

<b>GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY</b>	
<b>Area 55, Panel 66 NW Ohio &amp; Monroe Michigan</b>	
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<b>Delegate: John C.</b>	<b>419-340-9646</b>
<b>Alt. Delegate/Area Chair: Henry C.</b>	<b>419-472-1091</b>
<b>Meeting Minutes For January 17, 2016</b>	

Henry C. opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. Larry B. read the Mission Statement, Henry C. read the 1<sup>st</sup> Tradition and Tim D. read the 1<sup>st</sup> 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: 2 DCMs, 33 GSRs, 3 Alt GSRs, 1 Past Delegate and 1 Webmaster. New GSRs Brian B.--New Hope, David G.--Oregon Men’s, Bill K.--Crosstown were introduced along with New Alternate GSR Michael P.--Point Place. Only GSR’s, DCM’s or their alternates may make motions or vote, although everyone has the right to be heard.

<b>RECORDING SECRETARY: Jackie B.</b>	<a href="mailto:Recording.secretary@area55aa.org">Recording.secretary@area55aa.org</a>
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December 2015 Meeting Minutes were presented by Jackie B. No errors were noted. Motion to accept was made by Tim D., Came To Believe and seconded by Meladie J., 12 Step West. Motion carried. **Please note: Committee meeting minutes may also be submitted electronically by e-mail to [Recording.Secretary@area55aa.org](mailto:Recording.Secretary@area55aa.org). Reports need to be submitted the day of the Area Assembly for the mailing to be completed on time. Thank You!**

<b>TREASURER: Marty C.</b>	<a href="mailto:Treasurer@area55aa.org">Treasurer@area55aa.org</a>
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The report was read by Marty C.

Beginning Balance November 30, 2015	\$2,432.16
Income:	<u>\$1,208.48</u>
Total	\$3,640.64
Expenses:	<u>\$2,562.36</u>
Total	\$1,078.28
Checkbook Balance December 31, 2015	\$1,078.28

Prudent Reserve Account	
Beginning Balance November 30, 2015	\$3,000.73
Interest	.05
Ending Balance December 31, 2015	\$3,000.78

Mini Conference 2015	
Beginning Balance November 30, 2015	\$500.00
Income:	15.00
Total	\$500.00
Expenses:	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance December 31, 2015	\$515.00

Motion to accept the report was made by Tim D., Came to Believe and seconded by Hazel S., Inner City. Motion carried.

**In December, of the 310 registered Groups in Area 55, 26 Groups made contributions this month or 8.38% and Year to Date 90 Groups or 29.03%.**

**Is your Group Helping Support Area 55 General Service?**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ARCHIVES Committee: Patty B.**

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Patty was not present for medical reasons so there was no report.

**CPC/PI Committee: John K.**

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John K. is the new Chair. He said they have not had their first Committee meeting for 2016 yet. It will be held on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at Central Office at 7:00pm. He wanted to thank Kristen T. (former Chair) for her help with the transition, making it nice and easy. Respectfully submitted, John K., Chair

**MULTI-DISTRICT CORRECTIONAL CHAIR: Keith R.**

Keith was not present so Committee member Nicole K. read the report. Present at their Committee meeting were Keith R., Deb W., Nicole K. and Brad T. They opened with the Serenity Prayer. Updates on Commitments as follows: Tuesday night Work Release—Meeting covered. Some groups were missing their commitments so the Committee discussed how to do some outreach to let them know when their commitments were coming up. Toledo Prison—Person on this commitment was not present at the meeting. Lucas County Jail—Seems to be going well. They are doing open discussion meetings. Work Release Friday Night—Meeting covered. Lucas County Jail Women’s— No update at time of Committee meeting. Rossford Driver Intervention—No update. Compass Driver Intervention—No update. New Business: Deb was trying to get a meeting into CTF. CTF was closed so they did not need a meeting at that time but asked her to call again in three months. They would like to have at least two Committee members on each commitment so if you or anyone you know would be willing to serve, please attend their next meeting which will be January 18, 2016 at Central Office at 5:30pm and then on February 22, 2016 at 5:30pm at Central Office. Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm with the Lord’s Prayer. Respectfully submitted, Keith R., Chair

**GRAPEVINE Committee: Veronica N.**

[Grapevine.chair@area55aa.org](mailto:Grapevine.chair@area55aa.org)

Bob O. emailed his final Financial Report as of December 31, 2015 to Henry C. as follows:

Beg Balance	\$ 79.96
Income	<u>158.50</u>
Total	\$238.46
Expenses	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance 11/30/15	\$ 238.46

