

**GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY**  
**Area 55, Panel 66 NW Ohio & Monroe Michigan**  
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**Meeting Minutes for December 17, 2017**

*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.* Henry C. opened the meeting at 1:05 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. Henry C. read the Mission Statement. Damion T., GSR-Port Clinton Nooners, read the 12<sup>th</sup> Tradition, Billy S., GSR- Oak Harbor into Action, read the 12<sup>th</sup> 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: 31 GSRs, 3 Alternate GSRs, 7 DCMs, 2 Alternate DCMs, 1 DCMC, 1 Past Delegates, Intergroup Chair and 5 Guests. New GSRs and Alternates were: Luis N., GSR-Reno Beach Sobriety; Dan B., GSR-12 Step West; Chris D., GSR –Guides to Progress; Tarik K., GSR-Starlight Group; AmberLee D., GSR-NOCYPAA; Ynda C., Alt. GSR-Trail; Amanda B., GSR-Oregon Time for Us; Wendy H., GSR-Front St Group; and Lydia E., GSR-Tuesday Night Young Peoples. New DCMs and Alt. DCMs were: Neal M., District. 14 DCM; Dave G., District. 3 DCM; Darlene K., District. 10 DCM; Sherry S., District. 3 Alt. DCM; and Chrissy M., District. 14 Alt. DCM. Past Delegate Ron S. was present as well as Intergroup Chair Carrie C.

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**Treasurer:** Marty C. / [treasurer@area55aa.org](mailto:treasurer@area55aa.org)

*In November, 4.51% or 14 of the 310 registered Groups in Area 55 made contributions. Year-to-date, 28.38% or 88 Groups contributed. **Is your Group Supporting Area 55 General Service?***

Marty's report for October was as follows:

<u>10/31/2017 Checkbook Balance</u>	<u>\$7,605.62</u>
Income	<u>806.45</u>
Total	\$8,412.07
Expenses	\$4,359.03
Total	\$4,053.04
11/30/17 Checkbook Balance	\$4,053.04
<u>10/31/17 Prudent Reserve Balance</u>	<u>\$3,001.88</u>
Interest	<u>.05</u>
11/30/17 Prudent Reserve Balance	\$3,001.93

10/31/17 Mini-Conference	\$800.00
Income	0.00
Total	\$800.00
Expenses	0.00
11/30/17 Mini-Conference	\$800.00

After questions were answered regarding checks 1382, 1390 and 1393 Tim D., DCM District 4 made a motion to accept the report. Second by Billy S., GSR, Oak Harbor into Action. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS**

**Archives:** Nancy M. / [archives.chair@area55aa.org](mailto:archives.chair@area55aa.org)

No report at this time from the Archives committee. Next committee meeting will be at 5:00pm at Central Office on 12/28/17.

**Multi-District Correctional:** Jim S. / [corrections.chair@area55aa.org](mailto:corrections.chair@area55aa.org)

Jim S. gave the report. He first introduced the new committee chair, Beth P. For the Work Release meeting the groups can bring in their keys, ID and a maximum of \$5.00. Also members cannot wear revealing clothing or sandals. The new chair and vice chair are currently working to obtain a meeting with the staff at work release. Meetings at Toledo Correctional are moving to Monday nights due to the change to a phase four secure facility. Jim said they have 2 new members and 2 more prospective members. Beth P. gave a brief introduction of herself and also advised that Matt M. will be the co-chair for the committee. Anyone from the fellowship can contact the committee if you want to join at [corrections.chair@area55aa.org](mailto:corrections.chair@area55aa.org). Next committee meeting will be 12/18/2017 5:30pm @ Central Office. Respectfully Submitted, Jim S., Multi-District Correctional Committee Chair.

As an aside, Henry C., Area Chair mentioned the committee now taking meetings for Men and Women into CTF and if the committee needed assistance with obtaining a meeting with Work Release staff, Henry had a contact for that. Tim D., DCM District. 4, suggested that Beth attend DCM meeting to coordinate efforts with our other Districts.

**CPC/PI:** John K. / [cpc.pi@area55aa.org](mailto:cpc.pi@area55aa.org)

John K. gave the report. We met all of our commitments for the month of December. We have a commitment on Jan 5th with the VA. John introduced Bill F. as the new committee chair. He also due to new commitments coming in the near future, he is asking for assistance of new members. Next committee meeting will be 12/20/2017 at 5:30pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, John K., Chair

**Grapevine:** Veronica N. / [grapevine.chair@area55aa.org](mailto:grapevine.chair@area55aa.org)

Chris C., Panel 66 Mailing Secretary read the financial report. The committee met at Bay Park Community Hospital on 11/16/2017. The current commitments only include the Women’s luncheon on 12/2/17.

