

GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY
Area 55, Panel 64 NW Ohio & Monroe Michigan
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Delegate: Nancy M.

Alt. Delegate/Area Chair: John C.

Meeting Minutes For January 18, 2015

John C. opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. Nick S. read the Area 55 Mission Statement, the 12th Tradition was not read and Deb R. read the 12th Concept. The Area 55 Panel 64 officers were introduced; Nancy C. – mailing secretary, Henry C. – recording secretary, Janet B. – registrar, Karen M. – treasurer, Nancy M. – Delegate. New GSR's: Scott H. Waterville, John P. Port Clinton, Thurs Night, Barb Z., Perrysburg Staying Sober, Geraid S. Walbridge Park and Dan B. Primary Purpose. Alt. GSR: Lori C. Port Clinton Thurs Night and Dennis M. Kenwood. DCM's: None. Signed In: 1 Past Del, 5 DCM's, 40 GSR's, 8 Alt GSR's, 1 Web Master and 8 Guest. Only GSR's, DCM's or their alternates may make motions or vote, although everyone has the right to be heard.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Henry C.

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The December Meeting Minutes were presented by Henry C. Errors noted and corrected. Motion to accept was made by Bob T. and seconded by Chip P. Motion carried. Handouts about going green starting with the January 2015 minutes are on the table. They will only have first name and late initial. The minutes will be on Area 55 web site at www.area55aa.org. We are asking each Group GSR, DCM's and past Delegates who would like the minutes sent by email to send an email to the registrar at registrar@area55aa.org. **Please note: Committee meeting minutes may also be submitted electronically by e-mail to recording.secretary@area55aa.org.** Please include Group name, District #, your first and last name, address and phone #. Remember, if you have the minutes emailed to you, you will not receive them by mail. **Reports need to be submitted the day of the Area Assembly for the mailing to be completed on time. Thank You!**

TREASURER: Karen M.

treasurer@area55aa.org

The report was read by Karen M.

Beginning Balance November 30, 2014	\$4,614.91
Income:	<u>\$1,173.57</u>
Total	\$5,150.87

Expenses:	<u>\$2,510.31</u>
Total	\$3,278.17

Checkbook Balance November 30, 2014	\$3,278.17
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Prudent Reserve Account

Beginning Balance 11/30/2014	\$2,104.17
Interest	.04
Deposit	<u>\$200.00</u>
Ending Balance 12-30-2014	\$2,304.21

Mini-Conference Account Balance:	\$ 800.00
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Motion to accept the report was made by Marty C. and seconded by Willie R. Motion carried.

In December, 26 Groups made contributions and Year to Date 89 of the 310 Groups or 28.7% of the registered Groups in Area 55 have contributed.

Is your Group Helping Support Area 55 General Service.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARCHIVES Committee: Deborah T.

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January is a busy month for Anniversaries. Commitments met were Amazing Grace, Open Minded, Eastside 12X12 and Eastside Priority. Upcoming are Clean Air, Sunday Night Maumee and Dare To Be Different. Cataloging continues on Tuesday afternoons.

Next meeting will be January 29th at 5:00 P.M. at Central office.

Respectfully Submitted: Deborah T.

CPC/PI Committee: Kristen T.

CPC.PI@area55aa.org

The committee has not yet met this month but would like to report on a few things. We spoke at the Kiwanis Club in Fremont to 30 people. Each person was given a informational pamphlets and a meeting schedule. We made contact with the person in charge of the youth detention center and she will be contacting us. We will be delivering posters, pamphlets, and meeting schedules to the Student mental Health Center this week at Owens Campus.

The next CPC/PI Committee Meeting is January 21st at 7:00 PM at Central Office. We hope you will come and visit us!

There was a anonymity breach by the Idle Time Club that is being addressed by the committee at the media level.

Respectfully Submitted: Kristen T. Chair

GRAPEVINE Committee: Bob O.

Grapevine.chair@area55aa.org

The committee met on January 8th at El Tipico on South Street at 6:00 P.M. Committee members present were: Bob O., Larry O, Bill B., Lynn S., Jan B., Michelle M., Veronica N. and Louis N. We discussed January's upcoming commitments and the Mini Conference.

Next meeting will be on Friday February 20th at Tim Hortons.

Respectfully Submitted: Robert

Financial

Beginning Balance December 1, 2014 \$231.32

Income:

Sales 249.50

Total 480.82

Expenses: 243.18

Ending Balance December 31, 2014 \$237.64

GROUP SERVICES Committee: David G.

GroupSer.@area55aa.org

The committee met on January 13th at 7:30 P.M. before the Navarre Park meeting. The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer. Present: David G., Steven G., Jeff K. and Sandy A. We made our commitments at Open Minded, Eastside 12x12 and Eastside Priority Anniversaries. Our next commitment is the Warm Heart Serenity Anniversary on January 27th. We closed at 7:40 P.M. with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be on February 9, 2015 at 5:00 PM at Central Office.

Respectfully Submitted, David G. Chair.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Becky L.

SpecialNeedsChair@area55aa.org

Committee meeting was held on January 18th at the Senior Center. Present were myself and Jim W. We received help from Mitch B.

We are having a difficult time finding supplies and cards from the past year and a current shut in list. I finally got a copy Saturday. Thanks to Dawn, Karem and Steve for their help.

The next committee meeting will be on Thursday February 19th at 6:00 P.M. at Central Office.
Respectfully submitted, Becky L.

