

# 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. 38 people were present including 6 Panel Officers, 3 Past Delegates, 17 GSRs, 0 Alternate GSRs, 2 DCMs, 4 Area 55 Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs, 6 guest(s).

## MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY, 2025

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 Jessica D; Jim S read Tradition 1; Lisa K read Concept 1. Panel 74 officers were introduced.

**New GSRs/Alternate GSRs:** Melissa D, Jessica D, GSR Perrysburg Noontide, Kristy B, Alternate GSR, Perrysburg Noontide, Patty B, GSR, Sober Sisters, Rick S, GSR, Starlight.

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

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

**Approval of December minutes:** David A made a motion to approve the December minutes; Sherry S, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*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 December 2025, Treasurer's Report:** Michael D, Treasurer, presented the Financial Report for December 2024.

**Operating Account:** Beginning Balance: 12/01/2024: \$17,179.43; Income: \$1,732.01; Expenses: \$1,102.85; Ending Balance: 12/31/2024: \$17,800.10.

**Prudent Reserve:** Beginning Balance: 12/01/2024: \$5,006.69; Interest: \$0.13; Ending Balance: 12/31/2024: \$5,006.82.

**Area 55 Mini Conference:** Beginning Balance: 12/01/2024: \$2,000.00 Income: \$0.00; Expenses: \$0.00. Ending Balance: 12/31/2024 \$2,000.00.

**Group Contributions for YTD. 2024:** \$18,647.12

**Total Income Received YTD. 2024:** \$25,693.36

**Total Expenses YTD.:** \$18,039.89

**Assembly Basket:** \$ 67.75

**Individual Contributions:** \$0.00

**Motion to accept the financial report made by:** Mike C. Seconded by Jim S.

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

**New Business:** No new business.

**Next meeting:** Monday, January 24, 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

Use the black file cabinets to put our groups in, categorized, rather than having them in boxes. Mel purchased 5 boxes that we can put 11x14 Newsletters in. They will take up less space than in binders. Photographs: Mel is looking into making an archival page for these. Pamphlets: some are already in binders. Maybe get photographic sleeves for these. Working on a Master List of all the tapes we have: Tapes will be archived with first and last names, along with an identifier number. The tape itself will have the first name and the first initial, along with the identifier number. Fundraiser for Archives, something for us to think about: Ask Intergroup to donate money to us after the first of the year. We give 70.00 to Central Office to store our documents, per month. We need a printer and possibly a laptop for people to come in and listen to interviews/leads. Mel will give receipts to GSR for the boxes, etc.

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

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

New Business: No report.

**Next meeting: February 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 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 / [bevz@area55aa.org](mailto:bevz@area55aa.org)

Discussed the presentation to the staff of the VA contractor, National Church Residence, which provides housing for veterans. Decided on 2/21. They will invite NPI, Cherry Street Mission, and other partnering agencies. According to the Social Worker at National Church, most of the staff have little information about the disease of alcoholism or about the AA program. A speaker with expertise on alcoholism/addiction will speak before our presentation. We will discuss our singleness of purpose. We have a presentation on 2/5 at UTM for about 30 medical residents. We have a pending presentation to Social Work students at the University of Toledo. We are also hoping to do one for Social Work/Psychology students at BGSU and nursing students at Mercy College. We are still attempting to do presentations to the students at TPS and Sylvania Schools. We would like to show a few 2-3 minutes videos compiled by GSO in New York before speaking about AA.

**Next meeting February 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](mailto:grapevine@area55aa.org)

No report.

**Approval of Grapevine Financial Report:**

**Next meeting: February 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](mailto:groupservices@area55aa.org)

Group Services met on January 19<sup>th</sup> at noon. We took the system to Amazing Grace on 1/1, East Side 12x12 on 1/8, and Open Minded on 1/12. All of these went off without a hitch. We are still learning the new system but I feel as if we are getting close to having things dialed in. Group Services meets on the third Sunday of each month at 12 PM at the Senior Center. All are welcome to join. Additionally, if there is an event coming up that is in need of equipment, please let me know as soon as possible so that I can get it in my calendar.

