

GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY

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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. 32 people were present including 5 Panel Officers, 5 Past Delegates, 11 GSRs, 1 Alternate GSRs, 2 DCMs, 4 Area 55 Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs, 1 guest(s).

MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 17, 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 Teri J.; David A., read Tradition 11; Dakoada S., read Concept 11. Panel 74 officers were introduced.

New GSRs/Alternate GSRs: Lisa T., Sisters of Sobriety, Alternate GSR.

New DCMs/Alternate DCMs: None.

Past Delegates: Henry C., Past Delegate, Area 55, Panel 68; 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 October minutes: Motion made by Kenny G.; seconded by Frank V.; 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 October 2024, Treasurer's Report: Michael D., Treasurer, presented the Financial Report for October 2024.

Operating Account: Beginning Balance: 10/01/2024: \$12,829.99; Income: \$2,258.55; Expenses: \$723.33; Ending Balance: 10/31/2024: \$14,365.21.

Prudent Reserve: Beginning Balance: 10/01/2024: \$5,006.56; Interest: \$0.13; Ending Balance: 10/31/2024: \$5,006.69.

Area 55 Mini Conference: Beginning Balance: 10/01/2024: \$2,000.00 Income: \$0.00; Expenses: \$0.00. Ending Balance: 10/31/2024 \$0.00.

Group Contributions for YTD. 2024: \$15,908.12

Total Income Received YTD. 2024: \$19,930.11

Total Expenses YTD.: \$15,617.78

Assembly Basket: \$ 68.00

Individual Contributions: \$15.00

Motion to accept the financial report made by: Jackie B. Seconded by Joe Y. Motion passed.

Archives: / Melissa T. / [archives.chair@area55aa.org/](mailto:archives.chair@area55aa.org)

New Business: Jim S. and Nicole are asking for Ohio State Convention programs. Do we make copies or scan and email them? Either will work. Melissa will be looking up the policy to do this. Release forms? Blocking out names for anonymity? Toni S called New York about when DCMs started: 1975 is when it became official. Central office doesn't want our archives materials stored on their cabinets. We have to ask the Central Office Committee if we want to move anything. Toni is wondering if we're

letting people come to Central Office to listen to the cassette tapes we have. Melissa T and Melanie R will find out. Toni asked if we were missing anything for archives. Melanie and Melissa confirmed we are not. This was about when the old committees wouldn't be able to get the key to Central Office, so they would have their meetings at Tim Horton's.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 21, 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

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

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

New Business: No meeting.

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 /

The committee welcomed its new member, Andrew. He brings with him years of experience as a counselor in addiction and mental health fields. Updates: Jody met with another staff member of Unison at the Cherry Street Mission and gave pamphlets and information. A draft letter to judges was reviewed and will be hand-delivered to the Judges. We decided not to pursue going through the cumbersome process of trying to get CEU's granted for an AA presentation to lawyers. We are in the process of confirming a specific date for a presentation to VA staff as well as hopefully agencies who partner with them, and possibly vets who were formerly homeless. We reviewed the places where the committee made contacts within the last four years. We brainstormed some ideas of where else to focus our efforts, such as nursing students, social work students, doctors, psychologists, high schools. There are the CPC as well as the PI audiences to consider. Follow up with an instructor at the UT Social Work program is in process. There is a week-long Crisis Intervention Training that is done with the police and mental health and addiction specialists. We are exploring if we can do a presentation during that time. A Start High School counselor that someone on the committee knows was emailed to see if they are interested in us doing a presentation for the students. If this happens, we are hoping that this could lead to us presenting at other TPS High Schools.

Next meeting December 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.chair@area55aa.org /

November Financial Report: Beginning balance was \$447.32. Book Sales were \$0.00. Ending Balance was \$447.32. Cash on Hand is \$197.32. Overage of \$0.00.

Approval of Grapevine Financial Report: N/A.

Next meeting: December 18, 2024, at 5:45 p.m., Memorial United Church of Christ, 1301 Starr Ave.

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.chair@area55aa.org /

Group Services met on November 17, 2024 at noon. We discussed future commitments and continued to discuss equipment solutions. Group services is planning to be at the Amazing Grace anniversary on January 1st. As of right now that is the only obligation that we have on the books for the coming months, if there are any other events that would like us to be there, please find me after the assembly. Our next meeting is on December 15th at noon at the Senior Center. We are always open for new members, if you are curious about what we do, please come to our next meeting!

Next meeting: December 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.

