

Mini Conference 2015

Beginning Balance June 30, 2016	\$ 500.00
Income	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$ 500.00
Expenses	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance July 31, 2016	\$ 500.00

2017 Mini-Conference Deposit \$300.00

Motion to accept the report was made by Tim D., Came To Believe and seconded by Keith R., New Life. Motion passed.

In July, of the 310 registered Groups in Area 55, 24 Groups made contributions this month or 7.7% and Year to Date 72 Groups or 23.2%.

Is your Group Helping Support Area 5 5 General Service?

COMMITTEE REPORT

ARCHIVES Committee: *Patty B.* Archives.chair@area55aa.org

Patty B. cancelled the committee’s meeting due to scheduling conflicts. She did go to Central Office and met with Nancy M. there. She and Nancy talked about their list of members to interview and Patty made a copy of this. She left the keys to the Archives locker with the shredder and archive display. There are no commitments in September and one in November in Bowling Green. The next committee meeting will be on September 23rd at 5:00pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Patty B., Chair

CPC/PI Committee: *John K.* CPC.PI@area55aa.org

The committee had no report. However, John C. asked the members for help with this committee due to John K.’s recent illness.

MULTI-DISTRICT CORRECTIONAL CHAIR: *Keith R.*

Keith R. gave the report for their July 17th and August 15th meetings. They started with the Serenity Prayer. Commitment reports were as follows: Tuesday Night Work Release is Steve S. and Beth P. They had no report in July but in August, Beth said that the people in the meetings tend to get restless when our groups do not show up for their responsibilities. Toledo Prison is Joe S. and Ed W. No update for July. In August, Joe found out that there is no sugar allowed in the meeting. He has been bringing in a few regular guys to share their experience and the results have been great. Lucas County Jail is Keith R. and Dale S. Dale is new to this commitment. Great results are starting to come from the meeting and continued experience. Dale had questions regarding literature and if the committee has funds to acquire it. Work Release Friday Night is Jim S. and Nicole K. Nicole was not present at the August meeting due to a prior commitment. Jim filled in and has had leads at the meeting. Lucas County Jail—Women: This is being covered by Kim S. She had no update at the July meeting. In August, Kim spoke about gaining access to literature. She needs a designated area at the jail to leave books. The lockers or a storage container would be ideal. Holland Driver Intervention is Deb S. and Nick S. Neither was present at either committee meeting. Rossford Driver Intervention is Eric H. He said it is going well and that he has already contacted the group that has the upcoming week.

Zepf Driver Intervention is Michael L. He is attending his commitments as scheduled. New Business: We are reporting on two committee meetings, those for July and August. At the July meeting, Nicole K. was able to compile a more complete listing of the phone numbers for the commitments we currently have and the committee members that are currently serving. Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting will be at Central Office on September 19th at 5:30pm. Respectfully submitted, Keith R., Chair

GRAPEVINE Committee: Veronica N.

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The committee met on August 18th at 6:00pm at Bay Park Hospital. They started with the Serenity Prayer. They talked about upcoming anniversaries. They talked about recruiting more members and about upcoming NOCYPAA events. They came up with a plan to have the Grapevine committee meeting the third Thursday of every month. The meeting will be held at the Bay Park Community Hospital cafeteria at 6:00pm. Their financial reports are as follows:

June Finance Report

Starting Balance	\$201.99
Income	22.50
Expenses	0.00
Ending Balance	\$224.49

July Finance Report

Starting Balance	\$224.49
Income	49.50
Expenses	0.00
Ending Balance	\$291.99

They ended with the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted, Veronica N., Chair

GROUP SERVICES Committee: Steven G.

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The committee meeting was cancelled on August 18th due to scheduling conflicts but Steve G. was at Central Office just in case any new members showed up. They had a makeup meeting at 11:00am at Raab Road on August 27th. Started with the Serenity Prayer. They talked about upcoming commitments. They closed with Lord's Prayer. Their next meeting will be on September 15th at 6:00pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Steven G., Chair

ACCESSIBILITIES: Jim L.

Meeting was held August 28th at 5:30pm. The committee reviewed an updated Shut In list and an updated commitment list. The committee now has a working commitment list on which those who can make commitments on the days they don't have prior commitments. Commitment list is a rotating list. The meeting at Arbors of Sylvania is on the first and third Mondays of the month and committee members who can attend do so.

