

In August, of the 310 registered Groups in Area 55, 26 Groups made contributions this month or 8.39% and Year to Date 81 Groups or 26.13%.

Is your Group Helping Support Area 55 General Service.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARCHIVES Committee: Deborah T.

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The Archives Committee did not meet in August. The cataloging of the Area 55 collection continues on Tuesdays. Two boxes of extra Grapevines were put on the table at the Assembly Meeting today for anyone to take.

The Archives Committee attended the Monroe Thursday Open Anniversary in Monroe Michigan on Sept. 17th and the Starlight Anniversary on Sept. 18th.

There will not be a Committee meeting in Sept. because I will be attending the national Archives Convention in Independence Ohio.

Respectfully Submitted; Deborah T.

CPC/PI Committee: Kristen T.

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The meeting opened at 7 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. Those in attendance were Jackie B., Mary Beth I., Kristen T., Katy K. and two guests; Roy F. and Jerry S. from Tiffin. We reviewed the newsletter *About AA* and parts of the pamphlet "A Brief Guide to AA".

We reviewed past commitments. The Terra State College Employee Benefits fair was attended on August 12th and was a nice event. We had a variety of visitors and questions asked. Also on August 12th we attended the Harbor Youth Health Fair. That was a good event with many in attendance. The last commitment on that day was at Rigel Recovery Services in Fremont where we met with a group called Family Matters. These sessions are for the family members of people in the recovery program at Rigel. We presented information about AA and told the story of how we got to AA and what AA is doing for our lives today. We have been invited to another one of these events in Tiffin on September 10th. Upcoming commitments were discussed. We are to attend Community Day in Toledo on August 29th was canceled which is put on by a not-for-profit group to inform people of the resources available. We are going to set up our display at the Around the Town event in Tiffin. The chamber of commerce is putting it on and this is attended by the college students in Tiffin. Seneca County is having the Underage Drinking Educational Program Weekends on September 26th and 27th and November 21st and 22nd. This event is for young people with an underage drinking charge. We attended in May and recruited young people in the program to talk to the attendees. There is a lot of interest in this event and we will have plenty of people willing to come to this event and share their stories. We discussed attending the OJACC Conference in Columbus which is attended by corrections professionals. We have contacted Area 53 about partnering up for this October event but do not have any specific details yet.

The suggestion was made to purchase a table cover that had the words "Alcoholics Anonymous" along the front. The problem we are experiencing is that in a tight space the display is so big we sometimes have to sit or stand behind it hidden. We decided a banner may work better and be cheaper. We also thought a table top sign to catch the visitor eye would be good. We can get the banner and the sign for around 75 dollars. The committee discussed color schemes and we will check with the sign shop to see what they can do for us. We are also going to price a wheeled tote to carry our literature to events. It was shared that GSO is looking for some experience, strength and hope from the membership to take a look at the pamphlets AA for the Woman and the AA pamphlet addressing our members who are gays

and lesbians. GSO is asking for a submission of 500-800 words and it is due October 15th. They are asking for the same type of information for a pamphlet addressing mental health issues in the fellowship.

It was suggested to the committee to go to aa.org and view the two new videos, "Why Anonymous?" and "Doors." The "Doors" video is a public service announcement that can be sent to various TV stations for airing. The committee agreed we should try to get this out there in the community. We noted that we have not had any luck with getting TV stations to air our PSAs. We appealed to them in 2013 and again this year but no luck. This video was sent out in a mass campaign by the GSO and there is a station in the area that already has the video but we don't know if they are airing it. We decided to make a list of 10 area TV stations and try to use phone calls and visits rather than written correspondence to reach these decision makers. We will be sending K100 a CD of radio PSAs as they asked a committee member to get one for their station. We will order some.

We discussed one of our past speaking engagements where we were given 10 minutes at a church which hosts AA meetings to speak about AA. A member is going to let a large local church know that we are available to talk about AA if they think it could benefit their congregation.