November’s Financial Report is as follows:

Beginning Balance 10/31/17	\$71.36
Income	\$321.00 (Including \$200.00 from GSA)
Expenses	\$358.00
Ending Balance 11/30/17	\$172.86

Motion to accept the report made by Deborah A., GSR Downtown Group and seconded by Sherry S., Alt

DCM District 3. Motion carried. Next committee meeting will be on 01/21/18 at 6:00pm in the Bay Park Community Hospital cafeteria. Respectfully submitted, Veronica N., Chair

**Group Services:** Steven G. / [groupser.chair@area55aa.org](mailto:groupser.chair@area55aa.org)

Steve G. gave the report. All commitments have been met. The next commitment will be on 1/1/2018 at Amazing Grace anniversary at 6:00am. Next committee meeting will be 12/21/2017 at 6:30pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, Steven G., Chair

**Accessibilities:** Jim L.

Jim L. presented reports for the November and December meetings. The 11/13/17 meeting was held at Frisch's on Navarre Ave. at 6:30pm. All Committee Commitments were met. These include the Merit House 7pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month, Addison Heights 7:30pm the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, Heartland Holland Glen 7pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday and Concord Nursing Center 7pm the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. The committee discussed the need for meetings at Concord Nursing Center. The committee discussed and decided to discontinue at this time attending Concord. The committee also discussed contacting two new shut-ins. Shut in cards that were signed were given to Andre' for mailing. There were no changes to the shut-in list. The financial report is as follows

Beginning Balance 9/30/17	\$33.63
Income	0.00
Expenses	0.00
Ending Balance 10/31/17	\$33.63

Report for December: The meeting was held on 12/11/17 630pm @ Frisch's on Navarre. All commitments have been made at this time. The Addison Heights commitment was on hold due to Tony W. currently was hospitalized. Concord was notified that visits would no longer be made. The committee is in need of a chair at this time as well as a co-chair. Dawn Fleck agreed to step forward to chair the committee. Nikki was also joining the committee. Dawn will attend the Assembly on 12/17/2017. There were no changes to the shut-in list. There are two referrals being addressed by Jim for appropriateness for the committee. These are John B. at Orchard Villa and Richard O. at Ohio Living. Andre prepared holiday cards which we signed and he will mail them out. Felicia will be getting pamphlets ("Serving All Alcoholics") that will be used by the committee. Andre will call to see if Tony W. (to be seen the next week by the committee) is out of the hospital. Financial report is as follows:

Beginning Balance 10/31/17	\$33.63
Income	0.00
Expenses	0.00
Ending Balance 11/30/17	\$33.63

Jim then introduced Dawn F. as the new Accessibilities Chair. The next meeting will be 01/08/2018, 6:30pm at Frisch's on Navarre Ave. Respectfully submitted, Jim L., Chair

**Website:** Josh D. / [web.comm.chair@area55aa.org](mailto:web.comm.chair@area55aa.org)

Josh D. gave the report. The committee met on 12/17/2017 at 11:30am at Black Kite Coffee. The committee discussed loose ends for the current committee. Plans are in place to load previous issues of the Area 55 News to the area website. The area guidelines are being placed on the website. The committee is looking to continue to reach out to build a digital archive on the site. 459 visitors came to the site in November. Josh thanked the members of the committee who had worked since its inception to build the committee and for their dedication along with the work of our webmaster. Josh also introduced Jennifer H. as the next committee chair.

Next meeting will be 01/21/2017 at 11:30am at Black Kite Coffee at Collingwood and Delaware in Toledo. Respectfully submitted, Josh D., Chair

**Intergroup Liaison:** Tim D.

Tim D. gave the report. The Intergroup Association met on 12/16/2017 at 6:30pm. Elections for the 2018 Panel and Vice Chairs were held. They are as follows: Vice Chair: Michael D., Treasurer: Kevin B., Secretary: Ryan O. The Committee Vice Chairpersons elected are: Veronica N.-Anniversary, Melissa Z.-Central Office, Jason T.-Children's Christmas Party, Darlene K.-Entertainment, Matt K.-Finance, Beau B.-Hospital, and Jennifer H.-Newsletter. The next meeting will be 01/27/2017 6:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church. Respectfully submitted, Tim D., Intergroup Liaison

**NOCYPAA Liaison:** Lars J.

AmberLee D., GSR-NOCYPAA gave the report on behalf of Lars. NOCYPAA held their elections for 2018 on 11/19/2017. The following were elected. Valerie P. – Chair, Melissa – Vice Chair, Peter - Treasurer, Noe – Secretary, John - Events, Eddie - Hospitality, Beth- Intergroup, Tina - Outreach, Lars - Responsibilities, Adam - Unity, Lydia - Graphics, No Newsletter person at this time, Next meeting 12/17/2017 5:00pm at Central Office. Respectfully submitted, AmberLee D., Incoming NOCYPAA Liaison.

### **DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER (“DCM”) REPORTS**

**DCM Chair: Jim S.**

Jim S., DCMC, Area 55, said the DCMs met today. Reports were given by Districts 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14 and 16. The site for Unity Day has been set for First United Methodist Church on Wooster in Bowling Green, OH. Jim returned seed money of \$175 since the church was not charging for set up, teardown or the use of their kitchen. Unity Day for 2018 will be on July 7, 2018. DCM and DCMC elections will be held after the Assembly this afternoon. He asked all current DCM to remain after the meeting. The next DCM meeting will be held at the Senior Center 1/21/2018 1130am. Respectfully submitted, Jim S., DCMC

**District 3: Dave G.**

Dave G., new DCM for District. 3 has no report. He has not set a date at this time for the January Meeting. He will advise the website committee for the next meeting to be added to the calendar. Respectfully Submitted, Dave G., District 3 DCM.

