

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. 43 people were present including 5 Panel Officers, 6 Past Delegates, 17 GSRs, 5 Alternate GSRs, 6 DCMs, 4 Area 55 Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs, 1 guest(s).

MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 18, 2024

Josh D., Delegate, Area 55, Panel 74, opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Mission Statement was read by Ashley L., Recording Secretary; Shannon C., Mailing Secretary, read Tradition 8; Michael D., Treasurer, read Concept 8. Panel 74 officers were introduced.

New GSRs/Alternate GSRs: Lys S., Lima Friendship Group, GSR

New DCMs/Alternate DCMs: N/A.

Past Delegates: John C., Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 66; Sherry S., Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 72; Henry C., Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 68; Jim S. Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 70; Kelly C., Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 56; Bob S., Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 52.

Approval of June minutes: Motion made by Bob T., Alcoholics Only; seconded by Dalan S., Tuesday Night Young Peoples/Group Services. Motion passed.

Approval of July minutes: Motion made by Tim D., Website Committee Chair; Seconded by Dave F.. Motion passed.

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

Operating Account: Beginning Balance: 07/01/2024: \$11,458.51; Income: \$1,743.48; Expenses: \$629.23; Ending Balance: 07/31/2024: \$12,572.76.

Prudent Reserve: Beginning Balance: 07/01/2024: \$5,005.56; Interest: \$0.00; Ending Balance: 07/31/2024: \$5,006.56.

Area 55 Mini Conference: Beginning Balance: 07/01/2024: \$2,000.00; Income: \$0.00; Expenses: \$0.00. Ending Balance: 07/31/2024 \$2,000.00.

Group Contributions for YTD. 2024: \$10,743.67

Total Income Received YTD. 2024: \$1,743.48

Total Expenses YTD.: \$629.23

Assembly Basket: \$ 61.00

Individual Contributions: \$50.00

Motion to accept the financial report made by: Tim D., Website Committee Chair. Seconded by Larry B., DCM. Motion passed.

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

New Business: We were invited to the 42nd anniversary for Oregon St. Charles, Thursday August 29, 2024. Looking for the Group History for Women's Road to Recovery and Living Sober. Some members of the Archives Committee will be going to these meetings to help get the histories written or at least started. Melanie R. will be listening for Group History info while listening to the Old Timer tapes. We will be using the new Meeting Schedule book to go through our Group Histories and check them off. Terri J. will be helping Melissa with the group histories. Toni S. will be helping with the area histories. Melissa is researching when General Service started. A banner was found; black and white lettering and red outlines.

Next meeting: Monday, August 22, 2024, 6:30 p.m. Central Office.

The Archives Committee meets the 4th Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m., at Central Office.

Area Archivist: / Melanie R. / mjreichart@sbcglobal.net (419-351-9521)

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Multi-District Correctional: / Geneva M. / corrections@area55aa.org

New Business: No Report.

Next meeting: August 21, 2024, 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: Bev Z. / cpc.pi@area55aa.org

New Business: July Meeting: UTMC confirmed CPC/PI to give a presentation on February 5, 2025 to the medical residents and other students to be held at Toledo Hospital. Professionals to contact for possible presentations include Veterans Administration, Social Work students at the University of Toledo (Counseling Center), Bowling Green State University and three community health centers: Unison, Zepf, and Harbor. Toledo Public Library confirmed there are seven (7) copies of the Big Book to share amongst the sixteen (16) branches in the county. They also have it in digital format; however, they do not have the 12x12. We are considering donating that. We are not allowed to place a literature rack in the public library. Pamphlets could be approved pending review from the Toledo Public Library Internal Review.

Next meeting September 12, 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@area55aa.org

The Committee met on July 10th at 5:45pm. July Financial Report: Beginning balance was \$284.75. Book Sales were \$104.45. Ending Balance was \$389.20. Cash on Hand is \$389.20. Overage of \$0.00.

