

GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY
Area 55, Panel 68 NW Ohio & Monroe Michigan
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Meeting Minutes for April 15, 2018

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. Jim S. opened the meeting at 1:05 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. Laurie N. read the Mission Statement. Damion T., DCM- District 16, read the 3rd Tradition, Bill F., GSR- Wayne group, read the 4th Tradition, Deborah A., DCM- District 1, read the 3rd Concept, Linda H., GSR-AA Beyond Belief, read the 4th Concept. Area 55 Panel 68 officers were introduced: Carrie C. – Mailing Secretary (not present), Chris C.– Recording Secretary, Kimbrough P.– Registrar, Kenney A.- Treasurer and Henry C.– Delegate. Signed in were: 26 GSRs, 2 Alternate GSRs, 6 DCMs, 2 Alternate DCMs, 1 DCMC, 4 Past Delegates, Intergroup Chair and 1 Guest. New GSRs and Alternates were: Brandy M.-Alt. GSR, Blackberry Sobriety; Damion T.-DCM, District 16. Past Delegates Nancy M., John C., Ron S. and Bob S. were present.

Recording Secretary: Chris C. / recording.secretary@area55aa.org

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! February 2018 Assembly Minutes were presented. Two Corrections were noted by the recording secretary regarding dates on Page 1 and Page 3. No other corrections, additions or deletions were identified. Neal M.-DCM, District 14 made a motion to accept and this was seconded by Bob T.-GSR, Early Bird. Motion carried with no opposition.

Treasurer: Kenney A. / treasurer@area55aa.org

*In March, **6.13%** or 19 of the 310 registered Groups in Area 55 made contributions. Year-to-date, **14.84%** or 46 Groups contributed. **Is your Group Supporting Area 55 General Service?***

Kenney's report for December was as follows:

<u>1/31/2018 Checkbook Balance</u>	<u>\$4,866.08</u>
Income	\$1,724.92
Total	\$6,591.00
Expenses	\$1,620.70
Total	\$4,970.30
2/28/18 Checkbook Balance	\$4,970.30
<u>1/31/2018 Prudent Reserve Balance</u>	<u>\$3,002.03</u>
Interest	.05
2/28/18 Prudent Reserve Balance	\$3,002.08
1/31/2018 Mini-Conference	\$1,913.10
Income	\$3,120.00
Total	\$5,033.10
Expenses	\$300.00

2/28/18 Mini-Conference	\$4,733.10
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Tim DeRan, DCM District 4 made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Deborah A., DCM District 1. Motion carried unanimously.

Kenney A. then presented the March 2018 Treasurer’s report as follows:

<u>2/28/2018 Checkbook Balance</u>	<u>\$4,970.30</u>
Income	<u>\$961.19</u>
Total	\$5,931.49
Expenses	\$618.47
Total	\$5,313.02
3/31/18 Checkbook Balance	\$5,313.02

<u>2/28/2018 Prudent Reserve Balance</u>	<u>\$3,002.08</u>
Interest	<u>.05</u>
3/31/18 Prudent Reserve Balance	\$3,002.13

2/28/2018 Mini-Conference	\$4,733.10
Income	\$2,967.38
Total	\$7,700.48
Expenses	\$5,009.13
3/31/18 Mini-Conference	\$2,691.35

Bill F., GSR-Wayne Group made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Deborah A., DCM District 1. Motion carried unanimously.

Kenney A. presented the final financial report for the 2018 Mini Conference as follows:

<u>Initial Mini-Conference Account Balance</u>	<u>\$800.00</u>
Income	\$7,700.48

This included:

233 Registrations and 55 Banquets	\$6,310.00
Hospitality Donations (Groups) and Cash	\$600.48
Scholarships (39.5)	\$790.00
General Service Expenses	\$4,143.89

These included:

Holiday Inn French Quarter for Meals, Rooms, Meeting Spaces and Banquets:	\$2,994.59
Background Material provided to participants:	\$348.56
Registration Supplies:	\$212.50
Mileage for the ECR Trustee (Paid @ \$0.55/mile)	\$261.80
Speaker Gifts	\$68.82
Food for Committee Chairpersons assembling registration folders	\$70.00
Miscellaneous Reimbursement	\$187.62

Hospitality Expenses Total:	\$865.24
Total Expenses:	\$5,009.13

Ending Balance 3/31/18	\$2,691.35
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A motion was made by Nancy C., GSR Oregon St. Charles, seconded by Bob T., Early Bird. Motion carried unanimously. Kenney then asked for a motion to move \$1,891.35 from the Mini-Conference fund to the General Service Fund. A motion was made by Tim D., DCM District 4, seconded by Jennifer H., GSR Perrysburg AM. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

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

Nancy M. provided the report. The committee meeting was held 3/29/18 5pm at Central Office. The committee is scheduling work days organizing and cataloging material on non-business meeting days. All commitments for archives are being met at this time. The next work day will be 4/19/18 12noon-2pm. If you would like the committee at your event please contact the committee chair to have it displayed. They also have 2 new members at this time. Next committee meeting will be at 5:00pm at Central Office on 4/26/18. Respectfully Submitted, Nancy M., Chair.

