

GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY	
Area 55, Panel 64 NW Ohio & Monroe Michigan	
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Meeting Minutes For August 16, 2015	

John C. opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. Josh D. read the Mission Statement, Tim D. the 8th Tradition and the 8th Concept was not read. The Area 55 Panel 64 officers were introduced; Nancy C. – Mailing Secretary, Henry C. – Recording Secretary, Janet B, – Registrar, Karen M. –Treasurer and Nancy M. – Delegate. Signed In; 1Past Delegate, 1 DCM, 28 GSR’s, 3 Alt GSR’s, 1 Web Master and 3 Guests. No new GSR or Alternates where introduced. Only GSR’s, DCM’s or their alternates may make motions or vote, although everyone has the right to be heard.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Henry C.	Recording.secretary@area55aa.org
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July Meeting Minutes were presented by Henry C. Errors were noted. Motion to accept was made by Tim D. Came To Believe and seconded by Jackie B. Crosstown. Motion carried. **Please note: Committee meeting minutes may also be submitted electronically by e-mail to 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!**

TREASURER: Karen M.	Treasurer@area55aa.org
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The report was read by Karen M.

Beginning Balance June 30, 2015	\$1,519.23
Income:	<u>\$1,223.61</u>
Total	\$2,742.84
Expenses:	<u>\$ 459.05</u>
Total	\$2,283.79
Checkbook Balance July31, 2015	\$2,283.79

Prudent Reserve Account	
Beginning Balance June 30, 2015	\$3,000.48
Interest	.05
Ending Balance July 31, 2015	\$3,000.53

Mini Conference 2015	
Beginning Balance June 30, 2015	\$ 800.00
Income:	- 0 -
Total	\$ 800.00
Expenses:	<u>- 0 -</u>
Checkbook Balance July 31, 2015	\$ 800.00

Motion to accept the report was made by Tim D. Came To Believe and seconded by Chip P. Findlay Thurs. OL. Motion carried.

In July, of the 310 registered Groups in Area 55, 20 Groups made contributions or 6.5% and Year to Date 70 Groups or 22.6%.

Is your Group Helping Support Area 55 General Service.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARCHIVES Committee: Deborah T.

Archives.comm.chair@area55aa.org

The Archives Committee met on July 30th at 5:00 PM at Central Office. In attendance were Scott M., Steve M. and Patty B. Chair Deborah T. was absent due to a prior commitment. Guest from the Web Committee was Nicole K.

Nicole addressed the Committee about areas where the Web Committee would make use of some items of the archives and post them on the web site. It would be something like date, day, month and what took place on that day in our history. It was also reported that an attorney is being consulted to make sure we observe copyright requirements and areas of anonymity as practiced by our fellowship.

The Archives Committee is still meeting to continue the cataloguing of our archive collection.

The meeting closed at 6:30 PM with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting will be August 27th at 5:00 P.M. at Central Office.

Respectfully Submitted; Scott M.

CPC/PI Committee: Kristen T.

CPC.PI@area55aa.org

The Committee gave an updated report through August 16th.

We had three events this month, all on the same day. The first was the Harbor Youth Health Fair in Toledo from 9AM to 2 PM. Jackie B. and Katy K. set up a display with literature. They reported having a good turnout. They passed out many business cards and meeting schedules. The next event was held at Terra State Community College in Fremont from 3 to 5 PM. This was an employee benefit fair. We had 15 different people stop by. Some were familiar with the program, some like the yellow business cards, one staff member took a stack of business cards for her desk, two took the pamphlet "Is There an Alcoholic in Your Life", two stopped just for candy and last one shared about his daughter and son-in-laws drinking and he took pamphlets to pass on in hopes it would help them. Our next event was also in Fremont that evening at 6:00 PM at Rigel Recovery Services. Two AA members presented to their Family Matters group. We told our stories in a general way and tried to answer questions from family members of people in recovery service at Rigel. They ask questions about sponsorship and what AA can and cannot do for their loved ones. We gave the participants a packet of AA literature. We will be participating at another Family Matters group meeting in Tiffin on September 10th. A new event has been added to our calendar for August 29th. This will be a Community Day sponsored by a non-profit group, Marjory Curry and Associates. They want to invite agencies to this event to share with attendees the many opportunities that exist for community members. This will take place in the Seaway parking lot on the corner of Bancroft and Cherry in Toledo from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The Committee would like to welcome anyone who would like to come out and support us with this event. We will have two guests at our next meeting from the Seneca County who are interested in what we are doing as a committee.

Next meeting will be August 19th at 7:00 PM at Central Office.

