

GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY

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This meeting was held at the Senior Center; 2308 Jefferson; Toledo, OH 43604. 30 people were present including 5 Panel Officers, 3 Past Delegates, 12 GSRs, 6 Alternate GSRs, 3 DCMs, 5 Area 55 Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs, 0 guest(s).

MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 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 Bev Z., Open Minded; Karlotta H., East Side 12 x 12, read Tradition 9; Lorraine M., Maumee 12 x 12, read Concept 9. Panel 74 officers were introduced.

New GSRs/Alternate GSRs: None.

New DCMs/Alternate DCMs: Bob T. new alternate DCM for District 2.

Past Delegates: Sherry S., Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 72; Jim S., Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 70; Kelly C., Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 56.

Approval of August minutes: Motion made by Bob T.; 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 August 2024, Treasurer's Report: Michael D., Treasurer, presented the Financial Report for August 2024.

Operating Account: Beginning Balance: 08/01/2024: \$12,572.59; Income: \$2,372.59; Expenses: \$1,014.27; Ending Balance: 08/31/2024: \$13,931.08.

Prudent Reserve: Beginning Balance: 08/01/2024: \$5,006.56; Interest: \$0.00; Ending Balance: 08/31/2024: \$5,006.56.

Area 55 Mini Conference: Beginning Balance: 08/01/2024: \$2,000.00; Income: \$0.00; Expenses: \$0.00. Ending Balance: 08/31/2024 \$2,000.00.

Group Contributions for YTD. 2024: \$13,015.26

Total Income Received YTD. 2024: \$2,372.59

Total Expenses YTD.: \$1,643.50

Assembly Basket: \$ 86.00

Individual Contributions: \$15.00

Motion to accept the financial report made by: Ron C.; Seconded by Joe Y.

Archives: Melissa T. / archives@area55aa.org

New Business: Melanie R. presented the August Meeting Minutes.

Next meeting: Monday, September 26, 2024, 6:30 p.m. Central Office.

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

We were invited to Starlight's Anniversary, unsure of how many years. 9/20/24 at 6:00PM

Melissa T went over our meeting schedule. Moved the November and December meetings to the third Thursday, rather than

the fourth Thursday, due to the holidays. Did the same for 2025, all members agreed to both. Katie O. was tasked with going through the Group History binder and putting it in alphabetical order. There is a different list of all the Area 55 Groups. While going through the binder, she will check off the groups from the list, so we know what group histories we still need. Annie L. brought up the work we're doing. She thought we would be doing more. We explained all that the Archives Committee does:

- Working Days to organize the Archives we have.
- Interviewing Oldtimers, which hasn't been done in many years and we have an extensive list.
- Having displays at Anniversaries and Conferences

Area Archivist: Melanie R. / mjreichart@sbcglobal.net

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

New Business: No Report.

Next meeting: September 18, 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

Meeting was held September 12, 2024. We welcomed Nick H. to the committee. Veteran's Administration--was contacted and a Christy, a Supervisor, said that they have a Mental Health and Substance Abuse unit that would not need any information about AA but she thinks a presentation to the new social workers/counselors coming onboard would be a good idea. She will get back with me when she has checked into that further. Note: She said that an AA meeting used to be held at the VA Outpatient Clinic in Toledo prior to the pandemic. The former Central Office Manager said it used to be in the directory and she thinks it was started by an AA member who was also a Veteran. Toledo Public Schools-called Jeff Griffith, Lead Counselor, and left a voicemail. No response and so followed up with an email. Sylvania Schools-they outsource drug and alcohol education and awareness and a teacher is in the process of getting the organization's contact person to see if we can do a presentation or a PSA or something. Community Mental Health Centers-contact made with Zepf Community Mental Health Center (left voicemail) and Unison. Unison-we were referred to their Marketing Director. They have three offices. He said their Cherry Street staff is informed about AA; however, he agreed to put a PSA in their lobby for clients to see while waiting for appointments. He also welcomed literature in their lobby. We are in the process of finding a technology person to help us get the PSA's from aa.org into their video system. Some research was done on how to get PSA's aired. The PSA's on aa.org are 15-30 seconds in length and are up-to-date and really good. Misha from the PI desk at GSO in New York is being consulted about best practices. Judges-a letter will be written to the Administrative Judges at Lucas County Common Pleas and Toledo Municipal Courts. Nick, who knows these judges, will hand-deliver the letters to them. Lawyers-contact will be made with Pat on the Lawyers Assistance Committee to see if a presentation can be included for continuing education credit for lawyers. Other Areas-- Area 61 (Rhode Island) their PI Committee reached out to their transit system and were able to get a PSA on their buses. They also put a PSA on the radio. We will check into how they did this. Area 54 has separate CPC and PI Committees and got contact info for them and will check into what they have done.

