

# 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. 35 people were present including 5 Panel Officers, 4 Past Delegates, 14 GSRs, 3Alternate GSRs, 3 DCMs, 5 Area 55 Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs, 1 guest(s).

## MEETING MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 15, 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 John C.; Dakoata S., read Tradition 12; Dalan S., read Concept 12. Panel 74 officers were introduced.

**New GSRs/Alternate GSRs:** Heather R., GSR, Warm Heart Serenity; Willie L., GSR, Madison Group; David A., City Park, Alternate GSR.

**New DCMs/Alternate DCMs:** N/A.

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

**Approval of November minutes:** Dave F. made a motion to approve minutes; seconded by Michael C. Vote was unanimously approved.

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

**Operating Account:** Beginning Balance: 11/01/2024: \$14,364.21; Income: \$4,433.98; Expenses: \$1,619.76; Ending Balance: 11/30/2024: \$17,179.43.

**Prudent Reserve:** Beginning Balance: 11/01/2024: \$5,006.69; Interest: \$0.00; Ending Balance: 11/30/2024: \$5,006.69.

**Area 55 Mini Conference:** Beginning Balance: 11/01/2024: \$2,000.00 Income: \$182.13; Expenses: \$30.00. Ending Balance: 11/30/2024 \$2,000.00.

**Group Contributions for YTD. 2024:** \$17,317.85

**Total Income Received YTD. 2024:** \$24,364.09

**Total Expenses YTD.:** \$16,937.54

**Assembly Basket:** \$ 67.75

**Individual Contributions:** \$15.00

**Motion to accept the financial report made by:** John C. Seconded by Jackie B. Vote was unanimous.

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

New Business: Teri J. presented the minutes. New Business and Old-Business was suspended this month. Working day was on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It was a success. Everyone came and worked hard, but it was so fun, lots of laughs. We got a lot done. We worked on putting each category into date order. Thank you everyone that was there! Melissa is taking

Archives Display to Sober Sisters Anniversary, she will be there at 5:30 on November 25, 2024. Anyone from the committee is invited to go with her. The Committee discussed and voted on whether we should digitize all our Archives Repository. There was much discussion. We went through pros and cons, read information from New York. The committee voted NO for digitizing. Maybe down the road, but not now. One of the reasons for not digitizing is the committee has spent most of our time going through what we have and sorting through and doing interviews. The Committee said Digitizing is too big of a project to take on right now. Also, the cost of digitizing is too much. The time, the security, the traditions, anonymity was a concern. Goals the Committee would like to focus on is; Putting all archival materials in preservation mode and category order. Whatever that takes. The Committee wants to help with research on Archival supplies to preserve, because they think boxes would be hard to store. We tabled that discussion for December's meeting. Continued work on growing our Group History Book for meetings in Area 55, continued work on Old-Timer Interviews, there are hundreds of interviews to do. This will be an on-going project. We discussed Interviews and how everyone is doing with interviews. Committee is working hard to dwindle the list. We addressed our interview kit. The kit has the Release form, which is being changed to work for our Area, a start letter, a questionnaire, a thank you letter. The Interview kit is being re-done for our needs instead of the New York Interview kit. We decided to get rid of the Greeting Start Letter and the Thank you Letter. The committee added Thank you cards instead, (Melissa will buy generic bulk thank you cards), give thank you to the interviewee on the day of the interview. The Biological Sketch Form is optional, that is staying in the kit. The kit instructions will be given once not in every kit. That also goes for the Interview questions, as well.

**Next meeting: Monday, December 19, 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](mailto:mjreichart@sbcglobal.net)

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**Multi-District Correctional:** Geneva M. / [corrections@area55aa.org](mailto:corrections@area55aa.org)

New Business: No schedule PRIA Training for 2024. PRIA Training each month starting 2025. Geneva will follow up with Ms. Crewshall with TOCI, and Ms. Katie with Lucas County Jail. Committee: Lucas County Men's Jail—No issues; Monday nights, 7-8pm. Lucas County Women's—No report; Saturday, 1-2pm. CTF: Men: Thursday night 7-8pm; no issues. Women: Monday nights 6:30-7:30pm; no issues. TOCI: No report. Tyree moved out of state. DIP Program: No issues. Home Group: Bedford Clean Sweep: Mike M. is banned from EFE and anywhere on the premises. James B. (JB) and Todd S. will alternate Monday night Men's at Lucas County Jail.

**Next meeting: December 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 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)

No Report.

**Next meeting January 9, 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](mailto:grapevine@area55aa.org)

The Committee met on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:45pm. Anniversaries or celebrations to recognize: East Side 12x12 January 8, 2025. December 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:** Scott L. made motion to pass Grapevine June Financial Report; David A.; John C. second. Motion passed.

