

GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY
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Meeting Minutes for July 16, 2017

Only GSRs, DCMs or their alternates may make motions or vote, although everyone has the right to be heard.

Henry C. opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. Lauren B. read the Mission Statement. Sherry S. read the 7th Tradition and Josh D. read the 7th Concept. Area 55 Panel 66 officers were introduced: Chris C. – Mailing Secretary, Jackie B. – Recording Secretary, Rachel W. – Registrar, Marty C. - Treasurer and John C. – Delegate. Signed in were: 24 GSRs, 4 Alternate GSRs, 4 DCMs, 1 DCMC, 2 Past Delegates, 1 Webmaster and 4 Guests. New GSR was Randy S., Wednesday Night Weston. Past Delegates Nancy M. and Ron S. introduced themselves.

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June 2017 Meeting Minutes were presented. There were no corrections. Motion to accept made by Tim D., Came To Believe and seconded by Willie R., Young Peoples. Motion carried.

Treasurer: Marty C. / treasurer@area55aa.org

*In June, 6.45% or 20 of the 310 registered Groups in Area 55 made contributions. Year-to-date, 20.96% or 65 Groups contributed. **Is your Group Supporting Area 55 General Service?***

Marty's report for April was as follows:

<u>5/31/17 Checkbook Balance</u>	<u>\$7,395.99</u>
Income	952.82
Total	\$8,348.81
Expenses	<u>1,467.05</u>
Total	\$6,881.76
6/30/17 Checkbook Balance	\$6,881.76
<u>5/31/17 Prudent Reserve Balance</u>	<u>\$3,001.63</u>
Interest	.05
6/30/17 Prudent Reserve Balance	\$3,001.68
<u>5/31/17 Mini-Conference</u>	<u>\$ 800.00</u>
Income	0.00
Total	800.00
Expenses:	0.00
6/30/17 Mini-Conference	\$ 800.00

Motion made by Tim D., Came To Believe, to accept the report. Seconded by Veronica F., New Noon Trinity. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

Archives: Nancy M. / archives.chair@area55aa.org

Nancy M. gave the report. The committee met at 5:00pm at Central Office on 6/29/17. The committee has decided to focus their efforts on interviewing the people they have on their list with 30+ years of sobriety. They also discussed buying a second recorder and how to get more members on the committee. They had the idea of asking everyone to volunteer any sponsee with at least one year sober to find out about the history of AA in Area 55. Their next meeting will be on July 27th at 5:00pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Nancy M., Chair

CPC/PI: John K. / cpc.pi@area55aa.org

Bill F. read the report. The committee met all of their commitments for July so far. They attended Unity Day on 7/1 and Community Day for the Memorial Church of Christ on 7/15. They have a meeting with VA Outreach Specialist, Valerie B., on 7/18. They will be attending the monthly meeting of the Lucas County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board on 7/27. They will also be attending the "Strike Out Addiction" Initiative in conjunction with the Toledo Mud Hens and UMADOP. This will be discussed in more detail in next month's report. Next meeting will be on July 19th at 5:30pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, John K., Chair

Multi-District Correctional: Jim S. / corrections.chair@area55aa.org

Jim S. gave the report. The committee did not meet since the last Assembly. The committee had a display at Unity Day and made contact there with District 8. The people in this District are interested in joining the committee and will get back with Jim about this. The committee also made contact with District 14. The committee will begin recruiting a new Chairperson and committee members in the coming months as we are coming up on rotations. The committee was also contacted by Wendy S., Webmaster and now you can access the Corrections committee at corrections.chair@area55aa.org. Next meeting will be on 7/17/17 at 5:30p at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Jim S., Chair

Grapevine: Veronica N. / grapevine.chair@area55aa.org

Veronica N. gave the report. The committee met on 7/15 at 6:00pm at Bay Park Hospital cafeteria. They met commitments at Crosstown on 6/15, Unity Day 7/1 and Sylvania Sunday Night on 7/9. There are no other commitments coming up as of yet. Next meeting will be 8/17 at 6pm at Bay Park Hospital in the cafeteria. June's Financial Report was as follows:

Beginning Balance 05/31/17	\$325.19
Income	141.20
Expenses	360.25
Ending Balance 06/30/17	\$106.14

Veronica wanted to purchase 5 Grapevine subscriptions for a total of \$128.16. Motion made to do this by Tim D., Came To Believe and seconded by Jerry S., Walbridge Park. Motion carried. Respectfully submitted, Veronica N., Chair

Group Services: Steven G. / groupser.chair@area55aa.org

Steve G. gave the report. The committee met on 7/20 at 6:30pm at Central Office. All previous commitments were met. Steve was unable to attend Unity Day due to complications with medicine. Next meeting will be August 17th at 6:30pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Steven G., Chair

Accessibilities: Jim L.

