

GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY
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Meeting Minutes for October 21, 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. James S., Area 55 Chairperson, opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. Sherry S. read the Mission Statement. Amanda B. read the 10th Tradition, Wendy H. read the 10th Concept. Area 55 Panel 68 officers were introduced: Carrie C. – Mailing Secretary, Chris C.– Recording Secretary, Kimbrough P.– Registrar, Kenney A.- Treasurer and Henry C.- Panel 68, Area 55 Delegate. Present were 30 GSRs, 3 Alternate GSRs, 5 DCMs, 5 Alternate DCMs, 3 Past Delegates, and 4 guests. New GSRs, DCMs and Alternates were: John E.-District 10, DCM; Lisa H.-Maumee Sunday Night, GSR and Nancy C.-Oregon St. Charles, Alt. GSR. Past Delegates Nancy M., Bob S., and John C. introduced themselves. Intergroup Chairperson Carrie C. introduced herself.

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Treasurer: Kenney A./ treasurer@area55aa.org

*In September, 8.71% or 27 of the 310 registered Groups in Area 55 made contributions. Year-to-date, 29.68% or 92 Groups contributed. **Is your Group Supporting Area 55 General Service?***

Kenney's report for September was as follows:

<u>8/31/2018 Checkbook Balance</u>	<u>\$6604.10</u>
Income	\$1,686.40
Expenses	\$1,469.30
Total	\$6,821.20
9/30/18 Checkbook Balance	\$6,821.20
<u>8/31/2018 Prudent Reserve Balance</u>	<u>\$3,002.38</u>
Interest	.05
9/30/18 Prudent Reserve Balance	\$3,002.43
8/31/2018 Mini-Conference	\$800.00
Income	\$0.00
Expenses	\$0.00
9/30/18 Mini-Conference	\$800.00

Deborah A.-DCM, District 1 made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Bob T.-GSR, Early Bird.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

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

Nancy M. provided the report. Three members were present at the meeting. They discussed the upcoming archives workshop in Chicago. They also discussed whom would handle the two upcoming commitments in October. Next committee meeting will be at 5:00pm at Central Office on 10/25/18. Respectfully Submitted, Nancy M., Chair.

As an addendum to her report. She discussed how on the trip back from Chicago the inspiration of the workshop. She also said that the conversation travelling back revolved around how they could use what they learned here in Area 55.

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

Beth P. gave the report. All commitments are currently fulfilled and going well. 2 committee members were present for the meeting on 10/16/18. There have been groups not showing or cancelling for both work release and driver intervention commitments. These are being still covered with assistance to the committee members. Next committee meeting will be 11/20/2018 5:30pm @ Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Beth P., Multi-District Correctional Co-Chair.

Tim D. mentioned as our liaison to Intergroup he would make mention again to groups at the upcoming intergroup assembly.

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

The meeting will be held 10/19/18. 3 committee members were in attendance. They discussed their next commitment in November. It will be the Marion Center recovery symposium at Tiffin University Nov. 8, 2018. Next meeting will be 11/21/18 5pm @ Central Office. Respectfully Submitted, Bill F., CPC/PI Chair.

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

The committee met on 10/8/18, 4pm @ Tim Horton's on Navarre. Two members were in attendance. They discussed upcoming commitments as well as the need of new members, especially women. They attended 3 events in October and have four future upcoming commitments. Next committee meeting will be on 11/12/18 at 530pm at Tim Horton's in Oregon.

James presented a financial report for September 2018:

Beginning Balance: \$91.50, Expenses: \$0, Income: \$155.50, Ending Balance 9/30/18: \$247.00

A motion to approve was made by Bill F.-GSR Wayne Group, seconded by Bob T.-GSR Early Bird. The report was approved unanimously. Jim also did mention that he may come in November to the body for funds to be able to re-supply while in November and December the Grapevine offers free shipping. This would be approximately a 10% reduction in cost for the committee order. Respectfully Submitted, James S., Grapevine Chair.

