

# 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. 44 people were present including 6 Panel Officers, 3 Past Delegates, 19 GSRs, 3 Alternate GSRs, 4 DCMs, 4 current DCMC, 6 Area 55 Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs, 2 guest(s).

## MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 19, 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 Bob T, GSR, Alcoholics Only; Dalan S, Tuesday Night Young People, read Tradition 5; Latasha A Alt GSR, Principles Before Personalities, read Concept 5. 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:** Becky C, GSR, Perrysburg AM; Deborah A, Alt GSR, Perrysburg AM; Todd S, GSR, Perrysburg AM online; David Z, GSR, Westgate Mens; Keri G, GSR, Women's Twelve Steps to Courage.

**Past Delegates:** John C, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 66; Kelly C, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 56; Bob S, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 62; Sherry S, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 72; Henry C, Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 68.

**Approval of April minutes:** Ashley L, Recording Secretary, presented the April 21, 2024 minutes.

Motion to accept: Larry B, DCM; Seconded by Bob T, GSR. 15 in favor; 17 opposed. Motion doesn't pass.

Motion to Table April Minutes: Mike C, GSR, New Hope; Seconded by Dave F, DCM. Motion passes.

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

**Operating Account:** Beginning Balance: 04/01/2024: \$9,688.38; Income: \$1,138.75; Expenses: \$3,750.79; Ending Balance: 04/30/2024: \$7,076.34.

**Prudent Reserve:** Beginning Balance: 04/01/2024: \$5,006.31; Interest: \$.13; Ending Balance: 04/30/2024: \$5,006.31.

**Area 55 Mini Conference:** Beginning Balance: 04/01/2024: \$4,612.88 Income: \$0; Expenses: \$0. Ending Balance: 03/31/2024 \$4,612.88.

**Group Contributions for YTD. 2024:** \$5,680.49

**Total Income Received YTD. 2024:** \$1,138.75

**Total Expenses YTD.:** \$3,750.79

**Assembly Basket:** \$ 98.00

**Individual Contributions:** \$35.00

**Motion to accept the financial report made by:** Tabled until June 23, 2024.

**Archives:** Melissa T / [archives.chair@area55aa.org](mailto:archives.chair@area55aa.org) Our meeting met on April 25, 2024, at 6:30pm at Central Office. We are knee deep looking through the archives. Got a list of old timers. Melissa went to the Port Clinton Anniversary of May 16, 2024. June 26<sup>th</sup> is Leipsic Anniversary—we've been invited. Toni S checked for white gloves to be used when going through our archives. Michael's and Joanne's doesn't have them. Hobby Lobby does, but we're not sure if they are the right kind. Committee met at Central Office April 13, 2024, 10:30-1:00pm to start going through archives. Melissa T put the inventory we recorded on the computer and printed it out. Blue suitcase that has recording equipment belongs to the Archives Committee. Melanie R. reached out to Henry C about the box in the cabinet that says, "Hold for Henry." He doesn't remember what it is; she will be taking pictures to show him. Next scheduled workday is Saturday, May 11, 2024, 10:30-1:30pm. New Business: Melanie R will be meeting Bob M at Akron's Central Office on May 8, 2024. He will be taking her through their archives. Eva S (former Archives Chair) wrote an obituary for Laura Pietras to add to our obituary book. Also, Ed Zablocki passed away 2/20/24—we will be adding him to the book. At General Service, Melanie R. told them that the Archives Committee needs more money. She was told that we get \$100.00, but we need more. She asked about a fundraiser, but they did not answer her question on that. Wondering if we could get donations. Melanie will ask Bob M when she is in Akron what they do for more money. Bob S, Past Delegate (Walbridge Park) reached out to Melissa T about adding old-timers to our list to interview. He also gave us a new copy of Walbridge Park's history; he added info on what happened during Covid. Melissa T got a call from Bridgett B from Central Office. Maryann L, St. Charles Oregon Meeting, is asking if we have their meeting's history notes. We do not. Melissa T found the instructions on how to write a Group history online and will pass that info on to Maryann L. and may help her write it. Melissa T is collecting fliers. Sarah S. will be handling these; she is going to check the Area 55 Website. Melissa will be asking Bridgett B if Central Office is saving the fliers. \*Save fliers from your group's anniversary. Please remember to put year on flier. Discussed doing the old-timer interviews. Melissa T printed out the guidelines for Oral History. The plan is to practice doing an interview at our workday on Saturday, May 11, 2024. Toni S. will be guiding us. We have the interview list in an Excel document and a Word document, organized with columns added: Notes, Interviewer, Yes, No, Date Completed.

**Next meeting: Monday, May 23, 2024, 6:30 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)

No report.