Veronica N. is the new Chair. She said they did not have a meeting for January but they have been in touch with each other regarding future events and they have most of them covered. Some of the things they have discussed include: 1) When and where to have their meeting, 2) What would be the best way to communicate about future events when they can’t make a

meeting, 3) Ways of recruiting new members and 4) They are in need of a suitcase to carry books in. Veronica also said that although they have not had a meeting, they were at two commitments: Eastside 12x12 and Eastside Priority.  
Respectfully submitted, Veronica N., Chair

**GROUP SERVICES Committee: Steven G.**

[GroupSer.Chair@area55aa.org](mailto:GroupSer.Chair@area55aa.org)

Steven G. is the new Chair. He said the committee met for a makeup meeting today, Jan. 17, 2016 at 11:31am at David G.'s house. Present were David G. and Steven G. They opened with the Serenity Prayer. They kept all of their commitments for December 2015 and will be keeping all of their commitments for January 2016. They closed with the Lord's Prayer at 12:00pm.  
Respectfully submitted, Steven G., Chair

**SPECIAL NEEDS: Jim L.**

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Jim L. is the new Chair. They met on Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> at Central Office. They opened at 5:10 pm with the Serenity Prayer. Present were Jeff C., Bill W. and Jim L. They reviewed committee functions, took inventory of literature needs, what literature they have in stock and the committee's attainable goals. They updated the Shut-In list, discussed encouraging groups to engage with AA Shut-Ins as well as members of their groups who may need literature or may need to be on the Shut-In list. They discussed putting a statement in the Newsletter calling for groups to commit or circulating a group sign-up sheet. Committee members will be taking cards to area groups to be signed and sent monthly to Shut-Ins. Each committee member agreed to call one Shut-In per week and to seek additional committee members, especially women. Meeting closed at 6:20 pm with the Lord's Prayer.  
Respectfully submitted, Jim L.

**INTERGROUP LIAISON: Danielle G.**

Danielle G. was not present, no report.

**WEB COMMITTEE: Josh D.**

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Web Committee Meeting Minutes from Jan. 17, 2016.  
The meeting opened at 11:35 am with the Serenity Prayer. Present were Kenney A., Deb A., Wendy S., Nicole K. and Josh D. The meeting focused on a plan of action for the coming year. Major focus will be on the digital archives, Districts, building the calendar, outreach and reviewing website layout. Next step for District updates will be to request an invitation to sit in on the next DCM meeting. Next step for the digital archives will be for Deb to contact the Archivist and the Archives Chair. They would like to edit recordings for anonymity and begin to upload speakers with signed releases. They want to add a "Fun Facts" area. They will also look into audio conversion equipment and contact Freddie's Tapes. Motion made and passed unanimously to table digital archives work until the Committee Guidelines are approved by the body. They will also be reviewing the website layout to incorporate suggested changes. Next meeting will be February 21, 2016 at 11:30am at the Senior Center. Respectfully Submitted, Josh D.

**OYPAA HOST: Bryan L.**

Matt G. gave a report of their recent activities. Their meeting report is as follows:

They met on 1/10/15. Lauren opened at 5:10 pm with the Serenity Prayer.

Introductions made and anniversaries acknowledged.

Jenna read from the Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> minutes. Motions made and report accepted.

Treasurer Tony M. said they have a balance of \$2,275 not including prudent reserve, etc. He said they made \$1,821.51 on their New Year's Eve event. Report to come.

Old Business: John C. and Henry C. explained what the Mini-Conference is and invited OYPAA to do a skit and a breakfast.

Special Events: Brentlee spoke on success of New Year's Eve event. Spaghetti dinner scheduled for Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>. Six groups donating baskets. They will have a Casino night in March with date TBA.

Outreach: Jordan has been reaching out on FB. Staying in contact with WASHYPAA, MCYPAA elections 17<sup>th</sup>, EACYPAA Feb. 19-21.

Inreach: Derek/Ian thanked everyone who participated in open houses Christmas and New Year's Day.

Registration: Nev said they have 200 pre-registrations and 42 scholarships.

Hotel: Kevin is still working on the things he said he would do last meeting.

Shut-In: Sara is stepping down.

Graphics: Zac/Val will be having a subcommittee meeting on Friday.

Hospitality: Nicole has all receipts and Jenna made motion to reimburse Nicole \$288.98 for New Year's Eve expenses. Motion so made and passed. She is passing around sign up sheet for Spaghetti dinner.

Web: Doc has updated the web page. The square charges \$0.14 for every \$5.00

Programs: Josh had subcommittee meeting on Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>.

New Business:

Jenna is stepping down as Secretary.

Kevin is going to Kalahari on Friday. We have three meetings available.

Bethany from Cleveland Bid said they are having a Super Bowl event.

Matt made motion to have skit and Sunday breakfast at the Mini-Conference. Seconded and passed.

Josh made motion to donate 5 scholarships to Mini-Conference. Seconded and passed.

Alley made motion to add a Literature Chair. Seconded and passed.

