

GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY Area 55, Panel 66 NW Ohio & Monroe Michigan P.O. Box 401 Toledo, OH 43697-0401 www.area55aa.org	
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Meeting Minutes For November 20, 2016	

Henry C. opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. John K. read the Mission Statement. Bill F. read the 11th Tradition. David G. read the 11th Concept. Area 55 Panel 66 officers were introduced: Chris C. – Mailing Secretary, Jackie B. – Recording Secretary, Rachel W. – Registrar, Marty C. —Treasurer and John C. – Delegate. Signed in were: 30 GSRs, 7 Alternate GSRs, 3 DCMs, 1 DCMC, 2 Past Delegates, 1 Webmaster and 2 Guests. New GSR’s introduced were Lars J., GSR—NOCYPAA; Robert Y., GSR—BG Sunday Night; Chris A., GSR—Kenwood Group and Laurie N., GSR—BG A.M. Only GSRs, DCMs or their alternates may make motions or vote, although everyone has the right to be heard. We will from now on be using everyone’s first and last names at the meeting and in the minutes.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Jackie B.	Recording.secretary@area55aa.org
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October 2016 Meeting Minutes were presented by Jackie B. There were no corrections noted. Motion to accept made by Tim D., Came To Believe and seconded by Veronica F., New Noon Trinity. 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 by or on the day of the Area Assembly for the mailing to be completed on time. Thank You!**

TREASURER: Marty C.	Treasurer@area55aa.org
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The report for October was presented by Marty C.

Checkbook	
Beginning Balance September 30, 2016	\$1,895.72
Income	<u>4,187.57</u>
Total	\$6,083.29
Expenses	<u>210.92</u>
Total	\$5,872.37
Checkbook Balance October 31, 2016	\$5,872.37
Prudent Reserve Account	
Beginning Balance September 30, 2016	\$3,001.23
Interest	.05
Ending Balance October 31, 2016	\$3,001.28

Mini Conference 2017

Beginning Balance September 30, 2016	\$ 500.00
Income	<u>50.00</u>
Total	\$ 550.00
Expenses	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance October 31, 2016	\$ 550.00

2017 Mini-Conference Deposit \$300.00

Motion to accept the report was made by Tim D., Came To Believe and seconded by Hazel S., Inner City. Motion passed.

In August, of the 310 registered Groups in Area 55, 33 Groups made contributions this month or 10.64% and Year to Date 83 Groups or 26.77%.

Is your Group Helping Support Area 55 General Service?

COMMITTEE REPORT

ARCHIVES Committee: *Patty B.*

Archives.chair@area55aa.org

Patty B. gave the report. The Archive committee met on Nov. 17th at 5:00pm at Central Office. In attendance were Scott M., Nancy M. and Patty B. There was only one commitment for this month. Todd W. picked up the display for the Bowling Green Group's Anniversary on November 6th. The committee reviewed the General Service Guidelines for the Archives committee. We sorted through material in the locker to be added to binders. We are almost finished. We plan on changing items in the display cabinet at Central Office. Make plans for an open house for Archives in the future. There are no additional requests for the Archives display at this time. Respectfully submitted, Patty B., Chair

CPC/PI Committee: *John K.*

CPC.PI@area55aa.org

John K. gave the report. On 10/22, we attended the Genoa Trinity Community Needs Fair in Ottawa county. On 10/25, we were asked to meet with the Lucas County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board to attend a celebration of recovery event and to explain the AA Anonymity Statement and Tradition 11. On 11/10, we attended the Lucas County Resource Fair. On 11/28, we will be attending the Sylvania Schools' DART program event at Lourdes University. Our next meeting will be at Central Office on December 21st at 5:30pm. Respectfully submitted, John K, Chair

MULTI-DISTRICT CORRECTIONAL CHAIR: *Keith R.*

Keith R. gave the report. Said all 8 commitments are going well and are covered by committee members. We have had a few new people join the committee and they are shadowing existing commitments to get a feel for how things go. Committee contact list has been updated with each committee member's commitment. Each member now has a listed phone number so that all members can call one another if they get in a jam. We are still compiling an updated list of current commitment contacts so that if we are not able to make it to a commitment, we can contact the appropriate person to let them know. Discussion took place of moving the meeting to another day of the week because the current day conflicts with so many peoples' schedules. It will be discussed

again at the November meeting for the possibility of being moved in December or January. Next meeting will be at Central Office on November 21st at 5:30pm. Meeting adjourned at 6:15p with the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted, Keith R., Chair

GRAPEVINE Committee: Veronica N.