**Next meeting: February 16, 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 / [access@area55.org](mailto:access@area55.org)

Jackie handed out the most recent Shut In list dated 12/11/24 and the calendar of visits for January 2025. We discussed the well-being of all of the Shut Ins we are visiting. There was nothing new to report except that we had delivered a Plain Language Big Book to Kevin C. He is the Shut In who has wet brain and we are anticipating his possible use and understanding of it. Everyone seems to be doing well. Jackie D especially seems to be doing as good as she has in the last year or so. She is off oxygen and walking around pretty well. She has gotten out to a few meetings as well but really appreciates our coming to see her. Jackie also got a message from Jody H that Carol K would like a visit as her health has taken a turn for the worst and she is reluctant to leave her house in the extreme cold. Jackie will call and make arrangements with her. New temporary Shut In Mary Bryant has also appreciated our visits. John C took over on January 1, 2025 but he is going to be on vacation until January 19<sup>th</sup> so Jackie will continue handling the Committee's activities until then. She will also run the Committee meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, where she will officially turn the Committee's business over to John.

**Next meeting: January 22, 2025, 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: February 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: 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: Next meeting, Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of every month. We discussed falling below our 200 subscription level for our bulk mailing list which cuts our operating costs ....we are currently 70 subscriptions short. We discussed pending responsibilities of the chair and vice chair for the upcoming year. We also discussed the need to make renewal calls from central office for our subscription list.

**NOCYPAA:** Dekoada S, NOCYPAA GSR liaison. Elections were held on January 12<sup>th</sup> at Central Office. Our New Years Eve event went really well and was well-attended. NOCYPAA meets next February 9<sup>th</sup> at Central Office at 1:00pm.

**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 February 16, 2025 at 11:00AM at the Senior Center. **District 1:** Chris J DCM: 1/22 Dare to be Different Anniversary (402 Pinewood) Doors Open @5. New Meeting: Russell Street Group. 5:30 on Mondays. **District 2:** David F, DCM Bob T, Alternate DCM The District Meeting on 1/16 was cancelled because of the temp. Warm Heart 31st Anniversary January 28 . Doors open at 6:00. Tacos Provided. Madison Group not meeting 1/22. 1/20 Positive Image Anniversary. Next District is not scheduled. **District 3:** Kellie Sowle DCM: Meeting held on 1/8 We had 6 GSR's attend All groups are going okay. No issues. Brothers and Sisters in Sobriety on Friday's at 7 can use your support. Sisters of Sobriety is doing better in attendance. We are discussing topics for a workshop. We are thinking of " Where Money & Spirituality Mix" pamphlet. We are attending a meeting in our District. We are going to Brothers and Sisters in Sobriety at 7 on 1/24 to help support their group. Davyd A attended Turning Point 11 anniversary - Rick L and Brian are looking at becoming active GSR's.

They had 42 people attend. Next meeting is 2/12/2024 at 7:30 Faith United Lutheran Church 4543 Douglas Road at 7:30PM. **District 5:** Terri H, Alt DCM. Discussed the New Years Day Open house: Greeters at the door to direct people and too much lunch meat so they will not purchase as much as last year. Workshop in April. 2 topics they are looking at are: Sponsorship and Plain Language Big Book. Next Meeting at 5:30 2/5 at East Side 12X12. **District 11:** No DCM in the area but Karlee C, GSR for Saturday Women's New Beginnings. District 11, and Kay L - and Jessica D GSR, Noontide Womens and Kirsty B Alt GSR Noontide Womens Fresh Start 16th Anniversary 1/24 Doors open at 9 Eat at 10. Womens New Beginnings is starting a second meeting on Literature beginning March 5 Saturday Womens' New Beginnings attended the Broad Highway Trip on 1/4/2025. Noontide Women's meeting is having an anniversary in October. **New Business:** Unity Day - put on the DCM's in our area. Karlee C advised her home group would like to see something informal. Possibly in May a panel of leads. After November it is more formal where we do the study of the traditions. Jim S advised doing a Unity Day picnic at Reno Beach on June 21 from noon to 4. We will ask Larry B to lead and Josh D to give his report from the General Service Conference. Teri H advised that her home group does a Tradition a month and go through the Tradition Checklist. She also brought it up at our DCM meeting to study a Concept. We decided as a group a person will take a concept and bring it to the meeting. Chris J 1 and Teri H will do Concept 2. Importance of the DCM's talking about the Mini Conference in their districts. The Mini Conference will be held March 21 & 22.

