



Motion to accept the report was made by Chris C., Perrysburg Wednesday Night and seconded by Veronica M., from the Woodland Group. Motion carried. Karen thanked us for allowing her to serve and said it has been a wonderful experience.

**In December, of the 310 registered Groups in Area 55, 22 Groups made contributions this month or 7.09% and Year to Date 85 Groups or 27.4%.**

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ARCHIVES Committee: Deborah A.**

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There were no responsibilities for the month of December. There is a responsibility for January 1<sup>st</sup> at Amazing Grace. There will not be an Archives meeting in December due to Christmas. The next meeting will be January 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm at Central Office. I want to thank the Assembly for the opportunity to serve as the Archives Chairperson for the last two years. Service work for me has been a rewarding, challenging and growing experience. Patty B. will be the new incoming Archives Chairperson. Thank you, Deborah A.

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

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The committee met on November 18, 2015. The meeting began at 7:00 pm with Kristen T., Jackie B., Mary Beth I., Katy K., Tom D. and John K. in attendance. We reviewed the "Understanding Anonymity" pamphlet as a committee. The underage drinking informational program in Seneca County was held in November and our committee presented information about AA and some of our personal experiences with the 16 young people in attendance. We were given the calendar for the upcoming year and the next commitment for the program is January 16, 2016. We were contacted by the planners of Project Homeless Connect which is to be held May 11, 2016 at Bethlehem Baptist Church. They wanted an RSVP for the event and we have let them know that we would be interested in attending again. As for our display ideas, they have been ordered. A tabletop sign, a banner with the words "Alcoholics Anonymous" and a wheeled tote were ordered. Kristen T. will be rotating out of the chairperson position in January 2016. John K. has been asked to serve as the CPC/PI Committee Chairperson. We encourage anyone interested in serving on the committee to join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm at Central Office. Respectfully Submitted, Mary Beth I.

Kristen added that someone told her that by the time she got things on the committee figured out, it would be time to rotate off and she has found this to be true! She said she was grateful for having had the opportunity to serve as Chairperson but that she really could not have done it without the committee and wanted to thank everyone.

**MULTI-DISTRICT CORRECTIONAL CHAIR: Keith R.**

Committee met on November 16, 2015. Present were Keith R., Dales S., Nicole K. and New member Joe S. The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer. Updates on Commitments as follows: Tuesday night Work Release—Meeting covered. Toledo Prison—Dale S. They did not have a meeting for two weeks in a row because administration was in Columbus. Trying out some open discussion meetings and getting a good outcome from them. Lucas County Jail—

This meeting needs help. Keith R. has been going alone. Work Release Friday Night—Meeting covered. Lucas County Jail— Meeting covered. Rossford Driver Intervention—No update at the time of the committee meeting. Compass Driver Intervention—No update at the time of the committee meeting.

New Business: We would like to welcome our newest members Joe S. and Brad P. We are still in the process of getting things set up with CTF so that we can carry the message behind the walls there again. Next meeting will be at Central Office on December 21, 2015 at 5:30pm and then in January on the 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at Central Office. Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm with the Lord's Prayer.

**GRAPEVINE Committee: Bob O.**

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Bob O. emailed a Financial Report as of November 30, 2015 to Henry C. as follows:

Beg Balance	\$440.62
Income	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$440.62
Expenses	<u>360.66</u>
Ending Balance 11/30/15	\$ 79.96

Bob said he doesn't have a report because that they haven't had a committee meeting and he is trying to arrange a dinner outing before the end of the year. He said that their commitment at the Women's Christmas Luncheon went well. Veronica N. is going to be the new Committee Chair. They have two commitments in January: January 13<sup>th</sup> at the East Side 12x12 Anniversary and January 14<sup>th</sup> at Eastside Priority. He wanted to thank the committee for the opportunity to serve for the last four years. Bob said he is going to stay close to Veronica N. to help her to transition in as Chair. Respectfully Submitted, Robert O., Grapevine Chairman

**GROUP SERVICES Committee: David G.**

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The committee met on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm at the Freeway Restaurant in Oregon. Present were Laurie K., Jeff K., David G. and Vice Chair Steven G. We opened with the Serenity Prayer. We met our commitments for December at the Children's Christmas Party and at the Walbridge Park Anniversary. It has been an amazing four years of my life that I will never forget. This life changing fellowship that I became a part of has been God given to me and for me to spiritually grow on this life long journey for the rest of my life. I am so grateful to AA for helping me to get God back in my life so I can have true love and peace in my life. Now I must give it away in order to keep it. And for that I am responsible. We ended the meeting at 7:35p with the Lord's Prayer. Vice Chair Steve G. is going to take over and he is ready for this responsibility. Dave plans to stay around to help Steve. Respectfully Submitted: David G., Chair.

**SPECIAL NEEDS: Becky L.**

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Jim L., incoming Chairperson, gave the report as Becky L. was not present. They did not have a meeting the first week of December at their usual time. He corrected Jim B.'s address. Jim encouraged everyone to pick up a copy of the latest Shut In list which was available at the meeting. He said the committee needs our help and they especially need women. Their next meeting will be on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm at Central Office. Respectfully Submitted, Jim L.

**INTERGROUP LIAISON: Danielle G.**

Danielle G. not present, no report.