We discussed the fact that the Chairperson will be rotating out when January of 2016 comes. We discussed what we believe will make that a smooth transition for the next chairperson and committee members. It was agreed that there should be easy access to all of the contacts, events, mailings, etc. by creating spreadsheets and folders with all the information needed to be sure the current events and relationships in the community can be sustained and new events added. Kristen has committed to attending CPC/PI meetings in early 2016 to help the new chairperson and committee members get ready for the year's events. We will share all the information we can to insure a smooth transition. The committee was reminded that voting for officers will take place at the October Assembly meeting and the Committee Chairperson assignments will be made before the end of the year. Our next CPC/PI Committee meeting will be held September 21, 2015 at 7 p.m. at Central Office. The next General Service Assembly meeting will be held September 20, 2015 at 1 p.m. The East Regional Forum in Milwaukee, WI will be held November 13 – 15, 2015. The meeting ended at 8:05 with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristen T
CPC/PI Committee Chairperson

GRAPEVINE Committee: Bob O.

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Not present.

GROUP SERVICES Committee: David G.

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The committee met on September 19th at 11:00 PM. at my house. Present were David G. and Steve G. We met all our commitments for August which were the District 3 Annual Picnic on August 30th, the Starlight Anniversary on September 18th and the Intergroup Annual Summer Picnic September 19th. We ended the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting will be on October 13th.
Respectfully Submitted; David G. Chair.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Becky L.

We met on Monday Sept 14th at 5:30 PM at Central Office. Present were Becky L and Jim L. We helped with one man needing an interpreter. We have 1 new name for the shut-in list and a new list is coming out in October. We adjourned at 6:30 PM

Next meeting will be Monday, October 12th 2015 at 5:30 PM at the River Diner 2040 Ottawa River Rd., 1 block from I-75. Respectfully Submitted; Becky L.

Multi-District Correctional Chair: Keith R.

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The meeting was at Central Office at 5:30 PM on August 17th.

Present: Kim S., Dale S., Rob H., Nicole K., and Chari Keith R.

There is a new Women's Meeting at the County Jail on Saturday's from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM. Kim is taking care of this. Nicole K. and Jim S. are switching off at Friday night Work Release. Rob H. is handling the Rossford Intervention Meeting and sometimes not having groups show, so he has been taking people up to share at the meeting. The rest of the meetings are going well. Dale and John are taking turns bringing leads in.

Questions about up to date information were asked. GRS's reminded that the printed information is published a month in advance. Also, it is helpful if group keep their group information up to date.

Next meeting is Monday September 21, at 5:30 pm at Central Office.

Respectfully submitted; Keith R.

INTERGROUP LIAISON: Danielle G.

Not present.

WEB COMMITTEE: Josh D.

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The Web Committee met on Sunday September 20th at the Senior Center at 11:30 AM. There were 6 people present. The meeting opened with bagels with the Serenity Prayer. A brief discussion was held regarding outreach, especially to outlying areas. The majority of the meeting was spent discussing the guidelines. We discussed how to protect anonymity on the online calendar. Based on other AA experience, we decided not to include last names, phone numbers or personal email addresses. We also discussed at length the online talks once the Digital Archives launches. The Committee completed the guidelines. After a retype and final review, they will be submitted to our Delegate for review and approval. These guidelines will provide a lasting structure for the Committee. Many thanks, to the 6 Committee members for their patience and thoroughness in creating these guidelines.

Next meeting will be on October 18th at 11:30AM at the Senior Center. We hope to see you there.

Respectfully Submitted; Josh D.

NOCYPAA: Bryan L.

Opening

Josh D. opened the meeting at 5:00 PM with the Serenity Prayer. Introductions were given. Josh spoke on Tradition 12.

Subcommittees

Secretary: Jenna read the minutes from the previous meeting on August 9^h.

Treasurer: Bryan L. states our current balance is \$634.75. He did not write himself the check we motioned for. He will need help with the events summary list for OYPAA bid.

Special Events: Sarah created a budget of \$95 for Carnivalapalooza. She will be announcing a date for a Committee meeting this week.

Hotel: Kevin contacted Cedar Fairs and Castaway bay. He is still in contact with Fran from Kalahari and the Park Inn. He is also sending the RFP out to a few more places.

Support Letters: Layne has printed more support letters to be passed out and signed.