Treasury Report:

Beginning Balance of August 2016	\$ 15.97
Income	0.00
Expenses	
Cards 6/26/16	5.90
Stamps 7/27/16	27.50
Cards 7/17/16	8.04
Cards 8/7/16	24.98
Ending Balance	-\$50.45

Committee made a motion and was carried to request \$100.00 to pay the negative balance and have a positive operating balance of \$49.55. There was a great discussion about our status as a committee and our vision. This led into the idea of District Outreach. The purpose would be to include outlying districts and to inform, educate and assist districts to meet shut in commitments through communications from Community Outreach. We nominated Bill W. to be our District and Outreach committee member. Meeting closed at 6:45pm. Next committee meeting will be on September 12th at 5:30pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Jim L., Chair

INTERGROUP LIAISON: Tim D.

Intergroup Association met on July 23rd at 6:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church on South Avenue. Central Office currently looking into how other Central Offices fund themselves. This is due to decreasing levels of support. The 12th Step Call List is being circulated. Those who want to sign up may and those who are already on the list should sign up again to be sure their contact information is current. There is a statement attached that should be read at group consciences. The annual picnic will be held on August 14th from noon until 6pm at the IBEW Local at 807 Lime City Road, Rossford, Ohio. Plans are being discussed for the 2017 New Year's party. The pig roast was very successful in spite of the weather. Darlington House has been added to the Hospital Committee's group responsibility list. They are also considering adding a group responsibility in Bowling Green. The Hospital Committee also recently received a contribution of Big Books. All committees continue to need members. Going into the second half of the year, Intergroup is encouraging members to begin to plan for elections coming up later in the year. Please take this back to your groups the need to get people involved in various positions in Intergroup. Next meeting will be held on August 27th at 6:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church on South Avenue. Intergroup Association met on August 27th at 6:30pm at Faith Lutheran. Anniversary Committee has sold 25 tickets to the Intergroup Anniversary dance in October. Tickets will be available from committee members. Annual picnic was held and 90 people attended. They are looking into ways to encourage increased attendance. Total income from the picnic was \$378.54. Plans are still continuing for the New Year's Eve party and the Pig Roast was a big success. They estimated about 200 people came and the committee contributed about \$1308.00 to Central Office from the Pig Roast. The Darlington House meeting for the Hospital Committee is on hold. As far as the literature table being here at the Assembly, they are expecting this to be on hold until later this year/early next year. The Children's Christmas Party committee is going to their storage site to inventory presents left over from last year and to re-wrap the ones that have been around for a long time. The event itself is scheduled from 11am until 3pm but Santa is there only from noon until 2pm. They want to be sure that all the parents are aware of this. The Newsletter Committee has a policy that articles are limited to 250 to 500 words. They also want groups to know that their annual group anniversary announcements have to be paid for each year. All committees are continually in need of support. Next meeting of

Intergroup will be held on September 24th at 6:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 2440 South Avenue, Toledo, OH. Respectfully submitted, Tim D.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE: Josh D.

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The committee met at 11:30am at the Senior Center on August 28th. The committee discussed outreach and future plans moving forward. The committee will develop a web usage survey to be completed by members of the area. We will be asking for GSR support on this new initiative. Members will come to the next committee meeting with questions to include in the survey. For outreach, the committee will develop a business card and also plans to have an outreach table at the Area 55 Mini-Conference next March. In the past month, there have been 996 sessions on the website. There were 866 users, 18% of which were return users and 82% of which were new users. The Web committee will have a bowling unity event on September 17th. Next meeting will be at 11:30am on September 18th at the Senior Center before the next General Service Assembly. Respectfully submitted, Josh D., Chair

OYPAA HOST COMMITTEE: Brian L./Lauren B.

Matt G., GSR OYPAA Host Committee, gave their report. Josh D. spoke on Tradition 8. The committee is meeting on a weekly basis given that their State Conference is coming up very soon. Treasury Report: They purchased lanyards and have an existing balance of \$6,800.00. They want to thank the Area for all their support and hard work. Their room block at Kalahari is full so that all their conference space will be free. So far they have 230 registrations and 47 scholarships. They also have more scholarships available so see Matt G. or anyone on the Host committee if you know anyone who would like to go. They are asking for all the help they can get for the State Conference including energy and any other donations possible. The hotel is charging them \$29.00 per gallon for coffee. They approved a budget for Big Books to be given away at their sobriety countdown. They have other YPAA's around the state and in Michigan doing outreach to their membership to attend the Conference. Members of OYPAA Host were at the Akron, Ohio State Convention and served on panels there. Matt said that if you or your home group would like to donate any time that you can go to the website "signup.com" and register your availability there. He said their Hospitality Room needs help and they also need greeters. He said that on September 11th at midnight, the OYPAA Host Committee will be disbanded as their State Conference will be over. They will then be re-forming as NOCYPAA with a brand new batch of elections. Matt thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve. Respectfully submitted, Brian L., Chair