Grapevine.chair@area55aa.org

Michelle M. gave the report. The committee met on October 18th at 6pm at Bay Park Hospital. In attendance were new member Laurie N., Danielle G., Luis N., and Veronica W. We started with the Serenity Prayer. We discussed upcoming anniversaries which were Life's Good on 10/29 and BG Sunday Night on 11/6. No other anniversaries are coming up. They closed with the Lord's Prayer. Their financial report is as follows:

October Financial Report

Beginning Balance Oct. 1, 2016	\$395.09
Income	294.75
Expenses	453.95
Ending Balance Oct. 31, 2016	\$259.85

Respectfully submitted, Veronica W., Chair

GROUP SERVICES Committee: Steven G.

GroupSer.chair@area55aa.org

Steve G. gave the report. All of our commitments for the month of November were met. We met at Central Office on November 17th at 6:00pm. In attendance were Steve G. and Kenny A. We discussed our responsibilities. Kenny expressed interest in joining the committee. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 6:40pm. We have some commitments for December but Steve has not been contacted yet. Next meeting will be at Central Office on 12/15 at 6:00pm. Respectfully submitted, Steven G., Chair

ACCESSIBILITIES: Jim L.

Meeting was held November 14th at 6:30pm at the Frisch's in Oregon. Those in attendance were Julie L., Jim L., Andre S., Felicia S., Bryan W. and Denise Y. Committee reviewed last month's commitments and looking forward, decided to add Tuesdays to our rotating list. There is one update to the Shut In list: Mary Kay S. has moved. Committee will be meeting at Central Office on Monday Dec. 5th at 6:30p to work on a new Accessibilities display. Also, we will be discussing which literature we will be displaying and the times members of committee can volunteer at the Mini-Conference. The committee's Treasury Report is as follows:

Beginning Balance on Oct. 1, 2016	\$ 24.71
Income	0.00
Expenses—Cards	15.06
Ending Balance on Oct. 31, 2016	\$ 9.65

Respectfully submitted, Jim L., Chair

INTERGROUP LIAISON: Tim D.

Tim D. gave two months' reports as follows: The Intergroup Association met on Saturday, October 22nd at 6:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church on South Avenue. The 12th Step Call List is

being circulated. Sign up if you wish and if you are already on the list, please sign up again to make sure your contact information is updated. Central Office Committee will continue to reimburse its prudent reserve to bring the balance back to \$20,000. Its survey (previously discussed) will not be developed and used. OYPAA contributed to the Children's Christmas Party Committee. The Children's Christmas Party Committee is developing flyers for the upcoming party. They are also buying and wrapping gifts. The Finance Committee will begin bringing its literature table to General Service Assembly meetings beginning in January 2017. This committee contributed \$340.50 to Central Office from the dinner on 10/22/16. The Hospital Committee tabled the request for new meetings in facilities for future meetings. This committee is considering a requirement of 1 year of sobriety for anyone wanting to be on the committee and doing committee responsibilities. Newsletter Committee continues to need articles for issues of the newsletter. The committee is considering appointing a roving reporter and asking if they can set up their display at future General Service Assembly meetings. Intergroup will be having elections at the end of this year and is asking people to take this back to their groups to get people involved in Intergroup. Next meeting will be held on Saturday, 11/19/16 at 6:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church at 2440 South Avenue. Intergroup Association met on 11/19/16 at 6:30pm. The Anniversary Committee reported that they sold 177 tickets to the Anniversary Dance on 10/21/16. The Central Office Committee will continue to reimburse its prudent reserve and extends a big Thank You to all groups who have contributed to Central Office. The Committee established a policy that anyone serving on the committee needs to have 2 years of sobriety and a commitment to attend at least one meeting per month. The Children's Christmas Party Committee reported that the NOCYPAA will be doing face painting at the Children's Christmas Party. The Children's Christmas Party Committee will have over 400 gifts for the Party and the Party is scheduled for Dec. 11, 2016. The Finance Committee will begin bringing its literature table to General Service Assembly meetings beginning in Jan. 2017. The Committee had \$217.50 from today's dinner and sold \$34 in literature. Registration for the New Year's Eve celebration is available in the newsletter. It was reported that there was a registration on another website. This registration is not valid. The Entertainment Committee is looking for a nomination for Vice Chair for next year. The Hospital Committee and the Newsletter Committee each had nothing new to report. Remember Intergroup elections coming up at the end of this year. Annual Chili Cookoff will be held on Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017 beginning at 3:00pm. Contestants should have their chili there by 2:30pm on that date. Intergroup's next meeting will be on Saturday 12/17/16 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, November 20th at 11:30am at the Senior Center. The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer. They talked about the survey passed out last month and there has been a mixed reaction to it. The survey is not yet up on the Website. It will be added shortly. They have gotten some good suggestions from the hard copy surveys they have gotten back already. Numbers for site usage are all up. They will be making up some new materials with the help of new member, Val P., on graphics. They will be spending \$20.00 on card material, \$25.00 on an ink cartridge and \$6.00 on a ream of colored paper for these materials. Next meeting will be on December 18th at 11:30am here at Senior Center. They will also be working on a flier for the outlying districts with Henry Coombs help so they can be aware that the Website is for the entire Area not just Toledo. Respectfully submitted, Josh D., Chair

NOCYPAA COMMITTEE: Tony M.

