

GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY

Area 55, Panel 74 NW Ohio & Southeast Michigan
P.O. Box 401 Toledo, OH 43697-0401 www.area55aa.org

Delegate: Josh D. / joshd@area55aa.org

Alternate Delegate / Area Chair: Larry B. / larryb@area55aa.org

Recording Secretary: Ashley L. / ashleyl@area55aa.org

Registrar: Robert T. / registrar@area55aa.org

Treasurer: Michael D. / michaeld@area55aa.org

Mailing Secretary: Shannon C. / shannonc@area55aa.org

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. 25 people were present including 5 Panel Officers, 5 Past Delegates, 10 GSRs, 0 Alternate GSRs, 1 DCMs, 3 Area 55 Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs, 1 guest(s).

MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2025

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 David A.; Sherry S., read Tradition 2; Joe Y., read Concept 2. Panel 74 officers were introduced.

New GSRs/Alternate GSRs: Tracy, GSR, Amazing Grace.

New DCMs/Alternate DCMs: N/A.

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

Approval of January minutes: Dave F. made a motion to approve the January minutes; Dalan S. seconded. 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 January 2025, Treasurer's Report: Michael D., Treasurer, presented the Financial Report for January 2025.

Operating Account: Beginning Balance: 01/01/2025: \$17,858.10; Income: \$1,846.99; Expenses: \$1,071.51; Ending Balance: 01/31/2025: \$18,633.58.

Prudent Reserve: Beginning Balance: 01/01/2025: \$5,006.69; Interest: \$0.00; Ending Balance: 01/31/2025: \$5,006.69.

Area 55 Mini Conference: Beginning Balance: 01/01/2025: \$2,000.00 Income: \$2,409.98; Expenses: \$279.14. Ending Balance: 01/31/2025 \$2,150.84.

Group Contributions for YTD. 2025: \$20,422.11

Total Income Received YTD. 2025: \$27,540.35

Total Expenses YTD.: \$19,111.40

Assembly Basket: \$ 72.00

Individual Contributions: \$0.00

Motion to accept the financial report made by: Dave J. Seconded by Jim S. Motion passed.

Archives: Melissa T. / archives@area55aa.org

New Business: **Mini-Conference** is the end of March, 3/21/25 and 3/22/25, in Bowling Green. We're to think about who can come to sit with the display. **Ohio State Convention** is August 8-10, 2025, here in Toledo. They want us there even though the state has their own archives. Toni was wondering if they invited other archives committees throughout the state. Melanie reminded us that people don't know what archives is, and we need to tell them.

Next meeting: Friday, February 28, 2025, 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.

Archivist Report: She has purchased more archives materials for preservation. Have history of New Noon South. **What she observed at Warm Heart's Anniversary:** Nobody was going into our History Book. We need to review our display; our area info isn't on the display. Addresses aren't on it, of where these places in the photos are. **New display ideas since what we have isn't very visible:** Maybe have it on a TV monitor. Hoping to get a new laptop so that we can do this. Need to go through our photos. We have pictures of Anniversaries. Could put together a slide show of past AA's who are no longer with us. Sandy Brown is a good resource for this, she has a lot of photos, she just needs to find them. Toni brought up anonymity. We asked Toni what had been done in the past with displays: Cases to look into and see pieces to look through. Displayed different brochures and service manuals. Melissa will be doing research on this.

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

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

New Business: Todd S., co-chair presented minutes. Looking for volunteers for men and women to go to the jail. Setting up something with Volunteers of America and volunteers have been selected. Working on a table for the Mini Conference. Literature has been purchased to go into CTF—want to know if that can be reimbursed. There was also a request for STNI and CCNO literature reimbursement. Would like to purchase additional books for the jail library for the inmates.