The Committee met on August 14th at 5:45pm. August Financial Report: Beginning balance was \$389.20. Book Sales were \$80.45. Book Order for \$136.91. Ending Balance was \$332.74. Cash on Hand is \$332.74. Overage of \$0.00.

Approval of Grapevine Financial Report: Tim DeRan made motion to pass Grapevine July Financial Report; Dave Fischer second. Motion passed. Larry Bischoff made motion to pass Grapevine August Financial Report; second by Dalan Smith. Motion passed.

Next meeting: September 11, 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. / groupservices@area55aa.org

Group Services met on 8/18/24 at noon. We discussed solutions to our equipment troubles and have found temporary solutions. We are currently looking into some of the options to better serve the area as we make the transition to hybrid meetings. We currently only have one event on the books for the upcoming months, and that is Starlight's anniversary on September 20th. If anyone knows of any other events that may require our services, please find Dalan after the Assembly

Next meeting: September 15, 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@area55aa.org

The Committee met on Wednesday, July 24th, at 6:00pm at Central Office. We are covering our commitments. We are continuing to visit Shut Ins and sending cards and making phone calls to the remaining Shut Ins on our list. Eva S. referred a new Shut In to Jackie in late May. Sherry S. referred another Shut In to Jackie in July. Copies of the current Shut In list dated 8/13/24 are available. 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.

Next meeting: August 28, 2024, 6:00 p.m. at Central Office

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

Website: Tim D. / website@area55aa.org

Minutes from July 10, 2024 and August 14, 2024.

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

New Business: Discussed listing meetings other than Area 55 meetings on the website, primarily because the last Area 55 meeting occurs at around 9pm, and access to 24hr meetings could be used. We used to have a Usage Report as part of the Webmaster’s Report and Website Report and we are going to start doing that again.

As of the August 14th meeting, the status of the Webmaster remains unknown. The Financial Reports and Delegate’s Report will be on the front page of the website. We will be announcing several workshops, including one on using the website.

Discussed hybrid voting procedures for the future. Zoom information is on the website.

Next meeting: September 11, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom

The Website Committee meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. Meeting I.D. 595-694-351 password 800

Toledo Intergroup Liaison: Karen W. gave the July 27, 2024 Intergroup Minutes.

Anniversary Committee: Thinking of doing their own salad bar to save money. Tickets for the anniversary dinner/dance will be available in August.

Children’s Christmas Party: Flyers are out – party will be on Dec. 7, 2024 from 12 – 3, Pizza will be served at 1 p.m. There will be a DJ, face painting, animal balloons, a clown, and an ugly sweater contest for the adults. They will be shopping on 11/30 (Sat. before the party) and wrapping the same day. Contact Lynn Maher if you want to help wrap. A big thank you to Joe and Carrie Young for their huge donation of wrapping paper. The committee is asking groups for donations to help with costs. Next meeting is 8/7/2024 at 6 p at Central Office

Entertainment Committee: Reviewed the picnic. May make some changes. New Year’s Eve dance will be at Conn Weisenberger again. The committee has decided on a caterer – one who has been in business more than 10 years and has handled parties of this size. There will be a lead and tickets will be \$30. Next meeting is 8/15/2024 at 6:30p at Central Office

Finance: Pig roast was a success with a profit of \$1139 which went to Central Office.

The committee’s income comes from literature sales, dinners at the Intergroup meeting, and ticket sales for events.

Hospitality: Rotations are working well. Had one group that did not show for their commitment.

Newsletter: Need new committee members especially someone to maintain their mailing list. Next meeting 8/6/2024 at 6:30p at Central Office

NOCYPAA Liaison: They are returning to meeting once a month now that they are past the conference. 8/3 is Day at the Bay and Maumee Bay. \$5 suggested donation. Their treasurer stepped down. The Secretary became treasurer and they will elect a new secretary at their next meeting.

Newsletter Liaison: No report

NOCYPAA: No report.

MONCYPAA Liaison: No report

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER (“DCM”) REPORTS

DCMC Chair: Jim S.

Alt. DCMC: Kellie S.