Next meeting October 10, 2024, 6:00 p.m. at Central Office

The CPC/PI Committee meets the 2nd Thursday of each month, 6:00 p.m., at Central Office

Grapevine: Scott L. / grapevine@area55aa.org

No Report.

Approval of Grapevine Financial Report: N/A.

Next meeting: October 9, 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 October 20th at noon. Group services met on September 15th at noon. We discussed plans to continue to make our hybrid meeting and assembly more efficient and better equipped for the hybrid meeting. The only event we have on our schedule is the district 3 workshop on October 12th. If anyone knows of other events that may require group services please let me know as soon as possible. We have been working on improving the audio quality of both our zoom meeting and the in person meeting for the general service assembly. The committee decided that we would purchase a microphone system that is more modern and appropriate for use in conjunction with zoom. The cost of this equipment was slightly over our monthly budget and I am asking the body for a motion to reimburse the additional cost of the microphone system, \$10. Each committee has a budget of \$100 that they are able to utilize without approval from the body. Our intention was to be within that budget, but we mistakenly went slightly over. Group services will meet on October 20th at noon at the senior center, 1 hour prior to the general service assembly.

Motion to reimburse Group Services \$110.00 for purchase of microphones made by Jim Snider; Bev Zach seconded. Motion passed.

Next meeting: October 20, 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

The Committee met on Wednesday, August 28th, at 6:00pm at Central Office. Jackie forgot to get the keys for Central Office so we went down the street to Ideal Hotdog where we had dinner and our meeting. Jackie handed out our updated Shut In List and our September calendar of meetings to everyone. We talked about how all of the Shut Ins were doing and how the meetings were coming along. Jackie told everyone to just make the meetings that fit with their schedules. There are no requirements to be at every single meeting. Jackie is just happy for each member to do one or two meetings a week if possible and if not, that is okay. Rita has the nicest hand writing of all who were there so we let her write out the cards to everyone. We passed them around and signed them. Jackie took them all home and addressed them, stamped them and put a return address label on each one. She mailed them the following day. We have 13 people on our Shut In List and we sent 11 cards. There are two people for whom we have neither a current address or phone number. Those people are Angela S. and Julia W. If anyone knows them Jackie would ask that you please ask them to call her so we can commence to reaching out to them. We are currently visiting Kevin C., Larry W., Jackie D., Lee F. and Kathy R.. The remaining Shut Ins we have spoken with or are currently attempting to arrange meetings with. We also have Diane R. on the Committee. She reaches out to all our Shut Ins by phone once a week and this has been very helpful in maintaining rapport with all of them.

Next meeting: September 25, 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 September, 2024: No Report.

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

New Business: Will be rescheduling the September meeting.

Next meeting: October 9, 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

Northwest Ohio/Southeast Michigan Intergroup Liaison: Karen W.:

Anniversary Committee

- Tickets will be \$35 with a max of 130 for sale.
- The committee will provide the salad bar since the caterer wants to charge \$250.
- Next meeting 9/9 at 6p.m.
- Children's Christmas Party
 - No report.

- Entertainment Committee
 - o New Year's Eve dance
 - o The committee has chosen a caterer and they are looking for ideas for a gift for the speaker.
 - o Doors open at 6, dinner at 7, lead at 8, dance at 9
- Finance
 - o The committee discussed another event but tabled it until next meeting.
 - o Next meeting 9/9, 5:30 at Central Office.
- Hospital
 - o Committee members are rotating commitments.
 - o Next meeting 9/10, 6p at Central Office
- Newsletter
 - o Looking for articles. They are due by the 1st of the month,
 - o Topics
 - o Oct - the Importance of KISS
 - o Nov - Gratitude in Action
 - o Dec - Giving it Away to Keep It
- NOCYPAA Liaison
 - o Day at the Bay was moderately successful.
 - o OYPAA Conference will be Oct. 25-27
 - o They are planning a holiday Event.

Newsletter Liaison: No report

NOCYPAA: Ross O., NOCYPAA GSR liaison. Recently changed meeting from September 27th. No upcoming events. OYPAA Conference is October 25th through October 27th.

MONCYPAA Liaison: No report.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER ("DCM") REPORTS

District Committee Member Chair: Jim S. / dcmc@area55aa.org

Alternate District Committee Member Chair: Kellie S. / alt.dcmc@area55aa.org

DCM Meeting: Next meeting October 20, 2024 at 11:30AM at the Senior Center.