Jim S. made a motion to reimburse the Multi-District Correctional meeting; Joe Y. seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Next meeting: March 19, 2025, 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

We made two presentations during the past two weeks, one to the M.D. Residents at Toledo Hospital and the other to Social Work students at the University of Toledo. We have another one scheduled for Feb. 21 to staff at a housing facility for homeless veterans. We reviewed how the presentations went and we discussed ways to tweak them to meet the specific needs of each group we present to. We learned that a few of the social work students tried to attend on-line meetings but had some difficulty with accessing them. We spoke with Central Office and they have not had any complaints from members. They may have gone to meetings outside Area 55. Unfortunately, the students did not remember where these meetings were. Some of the students attended open meetings and had mixed reviews of how they went. Places to contact next include Mercy College of Nursing, Lourde's Social Work and Nursing programs, BGSU social work program, Owens Nursing program, UTMCM medical students and UT Counseling program.

Next meeting March 13, 2025, 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

February Financial Report: Beginning balance was \$504.41. Book Sales were \$0.00. Ending Balance was \$504.41. Cash on Hand is \$254.41. Overage of \$0.00.

Approval of Grapevine Financial Report: Motion made to accept by John C.; seconded by Jack W. Motion approved.

Next meeting: March 12, 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@area55aa.org

Group Services met on 2/16/25 at noon. We discussed our obligations at the upcoming mini-conference and further explored how to better serve the area assembly from an audio/video perspective. As of right now, I do not have any events on the calendar that will require our services. If anyone knows of any events that will need our attention, please contact me directly

so that I can get it in the calendar.

Next meeting: April 13, 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: / John C. / access@area55.org

Jackie handed off all materials to John. Going through materials and trying to make sure commitments are being met. John visited Kenny H. and he would like visits. Next meeting will be February 26th at Central Office. If you know anyone who would like visits, please let us know.

Next meeting: February 26, 2025, 5:30 p.m. at Central Office *Please note the time change.

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

Website: Tim D. / website@area55aa.org

No Report.

Next meeting: March 12, 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: Karen W. presented the January minutes. The Anniversary Committee is looking for a date for the dance this year, either the 18th or 25th of October. The Children's Christmas Party Committee had an excess of \$182.00 that they returned to the fund. Finance Committee is looking for new members, ideas for events, and groups that are willing to put on dinners at the Intergroup meetings. Newsletter Committee: Subscriptions are falling below the mail rate and the Committee plans to call those whose subscription is up for renewal in hopes to get that back up again. Christine S. is now Secretary of Intergroup. Joe D. is now the Vice Chair for the Anniversary Committee, and Christine W. is the Vice Chair for the Entertainment Committee.

Newsletter Liaison: Rick S. presented the January minutes. New member Kevin F. Discussed newsletter subscriptions and effectiveness and making the newsletter more enjoyable. New Business: for subscriptions, the cost of the newsletter was discussed. Hard copies and electronic copies will now be \$10.00. April will be "Why we take a personal inventory"; May: "Benefits of a Fifth Step"; and June: "The Importance of Founders Day".

Meetings are the first and third of every month at 6:00pm.

NOCYPAA: Dalan S., NOCYPAA GSR liaison.

MONCYPAA Liaison: No report

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER ("DCM") REPORTS

DCMC Chair: Jim S.

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

DCM Meeting: District 1: Chris J. DCM: Talked about balancing the boundary lines between District 1 and District 2. Next District meeting is not scheduled. District 2: David F., DCM Bob T., Alternate DCM. Looking into doing a workshop on the Big Book. North End changed format: Discussion and last week lead. Next District meeting is not scheduled. District 3: Kellie S. DCM: Plan was to attend the Broad Highway at Grapevine Meeting at 7:00 in Fremont but was cancelled due to weather. Attended Brothers & Sisters in sobriety on January 24th to show support. David has been going to support the District 3 meetings. Next meeting is 3/12/2024 at Faith United Lutheran Church 4543 Douglas Road at 7:30PM. District 5: Karlotta H., Alt DCM Last District meeting 3 people showed up. Next Meeting March 10th at 4:30 where Sober sisters meet. District 11: No DCM in the area but Karlee C., GSR for Saturday Women's New Beginnings. District 11, and Kay L. - Fresh Start 16th Anniversary 1/24 Doors open at 9 Eat at 10 was a success. Women's New Beginnings is starting a second meeting on Literature beginning March 5 on the Plain Language Big Book.