Accessibilities: / Jackie B. / accessibilities@area55.org /

The Committee met on Wednesday, October 23rd at 6:00pm at Central Office. Ms. Lee F. called Jackie and said she is getting out to meetings on her own again and that she no longer requires home visits. Her name and information has been removed from our Shut In List. Kathy R. also told Lorraine on Lorraine's last visit that she also wants no more visits. We have kept her name on the List so that we can still remain in touch with her via mail and phone in case she wants visits in the future as she remains homebound. We also removed Carol K. from our List as she is getting out to meetings. We also decided to remove Julia W. and Angela S. from our Shut In List. Jackie has heard from neither one of them and we don't know when or if we may hear from them again. We don't have their current phone numbers or addresses as they both have changed these. They have not updated these with us so we can't even send them cards. We are also considering no longer visiting Kevin C. and Larry W. Kevin C.'s mother initiated contact with us and Larry W.'s wife initiated contact with us. We are not sure if either of these men want to become/stay sober. We are still in the process of discussing this with them and amongst ourselves and will update the body. We have not stopped visiting them at this point. We sent cards to everyone for whom we have an address. Jackie mailed them on October 24th and our committee member, Diane C., continues to call everyone weekly. Our December meeting will be on Wednesday, December 18th, at 5:30pm. This is a departure from our normal meeting time which would have landed on Christmas Day at 6:00pm. Please make a note of this.

Next meeting: November 20, 2024, 5:30p.m. at Central Office

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

Website: Tim D. / www.web.chair.com.area55aa.org /

Minutes from November, 2024

Present: Brian V.; Tim D, Committee Chair

New Business: Tim will be checking with the delegate and treasurer to see what equipment is available to us. Discussed the website, the usability of the way it currently looks. Suggested possible changes. The webmaster and the assembly in general—will post fliers online about the Ohio State Convention. Also talked about the ongoing use of the hybrid versions for the website and the DCM meeting. Looking at what other areas around the country are paying webmasters and service providers for their services, and we will be doing contact with the other areas. Tim will contact a couple areas on the east coast, west coast and Midwest.

Next meeting: December 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

Northwest Ohio/Southeast Michigan Intergroup Liaison: Karen W. Anniversary Committee: 98 Tickets sold at \$35 each plus 2 donation gave a final profit of \$87. Central Office: Getting quotes for new computers. Children's Christmas Party: Party is December 7 from 12-3 at Faith United on Douglas. 11/30 is gift buying day. Wrapping party at 2p at Riverpoint United Methodist at 2862 131st St (where Warm Heart Serenity meets). Committee is still accepting donations. Send a check to Central Office with a note that it is for the Children's Christmas Party. Entertainment Committee: New Year's Eve Dance - tickets are \$35 and they are now available. Dec 16 will be the cutoff. Need \$1000 for deposit for Conn Weisenberger. Finance: The committee is working on ideas for future events - probably spring or summer. They need new members as some are rolling off. \$287 for dinners sold. Hospital: Two more commitments have returned since Covid making 10 total. NWO Psych Hospital and Arrowhead Behavioral Health. Newsletter: No meeting last month. The committee is looking for a cabinet to store their supplies at Central Office. \$200+.

Newsletter Liaison: No report

NOCYPAA: Ross O., NOCYPAA GSR liaison. NOCYPAA met at Central Office and discussed Friendsgiving, Saturday, November 23rd, at St. Andrews Church, 3620 Heatherdowns Blvd. \$10 suggested donation. Doors at 5, eat at 6, Panel at 7. New Years Eve, Doors 7, meeting at 8, dance until 2pm. \$5 suggested donation Next mtg Dec. 8th 1pm Central Office.

MONCYPAA Liaison: No report

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER (“DCM”) REPORTS

DCMC Chair: Jim S.

Alt. DCMC: Kellie S., Alt. District Committee Member Chair

DCM Meeting: Next meeting December 15, 2024 at 11:00AM at the Senior Center.