Respectfully Submitted; Kristen T.

GRAPEVINE Committee: Bob O.

Grapevine.chair@area55aa.org

Not present.

GROUP SERVICES Committee: David G.

GroupSer.@area55aa.org

The committee met on August 15th at 4:00 PM. at my house. Present were David G. and Steve G. We opened with the Serenity Prayer. We met all our commitments for July and look forward to the District 3 picnic on August 30th at St. Luke's Church on Yondota and Seaman. We will not have our committee meeting on September 8th due to work scheduling. We will have a makeup meeting in September yet to be announced. If you would like to sit in or visit our next meeting, please contact me for information. We ended the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted; David G. Chair.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Becky L.

We met on Monday August 10th at 5:30 PM at Central Office. Present were Becky L and Jim L. We had requests for an interpreter and the Big Book on a CD. We ordered 2. We adjourned at 6:30 PM. Next meeting will be Monday, September 14th 2015 at 5:30 PM at Central Office.

Respectfully Submitted; Becky L.

Multi-District Correctional Chair: Keith R.

corrections.chair@area55aa.org

Not present.

INTERGROUP LIAISON: Danielle G.

Not present.

WEB COMMITTEE: Josh D.

web.comm.chair@area55aa.org

The Web Committee met on Sunday August 16th at the Senior Center at 11:30 AM. There were 7 people present. We opened with the Serenity Prayer and shared updates. We discussed the possibility of putting District maps on the web site. A member talked to an attorney about putting talks on line. He will follow up. A flier has been put in the newsletter. Nicole attended the Archive Committee and said we were looking at putting some of the archive on the website.

We spent the majority of the meeting discussing an initial draft of guidelines for the Committee. We will review the corrected and unfinished guidelines at the next meeting.

Next meeting will be on September 20th 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 "we" version of the Serenity Prayer. Introductions were given. We celebrated 3 anniversaries, Mike with 90 days, Matt with 30 days and Kevin with 1 year. Lauren spoke on Tradition 11, "Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion: we need always maintain anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films."

Subcommittees

Secretary: Jenna read over the minutes from the previous meeting on July 26th. Motion from Bryan L. to accept, seconded from Kevin, report accepted.

Treasurer: Bryan L. deposited the \$97.36 from Vollyballpalooza. Our current balance is \$615.33. Motion from Kevin, seconded from Josh, report accepted.

Special Events: Sarah announced officially our next event is Carnivalapalooze. It will be August 29th from 12 Noon to 5:00 PM. Subcommittee meeting will be announced this week.

Hotel: Kevin got responses back from five hotels. Only two cannot accommodate us. Kalahari sounds like to most promising so far.

Support Letters: More have been printed off by Lauren.

Bid Skit: Bryan has discs from bid skits in the previous years. He will be announcing a subcommittee meeting date to listen to those and figure out more details for the skit.

New Business

Registration for OYPAA, Jordan printed off sheets for member bios, Josh will be looking into whether we need a financial summary of our events for the bid.

The bylaws are out of date; Josh and Lauren discussed putting an Ad-hoc committee together to discuss changes. Henry suggested once we are none with one section not to return to that section, it is then done. Since we all have copies of the bylaws now, we can look over them before the next meeting.

Josh read over the 3rd Legacy voting process, as we have positions that need filed.

Jordan is nominated for Outreach, no other nominees, he gives his service resume and the floor was closed for nominations. Jordan is the new chair for Outreach .Kevin nominates mike for Hotel co-chair, no other nominees, Mike gives his service resume, floor closed. Mike is the new Hotel co-chair. Derek gives service resume, floor is closed for nominations, Derek is the new Newsletter chair.

Bryan makes a motion to write himself a check to be reimbursed from the last event. Jenna 2nd. Motion passed.

District 3 is having an event August 30th. Anyone who wants to volunteer will be scooping ice cream at noon.

Kevin is having a subcommittee meeting this Wednesday at 6:30 PM at Biggby on Talmadge and Sylvania.

Goals were made by each member to be completed by our next meeting which is August 23rd at Central Office at 5PM.

With a motion to close from Jordan and a 2nd from Bryan the meeting ended at 5:58 PM with the Responsibility Statement.

Respectfully Submitted; Jenna G.

AREA DELEGATE: Nancy M.

Delegate@area55aa.org

Box 459 was just received and can be accessed on aa.org. Some highlights I wish to mention: A great overview of the International Convention in Atlanta: staff Rotation on September 14, 2015: Introduction of 4 new Class B Trustees and 2 new Class A Trustees: Announcing Central Office/Intergroup Seminar in Ft. Lauderdale, Fl., Sept. 18-20, 2015: Jim M. leaving GSO to pursue a career in filmmaking and storytelling.