Multi-District Correctional: Beth P. / corrections.chair@area55aa.org/

No report available. Next committee meeting will be 4/17/2018 5:30pm @ Central Office.

CPC/PI: Bill F. / cpc.pi@area55aa.org

Bill F. gave the report. The committee met on 3/14/18 5pm @ Central Office. The committee discussed recent events attended. They discussed the roles of the committee from the CPC/PI manual with their new members. They also discussed staffing 2 events upcoming in May at the Project Homeless Connect May 9 and the District 3 Community Opiate Town Hall on May 19. Next meeting will be 4/18/18 5pm @ Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Bill F., Chair

Grapevine: James S. / grapevine.chair@area55aa.org /

Jim S. gave the report. The committee met on 4/8/18 at Freeway Restaurant in Oregon. They are in need of members to cover upcoming commitments at this time. They have 4 commitments in the month of April and May as well as the April Intergroup currently being covered by 3 members. They include the Women’s 12x12 anniversary as well as Whitehouse on 4/27/18. The Intergroup meeting on 4/28/18. Port Clinton Thursday night May 3, and the District 14 workshop on 5/19/18. He presented the committee financial report for March 2018 listed as follows.

March 1-31, 2018 Financial Report is as follows:

Beginning Balance 03/01/18	\$164.00
Income	\$122.75
Expenses	\$229.00
Ending Balance 03/31/18	\$57.75

A motion to approve was made by Deborah A.-DCM District 1, seconded by Bill F.-GSR Wayne Group. It was approved unanimously Next committee meeting will be on 05/14/18 at 5pm at Freeway Restaurant in Oregon. Respectfully submitted, James S., Chair

One question was addressed regarding the grapevine subscription contest and Jim stated he would obtain more info since they handle primarily books and not subscriptions.

Group Services: Daniel H. / groupser.chair@area55aa.org

Daniel H. gave the report. All commitments were met at this time up to the time of the assembly including offering support for the Area 55 Mini Conference along with 2 anniversaries and the District 8 workshop. They will have 2 further commitments in the month of April including the Women's 12x12 and the District 10 workshop. Next committee meeting will be 5/1/18 6pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Daniel H., Chair

Accessibilities: Dawn F. / accessibilities@area55aa.org

Dawn F. presented the March and April report. The committee met on 3/12/18 at Frisch's on Navarre Ave. All commitments were being met after a correction of contact information for one of the commitments. Updates were made to the list that was made available at the General Service Assembly today. They have taken inventory of all items available to the committee. None at this time were sold however during the Area 55 Mini Conference. There was one new referral in February to the committee and they are being reached out to. They are discussing to have the newsletter correct the address for their meeting location. They also advised that in their report that they will need to request \$50 for stamps and cards at the 4/15/18 General Service Assembly.

The February 2018 Financial Report

Beginning Balance 02/01/18	\$7.54
Income	\$0.00
Expenses	\$16.86 (receipt turned into the treasurer from Office Max)
Ending Balance 02/28/18	(\$9.32)

There were no expenses or income for March 2018, so the standing balance remained unchanged at (\$9.32).

Three new referrals were received in the month of March. One member on the list did pass away. There was discussion of assigning commitments to various committee members, similar to how the Hospital and Corrections committees handle their commitments. The new referrals were given to committee members to follow up with.

The next meeting will be 05/14/2018, 630pm at Frisch's on Navarre Ave. Respectfully submitted, Dawn F., Chair

Website: Jennifer H. / web.comm.chair@area55aa.org

Jennifer H. gave the report. The committee met on 04/15/2018 at 11:30am at Black Kite Coffee. There was one new committee member. They discussed updates to meeting schedules and the area map. They are going to review other area websites to determine new ideas for area55aa.org. They are looking to make the website friendlier for mobile device users. They also are featuring the State Convention Flyer on the homepage at this time. They will be also adding a feedback form to the area website for suggestions from the fellowship. They also discussed the outreach they were able to perform at the Area 55 Mini Conference. Next meeting will be 05/20/2018 at 11:30am at Black Kite Coffee at Collingwood and Delaware in Toledo. Respectfully submitted, Jennifer H., Chair

Intergroup Liaison: Tim D.

