

**GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY**  
**Area 55, Panel 64 NW Ohio & Monroe Michigan**  
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**Meeting Minutes For November 15, 2015**

John C. opened and the meeting at 1:00 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. Matt G. read the Mission Statement, Jim S. read the 10<sup>th</sup> Tradition and Keith R. the 10th Concept. 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: 3 DCMs, 26 GSR’s, 16 Alt GSR’s, and 4 guests. New GSR Matt G. OYPAA and Lauren B. Women’s Friday 12X12 where introduced. 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"><u>Recording.secretary@area55aa.org</u></a>
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October Meeting Minutes were presented by Henry C. No errors were noted. Noted; a sign up sheet for anyone wishing to volunteer for the Mini Conference please fill in the information. There are calendars on the table for the 2016 GSA Meeting dates. Motion to accept was made by Tim D. Came To Believe and seconded by Keith R. New Life. 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"><u>Treasurer@area55aa.org</u></a>
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The report was read by Karen M.

Beginning Balance September 30, 2015	\$2,885.85
Income:	<u>\$1,037.19</u>
Total	\$3,923.04
Expenses:	<u>\$1,199.36</u>
Total	\$2,723.68
Checkbook Balance October 31, 2015	\$2,723.68
Prudent Reserve Account	
Beginning Balance September 30, 2015	\$3,000.63
Interest	.05
Ending Balance October 31, 2015	\$3,000.68
Mini Conference 2015	
Beginning Balance September 30, 2015	\$800.00
Income:	- 0 -
Total	\$800.00
Expenses:	<u>- 0 -</u>
Checkbook Balance October 31, 2015	\$800.00

Motion to accept the report was made by Tim D. Came To Believe and seconded by Jim S. Reno Beach Sobriety. Motion carried.

**In October, of the 310 registered Groups in Area 55, 20 Groups made contributions this month or 6.45% and Year to Date 85 Groups or 27.4%.**

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

***ARCHIVES Committee: Deborah T.***

**[Archives.comm.chair@area55aa.org](mailto:Archives.comm.chair@area55aa.org)**

The committee met on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Attending were Patty B. Jim L., guest Mitch M. and myself. We reviewed the process of the inventorying in the cabinets as far as what is to be done before the end of the year.

There were two service commitments in October, Guides to Progress Anniversary on October 20<sup>th</sup> and Findlay Open Lead Anniversary on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We are bring to the Assembly the question of what to do with the that do not pertain to Area 55 history. No motion or discussion. It was suggested that items drop off should have the donor's name on it and have the committee decide if it pertains to Area 55. If it does not, it can be returned to the donor.

Patty and I continue on Tuesday afternoons to organize and inventory our material.

Out next meeting will be Thursday November 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM at Central Office.

Respectfully Submitted; Deborah T.

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

**[CPC.PI@area55aa.org](mailto:CPC.PI@area55aa.org)**

October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer at 7 p.m. In attendance were Kristen T., Jackie B., Mary Beth I., Katy K., Lyndzie H. and Tom D. The committee completed the review of the pamphlet "A Brief Guide to Alcoholics Anonymous." Past commitments were discussed.

August 22<sup>nd</sup> the committee set up at the "Around the Town" event in Tiffin. Well attended but not a large amount of visitors to the display. September 10<sup>th</sup> Jackie and Mary Beth attended the Family Matters Recovery Panel event in Tiffin. In attendance were young adults with alcohol and drug problems and their loved ones. Each of the committee members shared their experience, strength and hope and there were very many good questions about Alcoholics Anonymous. September 26<sup>th</sup>, John C., Bob O. and Kristen T. attended the Underage Drinking Informational Program in Tiffin. Bob O. shared his story and afterwards John and Bob answered questions from the group. Several committee members will be attending the program on November 21<sup>st</sup>. The committee has voted to get a banner with graphics and a table-top sign for our display. Got quotes at Same Day Signs in Tiffin and should be able to get them for less than \$100. Kristen is to price check on a tote with wheels to transport literature to different events.

