

GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY

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This meeting was held at the Senior Center; 2308 Jefferson; Toledo, OH 43604. 32 people were present including 6 Panel Officers, 5 Past Delegates, 14 GSRs, 1 Alternate GSRs, 5 DCMs, 7 Area 55 Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs, 0 guest(s).

MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 20, 2024

Larry B., Alternate Delegate, Area 55, Panel 74, opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Mission Statement was read by Joe Y.; Sarah (?), read Tradition 10; Jackie B., read Concept 10. Panel 74 officers were introduced.

New GSRs/Alternate GSRs: None.

New DCMs/Alternate DCMs: Lynn B., DCM, District 6.

Past Delegates: Henry C., Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 64; Jim S., Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 70; John C., Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 66; Kelly C., Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 56; Sherry S., Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 72.

Approval of September minutes: Motion made by Dave F.; seconded by Teri J..

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

Operating Account: Beginning Balance: 09/01/2024: \$13,931.08; Income: \$812.31; Expenses: \$1,913.40; Ending Balance: 09/30/2024: \$12,829.99.

Prudent Reserve: Beginning Balance: 09/01/2024: \$5,005.56; Interest: \$0.13; Ending Balance: 09/30/2024: \$5,006.69.

Area 55 Mini Conference: Beginning Balance: 09/01/2024: \$2,000.00. Income: \$0.00; Expenses: \$0.00. Ending Balance: 09/30/2024 \$2,000.00.

Group Contributions for YTD. 2024: \$13,732.57

Total Income Received YTD. 2024: \$17,670.56

Total Expenses YTD.: \$14,894.45

Assembly Basket: \$85.00

Individual Contributions: \$15.00

Motion to accept the financial report made by: Lorraine M. Seconded by Jack W.

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

New Business: Melanie R. and Melissa went to the Central Office Committee and asked if we could have more room in Central Office for the Archives. They gave us one whole wall, and half of another. We will be getting two more large cabinets. Melissa has looked at Restore and Habitat with no luck so far. She did find one on Amazon for 99.00.

Request for display: City Park's 55th Anniversary: October 8. District 3 Workshop: October 12, 8:00AM-12:00PM in Bowling

Green. Guides to Progress: October 15 on Woodville

Next meeting: Thursday, October 24, 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.

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

New Business: Passed out Correction Committee kits for us to read and familiarize ourselves with our committee's expectations, rules, policies, and procedures, Chelly was not aware these were available to us until recently. Suzy wants to get signed up for DIP. DIP Commitments available, went over list and sign up for what's needed. There was a miscommunication with EFE. The DIP was cancelled for lack of class members. They did not reach out to inform Chelly. Reach out to Trini and ask if still interested in CCNO. Martin was waiting to hear back from her regarding application. I have tried reaching out to her several times. Try contacting her. Will follow up with Martin.

Next meeting: November 20, 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 October 10, 2024. Unison—Three PSA's were chosen and will be downloaded from aa.org to put on the TV in their lobby. Pamphlets and information are also being given to their four locations, three in Lucas and one in Wood County. Zepf and Harbor—no luck getting them to return messages. Veterans Administration—making some headway. A supervisor of Social Workers expressed interest in inviting us to their staff meeting. She will be talking to other departments to see if they are interested (healthcare, etc). The person in charge of overseeing residential housing seems interested. Request has been made to a Lawyers assistance group that oversees C.E.U.'s and they are receptive to offering C.E.U.'s for our presentation. We are awaiting word on exactly how we are supposed to proceed. Toledo Public Schools and Sylvania Schools—need to follow up with them again.

Next meeting Thursday, November 14, 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

No Report.

Approval of Grapevine Financial Report: N/A.

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 13, 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 20, 2024 at noon. Group Services met on October 20th at noon, present were myself, Dalan S., Brian V., Kenney A., and Danny S. We went over our equipment with Danny as he is a new member, and gave him a run down on what we do. We are continuing to work on ways to improve the quality of our hybrid meeting, and ensure continuity of services in the case that someone else were to need to take over the zoom equipment. As of right now, the only event that we have on the books for November is Perrysburg Staying Sober on November 10th. If anyone knows of any events that require our services, please let me know after the meeting.

Group Services is always open for new members. We meet one hour prior to General Service Assembly at the Senior Center on the third Sunday of each month.

