

Mini Conference 2015	
Beginning Balance August 31, 2016	\$ 500.00
Income	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$ 500.00
Expenses	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance September 30, 2016	\$ 500.00

2017 Mini-Conference Deposit \$300.00

Motion to accept the report was made by Tim D., Came To Believe and seconded by Bill F., Wayne Group. Motion passed.

**In August, of the 310 registered Groups in Area 55, 25 Groups made contributions this month or 8.06% and Year to Date 76 Groups or 24.51%.
Is your Group Helping Support Area 55 General Service?**

COMMITTEE REPORT	
ARCHIVES Committee: <i>Patty B.</i>	Archives.chair@area55aa.org

Patty B. was not present. No report.

CPC/PI Committee: <i>John K.</i>	CPC.PI@area55aa.org
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There was no committee meeting or events since last report. Their next event will be at Genoa United Methodist Church's Community Needs Fair on October 22nd from 10am until 2pm. After that they will be at a DART Symposium (cancelled at UT) that is being rescheduled to be at Lourdes College. More information on this to follow. Their next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 19th at 5:30pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Bill F. for John K.

MULTI-DISTRICT CORRECTIONAL CHAIR: <i>Keith R.</i>

Keith R. was not present. Nicole K. said that their next meeting will be on Monday, October 17th at 5:30pm at Central Office.

GRAPEVINE Committee: <i>Veronica N.</i>	Grapevine.chair@area55aa.org
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The committee met in September at 6:00pm at Bay Park Hospital. They started with the Serenity Prayer. They talked about upcoming anniversaries, namely Starlight's Anniversary and Bowling Green Sunday Night on November 6th. Both of these are being covered. They have no other events planned as of yet. They ended with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting will be on Thursday, October 20th in the Bay Park Community Hospital cafeteria at 6:00pm. Their financial report is as follows:

September Financial Report

Beginning Balance Sept, 1, 2016	\$306.99
Income	88.10
Expenses	0.00
Ending Balance Sept, 30, 2016	\$395.09

Respectfully submitted, Veronica White N., Chair

GROUP SERVICES Committee: Steven G.

GroupSer.chair@area55aa.org

On October 8th, they had two commitments. Steve wanted to thank David G. for stepping up to help with the Tiffin GSR Workshop and Mike P. for stepping up to help with the Guides To Progress Anniversary. Their next meeting will be held Thursday, October 20th at 6:00pm at Central Office. They closed with the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted, Steven G., Chair

ACCESSIBILITIES: Jim L.

Meeting was held October 10th at 6:30pm at the Frisch's in Oregon. All scheduled commitments were met for the month. They reviewed their Shut-In List and their commitment list. There were three updates to the current Shut-In List. They were the addition of Mary Kay S. and Tracy T. and the removal of Dale M. District Outreach is working on communications with Monroe Intergroup's Shut-In. Outreach met with District 4 last month and is keeping in contact. Outreach is looking at districts where our time and effort will best be served. Accessibilities committee meetings have been changed to be at the Frisch's on Navarre Avenue on the second Monday of the month at 6:30pm. Next committee meeting will be on November 14th at 6:30pm at the Frisch's on Navarre Avenue. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. The committee's Treasury Report is as follows:

Beginning Balance on Sept. 1, 2016	\$ 49.55
Income	0.00
Expenses—Stamps and Cards	24.84
Ending Balance on Sept. 30, 2016	\$ 24.71

Respectfully submitted, Jim L., Chair

INTERGROUP LIAISON: Tim D.

Tim D. gave the report as follows: The Intergroup Association met on Saturday, September 24th at 6:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church on South Avenue. The Anniversary Committee deposited \$450.00 in ticket sales for the upcoming Anniversary Dance on October 21st. Central Office is not developing a Thank You letter for those groups who contribute. Most committees continue to need members. The Children's Christmas Party committee has inventoried the gifts left in storage from prior years and will be purchasing new gifts as needed. The Finance committee was able to donate \$307.00 to Central Office as a result of the dinner they sponsored on 9/24/16. Newsletter committee continues to need articles for upcoming issues and continues to need committee members. As previously noted, groups who want to have anniversaries published in the Newsletter need to pay on an annual basis. There is an effort to develop a slate of officers and committee vice-chairs for the coming year. Next meeting of the Intergroup Association will

be on Saturday, October 22nd, at 6:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church at 2440 South Avenue, Toledo, OH. Respectfully submitted, Tim D.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE: Josh D.