**Next meeting: January 8, 2025, 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.chair@area55aa.org](mailto:groupservices.chair@area55aa.org) /

Group services met on 12/15/24 at noon. Present were Dalan S., committee chair and Brian V. We discussed the new equipment and began to set things up in a way that can be easily handed off. We will be attending Amazing Grace on New Year's Day, as for now that is the only event on our calendar. Please reach out to me if you would like us to provide equipment for an event.

**Next meeting: January 19, 2025, 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)

We discussed how all of our Shut Ins are doing. We removed a couple people from our list as we have no current phone numbers or addresses for them so we can't even call or send them a card. We will wait for these people to reach out to us for help again, then we will add them back on. We also discussed continuing to visit a few others on the list based on the fact that they did not call us themselves—other people called for them. We decided to continue seeing them as we can see that it does them good for us to visit and that we all didn't necessarily get the program the first time around. We decided to give them the same chance we were given. We spoke specifically about Kevin C. who is our Shut In who has a wet brain. Jackie and Rita have both been to see him and they spoke about how difficult it is to communicate with him. Josh recommended getting him a copy of the new Plain Language Big Book to see if that might help him. Jackie will meet up with Josh to get a copy to give to Kevin. We wrote and signed cards to everyone. Jackie sent them out the day after our meeting. Jackie will be resigning as Chairperson at the end of 2024 due to personal reasons. She and Josh spoke about possible replacements. They will both be looking around. Our next meeting is Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at Central Office. This is not our usual date and time due to the Christmas holiday. Our latest list of Shut Ins is on the table in the back so we encourage everyone to take a few copies and have your group "adopt" a Shunt In—which means to just send them a card or call them every now and then to let them know they aren't forgotten.

**Next meeting: Thursday, December 19, 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](mailto:website@area55aa.org)

New Business: No Report.

**Next meeting: January 8, 2025, 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:**

Elections:

Intergroup Chair - Bridget B., Vice Chair: Cassandra B.

Intergroup Secretary - Tabled until next month

Central Office committee - Chair: Chris L., Vice Chair: Henry C.

Anniversary Committee = Chair: Pam H., Vice Chair: Tabled until next month

Children's Christmas Party - Chair: Brad P., Vice Chair: Dekoada S.

Entertainment Committee - Chair: Will D., Vice Chair: Tabled

Finance Committee - Chair: Jeremy D., Vice Chair: Tabled until next month

Hospital Committee- Chair: Al W., Vice Chair: Dave F.

Newsletter Committee - Chair: Bret F., Vice Chair: Tylor G.

**Newsletter Liaison:** Rick S., Starlight Group, presented the minutes. Last meeting was at Central Office. Discussed low subscription number and how to get those up. Brett F. is the new Newsletter Chair. Topics for the next four months: How do we continue to maintain our sobriety through the holidays, March: ; April: What is your favorite chapter in the Big Book and why?

**NOCYPAA:** Ross O., NOCYPAA GSR liaison. We discussed our upcoming New Year's party which will be Tuesday December 31<sup>st</sup> at the Church of St. Andrew, 3620 Heatherdowns Blvd., Toledo, OH 43614. Doors open at 7pm; meeting at 8pm. Dance until 12:30am. We also discussed the upcoming elections that we will be having. Elections will be held January 12, 2025 at 1pm at 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 January 19, 2025 at 11:00AM at the Senior Center.