**Next meeting: June 19, 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)

Met on May 9, 2024 at Central Office. The Chairperson received an email from Katrina Ross, a family advocate for homeless vets in Hancock County regarding a vet at a shelter who works second shift. She wanted to know what morning meetings he could go to in Findlay. I emailed her back all the morning meetings for every day of the week and I also sent her the websites of [area55aa.org](http://area55aa.org) (and [aa.org](http://aa.org)) and asked if she had any other questions about AA in general. Follow-up will be done.

**Next meeting: June 13, 2024, 6:00 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)

The Committee met on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:45pm. Present was Terry H., Jennifer M., and Scott L. Opened with Serenity Prayer. Discussed Pioneer Group Anniversary scheduled for May 30<sup>th</sup>, which we will attend. Our next meeting will be on June 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:45pm. April Financial Report: Beginning balance was \$336.19. Book Sales were \$23.00. Ending Balance was \$359.19. Placed a book order at \$206.75. Cash on Hand is \$152.60. Overage of \$.16.

**Approval of Grapevine Financial Report:** Nancy C, Oregon St. Charles; John C, East Side 12x12 second. Motion passed.

**Next meeting: June 12, 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 met on 5/19/24. Present were committee chair, Dalan S and Kenney A. We brought the sound equipment to Perrysburg AM's anniversary on 5/18/24. Everything went over well and the group was very thankful. As of right now we have nothing on the books as far as new groups or anniversaries. If anyone knows of any upcoming events that may need the sound equipment, please find me after the assembly. Group Services is always looking for new members. We meet on the third Sunday of each month at noon, one hour prior to the general service assembly. We would love to have you!

**Next meeting: June 16, 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)

The Committee met on Wednesday, April 24, at 6:00pm at Central Office. In attendance were Mary Beth D. Amy D., Miranda V., John S. and Jackie B. We started with the Serenity Prayer at 6:00pm. We are covering our commitments. Jackie has gone to see two new shut ins. Kevin C is a young man in his late 30's who is in Arbors of Sylvania. He has a wet brain and although he seems to be a very nice person, he has trouble following basic conversation. We will visit him every other Wednesday at 11:00am. Jackie also visited Julie W who is in Ayden Healthcare of Oregon. She has several health issues she is dealing with and also lost her son to an overdose last year. She plans to get another apartment and continue her journey once she has her health issues under control. We will be visiting Julie every other Wednesday at 3:00pm. We will be rotating on Wednesdays between them. We also had a death among our current Shut Ins. We are saddened to report that Mr. Don McManus passed away about two weeks ago. He went in for a surgery and died on the operating table. It was a great surprise to us and his family. We extend our condolences to anyone who knew Don. Almost all of our other current Shut Ins are in decent health. Jackie D is home after her second ankle surgery and is feeling better. We will be back to seeing her this coming Thursday at 4:00pm. Kathy R is still fighting a case of pneumonia and we have sent her a get well card. Lorraine M has been visiting her regularly and keeps us informed. We added two new members to the Committee. Rita JS is a friend of Jackie's who has agreed to visit people. She will have her first visit with Jackie when she next goes to see Kevin C. We also added Diane R to our roster. She lives in Point Place and does not have a car. She has agreed to keep in phone contact with all of our Shut Ins and has been doing a great job of that. She calls Jackie about once a week or once every two weeks and reports on everyone she has talked to and how they are doing. Her work has been very helpful. Jackie has updated our Shut In list to reflect these changes. We would really appreciate it if any group would "adopt" any Shut In they choose and send them a greeting card every month or so to let them know they are not forgotten about. These people are just not able to get out so it really helps their spirits to know someone is thinking of them. Our next meeting will be this coming Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm at Central Office.

**Next meeting: May 22, 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 May 14, 2024

Present: Chris C, Area 55 Registrar; Tim D, Committee Chair

New Business: We discussed this hybrid meeting we're having today and wanted to watch what would happen going into the future with that. We discussed the web page itself. Next meeting will be June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Discussed how to get District Maps on the webpage. Posting minutes in a timely manner on the website was discussed.

**Next meeting: June 12, 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:** No report

**Newsletter Liaison:** No report

**NOCYPAA Liaison:** Ross O. 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:** Vacant

**Alternate DCMC:** Vacant

**DCM Meeting:** Next meeting June 23, 2024 at 11:00AM at the Senior Center.

George C resigned so we are looking for a DCMC (District Committee Member Chair) and we also need an alternate. Please let Kimbrough P or Josh D know if you would like to stand for that position.

5 DCM's out of the 13 districts attended the meeting.

John C, Chris C, Josh D and Kimbrough P attended the meeting.

We are still planning Unity Day for July 27th. The theme will be How Balanced is your Triangle Continental Breakfast and lite lunch to be served.

**District 1:** Chris J, DCM No district meeting scheduled. Other DCM's are going to go to the Inner City on June 1. The meetings are going okay.