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

Daniel H. gave the report. The committee met 10/2/18 at Central Office. Two members were present. All commitments have been met at this time. They have two November commitments at this time. Next committee meeting will be 11/6/18 6pm at Central Office. Respectfully Submitted, Daniel H., Group Services Chair.

It was mentioned after the report by our delegate that Daniel would be stepping down on 1/1/19 as chair. Bob W. will fill the remaining portion of his term as committee chairperson.

Accessibilities: Patty B. / accessibilities@area55aa.org /

Patty B. presented the report. The committee met 10/8/18. There were three members present. The committee reviewed the current shut in list, since some on it were now getting out to meetings. They will call and send cards to those on the shut in list. There has been a request for an ASL interpreter for a hearing impaired member. This subject will be brought up at the next committee meeting. Their account has \$106 at this time with no expenses to report. The next meeting will be 11/12/2018, 630pm at Frisch's on Navarre Ave. Respectfully submitted, Patty B., Accessibilities Chair.

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

Jennifer H. presented the report. 5 members were present. Meeting location updates were discussed as well as electing Jeremiah S. as committee secretary. They are working on an online process for registration for the Area 55 mini conference along working with our treasurer to set up online payment options. Jennifer was to attend the DCM meeting to get feedback from the districts regarding the area website. Next meeting will be 11/18/2018 at 10am at Black Kite Coffee in Toledo. Respectfully submitted, Jennifer H., Website Committee Chair.

Intergroup Liaison: Tim D.

The meeting was held 9/22/2018. Anniversary tickets will be \$30. The last sale date will be October 11. It will be held at Heatherdowns Country Club on October 19, 2018. Central Office is almost completed the changeover to AT&T and new meeting schedules are now available. No report from the Children's Christmas Party. The New Year's Eve dinner/dance will be \$30 and final ticket sales will be 12/21/18. There will be no door sales or any after that date. The finance committee dance was rescheduled due to a church conflict to 9/22/18. The newsletter renewed the license on the publishing software out of the committee account. Hospital committee noted some facilities are requesting separate meetings for men and women now. We are still in need of vice chairpersons for Children's Christmas Party and Finance committees at this time. The next meeting will be 10/27/2018 6:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church.

NOCYPAA Liaison: Lars J.

Lars J. provided the report. They are reforming the committee at this time and will have elections Nov. 11, 2018 5pm @ Central Office. If anyone would like to be involved please reach out to Lars for more info. Respectfully Submitted, Lars J.-NOCYPAA Liaison.

Newsletter Liaison: Tarek K.

Tarek K., the General Service Liaison to the newsletter provided a brief report that there were no articles submitted for the November newsletter. We are asking our fellowship to submit articles on Gratitude for the December issue. Respectfully Submitted, Tarek K., Newsletter Liaison

MONCYPAA Bid Committee for MCYPAA Conference Liaison: Logan T.

No report.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER (“DCM”) REPORTS

DCM Chair: John C.

John C. provided the report. The DCMs met at 1130am on 10/21/18. Unity Day was discussed and two possible dates of June 29 and July 6, 2019 were presented. The committee voted to have our alternate delegate negotiate the contract to bring to the full body. Possible topics for Unity Day were started to be generated. Our delegate made the suggestion to take back to their districts if districts would be willing to help put together and serve a meal within the hospitality room at the 2019 Mini Conference. Jennifer H. addressed the DCMs requesting information from them. She also asked their insights on using area55aa.org so we could attempt to improve the website. The next DCM meeting will be held at the Senior Center 11/18/2018 1130am. Respectfully submitted, John C., DCMC

Questions were raised regarding issues with groups not coming to the correction committee commitments. Several suggestions were raised including that it would be the committee chairperson's responsibility to follow up with groups as to if they wanted to continue with the commitment. It also was asked why central office has the list of groups that are working corrections commitments when those fall within the General Service structure. Which in turn leads to another question regarding whom would keep the list if it were a General Service responsibility. It was decided that these questions should be addressed further within new business.