web.comm.chair@area55aa.org

The Web committee met on Sunday, October 16th at 11:30am at the Senior Center. The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer. The meeting focused on the Web Committee Survey that is starting today. To outreach, members will bring the survey with them to meetings and events. The committee will also be spending \$25.00 to send the survey out in the Central Office Announcements and an additional \$7.00 to advertise it in the Newsletter. The flier will be updated to include a link to the online survey. Please fill out the survey in front of you and take it back to your home group. We would like the surveys returned by the December General Assembly. In the past month there were 742 users of the website, 1374 page views and 173 visits from Russia. This quarter compared to last quarter, users, page views and sessions were down. It was suggested that this might be due to summer ending and having fewer events. Respectfully submitted, Josh D., Chair

OYPAA HOST COMMITTEE: Lauren B./Bryan L.

Lauren B. gave their report. She said they had their last meeting as the OYPAA Host Committee and decided to give the funds they had left over from their State Conference to Intergroup, Central Office, General Service, New York, other Ohio Areas, NOCYPAA and the new Host Committee. They will be having a meeting at the Senior Center today at 3:00pm to elect officers for the new Committee. Respectfully submitted, Lauren B.

DCM REPORTS

DCMC

Jim S., DCMC, Area 55, said the DCMs met today. They discussed the workshops recently held and found they were a great success. The District 14 GSR School on 9/24/16 had 15 participants. The District 3 Concepts 4 through 6, Home Group Inventory and 12 Step Calls workshop had 48 participants. The District 11 Engaging the Newcomer, Sober—Now What and What does the basket money go for Seminar had 30+ participants. Sandusky will hold a Traditions Workshop on October 29th from 12pm until 3:00pm. District 4 meeting Wednesday at Reformation Church on Douglas Road. District 3 is planning a GSR School seminar for sometime in the winter. DCMs will check with groups about holding a “Unity Day” sometime next year. Respectfully submitted, Jim S., DCMC

District 3

Ron S., Past Delegate and current District 3 Treasurer, gave the report for District 3. They had their workshop on October 1st, there were 49 in attendance and they had three panels and it worked out very well. They now have a District 3 Secretary and Treasurer. Ron thinks this will help keep the District alive now that it is lit. Respectfully submitted, Bob O., DCM, District 3

District 4

Tim D., DCM, gave their report. Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm at Reformation Lutheran Church on September 21, 2016. Meeting started with the Serenity Prayer. Minutes from previous meeting were read and accepted. Bill W., Shut-In Outreach, gave a presentation on expansion of Shut-In Outreach in districts outside of Toledo. Asked for ongoing support and any information about local shut-ins in our district. Discussed ongoing development of outreach to residents in area nursing homes. Report was given by various members about visits to groups to explain the importance of GSR for groups and support of District 4 and General Assembly. Discussion was also held about best way to grow attendance to District meetings. It was suggested to GSRs ask permission to attend group conscience. Discussion of workshop was tabled until 2017. Discussion was held about how to fund district functions. Basket was passed and donations received. Next meeting will be October 19 at 7:00pm at Reformation Lutheran Church on Douglas Road. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm with the Unity Statement. Respectfully submitted, Tim D., DCM

District 5

Melanie R., DCM, District 5, not present. No report.

District 11

Kristen T., DCM, District 11 said the district met on October 13th at 7:00pm at St. John's United Church of Christ in Tiffin. The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer. They reviewed the success of their recent workshop. They agreed it went really well considering it was their first try. Kristen has typed up a summary of the workshop with the expenses and details on set-up, food, speakers and other items. This will be the blueprint for their next workshop which they would like to have possibly in the spring of 2017. They passed around a thank you card for the church where the event took place and voted to give the church a donation from the district. Kristen will be giving thank you cards to the groups in District 11 that donated for the workshop. Paul R., was asked by a member in Fostoria to bring up to the group the idea of possibly having our district meeting at 7:30p instead of 7:00pm. We decided to discuss this further at our November meeting. GSRs reported that attendance seems to be down for the last few months. It was also noted that we are seeing fewer court slips at the meetings in Tiffin. Kristen asked the group what they thought about inviting the General Service Committee Chairs to come down to our district to explain to us what their committees do in Area 55. This sparked a discussion about the groups in our district and how they viewed Area 55. They agreed that the thinking is that Area 55 is Toledo. Members here do not understand the workings of the general service structure and the committees. They agreed that their district can try to educate through future workshops and at their group conscience meetings. They have all decided to ask their home group members to donate using the Birthday Plan. They discussed the need for information about AA to be available to the various entities that have frontline contact with individuals with a drinking problem. Mary Beth I. thought it would be beneficial to the community to have a type of recovery fair where we could share information about AA and invite NA, Al-Anon, etc. Next meeting will be November 10th at 7:00pm at St. John's United Church of Christ at 10 Maim Street in Tiffin, OH. They closed at 8:00pm with the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted, Kristen T., DCM, District 11