Open positions: Intergroup, Literature, AV, LBGTQ, Shut-In, possibly more.

Jenna read the description for the Secretary position. Lindsay is nominated and accepts nomination. She is voted in as new Secretary for OYPAA Host.

Motion made to close, seconded and passed. Meeting ended at 7:00pm with the Responsibility Statement.

**AREA DELEGATE: John C.**

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John C. had some updates for us from New York. He said the construction that has been going on at the New York office should be finished by now. He said the General Service Office and the Grapevine are now on the same floor and this is estimated to save us over \$1,000,000 a year. He apologized to the body for any inconvenience this change might have caused anyone while it was in the process of being done. General Service has a new General Manager named Greg T. He gave an outline of Greg's resume including his formal education and his prior service in AA. John told us that Greg had made a decision not to send a representative from GSO to our upcoming

Mini-Conference and that John had sent a text to Greg respectfully disagreeing with this decision. Greg sent him a text saying he would reconsider. John said he was on the phone with other ECR Delegates the other night and they were discussing options for other speakers if indeed Greg decides not to send a rep from GSO. He also said there are two new staff members who are Jeff W. from Maplewood, NJ and Sandra W. from Rahway, NJ. Here in our Area we are getting ready for the Mini-Conference, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn French Quarter. We had the first Conference Planning meeting one week ago and got all the details set up. John was informed that we will be hosting the 2017 ECR Delegates/Past Delegates Conference. John has locked in the second weekend of February at the Holiday Inn French Quarter for this. He encouraged everyone to come and said he will be asking some of our Area 55 Past Delegates for help to make this a positive experience. He outlined his and/or Henry C.'s schedule for the next few months as to what events and where they will be travelling to, i.e. Delegates/Past Delegates Conferences, other Area Mini-Conferences, the General Service Conference in New York, etc. He said he would appreciate it if any of our Past Delegates or anyone in the body would write or email Greg T. about his decision not to send a GSO rep to our Mini-Conference and reiterate how we feel about that. John is also in the process of helping the Correctional Committee get a meeting back into the jail. It seems there has been some miscommunication that needs to be cleared up. As soon as he gets it cleared up, he will report back.

**DCM REPORTS**

**District 5**

Melanie R., DCM, District 5 said there is currently no report but that they will be having their next meeting on Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm at Central Office.

**District 4**

Melodie J. gave the report as the DCM was not present. She said they are currently reorganizing. She asked Josh D. if he got the recent listing of the groups in District 4 that she sent to him. She said she will speak with Josh after the meeting. They will be meeting before the next DCM meeting next month and she will be acting as DCM at that meeting.

**District 11**

Kristen T., DCM, District 11 said that said there is a lot of work to be done in her District as far as getting all the names of the GSRs in her District so she is working on that.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to be discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Tim D., Came To Believe, said that although he understands the need to get the new Website Guidelines passed, he wanted to have some time to be able to look at them. Henry C. said we will have them ready to be distributed at the February Assembly and that we will discuss them at the April Assembly as we have no Assembly in March due to the Mini-Conference. This will give everyone two months to look them over.

Melodie J., 12 Step West, Chair of the Mini-Conference Scholarship Committee told everyone that

there were Scholarship donation sheets over on the side tables for any groups that wish to donate a scholarship. She said they can be used for group donations or an individual donation. She said there will be forms out this coming week for anyone who wishes to receive a scholarship to sign up. She said to see Tim D., Josh D. or herself with any questions.

Melanie R. wanted to clarify that we have been speaking about the Website Guidelines, not the Area 55 General Service Guidelines. We told her we have been discussing the Website Guidelines although an editing of the Area 55 Gen. Serv. Guidelines is also currently in process but we won't be dealing with those for several months yet.

Steve M., Kenwood Group, asked when the next Mini-Conference Planning meeting will be and we told him it will be at 10:00am at Central Office on Saturday, January 23, 2016.

Rachel W., Registrar, asked that anyone stepping into the DCM position submit a GSR Change Form for their group. We need this to keep a list of GSRs for the groups so that all groups continue to receive all information from GSO and from the Area General Service Assembly.

Henry C. mentioned that there are Mini-Conference Registration Forms on the side table and reminded everyone that you must be registered for the Mini-Conference to attend. He also told the body that there are flyers for other Area's Mini-Conferences in Ohio and encouraged everyone to attend these.

**The General Service Assembly Meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM, closing with the Responsibility Statement.** Motion to close made by Tim D., Came to Believe and seconded by Meladie J., 12 Step West. Motion carried.

**Next GSR Assembly Meeting will be held on February 21, 2016 at 1:00 PM at the Senior Center. Clean up for February is Mission for Traditions. Tradition Two is Kristen T., Mixed Nuts and Concept Two is David G., Oregon Men's.**

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