DCM REPORTS

DCMC

Jim S., DCMC, Area 55, said the DCMs met today and discussed what is going on in their districts as of now. District 3 will be having a workshop in Northwood at the church at the corner of Coy and Curtice on October 1st. Their next meeting is going to be on September 21st at 5:30 before the Eastside 12x12 meeting (at its location.) District 4, Tim D., DCM, said his district had a meeting on August 17th and will have their next one on September 21st at 7:00pm at Reformation Lutheran Church on Douglas Road. District 5 will have its next meeting at Central Office on September 17th at 11:00am. District 11 is having a workshop on October 8th from 9am until noon at St. John's United Church of Christ, 10 Main Street, Tiffin, OH. District 14 had their last meeting on August

8th and their next meeting will be on September 12th at 5:30pm. They are planning to have a GSR Workshop.

District 4

Meladie S. submitted their report. The district met on August 17th. Bob D., existing DCM, had to step down for personal reasons. Meladie nominated Tim D. to be the new DCM, this was seconded by Bob D. and election was done by acclamation. They discussed how to get the word out to groups and they decided that word of mouth was the most effective means right now. They also discussed having a GSR workshop and decided to have primary purpose, meeting structure and understanding anonymity as their three panel topics. Discussion was tabled until their next meeting. Next meeting will be September 21st at 7:00pm at Reformation Lutheran Church on Douglas Road.

District 5

Melanie R., DCM, District 5 said they are meeting every other month right now. Their next meeting will be on Saturday, September 17th at 11:00am at Central Office. They are looking at the pamphlet called "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix." Melanie invited everyone to attend District 5's next meeting if they would like to learn more about this pamphlet and about District 5.

District 11

Kristen T., DCM, District 11 said the district met on July 21st at St. John's United Church of Christ in Tiffin. They are considering having a GSR Workshop. The GSRs were asked to take this idea back to their groups and get input on topics they might like to see covered. They will then discuss this at their next meeting. Their next meeting will be on August 18th at 7:00pm at St. John's UCC, 10 Main Street, Tiffin, OH. Kristen said they had a meeting on August 18th at which they discussed the details of their upcoming GSR Workshop. They decided to have it on October 8th at St. John's United Church of Christ, 10 Main Street, Tiffin, OH from 9am until noon. Doors will open at 8:00am with coffee and donuts. There will be three panels: 1) Engaging the Newcomer—Steering them from Beginner to Winner, 2) Sober, Now What?—Fun, Love and Service and 3) What's the Basket For?—Where our dollars go. They will serve hot dogs and chips for lunch at the end of the workshop. GSRs and contact persons will be going to their groups for donations as the District 11 treasury is less than \$50.00 presently. GSRs reported on their groups. Tiffin Tuesday Night and Fostoria Monday Night could use some support. Fostoria Tuesday Night Men's meeting will be donating \$100.00 to Area 55 General Service and Fostoria Monday Night's Anniversary will be on October 3rd. Kristen requested \$25.00 from the body for literature and copies to be made for the district's workshop. Tim D. made the motion and Jim S. seconded it. Motion passed. Respectfully submitted, Kristen T., DCM, District 11

District 14

Jean S., DCM, District 14 said they met on August 8th. July Meeting Minutes and July Treasurer's Report were both read and accepted. Jean S. submitted DCM expenses of mileage of 167.2 miles @ \$0.54 per mile which came to \$90.29. This was accepted. DCM Report: Jean is interested in hosting a GSR Workshop. Some topics discussed were the Concepts, Spirituality and Money Matters, Moderating and Chairing a Meeting, etc. Area 55 stressed the importance of people donating to the Area and GSO even if it is only \$5.00 a month. Jean reminded GSRs not to post the mailed Area 55 Assembly minutes that they receive as they have last names in them. She said to please post the minutes as they are given on the Area 55 Website as they have the last names redacted. Group reports were as follows: Sunday Morning Sunshine—Steve B.