It was also addressed as done in the DCM meeting, that we are going to use the two minute rule for DCM reports.

District 1: Deborah A.

District 1 will have their 1st informational/district meeting on 11/4/18 1130am at the Senior Center in Downtown Toledo. Respectfully Submitted, Deborah A., District 1 DCM

District 3: Dave G.

Their workshop was held on 10/13/18 with 29 in attendance, however the panels were well received on the topics presented. Their next meeting will be 10/24/18 530pm @ Eastside 12x12. Respectfully Submitted, Dave G., DCM District 3.

District 2/4: Betsy G./Tim D.

Tim D., DCM for District 4, gave their report. Meeting was held 10/17/18. They discussed final planning of the 10/27/18 GSR Responsibility workshop @ the Kenwood group. They also discussed again issues related to safety in meetings due to inappropriate behavior by members towards the opposite gender. Their next meeting will be 11/14/18 7pm @ Reformation Lutheran Church. Respectfully submitted, Tim D., District 4 DCM.

District 7: Mike M.

They announced their 1st workshop will be held on 2/23/19 at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Swanton. A flyer is pending. The topics will be Home Group, Recovery sponsorship and service sponsorship. They have elected a secretary and are looking towards working on a district inventory. The next meeting will be held 11/15/18 6pm @ Central Office. Respectfully Submitted, Mike M., District 7 DCM

District 8: Darlene K.

Kimberli A., Alt. DCM, provided the report. The plans for the Nov. 10 workshop were finalized and the district has received enough funding that we can put on the workshop without assistance from the area assembly. Doors will open at 9am and the first panel will be at 930am. Next meeting will be 11/15/18 630pm at Grounds for Thought in Bowling Green, OH. Respectfully submitted, Kimberli A., District 8 Alt. DCM District 8.

District 11: Ron S.

There was no October meeting held due to circumstances beyond the DCM and their district's control. Their next meeting will be 11/8/18, 7pm at St John's United Church of Christ in Tiffin. Respectfully submitted, Ron S. District 11 DCM.

District 14: Neal M.

Neal M. provided the report. There have been several meetings to move to new locations due to the situation at 222 Main St no longer being viable. This also includes the district meeting moving to Grace Fellowship Church. They are doing final prep for the 12 Concepts of World Service workshop on 10/27/18 @ St Charles on the corner of Elm & Cable in Lima OH. They are also beginning plans for a location for the Christmas and New Year's alco-thon. They hope to have locations available at the November district meeting. The next district meeting will be held 11/13/18 at 6:30pm at 222 S. West Street, Lima. Respectfully submitted, Neal M. District 14 DCM.

District 16: Damion T.

Their meeting was held 9/25/18. The district had 5 members in attendance as well as our DCMC and area recording secretary (whom was the acting secretary for this meeting). They discussed group concerns in regards to singleness of purpose and non-AA literature used in meetings. They are looking to have a district workshop in April 2019, Location and date TBD. The next meeting will be at Oak Harbor Public Library, 630pm 10/23/18. Respectfully submitted, Damion T., DCM District 16.

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

Henry C. presented his report as Delegate for Panel 68. Henry announced that the final conference report was available at the meeting. He read an e-mail from our ECR trustee Mark E. Stressing that even though we are not a secret society, our trusted servants have a right to remain anonymous. None of these documents should be published in any portion on any internet or social media site since they contain full names/addresses of those whom serve our fellowship. Hence it should also be held with the utmost CONFIDENTIALITY, and should only be shared within a group's collective conscience. Henry then proceeded to provide a breakdown of the information available in the final General Service Conference report. All advisory actions that were considered start on page 44. They are listed in alphabetical order of the committee. The items where no action was taken are on pages 49-55. Trustee reports are on pages 74-96. An appendix regarding the manuscript legal action is on pages 30-36. This includes not only a timeline of the action, but the financial costs incurred during the proceedings. On page 116 is a breakdown of Area 55. It shows based on information submitted by our registrar as well as the most recent membership survey the following: We have 314 registered groups with GSO, and approximately 1514 members in Area 55. 103 groups contributed to GSO totaling \$14,106.45, that came to an average of \$3.37 per member of Area 55.