**DCM Monthly Report: Next meeting: February 16, 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](mailto:joshd@area55aa.org)

Our new registrar, Robert T, demonstrated equal measures of initiative and grace in getting acquainted to position. Our recording secretary, Ashley, agreed to chair an ad hoc committee on Area 55 technology needs, hosted first meeting. Shannon, our mailing secretary, has been an active participant in Mini Conference and Ohio State Convention planning. She also agreed to assist in enhancing our communications with some additional flier creations for committees. Panel 75 has begun and have met and helped to welcome new delegates in Ohio and East central region. Attended meeting in Area 54 with new A54 delegate Bev F. **Waffle Wednesday:** majority of meeting focused on Conference of Delegates Past and Present and the process of East Central Region Trustee nominations. Onboard Training for all delegates on Jan 15. Updates from Gen Serv. AAWS Board of Directors met in November. Link to the highlights in the Delegate's Report online at [area55aa.org](http://area55aa.org). AA Grapevine book prices will see a \$1.00 price increase beginning Feb. 1 to reflect increased production costs. Print copies of the AA Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service 2024-2026 are now available for purchase (\$4.00/copy). **Internation Convention:** July 3-6, 2025 in Vancouver, BC, Canada. This is not your typical convention—first international convention in 10 years and there won't be another international convention for another 5 years. **Plain Language Big Book:** Second printing is now in stock and available for purchase. The cost is \$11 to align with the cost of the Big Book so that people searching literature purchase the appropriate book based on their needs not based on the book's price. New audio project reaching out to veteran military personnel who are also active members of AA. **69<sup>th</sup> Ohio State Convention:** Next planning meeting Feb. 22nd, 10:30am-noon. Registration will be \$40. **Mini Conference:** March 21-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 at First United Methodist Church, Bowling Green, OH. **Technology Training for Chairs/Officers/OSC:** Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup> from 3-5:30pm at Toledo Library Main Branch Downtown in the Technology Training Room. Please bring a laptop with you if you can. **Broad Highway Trips:** 14 members of Area 55 joined for an outreach trip to Districts 8, 9, and 11. We were able to be present at someone's first ever AA meeting to help the group's members carry our life-saving message. Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Fremont Grapevine, St. Pauls' Episcopal Church, 206 N. Park Ave., Fremont, OH. Karly and Kay from District 11 have agreed to coordinate the Broad Highway Trips over the next few months to help keep the momentum going.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Discussions were held on a motion from the Mini Conference planning meeting on whether the Area 55 Mini Conference should be free. Jim S made a motion to lower the cost of registration free for the Area 55 Mini Conference to twenty dollars and make sure there are scholarships for those who cannot afford to go. Henry C seconded. A vote was held and the motion passed.

**Collection:** \$72.00. Motion made by Dalan S to send it to New York and seconded by Lorraine M to send \$72.00 to the General Service Office. Motion passed.

Area 55 Guidelines Ad Hoc Committee was discussed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

### **NEXT GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: FEBRUARY 16, 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 Melissa D.

Tradition 2 will be read by Rick S.

Concept 2 will be read by Lisa K.

Cleanup for the February meeting will be Tuesday Night Young People.

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

**Seconded by:**

Closed with "The Responsibility Statement"

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley L

Recording Secretary, Area 55, Panel 74