working creating meetings with three others. The remaining people on the list are those who do not want visits but will accept cards and phone calls. We have meetings set up so far on Tuesday,

Wednesday and Thursday. We coordinate our visits based on days and times that are best for the Shut Ins and those that we have Committee Members who can fulfill these commitments. We visit each client every other week. We have two that we visit every other Tuesday, one that we visit every other Wednesday and two that we visit every other Thursday. Jackie is working on arranging meetings with three others. We send out cards and make phone calls on a monthly basis to the Shut Ins who are requesting cards and phone calls only at this time. We always accept anyone who requests a meeting at their facility or in their home. And we always accept anyone who would like to help our Shut Ins feel cared for and included. We also need groups who will "adopt" a Shut in by sending them a card or by calling or visiting them on occasion. We are sad to report that Mr. Ed Zablocki, who was formerly on our list, passed away in mid-March. We have removed his name from our list and extended our condolences to his family and friends. Our next meeting will be this coming Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Central Office.

**Next meeting: April 24, 2024, 6:00 p.m. at Central Office**

*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.chair.comm@area55aa.org](mailto:web.chair.comm@area55aa.org)

Minutes from April 10, 2024

Present: Brian V, committee member; Chris C, Area 55 Registrar; Tim D, Committee Chair

New Business: Noted that recent flyer on Women's Retreat at Maria Stein was to be posted on website. Received schedule of the District 5 meetings to be posted on website. Noted recent attendance at District 8 meeting in Wauseon at the Alano Club. Monthly District meetings will be held on the first Sunday of the month beginning at 3pm. Contact DCMC to get other District schedules of meetings, Unity Day scheduled for July 27, 2024. Further plans to be announced as available. Consensus of committee to recommend completion of area guidelines before addressing the hybrid area assembly, District Committee &/or other meeting planning. Noted that current guidelines note that "every effort be made..." to plan and implement hybrid idea for assembly. Committee discussed and recommended assembly. Consider how many times per year the assembly will meet. Issues to be considered in planning hybrid idea are Zoom costs and equipment costs. Committee recommends assembly consider idea of getting and maintaining at least 1 Zoom account for Area. Committee feels that the issue of hybrid meetings is not just a website committee issue and committee still recommends establishing an Ad Hoc committee to begin planning for hybrid meetings. Committee also felt that there may be a need for multiple committees such as website committee, technology committee, and so on. Next website committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 8, 2024 beginning at 7:00pm on Zoom.

**Next meeting: May 8, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom**

*The Website Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. Meeting I.D. 595-694-351 password 800*

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

**Newsletter Liaison:** No report

**NOCYPAA:** Ross O, NOCYPAA Liaison. Met on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at Central Office. We discussed having our annual summer kick off on June 1st at University Church. We are also in communication with MONCYPAA about possibly co-hosting an event with them. We are looking forward to being of service to Intergroup soon. We plan on providing a dinner and helping with clean up in the near future. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month at 1pm at Central Office. Our next meeting is on April 28<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome.

**MONCYPAA Liaison:** No report

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

**District Committee Member Chair:** George C

**Alternate DCMC:** Vacant

We were advised earlier this week Wendy H has stepped down as alternate DCMC. No nominations were received from the meeting. This will be presented at the main assembly this afternoon. District reports were presented. Chris C presented spreadsheets of contact information for groups within each district. He also provided group change forms to at least obtain mail contact information for all groups within the district. Unity Day will be July 27, 2024 at First United Methodist Church

Bowing Green, OH. Doors open at 8 am, program starts at 9 am, ends at 12 noon with lunch until 1 pm. Requesting check from body from \$175 to rent church per current rates. Ask if can be placed on the flyer if we can state this event is provided without charge—thanks to your group contributions to Area 55. New business discussed how to light dark districts within Area 55.

**DCM Monthly Report: Next meeting: May 19, 2024, 11:00 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: No report

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Collection:** \$98. Motion made by Jim S and seconded by Henry C to send \$98 to the General Service Office. Motion passes.

Mini conference debrief—we will have a more formal report with numbers next month. Panel members had a debriefing meeting to review surveys and feedback. Josh D thanked those who made the event a success. We had more donations and scholarships than needed. More details to come next month.

**Area 55 Service Guidelines:** An ad hoc committee has been convened by our delegate to update the Area 55 service guidelines. The report for now is that they have reviewed past minutes from previous general service assemblies and incorporated the changes that were elected in motions that were made in the past at assemblies into the guidelines as appropriate. They will be on the area website shortly.

**Technology Committee:** Running the technological side of our area meetings. Josh opened discussion per the guidelines. Lorraine M raised the concern of lack of guidelines being established for the Technology Committee. Jim S discussed activating the Technology Committee and then determining the guidelines from there. Chris C discussed the activation of the technology committee versus website committee.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Area 55 will be hosting the State Convention in 2025. We need to start taking steps to prepare. Jim S provided that we need to start looking into hotel arrangements as well as pricing. We will get seed money but not until after the convention. Jim made a motion to allow the Area 55 treasurer to transfer \$2,000 into a bank account as seed money for the 2025 Ohio State Convention. Seconded by Sherri S. Motion passed.

**Area printers used by the panel:** Chris C delivered a presentation regarding costs for two potential printers to be purchased for use by the panel. In perspective, the average mailing/printing for the General Service Assembly copies is for the financials/agenda/minutes—approximately 3600-400 pages per month, not including any other documents printed and shared with the assembly (i.e. mini conference registrations, state convention registrations, other AA General Service-related flyers) at 60 copies of each printed. Jim S made a motion to purchase two of the \$529.00 black and white Brother printers with associated costs. Lorraine M seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**NEXT GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: May 19, 2024, 1:00 p.m. the Senior Center (corner of Jefferson Street and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street; Toledo, OH)**

The Mission statement will be read by Bob T

Tradition 5 will be read by Ross O

Concept 5 will be read by Latasha A

Cleanup for the May meeting will be District 3

**Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by:** (inaudible)

**Seconded by:** (inaudible)

Closed with “The Declaration of Unity”

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley L

Recording Secretary, Area 55, Panel 74