said their anniversary meeting will be held in the fall instead of the spring. LDG—Chrissy M. said their group’s conscience was to sponsor the Out of the Darkness group. Hope Group—Shane H. said attendance has been steady. Singleness of Purpose—Jamey T. reported that their annual “Wing-Ding” drew 40-45 people. Donations were large enough for the group to pay for some of the speaker’s traveling expenses. The Corrections Committee and the Scheduling Committee had no report. The Phone Rotation Committee is being handled by Rick Z. and he will keep the phone for a fourth month. Old Business: The new AlaTeen meeting will begin next week. The Friendship Group’s picnic will be held on August 21st from 11am until 4pm at Faurot Park in Lima. Amy H. has not yet distributed the flyer concerning new meetings to third shift companies. Steve B. gave her an updated list with the new 6:30am start time on it. They are considering posting the District minutes and Financial Report on the Web. The LDG group approves taking this action and the SOP and Grace groups have yet to consider it so this issue was tabled. Jamey T. will check with Billy on whether the district was charged twice since March for their Web.com fees or whether Billy has checked into this with the site. A former DCM said they recalled this happening last year and it might have to do with their billing cycle. After discussion, the district decided to donate their old Grapevine copies to the corrections-based treatment facilities Worth Center and/or Ridgeview. New Business: The district’s group conscience is to hold a GSR workshop. Jean S. asked all the GSRs to go to their groups for suggestions on workshop themes. Meeting closed at 6:26pm. Next meeting will be on September 12th at 5:30pm. Respectfully submitted, Jean S., DCM, District 14

AREA DELEGATE: John C.

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John wanted to thank everyone for their continued support of General Service and that the districts are getting active with more DCMs attending the Assembly and the word getting around. John and Henry C. attended the Illinois State Convention and the East Central Regional Convention with some of the young people. They also went to the Ohio State Convention and he’d like to see more support from Area 55 for this if possible. They had 201 registrations for the State Convention and about 20 people from Area 55 attended. The Convention was profitable, making about \$1900.00 and we will see one-quarter of that, about \$500.00. The CPC/PI committee needs help desperately. John needs someone to stand in for John K. who is sick and John is afraid the committee is going to miss a commitment. Literature sales at GSO are up 5.4% as of last week. We are ahead of budget for the year. Grapevine subscriptions are at 78,100 this year, budgeted at 77,000 so we are ahead there too. 7th Tradition contributions are ahead of budget by \$3.4 Million dollars. John has envelopes for the Birthday Club and you or your group can contribute. John also has final reports from the General Service Conference available. We are going to have the Delegates/Past Delegates Conference here next year on February 10th through the 12th at the Holiday Inn French Quarter. All are welcome to come. A couple weeks after that will be our Mini-Conference on March 3rd, 4th and 5th at the Holiday Inn French Quarter also. Registration is \$20.00. The OYPAA State Conference is coming up and John is looking for people to serve breakfast with him on Saturday morning. On September 19th at Nancy M.’s house will be our next meeting regarding the Area 55 General Service Guidelines. This will be at 6:00pm. John wanted to thank all the districts and committees for the hard work they are doing.

OLD BUSINESS

Ohio State Convention was a success. Area Guidelines meeting will be September 19th at 6:00pm at Nancy M.’s house. Henry said he laid on the table two letters composed by Sherri S. to thank groups for their contributions to General Service. He would like the GSRs to take these back to their groups for feedback. Having AA literature at the meeting here is being postponed as the

current Chair of that committee at Intergroup is having surgery and will be recuperating for about three months, by which time a new Chair will be elected and we will continue work with this person. Henry asked for group feedback regarding time limits on reports. The Crosstown group voted to have time limits. Tim D. said that we have been doing pretty well with the reports since we started talking about this over the last few months. Tim also said that the General Service Assembly meeting will be in the next Area 55 Meeting Schedule that is published.

NEW BUSINESS

Henry C. said that the Treatment Facilities/Special Needs/Accessibilities committee name has been changed to Treatment Facilities/Accessibilities by New York GSO. We will reflect this in our minutes and agenda. Since, in our Area, Treatment Facilities is part of the Intergroup Hospital Committee, we will be using only the Accessibilities portion of this title in our minutes and agenda. John C. will be scheduling the planning meetings for the Delegates/Past Delegates and Mini-Conferences in the next month or so. Nancy M. is Chairing the Delegates/Past Delegates Conference and she will need help with registration/greeters and hospitality. See Nancy M. if you are interested in helping out with this. John C. will need help with all committees for the Mini-Conference. We are going to have two workshops on Friday afternoon. One will be a GSR School and the other will be on sponsorship and will start at 4:30pm on Friday. Flyers for both of these Conferences are on the Website. Bob S. asked the panel that in the future if we know something is going to be brought up at the Assembly a few months in advance, that we bring it up those few months in advance, giving the GSRs more time to get group feedback on these issues. Of course, there are situations that come up where we don't have that luxury but if we do, we should provide them with that extra time.

The General Service Assembly Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM, closing with the Responsibility Statement.

Next GSR Assembly Meeting will be held on September 18, 2016 at 1:00 PM at the Senior Center. Clean up for September is Friday Women's 12 Step Study. Tradition 9 is Josh D., Tuesday Night Young People's and Concept 9 is Bob G., Lean on Me Metamora.

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