Tony M. gave the report. He said their State Conference was very successful and they have contributed to several of the entities. He said they have reformed and filled all the positions for the new committee. They will be having a panel and dance on December 17th at St. Andrews Church on Central Avenue, doors open at 5:00pm. They will have an event in January on making “daunting” resolutions, details to be announced. Next committee meeting will be on Sunday, December 4th. Tony thanked everyone for their support. Respectfully submitted, Tony M., Chair

DCM REPORTS

DCMC

Jim S., DCMC, Area 55, said the DCMs met today. In attendance were Jim S., Sheila M., Chris C., Bob O., Bill W., Jean S., David G., John C. and Tim D. District 3, Bob O., DCM, reported that they have gotten their own PO Box which is PO Box 51, Toledo, OH 43697. They are having a GSR School on February 25th from 8:30am until 11:00am at the Northwood Church of God at Curtice and Coy Roads. District 4, Tim D., DCM, reported that they will have their next meeting on December 14th at 7:00pm. District 14, Jean S., DCM, reported that they will have Alcahons on Christmas and New Year Eves. Christmas will be 6:00pm until 12:00am and New Year’s will be 6:00pm until 2:00am. They will both be held at the Catholic Services Building and they ask that you bring a covered dish. Respectfully submitted, Jim S., DCMC

District 3

Bob O., DCM, gave his report. Said they have their own PO Box which is PO Box 51, Toledo, OH 43697. GSR School is set up for Saturday, Feb. 25th, 2017. Doors open at 8:00am and it is at the Northwood Church of God at Curtice and Coy Roads. On Saturday, 11/27/16, John C. will be moderating at the Millbury 12x12 meeting. John C. will be contributing \$15.00 toward pamphlets for the GSR School. Discussions at the School will be on Concepts 7, 8 and 9, as well as the use of social media and a discussion on What Is The Basket For? They are in process of making up fliers to announce the School. On December 13th at 6:00pm at the Guides to Progress meeting there will be a meeting to form Guidelines. Brian L., Jimmy L. and Larry O. will be among those attending. There will be a Unity Day in Bowling Green for Area 55 by next summer. Respectfully submitted, Bob O., DCM, District 3

District 4

Tim D., DCM, gave their report. Meeting was called to order at 7:15pm at Reformation Lutheran Church on 11/16/16. Meeting started with the Serenity Prayer. Minutes from September and October meetings were read and approved. Treasury Report: As of today, District 4 has \$13.00 in Treasury. There were no new GSRs in attendance. No Group visits made and no Old Business. New Business was a discussion on informed Group Conscience: that all members be present at group conscience, that all information be available for decisions to be made, that we have multiple meetings over several months for “major” decisions. Other questions were: Do all group members Chair the meeting over the course of the year and do all members participate in setting up the meeting, making coffee, greeting and cleaning up afterward? Also discussed was putting on a workshop in the future and group inventories, copies of which will be included with the minutes. Next meeting will be on Dec. 14th at 7:00pm at Reformation Lutheran Church on Douglas Road. Meeting closed at 8:10pm with the Lord’s Prayer. 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 November 10th at 7:00pm at St. John's United Church of Christ in Tiffin. In attendance were Kristen T., Paul R., Mary Beth I., Paige Q., Jerry S. and Sybille N. GSRs reported for their groups and attendance is down for the meetings in Tiffin. Fostoria meeting is doing well and has added a greeter at the door. It was reported that the new book study meeting in Fostoria is being well attended. We discussed the importance of a regularly scheduled group conscience meeting for each of our groups. Findlay is discussing a tradition after each group conscience meeting and it is open to all. We discussed conducting a group inventory and we are looking at what makes an AA Group strong and best able to meet our primary purpose. An organized and up to date literature rack and current and accurate schedules was one idea. Opening up at a consistent time and having coffee ready was another. Greeters at the door and making the newcomer feel welcome were suggested. We discussed hosting a GSR School sometime in 2017 as well as another workshop. The group thought that covering the Traditions would be interesting. Kristen shared that a Unity Day is being discussed as a way to get Districts together for a day and exchange ideas and learn from each other. We enjoyed fellowship and pieces of pie and the meeting closed at 8:20pm with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting will be on December 8, 2016 at 7:00pm at St. John's UCC at 10 Main Street in Tiffin. Respectfully submitted, Kristen T., DCM, District 11