New Business: There will be a bid skit subcommittee meeting Tuesday at Biggy Cricket West at 9:30 PM. The Ad Hoc Committee met and made a few changes to the bylaws. Once finished, we will be bringing to the meeting for approval. OYPAA is in one month! Bidding requirements were read by Kevin. Deadline for member bios is August 29th. Support Letter deadline is September 20th. Nancy will be writing a special letter showing how NOCYPAA is involved with the Area since she has Area 55 Street cred. Vacant positions will be discussed. Each member made a goal to be completed by our next committee meeting which is September 13th at Toledo R House. (goals on file with Jenna). Bryan made a motion to donate \$10 each to General Service, Intergroup and Central Office. Motion made and seconded, unanimous vote. Motion carried.

With a motion to close from Jordan and second from kevin, the meeting ended at 6:12 PM with the Responsibility statement;

Respectfully Submitted; Jenna G.

AREA DELEGATE: Nancy M.

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Group Contributions from Area 55 groups this year is 13.77% this is down from 2014 when 22.95% contributed.

I will be emailing our webmaster with several sharing sessions of the General Service Board on 8/1/15: 1) "AA Primary Purpose: Reaching the alcoholic who still suffers and what more could we do?" 2) Is our literature and communication tools effective in helping groups and members reach the alcoholic who still suffers?

GSO Staff rotations took place this month on 9/14/15. A list of new assignments will be available soon.

Conference Final Report received and are on the back table.

DCM Reports

District 14

The last meeting was held on Sept 14, 2015 at 5:30 PM at 222 S. West St. in Lima, Ohio. Members in attendance were Kristen J. DCM, Jean S. SEC, Chrissy M. TREAS, GSR's Shane H, Steve B. and Billy S. All meetings reported lack of attendance.

The topic of getting an early meeting started was brought up. There was a long discussion and it was decided the GSR's should discuss it at their groups and see if there is interest in supporting such a meeting. The District would be willing to cover the cost of the meeting for three months to see if such a meeting could support its self after that.

It was voted and passed to donate 22 schedules to Rick S for Public Information sessions.

Structures and Procedures for District 14 were handed out to GSR's to take back to their groups to look over and make sure everything is up to date. Or if there is anything they would like to see added or deleted.

We will be taking nominees for District Committee members at the next District Meeting.

Next meeting will be held Oct 12, 2015 at 5:30 PM at 222 S. West St. Lima, Ohio.

Respectfully Submitted, Kristen J DCM District 14

District 3

They announced a Workshop on Anonymity and Sponsorship at the Northwood Church of God at the corner of Coy and Curtice Roads in Northwood, Ohio. Doors open at 8:30 AM. Chili will be served for lunch. They asked for the Assembly to cover the cost of pamphlets for the Workshop. Motion made by Tim D. seconded Lyle H. Motion carried.

District 5

DCM Melanie R. announced they were having a meeting on Tuesday, September 29th at Zion United Methodist Church at Copland and the Trail at 6:00 PM.

OLD BUSINESS

Contact was made with one group in Monroe Michigan and their GSR Tom W. of the 24 Hour Group attended the Assembly meeting. He said he would be returning.

The **2016 Mini Conference** will be at the Holiday Inn Express in Levis Commons on Rt. 25 in Perrysburg, Ohio on March 4, 5 and 6th 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

In October we will have election of Officers. If you are interested in running for one of the Officer positions, we have pamphlets on officer's duties for you to look at, so if you want one see John C. Also, if you would be interested in being a Committee Chairperson see John C. If the Chair of a Committee has some one on their Committee or know of someone who is interested, see John C. Remember, Committee Chairs are selected by the Delegate.

A sharing session will be following General Service Assembly Meeting today September 20, 2015. Topic, Signing Court Slips.

The General Service Assembly Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm, closing with the Responsibility Statement. Motion to close made by Tim D., seconded by Meladie J. Motion carried.

Next GSR Assembly Meeting will be held on October 18, 2015 at 1:00 PM at the Senior Center. Clean up for October will be NOCYPAA, Tradition 10 Joanne C. and Concept 10 Tim D.

Respectfully Submitted,

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