"Doors" is a video public service announcement for television. The committee plans to contact local TV stations to see whether they will broadcast it. Katy will be delivering public service announcement CD to the K-100 radio station. November 4<sup>th</sup> Kristen, Katy and Carol attended the Family Matters Recovery Panel event at Rigel Recovery in Fremont. There was only one family member who attended but she found the sharing of our stories very beneficial. There appeared to be a need for some Al-Anon contact numbers and meeting schedules. Kristen went to an Al-Anon meeting in Fremont and obtained the contact number for their public outreach person and some current Al-Anon schedules for the counselors at Rigel. We receive a thank you via e-mail from the coordinator at Rigel. We received a letter from Bethlehem Baptist Church concerning the 2016 Project Homeless Connect event to be held Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

CPC/PI Committee set up a display at this event last year which was held to provide services and resources to those in Toledo struggling with homelessness. They wanted an RSVP from

Alcoholics Anonymous for next year's event. The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m. and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting is Nov 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 Pm at Central Office.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Beth I.

**GRAPEVINE Committee: Bob O.**

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

Committee Members Present: Bob O. and Veronia N.

A Grapevine committee meeting was held on October 13, 2015 at Bob O's house at 4:00 p.m.

At the meeting:

1. Transition for Veronica N. to take over as chairman
2. Made grapevine book order to help Veronica learn how to order books
3. Discussed past events, and upcoming events to decide best way to proceed for Veronica as chairman

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert O., Grapevine Chairman

Committee Members Present: Bob O.-Chairman, Luis N., Michelle M., Veronica N., Larry O., Lynn S., Bob S. and Jim B.

A Grapevine committee meeting was held on September 18, 2015 at Echo Meadows Church of Christ on Seaman Road at 6:00 p.m.

At the meeting:

1. Discussed upcoming events

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert O., Grapevine Chairman

**Grapevine Committee Financial Report  
September 30, 2015**

Beginning Balance	\$-.89
Income:	<u>+54.50</u>
Book Sales	
Total	53.61
Expense	0
Ending Balance 9/30/15	\$53.61

**Grapevine Committee Financial Report  
October 31, 2015**

Beginning Balance	\$53.61
Income:	<u>+659.45</u>
Book Sales	
Total	\$713.06
Expense	<u>-272.44</u>
Ending Balance 10/31/15	\$440.62

We had a quick 15 minute meeting on Friday September 18th at Echo Meadows Church on Starr Avenue at 6:00 pm. Members present were Bob O., Larry O., Veronica N, Louis N, Michelle M,

Lynne S, Jim B and Bob S.

We discussed upcoming events and who was going to cover those events. The upcoming events we have are the Women's conference and Blackberry Sobriety on November 11<sup>th</sup>, both be covered. Also we attended Lima's 70th anniversary. All events and anniversary are being covered and we have plenty of books and other items for sale. The meeting ended at 6:15 pm. Respectfully Submitted; Bob O. Area 55 Grapevine Chairman

**GROUP SERVICES Committee: David G.**

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We did not have a meeting in October or November. December will be my last report. Next meeting will be on December 8<sup>th</sup> at Navarre Park Shelter House. Respectfully Submitted; David G. Chair.

**SPECIAL NEEDS: Becky L.**

We met on Monday November 9<sup>th</sup> at American Table on Wheeling St. at 5:00 PM. Present were Becky L., Jim L. and Danielle G. We have a new shut in list for the GSA and Intergroup meetings. It is also available at Central Office.

We had an instant response to our plea for a companion to go with LeeAnn G. to the Mayo Clinic to restore her vision. We discussed issues beyond our primary purpose and consulted with the GSO Office.

There will be no committee meeting in December.

Next meeting will be Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at Frisch's Big Boy at 3537 Secor Rd.

Respectfully Submitted; Becky L.

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

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The meeting was at Central Office at 5:30 PM on October.

Present: Rob H., Nicole K., Kim S., Eric H., Jim S., Deb W., and Chair Keith R.

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer.

