

GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY

Area 55, Panel 74 Northwest Ohio & Southeast Michigan
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MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 21, 2024

This meeting was held at the Senior Center; 2308 Jefferson; Toledo, OH 43604. 52 people were present including 4 Panel Officers, 1 Area Delegate, 1 Alternate Delegate, 5 Past Delegate(s), 26 GSRs, 2 Alternate GSRs, 4 DCMs, 1 Alternate DCM, 1 current DCMC, 7 Area 55 Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs, and 3 guest(s).

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 Vanessa S, Warm Heart Serenity; Jim S, Past Delegate Area 55 Panel 70, read Tradition 1; Henry C, Past Delegate Area 55 Panel 68 read Concept 1. Panel 74 officers were introduced.

New GSRs/Alternate GSRs: David F, GSR - North End Group; Ken M, Alt GSR - SST; Ross O, GSR - NOCYPAA; Lisa K, GSR - Clean Air; David A, GSR - City Park; Francesco V, GSR - Monday Night Mens; John E, Alt GSR - Monday Night Mens; Lorraine M, GSR - Maumee 12 x 12; William J, GSR - NOCYPAA; Michelle E, GSR - Women's Road to Recovery; Monica Z, GSR - New Noon South; Jason L, Outreach Chair - MONCYPAA; Larry S, GSR - Living Sober; Jacob C, 12 Step Study West;

New DCMs/Alternate DCMs: Karlotta H, DCM - District 5; Joshua F, Alt DCM - District 8; Kelly S, DCM - District 3; Larry B, DCM - District 8; Chris J, DCM - District 1

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

Prior Mailing: Did not go out due to issues with new postal service online requirements.

General Service Assembly Minutes: Recording Secretary Melanie R presented the General Service Assembly minutes from December 17, 2023. George C, DCMC motioned to approve. Seconded by Larry S, Living Sober. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Treasurer Larry B presented the Financial Report for December 2023. Melanie R, All the Literature motioned to approve. Seconded by David F, North End Group. Motion carried.

Committee and District meeting minutes or reports may be submitted by email to Recording.Secretary@area55aa.org. Reports need to be submitted by the time of the Area Assembly for the mailing to be completed on time.

Accessibilities: Jackie B / accessibilities@area55aa.org

The Accessibilities Committee meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at Central Office

Minutes from December 20, 2023 committee meeting submitted by Bev Z (Past Committee Chair)

Present: Kelly C, Jackie B, Jody H, Rick B, Bev Z, Lorraine M. Absent: Tim D, Miranda V, Mike G

Ten visits/meetings were taken to five members between 11/16 – 12/20. Thirteen more are scheduled through 1/23.

The committee reviewed their list of those who might need a meeting brought to them and adjusted it accordingly. Some have not responded to the committee's inquiries, some no longer need a meeting brought to them, and some wish to stay on the list.

Lorraine explained how she used a wireless speaker synced to her phone to listen to a lead during a visit. It worked well and she will try it with others on the committee's list.

Members rotating off are Bev Z, Jody H, Rick B, and Mike G.

Next meeting: January 30, 2024, 6:00 p.m. at Central Office

Archives: Melissa T / archives.chair@area55aa.org

Area Archivist: Melanie R

The Archives Committee meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Central Office

The Archives Committee has not met yet. The committee was invited to take the Archives display to Warm Heart Serenity's Anniversary on January 23rd and Dare to be Different on January 24th.

January 25th Agenda will be introduction to Archives and discussion of who would like to do interviews, displays, catalog what we have in cabinets and drawers at Central Office. We will also discuss the Mini-Conference and taking the display there.

Next meeting: January 25, 2024, 6:30 p.m. at Central Office

CPC/PI: Bev Z / cpc.pi@area55aa.org

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

On December 20, 2023, the committee did not meet due to the chair being ill.

CPC/PI Committee Minutes from January 17, 2024

Present: Michael D, Josh D - Alternate Delegate, Bev Z, Jody H - new member.

Michael informed us of some of the things that the committee had been working on and the presentations that have been done over the past two years. A few were given to area Probation Departments (all outside of Lucas County) and to UTM. He discussed a letter he sent to Midwest regarding the quantities of people they were sending to meetings and how it exceeded the fire code.

Josh said one of the goals for 2024-2025 is to foster interaction and collaboration among the various committees.

Bev brought up a conversation that an A.A. had with a caseworker from the Lucas County Children's Services Bureau, who didn't seem to know much at all about A.A. Bev will follow up with that agency.

This committee will have a table at the mini-conference. We will receive agenda items to discuss prior to the conference.

Next meeting: February 21, 2024, 5:30 p.m. at Central Office

Grapevine: Scott L / grapevine.chair@area55aa.org

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

Minutes from January 17, 2024, Location: Eastside 12x12

Present: Lisa C, Brandi A, Teri H, Scott L. Meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer. The committee has two commitments upcoming at Warm Heart Serenity and Dare to Be Different.