**District 4: Tim D.**

Tim D., DCM, gave their report. Meeting was held 12/13. They reported \$73.00 in their Treasury. The DCM and one GSR attended the meeting. Tim has attended 4 group consciences including Principles before Personalities, 12 Step West, Came to Believe and AA beyond Belief. No old or new business was discussed. Next meeting will be 1/17/18 7pm at Reformation Lutheran Church on Douglas Rd. Toledo OH. Respectfully submitted, Tim D., District 4 DCM.

**District 5: Melanie R.t**

Melanie reported on the District 5 workshop held Nov 11, 2017. Total Expenses were \$137.38, donations

received were \$174 in total. Attendance for the workshop was 34-40 people. She thanked her panelists and chairs for the panels that were put together. She thanked committees for bringing their displays. She also wanted to thank Walbridge Park, Women's Slice of Serenity and Trail Group as well as the assembly for their financial contributions. Respectfully Submitted, Melanie R., District 5 DCM.

**District 11: Ron S.**

Ron S., DCM District 11 provided the report. The monthly meeting was held on 12/14/2017 6:30pm at St John's Church in Tiffin. Six groups were represented at the meeting. Items from the Nov. 12 DCM meeting were discussed. Also discussed was what to do regarding unauthorized court slips, group stamps, and rotation of DCMs along with the date and location of Unity Day in July 2018. The idea was floated of creating a District newsletter. However it was decided by the groups that it would be better for Ron to attend meetings to Districttribute important news which would increase group attendance to the DCM meeting. Next meeting will be 1/11/2018 6:30pm at St John's Church in Tiffin. Respectfully Submitted Ron S. District 11DCM.

**District 14: Neal M.**

District 14's report for November was submitted by newly elected District 14 DCM Neal M. GSRs reported for their groups. Committee reports were given including that the area meeting schedule would be provided to the Lima News to publish in their community calendar. The phone will remain with Dawn J. The bank account has been successfully transferred to the new DCM and treasurer. They paid \$35 to keep their domain name at this time. New business included that groups are growing however some have not selected a GSR at this time. The final plan for the Alkathon was set. The Christmas Alkathon will start on Christmas Eve 6pm and run till midnight Christmas Day. The New Year's Alkathon will be 6pm-2am both will be held at the Catholic Services building 222 S. West St in Lima. Jean thanked the District for the opportunity to serve and said was the best service experience she had. Neal also introduced Chrissie M. as the new District. 14 Alternate DCM. Next District meeting will be held 1/8/2018 at 5:30pm at 222 S. West Street, Lima. Respectfully submitted, Neal M., DCM

**DELEGATE'S REPORT:** John C. / [delegate@area55aa.org](mailto:delegate@area55aa.org)

John C. presented his final report as Panel 66 Delegate. He wanted to express that he wanted to work throughout the area to pull ourselves together as an area and wanted to say he appreciated everyone whom serve. He said the first lesson he learned was flexibility. He learned that he was the ultimate servant for this area. With Jim and Henry's help he knew they would have to work to relight Districts to have a true voice of this area. The lessons he learned and the education process that has grown throughout the area have helped the area as a whole. The unity he saw was amazing and he wanted to thank from the bottom of his heart for the opportunity to carry the message to the alcoholic whom still suffers.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Henry C. requested a motion to approve sending the December Basket to GSO. The Motion was made by Sherry S., Alt. DCM District. 3, seconded by Billy S., Into Action Oak Harbor. Motion carried with no opposition.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The State Convention planning meeting will be 1/6/2018 10am, the next Mini-Conference will be 1/13/18 10am, both at Central Office. Anyone interested please attend one or both. DCM elections will be held after our assembly. Henry received an e-mail from the ECR trustee a copy of the motion to dismiss the lawsuit regarding the original manuscript to prevent from it being sold. Henry explained that during the ECR Forum the conscience of our region was heard clearly by the Board Members and GSO staff our being against the litigation for this purpose. Henry then turned the meeting over to John C. who gave a detailed explanation of the issue at hand. Jim S. suggested inviting Districts to clean up after the meeting so they could invite those to see General Service in action. John C. asked for a moment to thank Henry for all his assistance with computer assistance along with to thank his outgoing panel of trusted servants. Michelle R., incoming finance committee chair made mention that she can be contacted to bring orders for groups to the Assembly as well as will deliver if needed for any literature groups require. Jim asked the Districts after the meeting to meet with Jim, John and Henry to advise where the DCM elections stood.

Motion to adjourn was made by Tim D., DCM District 4 and seconded by Bob T., GSR Early Bird. Motion carried. **Meeting adjourned at 2:05 PM, closing with the Responsibility Statement.**

**Next GSR Assembly Meeting will be held on January 21, 2018 at 1:00 PM at the Senior Center. Clean up for January will be District 3. Tradition 1 will be Bob T., Early Bird and Concept 1 will be Billy S., Oak Harbor into Action.**

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