Next meeting: November 17, 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, September 25, at 6:00pm at Central Office. We discussed how all of our current meetings are going and how the members we got to see are doing. Mary Beth said that Larry W. has been a little bit depressed lately because the physical therapists at the rehab center he is in have recently told him that they can do nothing more for him. He is paralyzed on one side from the stroke he had. We think that he thought he was going to regain his feeling and movement in that side of his body and they told him he will not. Several of us went up to see him on our last visit there to give him some extra support. Jackie D. is doing better and her sponsor is Mary G. It was Mary's birthday the 26th of September so Carrie and Tom S brought Mary to Jackie's house that Thursday. Carrie made chili mac and bought a chocolate cake and ice cream. We had a little birthday party for Mary that visit. We had a meeting before we ate and Mary talked the entire hour and we all got quite a bit out of her sharing. It was a very nice visit. All of our other commitments are being met and Diane R. continues to make calls to all of our Shut Ins every week whether we are currently visiting them or not. We also sent a card to everyone on our list for the month of September. We were unable to send a card to Angela S. and Julia W. as we have neither of their addresses. Josh and Larry reminded us that we have a monthly budget of \$100.00 with which we can buy literature and other things like AA-oriented tokens and things like that. We plan to take advantage of that to give literature and possibly tokens or small gifts to our Shut In members. Our Monthly meeting in November will be held on Wednesday, November 20th at 5:30pm at Central Office. Our Monthly meeting in December will be on Wednesday, December 18 at 5:30pm at Central Office.

Next meeting: October 23, 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 October 9, 2024

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

New Business: No meeting was held. Tim reported there was a request from a district to set up a table for a workshop, but Tim was unable to do that at this time.

Next meeting: November 13, 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. gave the September 28, 2024 Intergroup Meeting Report. The Anniversary Committee is getting complaints about the ticket price. Please remember that the quoted price was \$85 and the committee negotiated a \$35 price. Costs for everything have gone up and we pay our way. The committee still plans to serve our own salad bar rather than buy from the caterer (caterer wanted \$250). That cost was passed on to you. Central Office: Paper meeting directories have increased in price to \$1.25 each. Children's Christmas Party: The committee has assigned responsibilities and started to purchase supplies. Entertainment Committee: New Year's Eve Dance—tickets are \$35. They are planning to sell 200 tickets with a minimum of 160. Dec. 16 will be the cutoff. No door prizes this year. Have made a deposit of \$1,034 to Casey's Catering. Finance Committee: They sold 35 dinners at full price, 6 dinners at half price, and 28 drinks at the meeting for a total of \$264. Hospital Committee: Reviewing EFE mental health and substance abuse services. Newsletter Committee: Need Subscribers! If you receive the newsletter by mail, check the address label. It shows your expiration date. Many don't renew until they ask why it stopped coming. NOCYPAA Liaison: They are assisting with the State Conference. Event: Friendsgiving, 11/23/24 at St. Andrews. Doors open at 5pm, eat a 6pm, panel at 7pm.

Newsletter Liaison: No report

NOCYPAA: Ross O., NOCYPAA GSR liaison. NOCYPAA met October 13, 2024. Discussed the Friendsgiving, Saturday, November 23, 2024 at St. Andrews, 3620 Heatherdowns Blvd., Toledo, OH. OYPAA Conference is in Eastlake, Ohio, November 1-November 3, 2024. They are currently out of hotel rooms for this conference.

MONCYPAA Liaison: No report

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER (“DCM”) REPORTS

District Committee Member Chair: Jim S.

Alt. DCMC: Kellie S.