The "God Word" pamphlet is now available from GSO at \$0.40 per pamphlet. There are also new display posters regarding anonymity in the digital age. The GSO Staff bi-annual rotation was completed on 9/17/2018. Henry received a questionnaire regarding the Delegate dashboard asking if he ever shared his credentials, what information he shared from the dashboard, how access can be improved and any other suggestions. The Area 55 Mini Conference planning will start Nov. 17, 2018 10am at Central Office. Donuts will be provided. This will however be our final event at Holiday Inn French Quarter. The hotel has announced that they will be closing as of 3/31/18. There will be numerous adjustments we as an area will have to make with future events due to restrictions that new venues will place which we did not necessarily have at French Quarter. We will however as trusted servants work to make the transition as smooth as possible. The property has been sold and we do not know any further details other than the closing date. We have a scholarship chair with Dennis D. We are also as officers travelling to Columbus for the final voting meeting of 2018 for the Ohio State Planning Committee. We thank you for your attendance at our assembly today.

Respectfully submitted, Henry C., Panel 68, Area 55 Delegate. Alternate Chair-Finance Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Jim S. requested a motion to have \$68.50 sent to GSO. Bill W. made the motion, seconded by Tim C., GSR-Came to Believe. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Wendy H., GSR-Front Street Group, read a letter written to our delegate after recent discussions with the manager of the T. Whitehead Recovery Center where her group meets. These include: the language being used towards her during the conversation by the manager, funds being voted on by the group conscience not being distributed through the structure as the group wishes, those same funds being given to Central Office under the name of the T. Whitehead Recovery Center. They also feel there have been a violation of traditions by the recovery center in dealings with their group. Henry responded to the letter as follows: First and foremost, he encouraged their group members to have a group conscience somewhere off site from the current location to feel they could discuss matters in an open and confidential matter. Once the group members decide what they choose to do, the area can assist in finding a new meeting location. They can write to GSO to allow the group to keep their group name and group number so the center cannot open a new group under their GSO Service#. We also with the body's permission could offer funds to assist in the conversion to a new location such as up to 2 month's rent. Henry put a motion to the body requesting support from the area to assist the group in their transition if needed. A motion was made by Tim D., seconded by Bob T. The motion was approved.

Several present chose to address the body on the subject in question. It was mentioned by one member of the Front St. Group that many positive changes have occurred and they are trying to improve what they are working with there. Bob S. addressed concerns over within our area guidelines how funds are used so groups can operate within our traditions. Bill W. first mentioned that no opposition on the vote was requested and hence no minority opinion could be heard. Henry did apologize for that, however Bill also mentioned he feels before any funds are given to a group from the area treasury we should be able to take this back to our groups. Henry clarified that he was simply asking for the body's support to assist if needed this group during this difficult time, no funds are being distributed at this time. Bill F. asked that can any group vote even if they do not contribute to General Service. Yes any GSR, officer, DCM or their

alternate has a right to vote, regardless of their group's contribution to the area.

Chris C. made an announcement regarding the upcoming Intergroup Elections on December 15. Stating that service is not martyrdom, it is an opportunity to gain new relationships and to grow within sobriety to please consider standing for an open position.

Motion to adjourn was made by Billy Sebring-Oak Harbor into Action, seconded by Ynda C.-Trail Group. Motion carried. **Meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM, closing with the Responsibility Statement.**

Next GSR Assembly Meeting will be held on November 18, 2018 at 1:00 PM at the Senior Center. Clean up for November will be District 2/4. Tradition 11 will be Kimberli A., District 8 Alt. DCM, Concept 11 will be Amanda B.-GSR, Oregon Time for Us.

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