Multi-District Correctional Chair: Linda N.

corrections.chair@area55aa.org

The meeting was held on December 22nd at Central Office at 5:30 PM. The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer. In attendance: Linda N., Meladie J., Mike W., Steve S. and Keith R.. Rossford DIP going well. Road To Recovery did not show. Compass Detox, groups are not showing up. Holland DIP, Southside Survivors did not show. Lucas County Jail moved to the fourth floor. Tuesday Work Release, Steve S. is doing the meeting and groups are showing up.

Linda N. has resigned as chair. Keith has been appointed chair. Linda would like to be signed a commitment. Meeting closed at 6:30 PM with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting will be on January 26th.
Respectfully Submitted: Meladie J.

INTERGROUP LIAISON: Danielle G.

Danielle G. reported the Chili Cook Off is January 24th at Faith Lutheran Church on South Ave. Bring your Chili at 2:30 PM, eat 3-5:00 PM and business meeting starts at 6:30 PM.

December was voting for new committee Vice Chairs and Intergroup Vice Chair and Secretary. New Vice Chair is Chris W. and the Secretary is Chris C. Intergroup still needs a liaison from GS.
Respectfully Submitted: Danielle G.

AREA DELEGATE: Nancy M.

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Lisa is GS liaison to Intergroup.

As well as all of their duties for our fellowship, our new York Office staff and trustees are gearing up for the International Convention to be held in Atlanta, Ga, July 2-5, 2015 (register at www.aa.org), and for the Annual General Conference of delegates in New York in April. Agenda Items for the Conference will be sent to Delegates in February and then we will be deciding which items to include in our Area 55 mini-Conference to discuss and vote on.

Regionally, the 42nd Annual East Central Regional Conference of Delegates Past and Present will be held in Bay City, MI, February 13-15, 2015. As well as having a Mock Conference to help prepare delegates for the Annual Conference in New York, we will be discussing a proposal presented at the 2014 regional Conference to combine the Delegates Past and Present Conference and the East Central Regional Conference.

The 59th Ohio State Convention is scheduled for August 7-9, 2015 in Cincinnati, OH, hosted by Area 56, Southwest Ohio. Information and registration are available at the General Service Assembly or the Ohio (website webmaster@ohioaa.org).

Locally, our 33rd Mini-Conference is set for March 13-15, 2015, at the Holiday Inn French Quarter in Perrysburg, OH. We are also intending to send out a list of all Agenda Items to Area 55 GSR's and group contacts, so that your Delegate has as much input as possible from all the groups in Area 55.

THERE IS A MEETING SCHEDULED AT CENTRAL OFFICE ON JANUARY 24, 2015, AT 10:00 AM FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN BEING ON A COMMITTEE TO MAKE THE MINI-CONFERENCE A GREAT SUCCESS. PLEASE GET INVOLVED OR ENCOURGE YOUR SPONSORS TO GET INVOLVED.

Our finance Ad Hoc Committee has created a budget and letter to Area 55 groups reiterating the need for financial support from our groups on a regular basis. Copies of the letter and budget will be sent to the groups. The letter was read.

DCM Reports

District 14 had a meeting on January 12th. Present were the DCM, Alt. DCM, Secretary, Treasure and 5 GSR's. Their meeting followed the same format as the General Assembly. Reports were given from the minutes the General Assembly. They are handling the correction facilities in the Lima area. New schedules are available. They are purchasing 13 Big Books for the Allen County jail. Their P.I. person received 50 meeting schedules to hand out.

The next District 14 meeting is at 5:30 PM on February 9th at 222 S. West.

District 14 is planning an A.A. Work Shop, date to be determined.

DCM Meeting was held on January 18, 2015 following the Assembly Meeting

OLD BUSINESS

Prison Rape Intervention Act (PRIA) Training will be January 18, 2015 at 2:30 PM following the GS Assembly meeting. It is required by the State for service providers interring a correctional facility.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim S. reported that Dis.3 is having a meeting at Bay Park on February 7th at 3:15 PM. District 3 donated left over crackers from their training to Intergroup for the Chili Cook Off. Anonymity, I heard people say that you had to say your last name. It is a personal right not say your last name to protect your anonymity.

Bob S. advised that we are scheduled to host the Delegate / Past Delegates Conference in 2017 and to keep in mind if changes are made to make plans accordingly and to make site plans.

Was at a function earlier this month were the festivities were video taped and a number of people had their cell phones out taking pictures. This is a breach of anonymity and a lot of those photos wound up on the social media. They were posted on face book.

Josh D. reported he spoke with Nancy M. and they got with Wendy S. the web master and we formed a web committee as a way for people to send information about AA events and maintain a calendar on the web site. Events can be emailed to me at (web.comm.chair@area55aa.org) . General Service mail Box 401, 43697

The Prison Rape Intervention Act (PRIA) Training was held after the GS Assembly. There were issues with the training: Filling out of forms, members of other fellowships showed up and this training was for only CTF. It was stated by the trainer that the training will need to be completed for each facility you go into. Presently the only facilities requiring it are CTF and Northwestern Correctional Facility.

The General Service Assembly Meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm, closing with the Responsibility Statement.

Next GSR Assembly Meeting will be held on February 15, 2015 at 1:00 pm at the Senior Center. Clean up for February will be Guides To Progress. Tradition 2 Bryan W. and Concept 2 Jackie B.

Motion to adjourn by Jim S. and seconded by Hazel S. motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Henry C.
Recording Secretary
Area 55, Panel 64, NW Ohio