

# 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. 24 people were present including 6 Panel Officers, 3 Past Delegates, 13 GSRs, 2 Alternate GSRs, 2 DCMs, 4 Area 55 Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs, 0 guest(s).

## MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 13, 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 Dalan S.; Karlee C., read Tradition 3 & 4; , Brian V. read Concept 3 & 4. Panel 74 officers were introduced.

**New GSRs/Alternate GSRs:** Bob T., Alt GSR, Open Minded; Heather R., GSR, Warm Heart Serenity; Lee J., GSR; Phyllis B., Alt GSR, Maumee Thursday Night 12 x 12.

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

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

**Approval of February minutes:** Dave F. made a motion to approve the February Minutes; Bob T. seconded. Motion carried.

*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 February and March 2025, Treasurer's Reports:** Michael D., Treasurer, presented the Financial Report for February 2025.

**Operating Account:** Beginning Balance: 02/01/2025: \$18,633.58; Income: \$1,640.56; Expenses: \$5,431.12; Ending Balance: 02/28/2025: \$14,843.02.

**Prudent Reserve:** Beginning Balance: 02/01/2025: \$5,006.82; Interest: \$0.00; Ending Balance: 02/28/2025: \$5,006.82.

**Area 55 Mini Conference:** Beginning Balance: 02/01/2025: \$2,150.8. Income: \$270.00; Expenses: \$200.00. Ending Balance: 02/28/2025 \$2,220.84.

**Group Contributions for YTD. 2025:** \$21,972.57

**Total Income Received YTD. 2025:** \$29,180.91

**Total Expenses YTD.:** \$24,542.52

**Assembly Basket:** \$ 50.10

**Individual Contributions:** \$0.00

**Operating Account:** Beginning Balance: 03/01/2025: \$14,843.02; Income: \$1,034.14; Expenses: \$642.78; Ending Balance: 03/31/2025: \$15,234.38.

**Prudent Reserve:** Beginning Balance: 03/01/2025: \$5,006.82; Interest: \$0.12; Ending Balance: 03/31/2025: \$5,006.94.

**Area 55 Mini Conference:** Beginning Balance: 03/01/2025: \$2,220.84. Income: \$5,881.84; Expenses: \$1,830.52. Ending Balance: 03/31/2025 \$4,051.32.

**Group Contributions for YTD. 2025:** \$23,006.71

**Total Income Received YTD. 2025:** \$30,215.05

**Total Expenses YTD.:** \$25,185.30

**Assembly Basket:** \$ 0.00

**Individual Contributions:** \$0.00

**Motion to accept the February and March financial reports made by:** Joe Y. Seconded by John C.

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

New Business: **February Minutes:** We found some CPCPI Donation tapes. Not sure where they came from. They are Testimonials. Maumee Sunday Night did not invite us to their Anniversary. We need to remind/announce that we are available to come to anniversaries. **Outreach:** We all agreed we just need to talk to people about joining our committee; one on one discussions. No flyers or announcements. Just word of mouth. Melissa T. will be finding out if there's other archives committees that will be at our State Conference. **March Minutes:** May meeting is on Memorial Day. We need to pick another day to meet: 5/19/25, 5/22/25, 5/29/25. Melissa will be asking Central Office what's available. Melissa asked about the Variety Show and if they have anything that they might want to donate to the Archives Committee. Katie suggested reaching out to Greg and Phyllis B., or Steve M.

**Next meeting: Monday, April 28, 2025, 6:00 p.m. Central Office.**

*The Archives Committee meets the 4th Monday of each month, 6:00 p.m, at Central Office.*

**Area Archivist:** / Melanie R. / [mjreichart@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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](mailto:corrections.chair@area55aa.org)/

New Business: N/A.

**Next meeting: April 16, 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. / [cpc.pi@area55aa.org](mailto:cpc.pi@area55aa.org) /

March and April Minutes: UTM (Louisiana, M.D.) will open the door for departments with residents other than internal medicine (as we already presented to them). Owens--Nursing Assistant Director (Leslie Jones) said not now, so we will contact them in July/August at beginning of their semester. Athena Career Academy--private school that offers LPN, RN degrees--a message was left. Lourde's Social Work & Nursing Depts.--waiting to hear back. BGSU Social Work Dept--in process with someone who works there. NEXT TO CONTACT / FOLLOW UP WITH: Northwest Psychiatric Hospital--one psychologist that we know will be asked if we can present to them and others. Does Multi-District Correctional Committee have any contacts? Northwest Tech. UTM--hopefully to pin down some dates. UT Graduate Program of Clinical Psychology & Master's Social Work. MINI-CONFERENCE--Got useful ideas from the Suggestion Box. Thank you to all who participated! We will be following up with a lot of those. UTM--Louisiana (MD) is on a vacation. Will follow-up. Athena Career Academy--we have called twice & left messages. Lourde's--SW & Nursing programs--f-up in July. BGSU--Master's Counseling--emailed Matt Molnar. Neighborhood Health Association--we contacted. UT Social Work (undergraduate)--Bill W.--contact in July. Rotary Club in Maumee--will be approached to see if interested. UTM Psychiatry Residents (Victoria K.)--to contact. UT Clinical Psychology, Master's Counseling, Counseling Center--to Contact. Penta Career Tech--will contact.