Financials:

Beginning Balance: \$121.96

Book Orders: \$ 73.18

Book Sales: \$ 64.44

Ending Balance: \$113.22

Cash on Hand \$113.22

Overage/Shortage \$ 0.00

Motion to accept financials - George C, DCMC, Second by Vanessa S, Warm Heart Serenity. Motion carried.

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

Group Services: Dalan S / groupser.chair@area55aa.org

The Group Services Committee meets the 3rd Sunday of each month at noon at Senior Center, 2308 Jefferson Ave, Toledo

Minutes from 1/21/2024

Old Business: Scheduled to be at Amazing Grace's anniversary. Confusion with time; so the group used the church's sound system. Open Minded anniversary January 14th - used new sound equipment. It was a large

room and the new equipment was loud enough for the size. We should be able to use this equipment for most of our obligations in the future.

New Business: Rossford Group has an anniversary on February 8 at 5:30. Need someone to cover.

Any other anniversaries? Need to get them on the calendar asap.

Next meeting: February 18, 2024, noon at Senior Center

Correctional: Geneva MG / corrections.chair@area55aa.org

The Correctional Committee meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Central Office

Meeting notes of 12/20/2023

Members present: Geneva MG, Lisette R, James B, Michelle M, Todd S, Phil M, Julie C, and Kelly S

New Members: Lisette R

Old Business: Kelly S to inform on how to make the Correctional Meeting a Zoom Meeting.

New Business: Most commitments are running smoothly. The committee is handling those with issues. DIP schedule meetings are covered.

Meeting closed at 7:41 with the Lord's Prayer

Meeting Notes of 1/17/2024

Members Present: Geneva MG, Lisette R, James B, Phil M, Julie C, Suzy M, Josh D, Kellie S

Meeting started at 6:30 with Serenity Prayer. Minutes from the December meeting were read by Geneva. Phil M motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Kellie S.

Old Business: Working to get PRIA training scheduled for committee members. Michelle M reached out to Zepf for the DIP program and they are covered by the Hospital and Institution committee. She also advised the issues with EFE (Excellence of Empowerment) have been resolved. There is still concern about health safety because the room is much smaller. Open position for Co-Chair 2024 to 2026.

New Business:

There was an issue at the January 6th DIP program with a homegroup member making racial comments at the meeting. He was advised by the Correctional Committee member, Michelle M, several times to stop speaking in that manner. There were participants in the DIP program that advised him to be quiet. The other group members didn't do anything. This person also came to a previous DIP meeting intoxicated and was advised he is no longer able to participate in the program. Another issue we are experiencing is that homegroups that sign up are a no show. We are going to look at our process of conveying to the home groups members what is expected of this commitment. We also will be discussing ways to keep communication open between the Correctional Committee and TCI (Prison).

Meeting closed at 7:50 with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting: February 21, 2024, 6:30 p.m. at Central Office

Website: Tim D / web.comm.chair@area55aa.org

The Website Committee meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Meeting Minutes from 01/10/2024

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM. Present: Josh D - Alternate Delegate, Chris C - Registrar, Tim D

We discussed the need for 2-4 additional members. A couple of potential members were mentioned.

Discussed hybrid and Zoom meetings for the Area. Should this be a separate committee? What are the duties of this committee? Discussed Area having a separate Zoom account for Assembly, District,

Committee Meetings and so on. For the website, we need specific entries for minutes, financial reports, monthly agenda with accessibility and transparency, while protecting anonymity. Various issues were

discussed related to hybrid meetings such as who votes and how to determine that. Established a schedule of meeting for the committee for the rest of the year. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Next meeting: February 14, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Northwest Ohio & Southeast Michigan Intergroup: Kellie S

The Intergroup meets the last Saturday of each month

Intergroup will meet next Saturday and Kellie has to confirm that she will be the liaison. No report to give.

Next meeting: January 27, 2024

Newsletter Liaison: No report

Northwest Ohio Committee of Young People in AA: Ross O

NOCYPAA reformed with elections on Sunday, January 7th. Location 2308 Jefferson Ave, Toledo, OH. New positions as follows:

Chairperson - Chelsie S. Co-Chair - Dalan S. Secretary: Dakoada S. Treasurer: Shawn N. Events Chair: Vanya B. Outreach Chair: Kate D. Co-Outreach: Jenn M. Unity - Matt B. GSR Rep: Ross O. Co-GSR: William J. Intergroup Rep: Brian V. Graphics Chair: Alyssa. Hospitality: Nate H. Responsibility Chair: Matt V. Merchandise: Nathan K.

Positions still open and members-at-large are always welcome!