Jim L. gave the report. The committee met on 7/10 at 7:00pm at the Frisch's on Navarre Avenue. The committee currently has two commitments: one at The Merit House on the first Monday of the month and Addison Heights on the third Monday of the month. The committee will also be visiting different groups on the last Monday of the month to talk briefly with the groups about the committee, give the groups a copy of the Shut In List and to ask if they know of any potential Shut Ins. There are two changes to the Shut-In List: the unfortunate passing of Jim B. and that Richard G. has moved out of Area 55. The committee spent time to read and discuss new Committee Guidelines and will continue each month until finished. Next meeting will be on 8/14 at 6:00pm at Frisch's on Navarre Avenue. Financial Report was given as follows:

Beg. Balance 5/31/17	\$ 9.43
Expenses	0.00
Check from GSA Treasury	50.00
Ending Balance 6/30/17	\$ 59.43

Respectfully submitted, Jim L., Chair

Intergroup Liaison: Tim D.

Tim D. gave the report. The Intergroup Association had not met for July as of this Assembly so Tim had no report. Next meeting is July 22nd at 6:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 2440 South Avenue, Toledo. Respectfully submitted, Tim D., Intergroup Liaison

Website: Josh D. / web.comm.chair@area55aa.org

Josh D. gave the report. The Web committee met on July 17th at 11:30am at Black Kite Coffee. Many members celebrated anniversaries. Wendy S. is working to add meeting locations and information to the interactive map on the site. The committee discussed the need to communicate between the entities to ensure accurate information and will develop a flow chart to help with this. Members will reach out to the Archives and Newsletter committees to promote collaboration. Members identified some new potential committee members. Next meeting will be on August 13th at 11:30am at Grounds For Thought, Bowling Green. Respectfully submitted, Josh D., Chair

NOCYPAA: Tyler J.

Lars J., NOCYPAA GSR, gave the report. They had their last event on July 8th at Maumee Bay State Park. There were hotdogs and volleyball and the event ended on a key of hope and experience. They will be having another event soon to be put on jointly with MONCYPAA—date and time to be announced. They gave a skit at Unity Day that was very well received. They wanted to thank the Area for inviting them to do this. Next meeting is today at the Centennial Quarry so everyone is invited to come out. Respectfully submitted, Tyler J., Chair

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER ("DCM") REPORTS

DCM Chair: Jim S.

Jim S., DCMC, Area 55, said the DCMs met today. Reports were given by Districts 3, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 10. Districts 11 and 14 submitted written reports. Unity Day was a great success. 119 people attended and 15 of the 17 Districts were represented. The total cost was \$452.17 with donations coming from the Districts that covered the entire cost. It was a very interesting, fun and informative day for all. District 3 will be having a workshop on Oct. 21st. District 8 will have a workshop on Oct. 7th and their next District meeting will be on Aug. 2nd. District 9 will have their next meeting at 7pm on July 20th at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bryan. The Districts are working on putting together lists of the active groups in their respective Districts. Respectfully submitted, Jim S., DCMC

District 1: Kenneth T.

Kenneth T., DCM, was unable to be present. No report.

District 2: Geno F.

Geno F., DCM, was not present and had no report.

District 3: Bob O.

Bob O., DCM, was not present and had no report.

District 4: Tim D.

Tim D., DCM, gave their report. Meeting was held 7/12. They reported \$35.00 in their Treasury. Held a general discussion regarding meetings (as opposed to groups) being able to donate to General Service. Discussed meeting attendance and workshops in the various Districts. Tim will forward copies of the District map and the General Services roster of meetings for District 4. Next meeting will be Aug. 16th at 7:00pm at Reformation Lutheran Church on Douglas Road in Toledo. Respectfully submitted, Tim D., DCM

District 5: Melanie R.

Melanie R., DCM, had no report

District 7: Linda N.

Linda N., DCM, had no report at this time.

District 8: Laurie N.

Laurie N., DCM, gave their report. Their meeting was on July 5th. GSRs from Perrysburg Staying Sober, Waterville, Friends of Bill W., Whitehouse Wed. 12x12 and BG AM gave their reports. They discussed Unity Day. They decided to have their first workshop tentatively on Oct. 7th from 1pm until 4:30pm at the location of BG AM. The GSRs are tasked with asking their groups' opinions on topics and on supporting the workshop through donations. They elected Lynne H. as District Treasurer and Chris C. as District Secretary. Next meeting will be held on Aug. 2nd at 6:15pm where BG AM meets. Respectfully submitted, Laurie N. DCM

District 9: Ed R.