Work Release Steve S. no update. Toledo Prison Dale S. no update. Lucas County Jail (Men) going well. John R. has been helping on Thurs and Fri. Work Release Friday Night Jim S, and Nicole K. is going well. Lucas County Jail (Women) going well. We have literature at the moment. Rossford Driver Intervention Eric H. going well. Compass Driver Intervention Jim S, and Eric H. are taking over as a group member steps back for personal reasons. All meetings need Directories. Keith asked for a motion for Directories and was informed he did not need a motion because the committee has a \$100 fund to use.

The committee has a new member Deb W. who will be assisting with CTF as it becomes available. We are always seeking new ways to reach out to the Area to attract new members to the Committee.

Questions about up to date information were asked. GRS's reminded that the printed information is published a month in advance. Also, it is helpful if group keep their group information up to date.

Next meeting is Monday November 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at Central Office and December 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 PM at Central Office.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 6:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted; Keith R.

**INTERGROUP LIAISON: Danielle G.**

Highlights from 9/26/15 and 10/24/15

Children's Christmas Party 12/6/15 from 11:00AM to 3:00 PM. at Reformation Lutheran Church on Douglas Rd.

Need 25 gifts for boys and girls ages 2-4. Wrapping will be done by the committee.

Entertainment has collect \$205.51 in scholarships. They still have some cans not returned yet.

New Year's Eve will be at the Radisson at UTMC. News Letter mover their meeting to the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the month.

Respectfully Submitted, Danielle G.

**WEB COMMITTEE: Josh D.**

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Web Committee Meeting Minutes from Nov. 15, 2015

The meeting opened at 11:30AM with the Serenity Prayer. The committee discussed that outreach of the committee can now begin since we have completed the guidelines. Newsletter and mailed fliers will be used in the future for outreach, in addition to word-of-mouth. The digital archives will not progress until a new archives chair is selected. The committee deemed it better to start the process with someone who will be able to see it through for a duration of time. The committee did a final review of the guidelines and found a missing colon. A motion passed unanimously to submit the guidelines to the Delegate for review and approval. Data usage for the website was reviewed. Using that information, the committee discussed the possibility of making website navigation more user friendly to encourage more people to explore the website in its entirety. The meeting closed with the responsibility statement. We are having over a 1000 hits a month. Announcements from the News Letter are on the website calendar.

Next meeting will be on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30AM at the Senior Center. We hope to see you there.

Respectfully Submitted; Josh D.

**NOCYPAA: Bryan L.**

**November 8, 2015**

Opening:

Lauren opened the meeting at 5:00 P.M. with the Serenity Prayer.

Introductions were given.

Matt G. spoke on Tradition 2. "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority – A loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience." Jocelyn C. will be speaking on Tradition 3.

**Subcommittee Updates:**

Secretary: Jenna G. read the minutes from the previous meeting on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Motion to accept: Tony. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jake. Unanimous vote.

Treasurer: Tony M. received \$1000 dollar check from DAYPAA(previous host) Josh got \$140 in registrations at WVCYPAA. No current account balance. Motion to accept: Jocelyn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jason Unanimous vote.

Special Events: Alley says there has been great attendance at subcommittee meetings. Our next event will be December 5 at the Frederick Douglas Community Center from 7-11 PM. The

following event will be a New Year's Eve dance. And in January we will have a spaghetti dinner. Location and details TBA.

Outreach: Josh spoke on his experience at WVCYPAA. Bryan and others went to the WASHYPAA's Halloween event. Jordan went to Cleveland. KCYPAA and MCYPAA . Both are coming up for possible outreach opportunities.

In Reach: Derek made contact with Oregon and Southeast Michigan. Needs help for Swanton. A group member at Good Will said he would hold us a spot at their Christmas Event. He will be getting details for the men's luncheon. Jocelyn will be getting information for the women's luncheon.

LBGTQ: A bunch of people went up to the talent show in Ann Arbor and had a good time. He will look into future events and post them to the page.