District 2: Upcoming Events: Northend Group 78th Anniversary October 9, Doors open at 5:30 cake and Ice cream before lead at 7. No District Meeting for October. **District 3: Upcoming events**-City Park 72nd Anniversary -Phillips Temple Church 565 Palmwood Avenue, Toledo. Doors open at 5:30 Lead at 7. Please bring a dish to pass. District 3 workshop Inverted Triangle October 12: - Doors open at 8:00am with donuts and fruit. Workshop starts at 9 to 11:30 @ Hope Lutheran Church 2201 Secor Road Toledo, Next District Meeting 9/18 at 7:30 Faith United Lutheran Church 4543 Douglas Road **District 4:** Regrouping and looking at holding a District 4 meeting in the future **District 5:** District 5 workshop 9/14 went very well and had 30 in attendance. **District 8:** Jim S. or Kellie S. will reach out to Joshua Fischer to see if he is moving to the DCM position. **District 10: Upcoming events:** Singleness of Purpose 22nd Anniversary went very well. Currently have 5 groups that contribute on a regular basis. Discussing District 10 workshop. Working on setting up Chalkboard app for 12 step calls. Having issues of processing the payment to begin service. They may move to another app. All groups are reporting small attendance. Spencerville-Broadway Group has closed their doors. **District 11:** No DCM present but we had Karlee C., GSR, for Saturday Women's Beginnings attend. She has been going to meetings in Findlay and some in Bowling Green. There is a lot of push back when service work is discussed. Jim S., DCMC, Larry B., Alternate Delegate and Chris C., Registrar for Panel 74 offered to assist to come and discuss being a GSR and DCM. Next District Meeting October 1 at 6:00 pm at Navarre Park

***District meeting time and date change: First Saturday of every month at 10:AM at St Marks

Church basement 1110 N. Metcalf St, Lima OH

Next District Meeting 11/2 @ 10:00 St Mark's Church basement 1110 N. Metcalf Street Lima OH

Jim S. brought up the importance of districts having guidelines and more will be discussed at the next meeting.

Making sure the DCM notes are turned into our Recording Secretary, Ashley L. by the end of the day of the GSA meeting.

DCM Monthly Report: Next meeting: October 20, 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

Josh gave the Delegate's Report, which included discussions about recent Panel happenings. We welcomed Larry B. as the recently-elected alternate delegate and touched on the monthly meeting of the Panel Officers. Discussed Panel Officer attendance at the 68th Ohio State Convention. Discussed General Service Conference virtual sharing session August 20th and Waffle Wednesday for East Central Region Delegates. District 5 workshop September 14: Circles of Love & Service and Communication Throughout the Structure. Report and Charter Committee meeting on October 16th to discuss proposed agenda items. There was an update given on Treatment & Accessibilities Activity. Discussed that Grapevine is experiencing financial difficulties and encouraged active support from Area 55. Area 55 is hosting the 69th Ohio State Convention and the date has been confirmed for August 8-10th at Delta Hotels Toledo. Rooms will be \$129/night; registration TBD.

The next Ohio State Convention planning meeting will be held Saturday, September 21st from 10:30-noon at Central Office.

Other opportunities to engage in service were presented and short AA PSA video was presented.

The Delegate's reports will be uploaded to <https://area55aa.org/delegate-report/>

OLD BUSINESS

Collection: \$85.00. Motion made by Ron C. to keep the collection in the area. and seconded by Bob T. to keep \$85.00 in the area. 14 in favor. 13 opposed. Motion failed. Jim S. made a motion to give the \$85 to the Archives Committee above the \$100 the committee receives monthly. Seconded by Bob T. 19 in favor; 8 opposed. Motion passed. Motion to Revote by Bob T.; seconded by Chris C.. 23 in favor; 5 opposed. Revote to keep money local: 15 in favor; 15 opposed. Motion doesn't pass. Sherry S. made a motion to send \$85 to New York; Lorraine M. seconded. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Checking Account Business: Motion on the floor to change the signatories on the bank accounts to add Josh, Michael, and Larry as signors made by Ron C.; seconded by Melissa T..
- B. Other New Business: Trustee Vacancy. Only one past delegate showed interest. Sherry S. nominated for the Trustee position by acclamation.
- C. Theme ideas for Workshops or presentations for the General Service Conference. Jim S. suggested theme of "Plain and Simple" in connection with reaching sick and suffering alcoholics. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it" theme suggested by Kellie S. Bob T. shared Alcoholics Only theme suggestion of "AA in the Digital Age".
- D. Chris C. brought up the subject of the expense of donation envelopes with minute mailing. Chris made a motion to cease inserting return envelopes in with the Assembly Minutes mailing. Bev Z. seconded. Vote to call the question. Passed. Motion: When the current supply of envelopes is exhausted, we will not be buying any more. Motion failed.
- E. Melanie R. discussed the issue of assembly attendees leaving early amidst voting.

NEXT GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: October 20, 2024, 1:00 p.m. the Senior Center (corner of Jefferson Street and 23rd Street; Toledo, OH)

The Mission statement will be read by Joe Y.
Tradition 10 will be read by Lisa K.
Concept 10 will be read by Jackie B.
Cleanup for the October meeting will be the Panel

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by: Sherry S.

Seconded by: Karlotta H.

Closed with "The Responsibility Statement"

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley L.

Recording Secretary, Area 55, Panel 74