Ed R., DCM, gave the report. The location for the District's regular meeting will be at Trinity Lutheran Church at 509 Center Street in Bryan, OH. It will be held in the basement of the church on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. Their first meeting will be on Thursday, July 20th. Ed is planning on this being mostly just a question and answer session. Ed proposed to Jim S. that Ed would also cover District 15 since it is adjacent to District 9 and does not presently have a DCM. Jim agreed with this and

later told Ed that someone had expressed an interest in serving as DCM for District 15, Ed is looking forward to meeting this person as he believes that Districts 9 and 15 could work very well together, sharing ideas and resources as well as co-sponsoring workshops and other events. Respectfully submitted, Ed R., DCM

District 10: Deb R.

Deb R. gave their report. She said this District has been dark for approximately 10 years. She is in contact with the previous DCM and has been attending meetings in her District to introduce herself and start a contact list. She said that two people in the District have agreed to act as GSRs. She has plans of having a District meeting on Saturday evening before her home group at some point. Respectfully submitted, Deb R.

District 11: Kristen T.

Kristen T. DCM, District 11 reported that GSRs gave reports of their meetings. They discussed their recent workshop. 28 people attended from Districts 3, 5, 10, 11, 16 and 17. Panels presented the topics of Simple Kit of Spiritual Tools, Traditions 1, 2 and 3 and Singleness of Purpose. Everyone became more informed and walked away having learned something new. The District plans to have another workshop in the Fall where they will cover Traditions 4, 5 and 6 and the Four Absolutes. One member asked how to get a report of what happened at the General Service Conference in New York and Kristen said she will get this member a copy of the report. Next meeting will be August 10th at 7:00pm at St. John's UCC at 10 Main Street in Tiffin. Respectfully submitted, Kristen T., DCM

District 14: Jean S.

District 14's report for July was submitted by Jean S., DCM, District 14. GSRs reported for their groups. DCM Expenses of \$89.45 were approved. They discussed Unity Day and Jim S. said it was a big success and that they are already thinking about next year and holding it in a larger facility. Jean also reminded everyone that the State Convention is coming up on July 28th through July 30th. Jean also shared that the General Service Office (GSO) is asking everyone to send in \$7.27 on 7/27 to help AA to be self-supporting. She gave everyone the address to send their donation to. Jean also shared a PowerPoint handout from John C. about what was passed or approved at the last General Service Conference in New York. Corrections is doing well, Steve B. has plenty of schedules, Jean S. will take the phone and Steve B. will be picking up the AA Business Cards this week. Billy S. shared that Ridgeview is in dire need of AA literature. Anything that any group can donate would be greatly appreciated. John B. questioned what can be done to improve the meetings at Oasis. Some of the discussion involved bringing someone in to talk about service and determining if Oasis is a group (which involves service) or if it is just a meeting. Chrissy M. raised the issue of what the District should do with its extra funds. Jean said she thought they had agreed to keep the funds in the District and use them to fund District events. Jean will check into this and they will continue this discussion next month. Next meeting will be on August 14th at 5:30pm at 222 S. West in Lima. Respectfully submitted, Jean S., DCM

District 16: Barb L.

Barb L., DCM, was not present.

DELEGATE'S REPORT: John C./ delegate@area55aa.org / (419) 340-9646

John said that he and Henry just returned from the Indiana State Conference and are looking forward to the Ohio State Conference on July 28th through 30th. He encouraged everyone to attend. John also reminded everyone that on July 27th (7/27) all members of AA are encouraged to make a donation of \$7.27 to General Service in New York. John, Henry and Jim S. are in the process of visiting all the District meetings and showing John's PowerPoint presentation of what went on at the General Service

Conference. John gave a detailed report of his trip at the last Assembly and anyone who would like a copy of his presentation can ask John. Please simply email him at delegate@area55aa.org. Respectfully submitted, John C., Delegate

OLD BUSINESS

Henry C. reminded everyone to get registered for the upcoming Ohio State Convention on July 28th through 30th. He also reminded everyone that elections are coming up in October. If you are interested in holding an office, please see Henry. He also said that if you do want to run for an office, you must have someone at the meeting to nominate you. If you are already an officer, you do not need anyone to nominate you.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim S. asked for \$17.17 from the body for DCMC supplies. Motion was made by Jim L., Eastside 12x12 and seconded by Bill F., Wayne Group. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn made by Bill F., Wayne Group and seconded by Hazel S., Inner City. **Meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM, closing with the Responsibility Statement.**

Next GSR Assembly Meeting will be held on August 20, 2017 at 1:00 PM at the Senior Center. Clean up for August is Wayne Group. Tradition 8 will be read by Bill K., Crosstown and Concept 8 will be read by Tom D., Waterville.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jacqueline B., Recording Secretary Area 55, Panel 66, NW Ohio