Hotel: Kevin sent the RFP to the Grand Plaza. He is going on a walk through for Kalahari on Friday with 5 or 6 people. He is going to send the revised proposal to Darren for input. They are looking to narrow things down to make a final decision.

Graphics: Zac or Val will be posting the flier to the face book page for suggestions and approval.

Unity: Tony C. planned for going to Ohio Skate Saturday from 12-3. Assassin will be starting after this meeting.

Newsletter: Articles on powerless due December 10<sup>th</sup>. Jocelyn will post more information to the face book page when it is available.

#### **New Business:**

There is no word from advisory about the money for outreach. Advisory is meeting this night at 7:30. Conversation tabled until we reach them.

Tony M. Treasury update is on file. He will be trusted to make a decision on the bank account that is in the best interest of the group.

Jocelyn made a motion to spend \$7 to get our event in the newsletter and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jenna. Unanimous vote.

The Frederick Douglas Community Center has a membership deal that includes 35% off rental space for \$100 dollars. This is included in our event budget. Alley made a motion to have the event budget set at \$400. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike W. motion passed. Alley also made a motion to charge \$10 at the door for the dodgeball event, unless you register for OYPAA, then it will be \$5. 2<sup>nd</sup> Nev. Motion passed.

Jacob made a motion that we have \$100 in emergency money for events that must be approved by two members of the steering committee. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Josh. Motion passed.

Electing co-chairs is being tabled.

Connor suggests making a events on our secret page to keep things organized.

Motion to close: Alley. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jordan. The meeting ended with the Responsibility Statement.

Next meeting: November 22, location TBA

Respectfully Submitted; Jenna G.

**AREA DELEGATE: Nancy M.**

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The Delegate is attending the Regional Form in Milwaukee and will give a report next month.

## DCM Reports

### District 3

August 30, 2015

In attendance were Jim S. DCM, John C., Bill, Lyle H., James S., Brian K., Jim L., Steve G. and guest Dave G., Dave B. and Nate C.

We had \$289.83 at the start of our last meeting. During the meeting I received \$15 from Guided to progress and \$25 from the St. Charles Group. Since the last meeting I received \$25 from Navarre Park and \$59 from Blackberry Sobriety. This brings our cash on hand for the picnic and workshop to \$413.83.

#### Picnic:

We had our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Unity Picnic for District 3 on Sunday August 30th at St Luke's Lutheran Church from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. The picnic was well attended by District 3 members and we estimate there were 65 people in attendance or more. We spent \$284.71 for supplies and food. We also received a \$25 donation that day for a \$154.04 extra money which will be used for the District Workshop in October for food and supplies.

#### Workshop:

We will have a workshop on Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at the Northwood Church of God. The doors open at 8:30 A.M. and will end at 12:00 Noon. We will serve chili following the workshop. The topics will be on sponsorship and anonymity. We would also like to have information available for treasurers and groups on how to protect their group's funds.

### District 4

DCM Report, District 4, Area 55 Nov 13, 2015.

A District 4 meeting was held on Thursday, November 5 at 6:30 at Hope United Methodist Church on Sylvania Avenue. Attendees included Bob D. GSR Principles Before Personalities, Meladie J. GSR 12-Step West, Al W. member 12-Step West, Josh D. GSR Westgate Men's, Steve M. GSR Kenwood, Dennis M. member Kenwood, Tim D. GSR Came to Believe.

The purpose of the meeting was an opportunity for members of District 4 groups to get to know one another and begin to formulate a vision for activity within District 4. The meeting had been announced via flyers distributed at District 4 meetings and through word-of-mouth.

A history of the district was presented by former DCM's and those with memory of prior District 4 activities. The district seems to have been inactive for the past 5 to 6 years. Anecdotally, most of us found that many groups within the district do not have a GSR and that several groups did not know in which district they were located. Prior DCM's noted that this is not a new phenomenon. A map describing the boundaries of the district was reviewed. Members present believed it would be helpful in the future if the Area 55 meeting schedule listed each group's district number along with its location and meeting times in order to promote interest and potential activity of groups in their respective districts. It was decided to continue to reach out to groups within the district. If there are enough active groups within the District and enough interest then we hope to discuss the possibility of putting on workshops, holding an election for an official DCM, and other activities. The next District 4 meeting will be held immediately after General Service Assembly on December 20 in the Senior Center. All GSR's or any other members of groups within district 4 are encouraged to attend.

