

**GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY**  
**Area 55, Panel 64 NW Ohio & Monroe Michigan**  
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<b>Delegate: Nancy M.</b>	<b>419-410-7085</b>
<b>Alt. Delegate/Area Chair: John C.</b>	<b>419-340-9646</b>
<b>Meeting Minutes For May 17, 2015</b>	

Nancy M. opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. Bryan L. read the 5<sup>th</sup> Tradition, Becky L. the 5<sup>th</sup> Concept. The Area 55 Panel 64 officers were introduced; Nancy C. – Mailing Secretary, Henry C. – Recording Secretary, Janet B, – Registrar, Karen M. – Treasurer, Nancy M. – Delegate. Signed In; 4 DCM’s, 29 GSR’s, 5 Alt GSR’s, 1 Web Master and 5 Guest. New GSR’s: Keith R. New Life, Derrick S. New Hope and Tim D. Came to Believe. Only GSR’s, DCM’s or their alternates may make motions or vote, although everyone has the right to be heard.

<b>RECORDING SECRETARY: Henry C.</b>	<a href="mailto:recording.secretary@area55aa.org">recording.secretary@area55aa.org</a>
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April meeting Minutes were presented by Henry C. No errors were noted. Motion to accept was made by Jackie B. Crosstown and seconded by Chip P. Findlay Thurs. Night. 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: Karen M.</b>	<a href="mailto:treasurer@area55aa.org">treasurer@area55aa.org</a>
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The report was read by Karen M.

Beginning Balance March 31, 2015	\$1,459.46
Income:	<u>\$1,493.19</u>
Total	\$2,952.65
Expenses:	<u>\$1,622.12</u>
Total	\$1,622.12
Checkbook Balance April 30, 2015	\$1,330.53
Prudent Reserve Account	
Beginning Balance March 31, 2015	\$2,704.34
Interest	.04
Deposit	<u>200.00</u>
Ending Balance April 30, 2015	\$2,904.38
Mini Conference 2015	
Beginning Balance March 31, 2015	\$1,201.00
Income:	- 0 -
Total	\$1,201.00
Expenses:	<u>- 0 -</u>
Transfer to General Fund	\$ 401.00
Checkbook Balance April 31, 2015	\$ 800.00

Motion to accept the report was made by Tim D. Came To Believe and seconded by Ed C. Old West End. Motion carried.

**In April, of the 310 registered Groups in Area 55, 26 Groups made contributions or 8.4% and Year to Date 58 Groups or 18.7%.**

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ARCHIVES Committee: Deborah T.**

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The Archives has been busy. On April 24<sup>th</sup> I took the Archives display to the Whitehouse and the 25<sup>th</sup> to the Inner City's Anniversary's. Our responsibilities for May are as follows: May 6<sup>th</sup> Sober Women's Big Book, 14<sup>th</sup> is Port Clinton, 16<sup>th</sup> to the Lima District 14 Workshop and 17<sup>th</sup> at Goodwill. Coming up in June 14<sup>th</sup> Came To Believe and Perrysburg AM on the 20<sup>th</sup>. July 25<sup>th</sup> Lima's Anniversary. We have a new group member Annie R.

Next meeting will be May 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 P.M. at Central Office.

Respectfully submitted; Deborah T.

**CPC/PI Committee: Kristen T.**

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April 23<sup>rd</sup> was the Spring Fling at Terra Community College in Fremont. Other agencies included CARSA which is a coalition for the prevention of substance abuse I Seneca, Sandusky and Wyandot counties. The chairperson for this group mentioned that they head up an informational 2 day class for persons arrested for underage drinking. That led into the committee getting help from the young people in Fremont and 2 gentlemen met for breakfast and presented for the attendees in the class. Most people were listening and there were even some questions. The guys enjoyed sharing their stories and will be going back in September to do another presentation. The committee is going to research and see if there is anything like this elsewhere in Area 55. May 13<sup>th</sup> we attended the Project Homeless Connect event at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Toledo. Two AA members heard of the event and stepped up and took one of the shifts. A variety of people visited our table, mostly other vendors with whom we network with. Two agencies will be calling us to possibly schedule an AA presentation with their organizations. Schedules and pamphlets went out to Family Services of Lucas County, Lucas County Family Council, Toledo Housing, WSOS and social worker from Buckeye Health to name a few. We had people in recovery visit and let us know that what our committee is doing is great and well needed in the community. May 19<sup>th</sup> we will be at the Harbor Health Fair in Toledo. On June 7<sup>th</sup> we will be presenting information about AA program during a church service in Seneca County. This church offers meeting space of meetings and wants the congregation to know more about AA. We are going to be assembling a mailing for the Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions clubs in Area 55 at our next meeting.

