

GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY
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Meeting Minutes for November 12, 2017

Only GSRs, DCMs, their alternates, Committee Chairs, Elected Officers and Past Delegates 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. Damian T., GSR, Port Clinton Nooners, read the Mission Statement. Kenney A., Treasurer-Elect, read the 11th Tradition and Tim D., DCM, District 4 read the 11th 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, 6 Alternate GSRs, 4 DCMs, 1 Alternate DCM, 1 DCMC, 1 Past Delegate, 1 Intergroup Vice-Chair and 0 Guests. New GSRs were Eric R., Message of Hope and Jenn C., Sober Women’s Big Book. There were no new Alternate GSRs. New DCM was Ron S., District 11. There were no new Alternate DCMs. Past Delegates present were Nancy M. Intergroup Vice-Chair Carrie C. was present.

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Please note: Committee meeting minutes may also be submitted electronically by e-mail to 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. Thank You! In the October minutes, Kenney A.'s name was misspelled three times in the Elections Results for Treasurer on page2. Jackie spelled his name as “Kenny” instead of the correct spelling “Kenney.” Please note this in your minutes. No other corrections, additions or deletions were identified. Sherri S., GSR, Reno Beach, made a motion to accept and this was seconded by Bob T., DCM, District 7. Motion carried.

Treasurer: Marty C. / treasurer@area55aa.org

*In September, 8.06% or 25 of the 310 registered Groups in Area 55 made contributions. Year-to-date, 27.41% or 85 Groups contributed. **Is your Group Supporting Area 55 General Service?***

Marty’s report for August was as follows:

<u>9/30/17 Checkbook Balance</u>	<u>\$6,952.74</u>
Income	<u>1,855.48</u>
Total	\$8,808.22
Expenses	<u>1,202.60</u>
Total	\$7,605.62
10/31/17 Checkbook Balance	\$7,605.62

<u>9/30/17 Prudent Reserve Balance</u>	<u>\$3,001.83</u>
Interest	<u>.05</u>
10/31/17 Prudent Reserve Balance	\$3,001.88

<u>9/30/17 Mini-Conference</u>	<u>\$ 800.00</u>
Income	0.00
Total	800.00
Expenses	0.00
10/31/17 Mini-Conference	\$ 800.00

Motion made by Tim D., DCM, District 4 and seconded by Terri J., GSR, Trail Group. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

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

At their September meeting, they discussed having to transfer all of their interviews to CDs. They went through the CDs they have already to determine which are interviews and which are leads. The commitments they had upcoming in October were: District 8 Workshop on 10/7, Guides To Progress Anniversary on 10/10 and District 3 Workshop on 10/21. At their October meeting, Susan D. took their recorder to transfer material to CDs and continue the interviewing process. They need to obtain another recorder and will bring this in front of body at November meeting. They discussed bringing a proposal to General Service that we reimburse Central Office for their storage and display of Archives material. They believe \$25.00 per month to be a fair and reasonable amount. Scott M. and Patty B. will be rotating off the committee at the end of 2017 so the committee is looking for new members. Upcoming commitments were: Dundee Group Anniversary on 10/29 and District 5 Workshop on 11/11. Their next meeting will be on Nov. 30th at 5:00pm at Central Office.

Regarding the committee’s purchase of a recorder, Henry asked that Nancy and the other committee Chairs notify us of their intended purchase (even if the cost is within \$100.00) and then notify us of the cost of the purchase after it has been made.

Regarding the committee’s proposal to pay Central Office \$25.00 per month for storage of Archives material, Willie R., GSR, Young Peoples, made the motion which was seconded by Bob O., DCM, District 3, The motion carried so we will begin doing this this month.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy M., Chair

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

Bill F. gave the committee’s report. The committee met all of its commitments for October. They have a planning meeting with the VA on Nov. 17th. They have been invited to attend the Mental Health and Recovery Service Board’s Prevention Conference at Lourdes University on 12/1. They are waiting to hear from UTMC about what kind of meeting they want brought in there. Most likely we will just provide literature and maybe talk to some staff members. Next meeting will be Dec. 20th at 5:30pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, John K., Chair

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

The committee welcomed new member, Ivan S., who will be covering the Friday night Lucas County Jail Men’s meeting. The Toledo Correctional Institution (TCI) is in the process of changing from a level 3 to a level 4 facility. They will be adding more meetings which means that the committee will need new members to handle these additional commitments. Jim wanted us to know that Work Release has changed the way we must enter their facility. He wants us to know that we have to bring a photo ID or our Driver’s License and that there are no longer lockers in which to store our belongings. We are allowed to bring in our IDs, keys and \$5.00 in cash. We must wear closed toe shoes and appropriate attire, i.e. no shorts or revealing shirts. We may park on the street directly in front of their doors where

the parking meters are. The committee's next meeting will be Nov. 20th at 5:30pm at Central Office.
Respectfully submitted, Jim S., Chair

Grapevine: Veronica N. / grapevine.chair@area55aa.org
Veronica gave the committee's Financial Reports for September and October.