Tim D. provided the report from 3/24/18. The Anniversary committee is currently in search of a new Vice Chair. Central Office noted an increase in group contributions. The Children's Christmas party has removed all gifts from storage. It was also asked to be taken back to groups on how to deal with un-used gifts at the end of the party, either to return them or to donate them to a worthy organization. Entertainment set the annual intergroup picnic date as 8/18/18 at Walbridge Park, 12noon-5pm. They will be hosting a dance 5/19/18 at Pilgrim Church 8pm-12am. New Year's Eve party plans are still in the works at this time. Finance was sponsoring a dance on 4/21/18 8pm-12am. They also wanted to make mention that the General Service Officers will be cooking and serving the May 19 Inter-group dinner. The Hospital Committee is in need of veterans willing to work in a facility with other veterans they have been requested to assist with. They will also be contacting groups to follow their commitments they are signed up for beforehand. The newsletter has chosen a new secretary for their committee and are working toward having a GSO Liaison as specified by Area 55 Guidelines as well as the Association By-Laws. The audit committee report will be provided at the April Inter-group meeting as well as election of a vice-chair of the Anniversary committee. The next meeting will be 4/28/2018 6:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church. Respectfully submitted, Tim D., Intergroup Liaison

NOCYPAA Liaison: Lars J.

Lars J. provided the report. He will be taking over as the GSR representative from NOCYPAA at this time. He stressed they want to continue to strive for unity within Area 55. Their next event was 4/21/18 5-10pm @ St Andrew's Episcopal in Toledo. They are also having their annual bonfire on 5/26/18, tentatively at University Church 4747 Hill Ave in Toledo. They are working on an event at Maumee Bay on 6/30/18 with food, volleyball and a meeting. Their next meeting will be 4/15/18 5pm @ Central Office. Respectfully Submitted, Lars J.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER ("DCM") REPORTS

DCM Chair: John C.

John C., DCMC, Area 55, said the DCMs met today. Chris C., Recording Secretary presented the highlights of the meeting. We were given a report on the District 8 workshop and the upcoming District 10 GSR School as well as the District 14 workshop. We were given notice of District 4 holding a GSR school on 10/20/18 with more info to follow. We discussed handling predatory behavior within meetings briefly. We reviewed the schedule and asked each district what they would be willing to contribute to the Unity Day event. We will finalize the schedule at the May meeting. We also discussed having a service related lead at the event instead of our current alternate delegate. We determined we would find suggestions and bring them to the May meeting. The next DCM meeting will be held at the Senior Center 5/20/2018 1130am. Respectfully submitted, John C., DCMC

District 3: Dave G.

Dave G., DCM for District 3 provided a report. They have agreed to volunteer for Unity Day cleanup. They will be holding a picnic for the district at Pearson Park on 8/4/18. They are also working to determine a date for a workshop in October. Their next meeting will be at Eastside 12x12 on 4/18/18 5pm. Respectfully Submitted Dave G., DCM District 3.

District 4: Tim D.

Tim D., DCM, gave their report. Meeting was held 2/14/18. He reported they are holding a GSR school on 10/20/18. They discussed the importance of groups knowing how to handle the ideas of open vs. closed meetings as well as how to properly handle disruptive behavior. There was no other business discussed.

Next meeting will be 5/16/18 7pm at Reformation Lutheran Church on Douglas Rd. Toledo OH.
Respectfully submitted, Tim D., District 4 DCM.

District 7: Mike M.

Mike M. gave the report. He apologized that due to a scheduling conflict there will be no April Meeting
The next meeting will be held 5/17/18 6pm @ Central Office. Respectfully Submitted, Mike M., District 7
DCM

District 8: Laurie N.

Laurie N. gave the report. Laurie and DCMC John C. discussed final preparation for the GSR School on
4/14/18. Next meeting 5/12/18, 1pm at St John's Episcopal Church in Bowling Green, OH. Respectfully
submitted, Laurie N., DCM District 8.

District 14: Neal M.

Neal M. provided the report. GSRs provided reports for their groups at both the March and April District
meetings. Neal wanted to thank Jim S., Henry C., John C. and Chris C. for attending the March District 14
meeting and for the support that has been provided. Neal was going to reach out to the Grapevine
committee to attend the May 19 Workshop, which will be held at Zion Lutheran Church in Lima 9am-1pm.
The topics will be on Recovery and Service Sponsorship as well as the 12 Concepts of World Service. Neal
had notified the Area 55 Recording Secretary for adding the event to the district calendar and forward to
the area webmaster. The district is looking for volunteers from Area 55 and the district to assist as
presenters for the workshop. Seed money for supplies and rent for the room required were approved by
the district. Neal also mentioned he would request at the April General Service Assembly assistance in
purchasing a case of softbound Big Books for the Allen Correctional Institution meeting. Next District
meeting will be held 5/8/18 at 6:30pm at 222 S. West Street, Lima. Respectfully submitted, Neal M.,
District 14 DCM.