District 14

District 14's report was read by Jean S., DCM, District 14. In attendance were Jean S., Chrissy M., Steve B., Tom S., Ricky L., Jamey T., Mel W. and Dawn J. Jean said the meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer. 12 Traditions were read by Mel W. and the Eleventh Concept by Tom S. Ricky L. read our Declaration of Unity, Responsibility Statement and Communication through the Structure. Jean S. read the Review of Voting and Discussion Procedures. October meeting minutes were read and accepted. Treasury Report given by Chrissy M. and accepted. DCM Expenses submitted and approved were \$90.29 in mileage. DCM Report: Area 55 is talking about having a Unity Day in 2017 that will include all members in the Area. 12th Step work has become increasingly important now as rehab centers have waiting lists. Area 55 continues to work on explaining and discussing what is needed to handle 12th Step calls. Jean handed out copies of the District 14 Structures and Procedures. GSR Reports: Sunday Morning Wakeup attendance is still down a bit and the building is cold so dress warmly. SOP attendance is steady. LDG attendance is good. When UMADOP comes the room is full. Friendship Wednesday attendance is picking up and Sundays have great attendance for leads. Grace Group's new GSR is Mel W. Welcome Mel! Attendance is about 14 people per meeting and when UMADOP comes the room is full and those people seem to get a lot out of the meetings. As far as schedules go, Steve B. is now handling them so if your group needs to make any changes, please let Steve know. Jean S. will now handle the phone. Old Business: Jean never heard back from Billy regarding Web.com or about keeping the domain names. She will try to get a hold of him again. There was a prior motion to post the District meeting minutes and Financial Report on the Tri-Area Website. Grace and Lima Downtown Group voted No. Singleness of Purpose and Friendship voted Yes and Sunday Morning Wakeup voted No so the motion was defeated. The 12th Step Call List was tabled until December when all groups should have their lists ready. Alcathon: Chrissy M. made a motion that the Lima Downtown Group will Chair the Alcathons if they are held at 222 S. West Street. This motion was passed. Jean S. gave the Alcathon Guidelines to Chrissy and Dawn J. offered to help. Next meeting will be on December 12th at 5:30pm at 222 S. West St. Meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm with the Responsibility Statement. Respectfully submitted, Jean S., DCM, District 14

John and Henry C. drove to Bryan, Ohio, District 9 and got that district lit up. District 3 will be having a workshop and it is on PowerPoint. He thinks it is paying off for he and Henry to be visiting districts. John said Mary Claire is retiring on Nov. 28 from GSO and Rick W. will be taking over as Conference Coordinator. In ECR, there will be a conference call in December for all newly elected Delegates. John will update us on this. It was recommended that the 69th General Service Conference be held April 7th through the 13th of 2019 and the recommendation was not passed. John read us a letter from the State Planning Committee meeting that was written by the Delegate of Area 56 thanking NOCYPAA for her experience at their State Conference. We received \$540.89 from the last Ohio State Conference that was held in Cleveland. We had a Mini-Conference planning meeting yesterday. Bill W. is doing Registration, Danielle G. is doing Scholarships, Chris C. will be our Floor Manager and Debbie R. is doing Hospitality and they are all looking for people to volunteer. We are still looking for someone to Chair the greeters. Respectfully submitted, John C., Delegate

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. Nancy M. is chairing the Delegates/Past Delegates Conference and Henry encouraged anyone who wants to help with this to see Nancy. The new Guidelines are out and Henry asked that only GSRs take one since copies are limited this month. We will have more available next month so that everyone can have a copy.

NEW BUSINESS

Henry introduced Linda N. from Intergroup. Linda is the Chair of the Finance Committee and she gave us some guidelines for future use of our literature since she and her Committee will begin setting up a table of literature each meeting beginning in January of 2017. She asked that if you want more than a couple copies of any literature that you call Central Office and Karen M. will put together a package for you and Linda will have your package at the next General Service Assembly. They are going to try this for six months and see how it goes. Jim S. needed to request \$100.00 for materials to create a new District map for our next Mini-Conference. Motion made by Jim R., Monday Night Men's and seconded by Patty B., Sober Women's Big Book. Motion passed. The next Mini-Conference Planning Meeting will be on Saturday, December 17th at noon at Central Office.

The General Service Assembly Meeting adjourned at 2:13 PM, closing with the Responsibility Statement.

Next GSR Assembly Meeting will be held on December 18, 2016 at 1:00 PM at the Senior Center. Clean up for December is NOCYPAA. Tradition 12 will be Nicole K., Principles Before Personalities and Concept 12 will be Molly M., Mid-Evening Group.

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