DCM Meeting: Next meeting November 17, 2024 at 11:30AM at the Senior Center. Jim S. presented the October report. District 1: Chris J. DCM: Goal to get groups active in his district. Check with other meetings outside the district that are close to be included in District 1. District 2: David Fisher, DCM. Checked with Warm Heart Serenity has a GSR, Close Park, Crosstown nobody is yet to contact for GSR. Hard time making to meetings. Jim suggested to contact people on the phone that are point of contact on his list. Bob T. resigned as Alternate DCM. District 3: Kellie S. DCM: We had 4 groups represented on 9/18/2024. We discussed the District 3 workshop. Called members to see if they would be willing to do a panel. We had 6 groups represented on 10/9/2024. We finished up the details for the District 3 workshop. Sisters of Sobriety, they have had 0 people attending their meeting. We discussed getting with the Women's Friday 12X12 to discuss possibly making 1 meeting. They also wanted to know if it was against traditions to get with Chrysalis and Naomi house since they are on the bus line. I advised to get with Bev to discuss. (David A. advised in the meeting to get with the coordinator of the facility or take the meeting to them). Raising the Bottom- Herman is rotating out after this year. They are still in need of an alternate New Hope: Needs an alternate. Group Anniversary 10/17/2024. District 3 workshop on 10/12/2024 went very well. 22 people in attendance. Attended City Parks anniversary and it was good food, fellowship and lead! Next meeting is 11/6/2024 at Faith United Lutheran Church 4543 Douglas Road at 7:30PM District 4: James B., DCM - Discussing getting with Kenny A to help become acquainted with the groups. District 5: Karlotta Humphrey, DCM. 10/1 district meeting. 1 person showed up. Discussed New Years Day open house at Oregon Municipal Building. Reno Beach 23rd anniversary November 3. Pie Night. Next Meeting November 3 at Reno Beach at 4:00pm. District 6: Lynn M. accepted the position as DCM. District 11: Perrysburg Staying Sober 39th Anniversary November 10 - doors open at 6. Josh D is leading. Work on continuing lighting the districts which means getting a contact in their district so they stay connected with Area 55 so they have a voice and vote. Josh D is doing an outreach trip on November 3rd. 10AM-Friends of Bill W ---12PM- Findly High Noon. 2:PM Oregon Happy Hour - 4PM District 5 meeting 6PM Reno Beach anniversary pie night.

DCM Monthly Report: Next meeting: November 17, 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 has been conducting business as usual. We connected on monthly video chat on October 13, 2024. We recently updated our bank account for the Area and upcoming Ohio State Convention. Josh has been serving on the Report and Charter Committee. The AA Service Manual has been reviewed and edited and the final version reflecting the edits was sent for review last week. We received a request to submit speaker nominations for the international convention. Josh attended the District 3 workshop on October 12th, which had a topic of Structure of AA General Service. The 2025 Catalog of AA Literature is now available. Link will be available online. La Vina subscription price has increased for the first time in over a decade. The new price is now \$18.00/year (print) effective January 1, 2025. The digital subscription price remains the same. There is a request from GSO Corrections Desk for experience, strength, and hope from AA members who carry our message into correctional facilities. Deadline is December 15, 2025 for the completion of the Survey. Delegate’s Report is also available online at area55aa.org. Area 55 is hosting the 69th Ohio State Convention of AA on August 8-10, 2024 at Delta Hotels Toledo. Next planning meeting will be held on November 16th, 2024 at 10:30am to noon at Central Office (3328 Glanzman Rd.). Area 55 will also have an outreach table at OYPAA conference next weekend for information on the 69th Ohio State Convention. Meeting of Committee Chairs will be held at noon on December 15, 2024 at the Senior Center.

OLD BUSINESS

Collection: \$68.00. Motion made by Teri J., Trail Group and seconded by Chris C. to send \$68.00 to the General Service Office. Motion passed.

Area 55 Guidelines Ad Hoc Committee was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Larry B. discussed the 2025 Area 55 Mini Conference. We are considering hosting our conference on the fifth weekend in March. Planning will need to be completed in February 2025. We consulted with other areas on holding our mini conference the last weekend in March. Dalan S. made a motion to purchase the mixer and webcam for a total of \$260.00, not exceeding \$300.00, and to take this info to groups for approval and to vote on it next month. Joe Young seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Bev Z. asked if CPCI could use one of the Assembly laptops for some upcoming presentations. We will make a motion once we determine if we will be purchase a laptop for the Assembly.

Dave F. asked if the groups have been falling off or cancelled. How do we promote attraction of AA? Josh and Larry will be visiting groups.

Tim D. discussed the All the Literature Meeting that meets every Monday at 6:30pm. Discuss Tradition 9 and Concept 9. People from across the country attended this meeting online.

Josh D. discussed the links at the end of the Delegate's Report that can be accessed online.

NEXT GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: November 17, 2024, 1:00 p.m. the Senior Center (corner of Jefferson Street and 23rd Street; Toledo, OH)

The Mission statement will be read by Teri J.

Tradition 11 will be read by Dave F.

Concept 11 will be read by Kellie S.

Cleanup for the November meeting will be District 5.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by: Kelly C.

Seconded by: Kellie S.

Closed with "Declaration of Unity"

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley L.

Recording Secretary, Area 55, Panel 74