District 1: Chris J. DCM: David A. spoke on Chris's behalf. One group in the District has 1 GSR but doesn't participate. District 2: David F., DCM Bob T., Alternate DCM. DCM Meeting on 12/12 at 5:00 PM where S.S.T meeting meets. District 3: Kellie S. DCM: District meeting in November was canceled. Need an Alternate DCM. We were provided a Zoom meeting account : Meeting ID: 949-6222-2595 Passcode 5503. City Park Gratitude Meeting at 7:00pm 11/19. Next meeting is 12/4 at Faith United Lutheran Church 4543 Douglas Road at 7:30PM. District 5: Karlotta H., DCM: Discussed the New Years Open House menu which will be held at Oregon Municipal Building 5330 Seaman RD in Oregon. Oregon's Mens doesn't have a GSR and will get with Karlotta after their group conscience. Next Meeting December 7th at 10:30 where Reality Check meets. District 6: Lynn M., DCM Went to 2 meetings in District 6. One meeting wasn't in the district and the Keep IT Simple. He is making a personal goal to make it to 1 meeting a week in District 6. District 11: No DCM in the area but Karlee C., GSR for Saturday Women's New Beginnings. District 11, Sarah M. and Kay L. - Very interested in lighting up their district. They talk about service work at meetings they go to however they are getting resistance. November 27th Happy Hour meeting is hosting dinner. doors open at 4 and eating at 5. Gratitude meeting to follow. Josh D., Delegate : Outreach trip on December 7. 10AM-First Things First ---11:30AM-Primary Purpose 2:30PM Steps to Change.

DCM Monthly Report: Next meeting: December 15, 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 Davis/ delegate@area55aa.org / (419) 309-0637

We had a monthly Panel meeting. Larry and Josh met with the Delta hotel for the upcoming State Conference. Josh was a part of the Report and Charter Committee and reviewed the ready-for-print version of updated Service Manual. We had an outreach table at the OYPAA Conference on October 21st. Twenty-one people signed up for State Convention updates. OSC statewide planning meeting on Nov.2—final 2024 OSC budget shared. Area Outreach trip on Nov. 3--jolly good time. Waffle Wednesday on Nov. 6 for East Central Region delegates and trustee: sharing/receiving ESH. Received preliminary agenda items for 75th General Service Conference. Tradition 7 in Area 55 was discussed. Area 55 is hosting the 69th Ohio State Convention August 8th-August 10th 2025. It will be held at Delta Hotels Toledo. Rooms are \$129/night. Registration TBD. Theme: Attraction by Action. Next planning meeting is Saturday, January 18, 2025, 10:30am-Noon at Central Office (3328 Glanzman Rd.)

The Area 55 2025 Mini Conference will be Friday March 28-March 29th at First United Methodist Church in Bowling Green. Change for Area 55 only: Area 55 Mini Conference will be the last Ohio Mini Conference instead of the first one. The Plain Language Big Book is now available online and via Central Office.

Delegate’s report will be uploaded to area55aa.org/delegate-report/.

OLD BUSINESS

Collection: \$72.00. Motion made by Joe Y. to keep it in our area, and seconded by Kenny G. to keep \$72.00 in the area. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Dalan Smith discussed better equipment for hybrid meetings. As of today, there is an issue with the portable speaker and we are borrowing the Senior Center’s equipment. Brian and Dalan found a replacement mixer that would cost \$499.00. We are also in need of a new webcam. Dalan entertained a motion to approve the purchase of the portable

speaker, as well as a warranty, not exceeding, \$675, and a web cam, not exceeding \$150. Motion made by Lorraine M. Seconded by Nicole D. Discussions held. Kelly C. called the question. Motion to purchase the speaker not to exceed \$500, warranty not to exceed \$175, and a webcam not exceeding \$150. Motion carried.

Larry B. discussed the purchase of laptops for the Panel. Sherry S. discussed that the body is responsible for providing the Registrar, the Recording Secretary, and the Treasurer with a laptop because we are responsible for the business records of the body. It's very important that we keep proper records. Josh discussed that we all have access to Google Drive, a cloud based service, and business records can be kept there.

Michael D. discussed the use of Quicken and the redundancy of the record keeping as it currently stands. Discussion was held regarding using consistent bookkeeping software to keep track of our register. We are currently looking into software. Discussion was also held about the amount of return envelopes we receive. We send out return envelopes to every group and only get about a third of those back with donations. Is there going to be a need in the future for those?

The Group Services Committee will begin research on computers, record keeping, and software for bookkeeping. Josh will be putting together an ad hoc committee to discuss the needs of the entire area. A report will be completed in the first quarter of next year.

Larry discussed the need of a new Registrar since Chris C. stepped down. The letter of resignation was read by Larry, and a description of the responsibilities of the Registrar was also provided for those considering the position. Elections will be held for the Registrar position at our next meeting, December 15, 2024.

NEXT GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: December 15, 2024, 1:00 p.m. the Senior Center (corner of Jefferson Street and 23rd Street; Toledo, OH)

The Mission statement will be read by Frank V.

Tradition 12 will be read by Dakoada S.

Concept 12 will be read by Joe Y..

Cleanup for the May meeting will be District Came to Believe.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by: Sherry S.; seconded by Henry C.

Seconded by:

Closed with "The Responsibility Statement"

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley L.

Recording Secretary, Area 55, Panel 74