Next meeting will be following the GS Assembly meeting on Dec 20<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully Submitted, Bob D.

**District 5**

**September 29, 2015**

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer.

Attending the meeting were Melanie R. DCM, Jim S., Sherry S., Kelly Carew, Shirley V. and Toni S.

This was our first meeting. There was a discussion regarding talking during the meetings. A discussion of doing a workshop on the Group or what is a GSR was discussed. Meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement.

Next meeting will be announced at a later date.

Respectfully Submitted, Melanie R.

**District 14**

Last meeting was held November 9<sup>th</sup> at 222 S. West Lima, Ohio at 5:30 PM. Members in attendance were Kristen J. DCM, Don T. Alt DCM, Jean S. Sec, Chrissy M. Treas., Amy H., Shane H., Pat D., Ann S. and Billy S.

The 2016/17 District 14 Committee members were voted in:

Jean S. DCM

Don T. Alt DCM

Chrissy M. Treasurer

Amy H. Secretary

New webmaster was voted in Billy S.

All Groups reported an increase in attendance. I would like to thank all that participated in the Workshop we had on Nov 18<sup>th</sup>.

Next meeting will be Dec 14<sup>th</sup> at 222 S. West St Lima at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Kristen J. DCM District 14

**OLD BUSINESS**

None discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Jim S. has been appointed DCMC by John C. He shared about what the districts are. An election of DCM's will be held next month. Gave highlights about what the districts are planning.

Question was asked about who would vote. John reported that the Area Guidelines are in the process of being rewritten.

Tim D. I want to read something to the body for your consideration. Where this comes from is a member of AA who will remain nameless and why this was written will remain unknown. But he wrote to N.Y. and asked the specifically about the young people group. He has a concern. I Area will read you one paragraph from the letter. He will ask if a chapter of ECYPAA which in this case would be NOCYPAA or OYPAA for this Area, would be a AA Group. "From our experience, though an AA entity, this is not considered an AA group, rather an AA Conference. Comment, what was that. I think it was food for thought.

Tim, I will tell you what the controversy is, that Intergroup is considering making them part of Intergroup as a Group. You do not have a registration with N.Y. because they did not have a regular meeting. The answer is what I read from N.Y. The question becomes can they become a



Group with the Area and Intergroup when they are not considered Group but a Conference.  
Karen asked Bryan, do you have a service number? Bryan I believe we do.

John reported we went to the State Committee in Columbus and we brought up the issue of scheduling Mini Conferences. It was decided that the Planning Committee would have a secretary to keep a schedule.

Area 56 reported a loss of \$1200 on the 2015 State Convention. Much discussion followed. Area 56 decided, because they have the funds, they would make up the loss.

The State Archives had a loss and we will be asked to pay our share. We will have a final number when the report is complete.

We have flyers on the table for our Mini Conference.

John and Henry have locked up the next 3 years with the Holiday Inn French Quarter for Mini Conferences and the State Convention. Contracts were signed.

The Annual Women's Luncheon report they have a surplus in their bank account of \$1000. They decided to donate \$300 each to Area 55, Intergroup and Central Office along with \$100 to GSO.

John and Henry have made a commitment to attend the Intergroup meeting each month to help build a stronger working relationship.

Question, are we including the Monroe Intergroup. John said yes, we have been up to their meeting.

**The General Service Assembly Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM, closing with the Responsibility Statement.** Motion to close made by Karen Mc., and seconded by Meladie J. Motion carried.

**Next GSR Assembly Meeting will be held on December 20, 2015 at 1:00 PM at the Senior Center. Clean up for December will be New Life, Tradition 12 Matt G and Concept 12 Bob O.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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