Next meeting will be May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at Central Office.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Kristen T.

**GRAPEVINE Committee: Bob O.**

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

Grapevine Committee Financial Reports  
February 28, 2015

Beginning Balance	\$298.89
Income	-- 0 --
Expenses	--0--
Ending Balance 2/28/15	\$298.89

March 31, 2015

Beginning Balance	\$298.89
Income	<u>334.00</u>
Total	\$632.89
Expenses	<u>\$651.71</u>
Book Purchases	
Ending Balance 3/31.15	\$ (18.82)

April 30, 2015

Beginning Balance	\$ (18.82)
Income	<u>50.50</u>
Total	\$ 31.68
Expenses	--0--
Checkbook Balance 4/30/15	\$ 31.68

The Grapevine Committee Meeting was held on May 8, 2015 a Tim Hortons on Navarre Ave. at 5:15 PM. Discussed upcoming events; Port Clinton, Goodwill Anniversary's and Lima Area Workshop. Respectfully Submitted, Bob O.

**GROUP SERVICES Committee: David G.**

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

The committee met on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. at Navarre Park. We opened with the serenity Prayer. As a group we have decided to have every meeting as of June 1<sup>st</sup> meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of every month at the Navarre Park Shelter House at 7:00 PM. Present were David G., Steve G. Jeff K. and Sandy A. We had to address an issue that we encountered that caused us to miss an Anniversary commitment. We are very sorry for that. This issue was a lack of communication between committee members. We ended the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at Navarre Park

Respectfully submitted; David G. Chair.

**SPECIAL NEEDS: Becky L.**

Still working on list #4 of shut in's. Additions and corrections please contact Becky L. We hope to have a new list out by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Next meeting will be Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 5:30 PM at Central Office.

Respectfully submitted; Becky L.

**Multi-District Correctional Chair: Keith R.**

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

Meeting was held on April 20, 2015 at Central Office at 7:00 PM. The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer.

Present were Keith R. Dale S. Meladie J. and Steve S.

Steve reported that his meeting at Work release is going well, groups have and have not been showing up. Dale S. reported that he has been going to the prison meeting on Tuesday the past 2 months. He is taking leads with him. He indicated that he is enjoying his commitment. Meladie J. reported the Driver Intervention in Rossford Ohio is doing well. She has resigned from the secretary position due to medical issues. Keith R. said thanks to Steve S. for covering the Lucas County Jail meeting for the past 6 weeks due to my recovery from surgery. Please keep Linda N. in your prayers.

Juan R. approached Keith at a meeting and expressed an interest to go to the Lucas County Jail meeting. He well be approved to attend. Deb S. missed the meeting but assured Keith that the Holland Driver Intervention is going well. COMPASS Driver Intervention has moved to 2005 Ashland Ave. Next meeting will be May 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM at Central Office. Respectfully submitted; Keith R.

**INTERGROUP LIAISON: Danielle G.**

No report given.

**WEB COMMITTEE: Josh D.**

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All events Emailed to the Web Committee Chair as well as all fliers sent in the latest round of area announcements were sent to the Web Master recently. Unfortunately, several events that were sent to the Email address were not added to the Website in time due to my own personal oversight. Following discussion with Nancy and others, I will be finding a time to start hosting regular Web Committee meetings to strengthen and expand the work being done by the Web Committee. Next meeting will be Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup> at Central Office. Please check time at Central Office. We want to expand the Committee. Question do you need to be tech savvy to on the Committee? No. Respectfully submitted; Josh D.

**NOCYPAA: Bryan L.**

We are bidding on the 2016 OEPAA Conference. Nancy M. Delegate and Henry C. Recording Secretary attended our fun and bonfire event yesterday. We had between 60 and 100 attended. Next Meeting is tonight at R House on Sylvania Ave. Question, what is a RFP and PDT? An RFP is a request for a proposal and a PDF is a type a document you can and send but you cannot make changes to. Respectfully submitted; Bryan L.

**AREA DELEGATE: Nancy M.**

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I would really like to thank the Groups who have responded to letter that went out earlier this about the financial need of Area 55 and it seems there has been an increase in contributions. We were able to pay back our prudent reserve the amount we took out last year to bring it back to the \$3000 level. We have made it through the first quarter of the year that has our most expenses for the Delegate and Alternate Delegate to attend all functions. We are in a better condition than we were last year. We still need to continue the contributions. Again, Thank You!