Heidelberg & Tiffin Colleges—will contact. Wernert Center Executive Director—will contact. EAP Association—see if they have any conference/training sessions. PSA's—we have a contact with someone in local T.V. advertising. STATE CONVENTION—We will have a display. Look into whether we can have a spot with a blank wall so we can use a projector? CPCPI WORKING GROUP—Misha informed us at the Mini-Conference that there is one made up of chairpersons and others from the US & Canada where they share information and useful strategies.

**Next meeting May 8, 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.chair@area55aa.org](mailto:grapevine.chair@area55aa.org) /

No Report.

**Approval of Grapevine Financial Report:** N/A.

**Next meeting: May 14, 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) /

We discussed our upcoming obligations and we are testing our new projector screen for use at the General Service Assembly. We hope everyone can see okay, if you can not, please let us know so that we can adjust for the future. The only event that we have on our books for the upcoming months is a breakfast anniversary On Simmons Road on May 17th. If you are in need of our services please let me know as soon as possible so that we can get it on the books. Our next meeting is on May 15th at noon, we meet at the Senior Center on Jefferson one hour prior to the General Service Assembly. We are always in need of new members so please join us if you are interested.

**Next meeting: May 18, 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. / [accessibilities@area55.org](mailto:accessibilities@area55.org) /

We talked about the list of people that wanted a visitation and when. I called everyone on the list and made sure what days they wanted visits and what time. We have a new member, Jackie U., and we will get her on the list. I want to thank Mary Beth for her help on the computer.

**Next meeting: April 23, 2025, 5:30 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. / [www.web.chair.com.area55aa.org](http://www.web.chair.com.area55aa.org)

Minutes from March, 2025

New Business: A meeting will be scheduled in the upcoming week and a report will be presented at next Assembly.

**Next meeting: April 16, 2025, at 6:00 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 Woods:** Anniversary Committee: Central Office: Salary increase for staff: Manager - 17.50, Assistant Manager - 15.50, Backup staff - 13.50. Children's Christmas Party: Party will be December 6, 2025 at Faith United. NOCYPAA will do face painting. Entertainment Committee: Looking for group members. June 28 - Intergroup Picnic at Walbridge Park. Finance: May 3 - Cinco de Mayo. Tickets are \$10 and will be available at the door. May 17 - Chili cookoff. Planning a pig roast - more info coming. Hospital: All commitments are being met. Newsletter: Seeing progress with change in pricing. Asking for articles on the following topic: The Importance of Taking a Personal

Inventory. NOCYPAA: April 15 - Pasta Dinner. May 24 - Bonfire at University Church. Working on a bid for the 2027 Conference.

**Newsletter Liaison:** Rick S.: Short meeting. Discussed subscription success at the Mini Conference—sold 21 copies. Participation and subscriptions are increasing. \$400 donation to Central Office “What’s Stopping You from joining a committee or getting involved with service work?” Deadline for articles is the 11<sup>th</sup> of each month.

**NOCYPAA:** Ross O., NOCYPAA GSR liaison. Spaghetti dinner was a success. Summer Kickoff is being planned. Details are in the works. No business meeting today and not sure when the next meeting will be.