**District 1:** Chris J. DCM: Still working on getting the groups interested in service work. **District 2:** David F., DCM Bob Tipton, Alternate DCM. 1st DCM meeting December 12 at 5:00 4920 297th Street Toledo. North End Group needs support. Warm Heart Serenity experiencing over crowdedness at their meeting. Dec 5th Raising the Bottom moved to Pilgrim Church 1375 West Sylvania and now is in District 2. Next District 2 meeting January 16 @5:00 pm 4920 297th Street Toledo. **District 3:** Kellie S. DCM: Meeting held on 12/4. We had 6 GSR's attend. David Allen accepted the Alternate DCM for District 3. Melissa D. is Alternate GSR for City Park. All groups are going okay. No issues. Brothers and Sisters in Sobriety on Friday's at 7 can use your support. Sisters of Sobriety need support. We are discussing topics for a workshop. Discussed the 12 Concept workshop that is starting on Zoom January 1. We weren't being self-supporting for the room we get to use so we each contributed money and gave to 12 Step Study West. We are attending a meeting in our District. We are going to City Park on 12/17. 4 people from our district attended the Broad Highway on Dec. 7. We had a great time! January 1 at 6:00 AM Amazing Grace's 34th anniversary. January 12th Open Minded Anniversary -Doors open at 5:30. Dec 5th Raising the Bottom moved to Pilgrim Church 1375 West Sylvania and now is in District 2. Women's Road to Recovery will have a meeting on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve 12 Step Study West will have a meeting on Christmas Day and New Years Day. Warm Heart Serenity will NOT have a meeting on Christmas Eve but will have one on Christmas Day. Next meeting is 1/15/2024 at Faith United Lutheran Church 4543 Douglas Road at 7:30PM. **District 5:** Karlotta H., DCM -not present but Jim S. gave the report. Discussed the New Years Open House menu which will be held at Oregon Municipal Building 5330 Seaman RD in Oregon from 10-3. Next Meeting at 11:00 Am at the Oregon Municipal Building 5330 Seaman Road Oregon. District 11: No DCM in the area but Karlee C., GSR for Saturday Women's New Beginnings. **District 11,** and Kay L. -4 people attended the Broad Highway. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day-New Years Eve and New Years Day from 12:am to 12:pm Pioneer Club. **Old Business:** Next planning committee for the Ohio State Convention will be held at 10:30 Central Office on January 18, 2025. If you're interested in joining the Program or Entertainment Committee next meeting dates are below: Next Program Committee for the Ohio State Conference is 6:00 pm at Tim Horton 2621 Navarre Avenue Oregon OH on January 16, 2025. Next Entertainment Committee for the Ohio State Conference is at 5:30 at Deseo Modern Mexican Restaurant at 3137 Central Avenue, Toledo. **New Business:** Unity Day - put on the DCM's in our area. Need to take back to groups about -what does our districts what to hear about --see? How do we get more people involved? Importance of the DCM's talking about the Mini Conference in their districts. The Mini Conference will either be held March 28th or April 5th.

**DCM Monthly Report: Next meeting: January 19, 2025, 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](mailto:delegate@area55aa.org)

Panel Officer Happenings: Quiet month for us. We are rescheduling our monthly touch base because of the conflicts with planning meetings. New version of the Service Manual is available online; print Edition is coming early next year. Josh attended some committee meetings this past month. Josh can make speaker nominations for the International Conventions. Delegates have been asked to send in nominations for speakers. Attended conference sharing meeting. Some tensions exist between the Delegates and the Trustees. The meeting ended on a happy note. Ad Hoc committee discussed last month will be formed by the end of this year. Area Grapevine website has exceeded 1,000,000 downloads. La Vina needs active support from the Fellowship. General Service Conference: Discussed the 2026-2028 Edition of the AA Service Manual. Plain

Language Big Book: First printing of just over 70,000 copies old out. First printing did not change "Alcohol Addiction" to "Alcoholism". 69<sup>th</sup> Ohio State Convention in August: Larry reached out to hotel re: costs. January 18<sup>th</sup> next planning meeting at Central Office. Mini Conference planning meetings are being held. Broad Highway outreach in Monroe, Michigan. 9 went. Hospital, broke out into 4 small group discussions. Next trip, January 4<sup>th</sup>. Meeting for coffee, District 8 at noon, Montpelier Common Bond. Defiance Too Late for Lunch (District 9) at 2pm. Findlay Happy hour at 530pm. This info available online under the Delegate's Report link.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Collection:** \$67.75. Motion made by Dalan S. to send to New York and seconded by Sherry S. to send \$67.75 to the General Service Office, New York. Motion passed.

Michael noted a mistake on the November Treasurers Report. \$300 needed to be added. Motion on the floor to amend the November Treasurers Report. Motion made by Jackie B., seconded by Henry C.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Elections held for the Registrar position. 32 eligible to vote. Lisa H. (nominated by Jim S.), Robert T. (Nominated by Ashley L.), Charlie H. (nominated by Shannon C.). Nominees gave service resumes, and Lisa withdrew. Responsibilities of the position were read by Larry B. Final Count 23 to 9, Robert T. is elected.

Jim S. discussed the Mini Conference and making it open to donations instead of charging a registration fee in consideration of the treasury doing well. Accept donations for the food and hotel. Committee recommendation. Larry recommended GSRs taking that back to homegroups for discussion and we can vote next month. Josh discussed that we charged \$30 last year, 11 scholarships, 150 registered. Larry said if we do free, State Convention reg money toward that.

### **NEXT GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: January 19, 2025, 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 Dakoata S.

Tradition 1 will be read by Jim S.

Concept 1 will be read by Lisa K.

Cleanup for the January meeting will be Tuesday Night Young People

**Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by:** Jim S.

**Seconded by:** Henry C.

Closed with "The Responsibility Statement"

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley L.

Recording Secretary, Area 55, Panel 74