September's Financial Report was:

Balance 9/1/17	\$172.86
Income	24.00
Expenses	0.00
Balance 9/30/17	\$196.86

Financial Report for October was:

Balance 10/1/17	\$196.86
Income	72.70
Expenses	198.20
Balance 10/31/17	\$ 71.36

Motion to accept made by Billy S., GSR, Into Action Oak Harbor and seconded by Sherri S., GSR, Reno Beach Sobriety. Motion carried.

Committee fulfilled commitments at the District 8 Workshop, the District 3 Workshop, the Dundee Group's Anniversary and the District 5 Workshop. The committee has an upcoming commitment at the Women's Holiday Luncheon on December 2nd.

Sherri S. asked if the committee has enough literature for upcoming commitments and Veronica said they could use about \$200.00 to purchase literature for these. Willie R., GSR, Young Peoples made the motion that we give the committee \$200.00 for this purpose. It was seconded by Nancy C., GSR, Oregon St. Charles. Motion carried.

Next meeting is Dec. 16th at 6pm at the Bay Park Hospital cafeteria. Respectfully submitted, Veronica N., Chair

Group Services: Steve G. / groupser.chair@area55aa.org
The committee met all of their recent commitments. Steve reported that he purchased a hand truck to move their equipment. It cost \$53.59 and Steve was reimbursed for this. Their next meeting will be on Nov. 16th at 6:30pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Steve G., Chair

Accessibilities: Jim L.

They are fulfilling their commitments. Catherine S. was removed from the previous Shut In list and there are no changes to the current Shut In list. Financial report is as follows:

Balance 10/1/17	\$33.63
Income	0.00
Expenses	0.00
Balance 10/31/17	\$33.63

Respectfully submitted, Jim L., Chair

Intergroup Liaison: Tim D.

Intergroup met on 10/28. The Anniversary committee reported a \$1,010.00 loss on the annual Anniversary dance. Central Office committee reported that contributions are down. An amount of \$100.00 was approved for the Children's Christmas Party committee to purchase a printer for pictures at the party and an additional \$75.00 for the rental of the hall where the party is to be held. The Entertainment committee had a profit of \$456 on their last dance. New Year's Eve dance tickets are available. The Finance committee reported that \$267 in literature was sold at District 3 workshop, they sold \$184 in meals prior to this meeting and that \$38.50 in literature was sold prior to today's meeting. They returned \$117 in seed money and had approved the following checks: \$15.00 for expenses, \$50.00 for the dance on 11/4 and \$100.00 seed money for that dance. They are planning a Valentine's Day dance for February of 2018. The Newsletter committee reported a new email address which is area55news@gmail.com. The committee had a table at the Octsoberfest in Monroe, MI. They are looking into printing business cards for the committee. The Hospital Committee decided not to take a meeting into UTMC due to excessive demands by UTMC. Current commitments are being met. Considering a request for a meeting from a women's shelter in Bowling Green. Old Business was that the report by the Audit committee had three questions: 1) there are two accounts for the Prudent Reserve, 2) continuing subscription for the Yellow Pages and 3) storage unit costs and what is being stored there. New Business was that memorials for AA members who have passed this year will be in the December newsletter and that Intergroup elections will be held at their next meeting. Next meeting will be held Dec. 18th at 6:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 2440 South Avenue, Toledo, 43609. Respectfully submitted, Tim D., Intergroup Liaison

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

The committee met in October at Black Kite Coffee and discussed distributing more flyers to raise awareness of the committee. Additional topics included recruiting new members to ensure the committee's continued success. Also, Kenney A. obtained old newsletter articles that were not used that the committee will post on the Website. In November, the committee met at Black Kite coffee again. They continued discussion of topics from October. Member Jen H. spoke with the newsletter committee and they agreed to provide us with old copies of the newsletter that we can post on the Web. We agreed that issues will be uploaded three months after going to print so as to not interfere with Newsletter sales. The committee also discussed the possibility of a digital archives with some plans to move forward. Wendy S. has continued work on adding meeting information to the District Map. Other members helped to clarify contradicting information. The committee also needs to discuss some questions about meetings vs. groups being listed on the site. Next meeting will be Dec. 17th at Black Kite Coffee at the corner of Collingwood and Delaware at 11:35am. Respectfully submitted, Josh D., Chair

NOCYPAA: Tyler J.