I also want to address something that came up at the last meeting when I was not here by Bob S., that he read in the GSO bulletin that we have a liability of to our pension fund of 11 million dollars. That is not true. It was an error of looking at something in little print that read 1 point 1 million. It is very manageable and the finances are in good order.

My full report will be given to Henry and he will have it in a mailing and it will be here at the next meeting. It will also be in the final report that comes from GSO in August.

Shared a four page keynote address given by Gary L. a Class B Trustee who going out. He gave this to the Conference this year, The Foundation For Our Future. Some of the issues facing us today are: singleness of purpose, social media (anonymity), diversity of membership, diversity of service, size of our membership, the decline of print, technology polarization and litigation. Let us never fear need change.

We had electric voting, you had 5 seconds to push a button and it showed the totals on the screen.

So I am opening it up for anyone to ask questions about what I did in New York or what happened. Statement made by Tim D. about the pension fund, Grapevine having too many stories about drugs and the California law suit about an AA meeting at a club. Shared about a person who comes to Came to Believe and the church has said he is barred from the

prosperity and if he comes to the meeting we are to tell him to leave and call the police. This law suit points to us that if we know a person who come to are meeting is dangerous we probably have to do something about it. There is a lot of talk in AA about safety and what is our responsibility. There are laws in our society and we have a responsibility to follow them. If someone is dealing drugs in the parking lot after the meeting we have a responsibility to up hold the law and that may be calling the police. Question, how do they determine settling the law suit? Nancy said she did not know. Question, as our delegate and being your second time, spiritually how do you feel it was? The ole thing has change how I think about AA in a good way. Question, Josh asked if she had any opportunity to express the group conscious of the Area as the result of the Mini Conference. Yes I did make a comment for our Area and I did bring up one of the floor action we discussed about the meeting on line. They are investigating how they are going to do that. We went to the General Service Office and there are about 80 people that work there. They are doing the work we ask them to do. Question about be confused about calling the police because we are not the AA police. Jim S. stated that wrong is wrong and right is right, there is no twilight zone. If there in the church parking and doing something wrong, stand up for the law. I bet if they were shooting your wife you would call the law. Willie R, when we go to these church we are responsible. In Gratitude: Nancy M.

**The full report will be mailed as an addendum and be available at the next meeting.**

### DCM Reports

District 3 Meeting was held on May 9<sup>th</sup> with DCM, 5 GSR's and Alt Del present. Picnic is planned to be held in late August or early September on a Sunday at St. Luke's Lutheran Church from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. District 3 Groups will donate funds, food and volunteer to put the event on. Workshop will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2015 at the Northwood Church of God (where Living Sober meets). Doors will open at 8:30 AM for fellowship, workshop will start at 9:00 AM and end at 12:00 Noon. We will serve Chili following the workshop. The topic of the workshop will be sponsorship and anonymity. We will also have information on treasures and groups on how to protect their group funds. Next Meeting is scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:00 PM at the Idle Time Club.

District 14 Meeting was held on Monday May 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM at 222 S. West St. DCM, Alt DCM, Treasurer, Secretary, 4 GSR's and 1 guest. New business, Kristen asked the GSR's to take back to the groups the question of keeping money that is donated to the District in the District. Meaning we would no longer send monies to Area or World until we exceed a certain amount, the money that the groups send to District would be used for more activities in the district. The workshop went very well, I would like to thank everyone that helped set and clean up. Also at this time I would like to give a special thanks to Nancy, Jim, Rick, Grapevine Committee and the Archive Committee for their time and participation. Next event will be the Lima 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on to be held on Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup> at Zion Lutheran Church. Next District meeting will be held on Monday June 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30P at 222 S. West St. Submitted, by Kristen J. DCM

### OLD BUSINESS

None presented.

### NEW BUSINESS

Jim S. asked if the Committee meeting dates be announced a month ahead because the short time notice at the Assembly Meeting. They are in the calendar on the Web Site that shows you a month ahead.

**The General Service Assembly Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm, closing with the Responsibility Statement.**

**Next GSR Assembly Meeting will be held on June 14, 2015 at 1:00 PM at the Senior Center. Clean up for June will be Oregon Men's, Tradition 6 Josh D. and Concept 6 Keith R.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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