NOCYPAA's first business meeting was held on Sunday, January 14th at 1pm. Location: Central Office, 3328 Glanzman Rd, Toledo, OH

Discussed group commitment opportunities for the Area 55 Mini-Conference. NOCYPAA Mini-Conference commitments are as follows: Working Group Secretaries, Sobriety Countdown (2 members), Registration Table volunteers, Door Greeters

MONCYPAA Liaison:

- January 19, 2024 MONCYPAA reformed. Elected Officers. Goal this year is to bid for MI Conference of Young People of AA Back to area 55, specifically Monroe County.
- Plan to have someone at each assembly meeting.

District Committee: George C / dcmc@area55aa.org

Alternate Chair: Wendy H / alt.dcmc@area55aa.org

The District Committee meets prior to the General Assembly

Minutes from 1/21/2024

Eleven present, six districts represented - 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8

- Getting organized as a district and DCM. District information is on area55aa.org under About Area 55, Districts
- GSR has 3 main responsibilities:
 - Represent the Home Group and have a good knowledge of group matters. Bring information back to the group
 - Attend a monthly district meeting
 - Attend the monthly Area Assembly meeting
- The districts are a very important part of the service structure.
- District 5 is planning a DCM/ GSR School on 2/17. Time and date TBD.
- Highlight District 6, SE Michigan (Dundee, Temperance, Bedford, Ottawa Lake. Need GSRs and DCM.
- DCMs have agreed to do a skit at the Mini-Conference.

DCM Monthly Report: Next meeting: February 18, 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

- Officers had dinner to get to know each other and to determine how to best serve Area 55. Everyone is dedicated to that goal.
- Mini Conference is coming - March 1 and 2. Registration is available on area55aa.org or by flyer. Service opportunities are available. You can sign up by attending one of the planning meetings: 1/27, 2/3, 2/17, and 2/24. All are at 11 am at Central Office. The Mini Conference is the voice of Area 55, indicating to our delegate how we wish her to vote at the April assembly in New York.
- Several events for the delegate and alternate delegate coming up.
- Formed an ad-hoc committee to update the Area 55 guidelines. Change legal signatories info. from Delegate and Treasurer to:
 - Beginning on January 1st of even numbered years, the duly elected Delegate, Alternate Delegate and Treasurer are authorized to execute all documents necessary to conduct business within the State of Ohio for the benefit of Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Area 55 NW Ohio SE Michigan also known as Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Area 55 including, but not limited to, Secretary of State filings, bank documents, and other contracts and agreements.
- Area 55 will host the Ohio State Convention in 2025.

- Group Services/website committee to hold group meetings on how to create a hybrid assembly meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Collection: \$102.00

Motion to send \$102.00 to New York - Larry B. Second - Eva S. Motion carried. Minority Opinion - Kellie S states that this is a busy time of year in the area and it might be better to keep the money here. Vote changes - yes. Motion to revote: motion carried. Revote - original motion stands. Money will be sent to New York.

NEW BUSINESS

- Per Josh - there are many service opportunities at the Mini Conference. Please sign-up on the sheets at each table. Encourage others to do the same.
- Outreach RE: Mini-Conference. How can we get a broad representation? If you have an idea, go to the microphone. You will have 1 minute to share your idea. George C is the timekeeper.
 - John C - Sponsorship - bring a sponsee. Ask groups to pay for their GSR.
 - Larry B - Since District 8 has not had a district meeting in awhile, Larry is working on meeting with GSRs to get them active
 - Jim S - Emphasize scholarships and rides for those who cannot afford the \$30 and do not have transportation.
 - Larry S - Thanks those who provided scholarships - that is how he got started in service.
 - Bev Z - For \$30 you get 3 meals and snacks! Also as groups to also pay for the Alternate Delegate to attend.
 - Jackie B - each person should have 1 vote based on the group they belong to. Having 2 home groups does not give a person 2 votes.
 - George C - Many do not understand what this conference is all about. It is to develop our Area conscience for our Delegate to take to the annual conference of all Delegates in New York. So, it is important that each person in the area has a vote.
 - Kimbrough P - offer free registration to the surrounding Intergroup Associations - Toledo, Sandusky, Monroe, Fort Wayne.
 - Josh D - Per Concept IX regarding leadership - everyone in the room is a leader and we each have a responsibility.
- To change signatories, Huntington Bank requires our minutes to reflect the Past Delegate and Treasurer (Cheryl S and Larry B respectively) should be taken off our bank accounts and the current Delegate (Kimbrough P), Alternate Delegate (Josh D), and Treasurer (Michael D) be added.

The meeting closed with the Declaration of Unity

NEXT GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: February 18, 2024, 1:00 p.m. the Senior Center (corner of Jefferson Street and 23rd Street; Toledo, OH)

The Mission statement will be read by Jacob C

Tradition 2 will be read by Bev Z

Concept 2 will be read by Ross O

Cleanup for the December meeting will be 12 Step West

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by: Bev Z, Chair of Accessibilities

Seconded by: Mary M, GSR, Women's Slice of Serenity

Closed with "The Declaration of Unity"

Respectfully submitted,

Karen W

Recording Secretary, Area 55, Panel 74