Josh D. gave their report. Halloween Party was a great success. Their elections will be held on Sunday, Nov. 19th at 5:00pm at the Hoke Spot at 2040 South Byrne Road, Toledo. Respectfully submitted, Tyler J., Chair

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER ("DCM") REPORTS

DCM Chair: Jim S.

DCMs from Districts 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 14 and 16 gave their reports. Unity Day 2018 will be on July 7th at Faith United Methodist Church on Wooster Street in Bowling Green. Jim asked for \$250.00 to rent the church for Unity Day. Motion was made by Billy S., GSR, Into Action Oak Harbor and was seconded by Bob T., DCM, District 7. Motion carried.

District 3: Bob O., DCM

Treasurer Ron S. said balance in account as of 10/31 was \$324.00. He said also that there was no longer a need for a District P.O. Box as there is no mail being sent to it. Motion was made by Larry O. to discontinue the box and it was seconded by Lyle H. Motion carried. Sherri S. was elected new DCM, Lyle H. was elected as new Treasurer and Larry S. was elected new Secretary. They discussed the upcoming District 5 workshop and putting together a carpool for the Defiance Round Up. Their December meeting will be a dinner meeting on Thursday, December 16th at 5:30pm at the Oregon Inn. The Reno Beach Sobriety meeting will not have a meeting on December 24th.

District 4: Tim D., DCM

Treasury as of 10/31 was \$76.00. Tim visited the Principles Before Personalities Group Conscience meeting as well as the Group Conscience meetings of 12 Step West and AA Beyond Belief. Tim reported the new Area 55 officers elected at the October Assembly. Next meeting will be Dec. 13th at 7:00pm at Reformation Lutheran Church on Douglas Road in Toledo.

District 7: Bob T., DCM

He asked that anyone present who is a GSR for District 7 meet with him after today's meeting so he can get their name and phone number. He said he is going to make up a flyer with his name and phone number to hand out to the groups.

District 8: Laurie N., DCM

Treasurer reported \$253 in their account as of 10/31. They discussed how their workshop went, what went well and what they could improve on. They discussed possibly sending out a letter to presenters for their next workshop regarding appropriate dress. Chris C. reported that the Pioneer Group has changed to a Big Book study with a lead on the last Thursday of the month. They also need Big Books and the District decided to buy some Big Books for them out of the proceeds from the last workshop. Their next meeting will be Dec. 6th at 6:15pm at St. John's Episcopal Church in Bowling Green.

District 11: Ron S., DCM

Ron S. was elected the new DCM for District 11. He thanked former District 11 DCM, Kristin T., for her service. Jim S. and John C. were in attendance at the District meeting and they discussed with the District the importance of the GSR to the group, District and Area as well as the importance and responsibilities of the DCM. The District will meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Next meeting will be on Dec. 7th at 6:30pm at St. John's Church, 10 Main Street, Tiffin, OH.

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

John said that Area 54 (Cleveland) is putting in a bid for the 2030 International Convention. They have asked us to draft a letter in support of them and Henry is going to do that. Last weekend, the panel attended the State Planning Committee meeting and if you are going to be a presenter at a future State Conference, you will have to sign a letter to confirm that you are aware of dress and language codes. The District 5 workshop went very well. John, Henry and Jim S. have been soliciting people in the quiet Districts to try to get them active. From New York, the litigation involving the Big Book manuscript is ongoing. John thanked everyone for their service and for stepping up to the District positions. John wants to get the Districts active so that the Delegate can hear the voice of the entire Area.

OLD BUSINESS

We needed a motion to send today's basket collection to New York. Tim D., DCM, District 4, made the motion to do this which was seconded by Sherri S., GSR, Reno Beach Sobriety. Motion carried. Becky L., GSR, Sober Women's Big Book, mentioned that the Women's Luncheon will be held on Dec. 2nd.

She mentioned that flyers are out for this and asked everyone to pass these around.

NEW BUSINESS

Henry sent information about our Mini-Conference and State Convention to Box 459 for publication in the next issue. He also sent a list of our new Officers to General Service in New York. Henry also said that there are Area 55 contribution envelopes on the side table and encouraged GSRs to take these to their groups. Mini-Conference Planning Meeting will be Dec. 2nd at 10:00am at Central Office. A planning meeting for the new Officers of Area 55 will be immediately following this.

Meeting adjourned at 2:23 PM, closing with the Responsibility Statement.

Next GSR Assembly Meeting will be held on December 17, 2017 at 1:00 PM at the Senior Center. Clean up for December is New Life. Tradition 12 will be Damian T., GSR, Port Clinton Nooners and Concept 12 will be Billy S., Into Action Oak Harbor.

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