District 16: Damion T.

Damion T. provided the report that District 16 will hold its' 1st meeting on 4/17/18 in Oak Harbor at
630pm. Respectfully Submitted Damion T., DCM District 16

DELEGATE'S REPORT: Henry C. / delegate@area55aa.org

Henry C. present his report as Delegate for Panel 68. He wanted to thank everyone for their participation
in the Area 55 Mini Conference. There were with scholarships 233 registered participants. In comparison:
Area 53 had 116 registered, Area 54 had 130 registered and Area 56 had 86 participants.
He also mentioned that if we had covered the expenses for the staff member from New York it would have
cost the mini conference an additional approximate \$700-800. He made mention that some of the more
controversial issues no action taken. The censure and re-organization of the AA board of trustees, did not
come out of committee in Area 53. In Area 56 the trustee committee reviewed censure along with
re-organization, 5 votes were taken ended up having no action taken. In Area 54, the literature committee
considered the pamphlet "The God Word", long discussion convened and after 3 votes no action taken.
This pamphlet was written for the atheist/agnostic. The circle and triangle is considered an ancient
symbol and cannot be trademarked. Hence any group can use the symbol. For the state convention, the
program once completed will be posted on the area website. We are also asking each delegate to bring
one speaker as well as one panelist for each panel we will be having during the weekend. The litigation
was discussed and the final cost was \$452,702 for the manuscript issue at this time. Both parties had
reached a settlement of the issue. He did mention in positive news that last year 80% of the budget
needed for GSO came from individual and group contributions. Meaning that as a fellowship we are 20%

away from being completely self-supporting via our own contributions. The office had excess funds after literature sales in a 17% increase from 2016. Area officers will be travelling to Columbus May 5 to update the planning of the Ohio State Convention as well as voting on any issue to be resolved. We hope for support from all of Ohio for the convention, including participation from Al-Anon in the area as well as from the state. Henry is leaving April 20 for New York. His committee will be completing the review of the budgets from New York since all audits have now been completed. He is also a non-voting member regarding military are outlying areas. May 12 will be the next Host Committee planning meeting for the 62nd Ohio State Convention, 10am at Central Office. Respectfully Submitted, Henry C. Panel 68, Area 55 Delegate.

Questions were fielded by our delegate along with concerns. However two past delegates noted we should not hold back our support of GSO due to decisions that were made by our trusted servants in New York. The ECR Trustee has been working his best to answer questions as he was able due to the issue at hand. He also had just started serving as trustee when the litigation was first decided. Henry has a timeline and summary from the board and GSO manager regarding the process of events. He also feels he will have more answers after returning from the conference.

OLD BUSINESS

Jim S. requested a motion to approve sending the April 2018 basket to GSO. A motion was made by Willie R., GSR City Park, seconded by Tim C., GSR Came to Believe. Bob S., Alt. GSR Walbridge Park requested due to the area's current financial standing asked for a friendly amendment to donate an additional \$1,000 along with the basket. Willie R. accepted the friendly amendment. The motion passed with one abstention to send \$1,045 to New York. We brought up any group willing to contribute toward Unity Day please do so.

NEW BUSINESS

Neal M., District 14 DCM requested assistance from the Area to purchase one case of softbound Big Books costing \$182 for Oakwood/ACI on behalf of District 14. A motion was made by Bob T., seconded by Linda H., GSR AA Beyond Belief. Henry offered clarification regarding the motion and that New York does not discount for these facilities. Motion passed unanimously. Jim S. was advising that needed to purchase \$100 in literature for the GSR workshop. A motion was made by Neal M., seconded by Tim C., GSR Came to Believe. Tim D. thanked Bob S. for his floor action at the Area mini-conference. Henry C. requested a motion for \$100 to be paid to Central Office for rental of space for meetings. A motion was made by Bob T., seconded by Eric R., GSR-Message of Hope, approved unanimously.

Motion to adjourn was made by Chrissy M., Alt. DCM District 14, seconded by Ynda C., GSR Trail Group. Motion carried. **Meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM, closing with the Responsibility Statement.**

Next GSR Assembly Meeting will be held on May 20, 2018 at 1:00 PM at the Senior Center. Clean up for May will be NOCYPAA. Tradition 5 will be Damion Tall Port Clinton Nooners, Concept 5 will be Linda H., AA Beyond Belief.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chris C., Recording Secretary Area 55, Panel 68, NW Ohio