**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 Johnson. Hard to get people active. He lit up Pinewood and Russell Street Group. Both groups are registered as GSA. District 2: David Fisher- North End changed format and attendance is picking up. April 10 District meeting, 6 people showed up. Treasure of \$59.00 Working on what to take back to homegroups for Unity Day. Next Meeting: May 8, at 5:30 at SST Meeting. District 3: Kellie S., DCM and David A., Alt DCM. All groups are doing well. Going to support Brain Guys on the 4/17 and Turning Point 4/26. Workshop: Where Money and Spirituality Mix. Checking on dates October 4, 11, 25 for the workshop. Looking at Faith United Lutheran gymnasium. Next Meeting : May 7, 2025 at Faith United Lutheran Church at 7:30. District 5: Karlotta H. DCM meeting on April 11. Talked about a picnic for Unity Day. Reno Beach members providing the hotdogs out of pocket. \$528.55 in treasury. District 5 offered to help us out on District 3 workshop. Joe Y. was also looking for volunteers for the Hospitality at the Ohio State Conv. Next Meeting: May 4 at 4:30 Reno Beach. District 11: GSR Karlee C. and Kay L. Alt GSR Women's New Beginnings. Sponsoring something for Unity Day Women's New Beginnings and their Plain Language is going well and is staying steady with about 18 women. A lot of old timer women find it is very helpful and bring up history. AA members from District 11 are hosting a workshop on the Path of An Agenda Item on May 24 from 1-4. Updates on Mini Conference: - He thought the afternoon went well. He will go through the notes. When they went to the Area 54 conference the out of town people felt very welcome and enjoyed the food. Josh D. reviewing all the agendas. They have had Zoom meetings on how Report and Charter and another Committee Housekeeping for agenda items on Report and Charter. Conference as a whole doing a group conscience this year. Working on a spreadsheet -key points that stood out to him and track the outcome report when he comes back. Ohio State Convention: Outreach at Area 54 and received registrations. Handed out flyers at all Mini Conferences. May 17 walk through at 10:00 at the hotel and also want to talk about the Mini Conference. May 10th updates with other areas in Columbus especially in promoting outreach. Outreach table at Founders Day. Speaker from GSO scheduled for conference. Kelley C Treatment and Accessibility desk. Unity Day: going to get the check today for the facility. Members from Reno Beach are contributing hot dogs. We need to make sure as DCM that we clean up very well because the church is having a function the next day. Jim is getting audio for the speaker. June 21 12-4 at Reno Beach. 1:30 Josh; 2:00 Larry giving lead.

**DCM Monthly Report: Next meeting: May 18, 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) /

Ashley has been convened the Technology Needs Ad Hoc committee which has met multiple times. A final report will be presented at the May Assembly. Larry B attended the four Ohio Mini Conferences. **Delegate Debrief:** Overwhelmingly positive feedback from the out of town guests at the Area 55 Mini Conference. Joint Report and Charter + Policy and Admissions committee meeting to discuss the two “changes to Founders” writings. **Corrections Desk Update:** Edovo tablet literature has been added to Box 4-5-9, Sharing from Behind the Walls and the PLBB. 39,280 unique AA e-book starts from Feb 22-Nov 24 with 19,494 completed. **Public PI ideas:** Sharing literature with local libraries. Encouraging Areas to air PSAs on TV and radio. New videos for international Convention and Young People in AA. **Box 4-5-9:** History of Plain Language Big Book. Inside AA finances. Calendar of upcoming AA events. Early bird pricing for International Convention ends April 15. **Quarterly GSO**

**Report:** Grapevine subscriptions are up 10% compared to last year, La Vina subscriptions are up 9.1%. Grapevine podcast: 980,000 downloads, with roughly 869 downloads per day. "Special Workers"—GSO Job Applications. Application deadline: May 31, 2025. **69<sup>th</sup> Ohio State Convention of AA Hosted by Area 55:** August 8-10, 2025 at Delta Hotels Toledo. Rooms for \$129/night + Tax; registration is \$40. Registration and additional information available at [www.area55aa.org/ohio-state-convention](http://www.area55aa.org/ohio-state-convention). Theme: Attraction by Action. **Broad Highway Trips:** Karlee C. has been leading the trips. Next meeting is Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Districts 8 and 9. Event details can be found at [area55aa.org/calendar](http://area55aa.org/calendar). Josh is heading to the General Service Conference in two weeks. Next State Convention Meeting is May 17 at 10:00am at Noon at the Delta Hotels Toledo. Delegate's Report will be uploaded at: [area55aa.org/delegate-report/](http://area55aa.org/delegate-report/).

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Collection:** \$69.00. Motion made by Dalan S. and seconded by Joe Y. to send \$69.00 to the General Service Office in New York. Motion passed.

Area 55 Guidelines Ad Hoc Committee was discussed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Jim S. asked for prayers and thoughts for Josh for his upcoming participation in the General Service Conference.

## **NEXT GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: MAY 18, 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 Rick S.

Tradition 5 will be read by Lisa K.

Concept 5 will be read by Bev Z.

Cleanup for the May meeting will be District Twelve Step Study West.

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

**Seconded by:** Jim B.

Closed with "The Responsibility Statement"

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley L.

Recording Secretary, Area 55, Panel 74