DCM Meeting: Next meeting September 22, 2024 at 11:00AM at the Senior Center.

Jim Snider presented the July report. Discussed Unity Day. 95 in attendance. All went well. Talked about needing a sign in sheet so we know what districts showed up for the event, having housekeeping discussed at the beginning and in the middle, and there was a donation bucket put out and since this was a free event we shouldn't have put that out. If someone would like to donate they can give to their homegroup to be put with the contributions to the district.

DCM Monthly Report: Next meeting: September 22, 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: Josh D. / delegate@area55aa.org

- The panel officers have been meeting for a monthly video chat to review our communication flow, work flow, problem solve, and to connect with one another as friends. We were joined by Jen regarding communication issues. We have a group chat to enhance communication. We experienced a lot of collaboration and team work to support one another.
- We're going to OYPAA and since Area 55 is hosting the Ohio State Convention in 2025, we've requested an outreach table at OYPAA's conference at the end of October.
- We will be facilitating multiple roundtable discussions at the 68th Ohio State Convention.
- Josh participated in Waffle Wednesday.
- This Tuesday, is the Mid-Year General Service Conference virtual meeting where all members of the General Service Group Conscience.
- Josh has been working with the State Conference treasurer, Larry, on 6 hotel proposals and we are at second round negotiations to hit the price point that fits our budget. Goal is to have a contract signed with a deposit paid before we go to the State Convention next weekend.
- Plain Language Big Book was discussed. It is not a replacement of the Big Book.
- International Convention is next year, 4th of July weekend, and registration for that opens at noon Eastern Time on September 10th. It will be \$160 per person. Virtual options will be available.
- AA has acquired the domain name “alcoholicsanonymous.com”.
- General Service Conference reports are not yet available. The digital version will be uploaded to AA.org this week. The print version has been sent to the printers and should be available for distribution on September 18th. The quarterly financial report has been released as well as the summer edition of Box 459.

OLD BUSINESS

Collection: \$86. Motion made by Larry B. and seconded by John C. to send \$86 to the General Service Office. Motion passed.

Alternate Delegate/Area Chair Elections: After discussions, Sherry S. called the question and Tim D. seconded. A hand vote was held: 24 were in favor and 13 were opposed. Motion to elect Panel 74 Area Chair and leave Alternate Delegate unfilled until October, 2025 election, along with the full panel elections made by Jim S. and seconded by Dalan S.. A hand vote was held: 12 were in favor and 23 were opposed. Motion did not pass.

Chris C. made a motion to elect Alternate Delegate/Area Chair for the remainder of Panel 74 and hold elections for a full suite

of Panel of Officers October, 2025, and the Panel 74 Alternate Delegate/Area Chair would remain eligible to run again for Panel 76 elections. Dave F. seconded the motion. A hand vote was held: 39 were in favor and 1 opposed. Motion passed.

An election was held to elect a new Panel 74 Alternate Delegate/Area Chair. Henry Coombs nominated Larry B. Larry B. accepted the nomination. Chris C. also stood for the position as a current area officer. Mike Z. was also nominated and declined. Larry B. was elected as Panel 74 Alternate Delegate/Area Chair in a 31 to 9 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim S. is confirmed as DCMC Chair and Kellie S. was confirmed as the Alternate DCMC.

There was an update on the status of the Webmaster. Josh met with the Webmaster three times. She has made lots of updates to the Area Website. Jim S. made a motion to reinstate the Webmaster's for her service and Larry B. seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Jim S. discussed the possibility of the DCMC meeting having a hybrid option.

NEXT GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: September 22, 2024, 1:00 p.m. the Senior Center (corner of Jefferson Street and 23rd Street; Toledo, OH)

The Mission statement will be read by Melissa T.

Tradition 9 will be read by Karlotta H.

Concept 9 will be read by Dakoeda S.

Cleanup for the September meeting will be District 3

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by:

Seconded by:

Closed with "The Responsibility Statement"

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley L.

Recording Secretary, Area 55, Panel 74