**District 2:** David F, DCM has an alternate DCM Darlene K.

No district meeting has been set yet. They are trying to get to the meetings.

**District 3:** Kellie S, DCM . Next meeting is June 24 at 6:45 at St Matthews Church before the 7:30 AM Clean Air meeting.

Looking to hold a workshop October 5 and 12th. Will be contacting St Matthews to get pricing and to see if available.

Raising the Bottom, Herman A, Jr. , GSR. The meeting now holds a Discussion and a 12X12.

Came to Believe, Marc G, GSR - All people are welcome for their 35 year Anniversary on June 23rd. They are going to be holding a picnic at Sidecut park in August.

Westgate Men's, David Z, GSR -Trying to fill all the positions for their group and to be able to hold a group conscience.

Principles Before Personality, Nick S GSR - The group is going well.

12 Step Study West, Joe Y, GSR- The group is going well.

The Brain Guys, Rick C, GSR- The group is going well. They have been having up to 30 attendees. 8-12 regular attendees.

AA Nooners, Lorinda R, GSR- They have about 8-17 attending the meeting.

**District 5:** Karlotta H, DCM Next meeting is June 11 at 6:PM Before Guide to Progress. She is having a difficult time making it to the meetings in her area. August 10 they are having a picnic at St Lukes Lutheran Church on 20 S Yondota Road Curtice.

**District 8:** Larry B, GSR-No district meeting June 2 at 2:00PM at the Alano Club. Feeling a bit discouraged because no one attended the district meeting in May.

**DCM Monthly Report: Next meeting: June 23, 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 / [delegate@area55aa.org](mailto:delegate@area55aa.org)

- Will be giving a full report on the General Service Conference in New York next month. It was a very spiritual experience. Visited the General Service Office. We are looking for a DCMC and alternate, so please take that home to our groups. They will need to be elected at GSA.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Collection:** \$64. Motion made by Larry B and seconded by Kelly C to send \$64 to the General Service Office. Motion passes.

Mini conference debrief—Michael D, Treasurer, gave a report. We had approximately 170 people attend. Food donations totaling \$345. Scholarships: 13 donated for a total of \$390. Only 11 were used. Food total for both days \$1421.69. Food cost

per person was \$8.36. Church rental for two days was \$225. PayPal fees were \$145.70 (subject to change). \$80 went to Larry B.'s son for the gifts for the speakers. Travel totals \$681.70 for Karina's flight and parking. \$100 to John C for picking her up and taking her back to the airport. Paid \$182.03 in printing materials. Net profit was roughly \$2,612.88 to be returned to the General Fund. Mini Conference amount at \$2,000.

Sherri S made a motion to move the \$2,612.88 to the General Fund. Kimbrough P seconded the motion. Motion passes. Larry B made a motion to maintain a minimum balance of \$50 in the State Convention account. Melissa T seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Kimbrough P discussed the Minutes mailing issue. It will just come out as an email and online. If people must have a printed copy, let us know. GSRs should get a copy in an email and take it to their homegroups. There has been a major problem with the post office. Chris C shared a statement he received from General Service Board: "Dear Friends: Over the last several years, we have greatly reduced the distribution newsletter box 459 in print format. Not unlike other organizations, this transition began in 2020, largely due to the need to cut costs. Previously, we printed more than 100,000 copies of each issue and mailed them to more than 50,000 members in service. Currently, about 3,000 copies per issue are printed and mailed out to approximately 200 members in service. In addition, the total number of paid subscriptions to Box 459 have fallen to 150. Due to escalating costs, the annual cost to print and mail four issues per year is nearly \$35,000. At the March 2024 meeting, the AAWS Board voted to discuss to discontinue the print edition effective immediately. This decision was made after a careful review of the costs related to printing and mailing. Making Box 459 more widely available digitally, through email subscribers, AA.org and the meeting guide app, has significantly expanded its reach in distribution. However, it remains essential to ensure members who prefer or rely on hard copy materials can still access Box 459. We trust that those serving at the group level are well-attuned to the needs of their members and will continue to provide hard copies as necessary. Please be assured that Box 459 will continue to be published digitally and can be accessed on AA.org. Here, members can sign up via email, each issue is also available in PDF format that you can print and share. If you are already receiving Box 459 via email, your subscription will continue without interruption and there's no need to sign up again."

Motion made by Sherri S to postpone cessation of mailing meeting minutes until such time groups have been notified by mail of the new implementation. Seconded by Henry C. Motion passed.

## **NEXT GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: June 23, 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 Terry J  
Tradition 6 will be read by Karlotta H  
Concept 6 will be read by David A  
Cleanup for the May meeting will be District 2

**Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by:** Terry J

**Seconded by:** Dalan S

Closed with "The Declaration of Unity"

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley L

Recording Secretary, Area 55, Panel 74