DCM Monthly Report: Next meeting: April 13, 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. joshd@area55aa.org

Panel Officer Happenings: Larry attended the Conference of Delegates past and present. Ashley has formed an Ad Hoc Committee for technology needs for the Area 55 panel and Committees. The Committee has met twice to date. **Delegate Debrief:** Attended General Service Conference orientation online. Attended Conference of Delegates Past and Present. Introduced Sherry S. as the Area 55 nominee for East Central Region Trustee. East Central Region had 10 nominees for ECR Trustee and 7 for Trustee-at-Large. **Mini Conference and Ohio State Convention Planning. Reviewed French translation of the Plain Language Big Book. GSO Updates:** Looking for shared experience on how we inform professions who serve neurodivergent and unhoused alcoholics." About AA Newsletter for Professionals Fall 2024 Issue: Helpful for anyone interested in CPC work/sharing with professionals. December AAWS Highlights: Business of the Board. Language Services Department received 2,101 requests for translation between January and October 15, 2024. Archives Department received over 5,400 research requests last year and acquired a 1951 wire recording of Bill W., which is being digitized. The Finance Department processed 4,870 contributions in November 2024 (\$700,720.00). Staff Services also participated in 2024 Day of Sharing with 14 other 12 Step Fellowships and hosted the World Service Meeting with 74 delegates from 49 countries. **General Service Office Opportunities:** Looking for members who are fluent in Haitian Kreyol to review Big Book translation. The deadline is February 18, 2025. Also looking for appointed committee members to assist the Trustee to develop a pamphlet on the Asian and Asian American alcoholic and a pamphlet on the transgender alcoholic. **69th Ohio State Convention** August 8th-10th, 2025 at Delta Hotels Toledo. Rooms \$129/night + tax; registration is \$40. **Next planning meeting** is Saturday, February 22, 10:30am-noon at Central Office. **2025 Area 55 Mini Conference:** March 21 and 22, First United Methodist Church, Bowling Green, OH. www.area55aa.org/mini-conference. Final planning meeting: March 1, 10am, Central Office. Committee Charis: Test run through of committee procedures will be held Wednesday, March 19, 5:30-6:30pm at Central Office. (Dalan is bringing candy and Mario Kart set-up...FYI). **Technology Training:** Saturday, February 1, 2025. Creation of "@area55aa.org" accounts. Will schedule more of these training. **Broad Highway Trips:** Districts 5, 12, and 13 on Saturday, April 5th. **Feedback from the Floor:** 1. Plain Language Big Book Responses. 2. How Area 55 would best like info from GSC to be shared within our area following conference. 3. Info we would like from the Trustee.

OLD BUSINESS

Collection: \$50.10. Motion made by Henry C. to send to New York; and seconded by Joe Y. Motion passed to send \$50.10 to the General Service Office.

NEW BUSINESS

Michael D. discussed sending our Delegate to New York. The Delegate expense last year was \$10,250.00. A letter from New York regarding Delegate expenses was read and the total cost is estimated to be about \$10,250.00. We discussed contributing \$2,200.00 to New York toward expenses, which we believe is a little short of what we should contribute. Larry entertained a motion to send additional money to New York toward Delegate expenses. John C. made a motion to send an additional \$1,000.00. Jim S. seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Motion passed.

Driver Intervention: Todd S. reported that 3100 Glendale is the new location for the Driver Intervention Program meeting.

East Central Regional Forum: Hosting a table at the International Convention in Vancouver. It has been asked that Areas send \$200 toward the East Central Regional Hospitality room. Sherry S. made a motion to send \$200; seconded by Henry C. Motion carried.

NEXT GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: April 13, 2025, 1:00 p.m. the Senior Center (corner of Jefferson Street and 23rd Street; Toledo, OH)

The Mission statement will be read by Dalan S.

Traditions 3 & 4 will be read by Karlie C.

Concepts 3 & 4 will be read by Brian V.

Cleanup for the April meeting will be East Side 12 x 12

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

Seconded by: Henry C.

Closed with "The Responsibility Statement"

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley L.

Recording Secretary, Area 55, Panel 74