District 14

District 14's report was read by Jim S., DCMC as Jean S., DCM, District 14, had to leave early. Jim said the district asked members to review contribution "Thank You" letters. The group thought the second one was best because it was shorter, but they did suggest adding one line from the longer one, i.e. "information available on Area 55's website, area55aa.org." Rick Z. said that the LDG group voted "no" to the District 14 workshop citing the district's lack of funds

and that the group did not like the proposed topics. The district sent a letter with Out Of Darkness flier and AA literature to Ford, Lima Tank Plant and Husky. Neal M., who works at Ford said his HR person told him she got the flier. Suggestion to send similar letter and flier to Plant Nurse, P&G and to Dana Corporation, Bible Road. Special Needs Committee visit—the district decided not to host a visit from the Area 55 Special Needs Committee. Made motion to have GSRs go to groups and circulate a 12-Step Sign Up list. Chrissy M. proposes dropping our website, LimaAA.org, to save \$35.00 per month. They also don't have a webmaster to keep it up. Meeting schedule already on Tri-Area website, aahio-triarea.org and it's free to add fliers. Motion passed. Family Day at Worth Center went well and Neal M. will keep the district informed on status of new meetings there. Neal gave a short AA presentation and his wife gave an Al-Anon presentation. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting will be November 14th at 5:30pm at 222 S. West. Respectfully submitted, Jean S., DCM, District 14

AREA DELEGATE: John C.

Delegate@area55aa.org

John wanted to address our Correctional Committee. John spoke with Keith R. and Keith is going to step down as Chairman and Jimmy S. will step in. Keith will remain on the committee he will just no longer be the chair. John and Henry C. have been at all the district workshops. John hopes that GSRs from all over the Area will support the district workshops as they are put on. John said that we are going to put all the committee reports at the Mini-Conference on PowerPoint so we won't have to scramble to type up and make copies of these reports for the afternoon voting session. John said it's very important that groups will support General Service as John's next trip to New York is coming up and we don't want to have to go in to our prudent reserve. John and Henry have spoken with three or four more districts and are trying to get them lit. They are trying to visit one district per month. John wants all the districts to feel like they are a part of Area 55, not just Toledo. John has scheduled a meeting to plan our next Mini-Conference for Saturday, November 19th at 11:00am at Central Office. Have speakers already set up but we need to get the Hospitality Room arranged along with other details for the Mini-Conference. We want to do a mini General Service School on Friday before conference starts. He encouraged everyone to come to the Delegates/Past Delegates Conference in February of next year to meet some of the Past and present Delegates.

OLD BUSINESS

Henry said he has fliers out for the Mini-Conference and the Delegates/Past Delegates Conference on the side table and encouraged everyone to get a copy for their group. He will bring more next month. Nancy M. is chairing the Delegates/Past Delegates Conference and Henry encouraged anyone who wants to help with this to see Nancy. Tim D. went to the mic and said he had found a past flier that had all the addresses on the back of it of where to send contributions and said if anyone wanted to see it to see him. Rachel W. asked what the status of the Thank You letter to groups for contributions was. Henry said we are planning to send them out beginning in January 2017. Ron S. asked if the fliers for the Mini-Conference and the Delegates/Past Delegates Conference were on the website and Henry said they both are.

NEW BUSINESS

Henry said we held a Guidelines meeting at Nancy M.'s house and we agreed on the final version of the Guidelines. Nancy did a cost report to have it printed. She said it would cost a total of \$117.92 for 100 copies. Henry said we are going to print these up and there were no objections.

The General Service Assembly Meeting adjourned at 2:11 PM, closing with the Responsibility Statement.

Next GSR Assembly Meeting will be held on November 20, 2016 at 1:00 PM at the Senior Center. Clean up for November is Eastside 12x12. Tradition 11 will be Bill F., Wayne Group and Concept 11 will be David G., Oregon Men's Group.

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