A CALL FOR STORIES: I received a letter from Mary Clare L. secretary to the trustee's literature Committee.

At the 2015 Conference, it was voted by the Conference (Advisory Action) that the Trustee's Literature Committee revised the following pamphlets:

“AA for the Woman” - revisions are to include current sharing from women in AA, including stories from women in the military, single mothers and women of diverse backgrounds.

“AA and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic” – they are seeking stories from AA members who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and gender nonconforming, especially regarding being a newcomer and

sponsorship.

Also another Advisory Action request that the Trustee's Literature Committee develop literature for "alcoholics with mental health issues". For this project the committee is requesting a wide range of AA recovery experience from members with mental health issues, and from those who sponsor such members.

Stories regarding any of the above three topics should be 500 – 800 words. Double spaced. Include your complete name, address and email/phone information. Anonymity of all authors will be observed. Email your share to Literature@aa.org and put the name of the pamphlet or topic you are addressing in the subject line of the message. You may mail to literature Coordinator, GSO, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York NY. Deadline for submissions is October 15, 2015. This information is also in Box 459, on the website aa.org.

Part of its response to a committee consideration of the 2015 Conference Committee on Public information, the trustees' P.I. Committee is gathering information about how AA members, groups, and service entities are currently using social media and social networking platforms (such as, but not limited to, Twitter, Instagram and Google+) for AA purposes. Information should be sent via email to publicinfo@aa.org or by postal mail to P.I. Desk, GSO, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115. We are asked to submit this information no later than December 30, 2015.

ECR Regional Forum in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, November 13 – 15, 2015. This is a wonderful opportunity for sharing experience and exchanging information about AA members interested in service, local trusted servants, and the General Service Board, AAWS and Grapevine. Staff from both the GSO and Grapevine will be there. See John C. or me if you are interested in going. We are discussing some transportation alternatives for decreasing travel expenses to and from.

Our General Service Office is in the middle of renovation which will include Grapevine offices on the same floor as the General Service offices.

The General Service Board has appointed Greg Tobin as the new General Manager of the General Service Office, effective October 1, 2015. Greg has been AAWS Publishing Director since 2013. He has served on the Grapevine Editorial Advisory Board, AA Grapevine Corporate Board as director and chair and as a General Service Trustee on the General Service Board. He is active in his home group and in step and service sponsorship.

DCM Reports

None presented

OLD BUSINESS

There will be a sharing session following the next General Service Assembly Meeting on September 20, 2015.

Last meeting we talked about getting connected with Monroe Michigan to build a relationship with other Areas. That has not happened yet. We are trying to set a meeting with them. We did not discuss it at the last meeting but a flyer was brought up about their Octoberfest and maybe it would be a good way for some people from this Area to attend and introduce them self.

Deborah T. brought up the issue of old Grapevines. Discussion followed. Willie R. asked the question, how many do we have? Deborah reported we have several hundred. Willie R. made a motion we bring some the Assembly Meeting and set them on the table and give the rest of them to the Correction

Committee / Hospital Committee and seconded by Lyle H. Motion carried. Discussion followed. Would anyone like to change their vote? Point of order was made. The motion was restated. To bring some to the Assembly Meeting, give some to Intergroup and some to institutions. Having heard the opposition, would anyone like to change their vote? Motion passed.

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.

John C. reported that the Ohio State Convention in Cincinnati only had 137 people registered and their breakeven point was 200 – 225 people so we may take a financial hit if there is a loss. We will find out at the November State Planning Committee Meeting.

Question asked it is a problem having Committee meetings at Central Office and is there a solution? John said, you can have Committee meeting elsewhere if the location and time are announced the month before the meeting.

News Flash Area 55 is the **State Champions** in both Jeopardy and Trivial Pursuit, which was held at the State Convention with the other 3 Areas. **Congratulations!!!**

We will be rescheduling our Mini Conference because of a conflict with Area 53's (Columbus) Mini Conference. This when we had ours scheduled, but they already had fliers out. So we are out trying to find a place for March and will have to negotiate a new contract with someone.

The General Service Assembly Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm, closing with the Responsibility Statement. Motion to close was made by Tim D., seconded by MeladieJ. Motion carried.

Next GSR Assembly Meeting will be held on September 20, 2015 at 1:00 PM at the Senior Center. Clean up for September will be NOCYPAA, Tradition 9 Jennifer S. and Concept 9 Josh D.

Respectfully Submitted,

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