**WEB COMMITTEE: Josh D.**

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Web Committee Meeting Minutes from Dec. 20, 2015

The meeting opened at 11:40AM with banana and zucchini pound cake in honor of Kenney and Deborah's wedding, followed by the Serenity Prayer. We reviewed outreach moving forward including newsletter announcements, mailed flyers and word of mouth. The committee discussed implementing district maps on the website and looked at the Area 54 website as a guide and example to look at for good ideas. Digital archives remain on the back burner for the time being. I encourage all incoming chairs to contact Wendy the Webmaster. Each committee has an email on the website and she can help to activate these. This month there were 989 visits, 1425 page views and 824 users, 14.26% of which were Russian. Next meeting will be January 17, 2016 at 11:30am at the Senior Center. Respectfully Submitted, Josh D.

**OYPAA HOST: Bryan L.**

Matt G. gave a report of their recent activities. They are on a bi-weekly meeting schedule and they are averaging 30+ people a meeting. Meeting reports as follows:

**11/22/15**

Opening: Lauren opened the meeting at 5:20pm with the Serenity Prayer. Introductions were given and anniversaries acknowledged. Jocelyn spoke on Tradition 3. Derek will be speaking on Tradition 4. Subcommittee Updates: Sec: Jenna G. read the minutes from the previous meeting on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>. Motion to accept: Josh. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin. Unanimous vote. Treasurer: Tony M. stated that our account bal. is \$713.33. We left the NOCYPAA account with \$622.17. He has a detailed report with all expenses saved. Motion to accept: Bryan. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jenna. Unanimous vote. Events: Alley had a subcommittee meeting prior. The New Year's Eve event will be held at St. Andrew's Church (\$75.)

We will be selling pizza at \$2 a slice. We will also be donating food. Decorating trophy for our dodge ball event (Dec. 5) will be at Josh's house on Wed. Dec. 2 at 6pm. Spaghetti dinner will be Feb. 6 at location TBA. 50/50 raffle. Ask home groups if they would be willing to donate a basket to raffle off. Outreach: Jordan said we have an outreach table at MCYPAA. No one was able to attend KCYPAA. Once we have a location for the conference it will be easier to outreach. He plans on having a subcommittee meeting with graphics/events. Inreach: Downtown group on Christmas and New Year's Days could use our help with set up and clean up. He is creating an event for the Men's Luncheon. Lauren/Jocelyn got an inreach table at the Women's Luncheon. We will be cleaning up at Intergroup on December 19<sup>th</sup>. The meeting went K: well, they are supportive of us. Hotel: Kevin visited Kalahari and Park Inn. He sent all contracts to Darren to be looked at. The Grand Plaza is currently renovating. Unity: Tony C. stated the assassin game is still going, cheaters will be disqualified. The Ohio Skate event was a success. Newsletter: Jocelyn went to the committee meeting, 5 out of 12 articles from OYPAA Host. Our event will be in the newsletter. Web: Once we have a date and location set, Doc will be updating the website (OYPAA2016.org.) He will be posting our flyers for the events.

Programs: Josh spoke with EACYCAA and MCYPAA. He will be speaking with them to set up a time for us to do the Alcathon and Hospitality. General Service: Matt read his notes. He says many communities are in need of support. Overall it went well. Shut In: Sarah passed around cards to be signed for Thanksgiving. Hospitality: Nicole passed around a list of things we need to sign up for the dodge ball event. New Business: Kevin shared all his information on the hotels. The contract for Kalahari will be off the table tomorrow. After his presentation and a discussion among the members there was a motion on the floor from Norm to vote whether to host at Kalahari or look further into other hotels. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Adam. With a vote of 25-0, Kevin will be signing the contract. OYPAA 2016 will be Sept. 9-11 at Kalahari! Alley went through the budget for New Years. Josh made a motion to accept the \$240 budget. Jocelyn will be emailing the questions to people who offered to write the articles. Tony made a motion to spend \$7 to get our event in the newsletter. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed. With nominations, service resumes and votes taken the new position holders are as follows: Jacob M.—Co-Chair; Justin—Responsibility Chair; Ian—Inreach Co-Chair; Brentlee—Events Co-Chair. Josh made a motion to send \$10 to Central Office, General Service, Intergroup, World Service and New York. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed. Bryan made a motion to spend \$25 on a stamp for meetings and events. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed. Jacob will be reimbursed. Henry says the Mini-Conference is looking for help. Their first meeting will be in December. Shawn and Valerie will be getting to know each other in the next two weeks and reporting back next meeting. Motion to close was and seconded. Motion carried. Our next meeting will be announced.

**12/13/15:** Lauren opened the meeting at 2:10pm with the Serenity Prayer. Derek spoke on Tradition 4. Sarah is speaking on Tradition 5. **Old Business:** Our participation in the Christmas Party and the Women's Luncheon were successful. The dodge ball tournament was a success. Treasurer: Tony M. was absent but our current balance is \$2,651.29. He has a detailed report saved. Special Events: Alley thanked everyone for their help with the dodge ball tournament which raised \$836. Val made flyers for the New Year's event, the DJ is set up and Brentlee is getting the masks. Alley made a motion to reimburse Bryan for the \$300 for the union hall. Nev 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. Josh made a motion to pass \$200 for the spaghetti feed budget. Adam 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. There is a secret group event on Facebook to announce if you have found any groups to donate baskets. Inreach: Derek is attending the Sahara Men's Luncheon. He is also looking for volunteers for Christmas and New Year's day to help the Downtown Group with setup /cleanup. Also is interested in making an appearance at the New Year's Eve dance. LGBTQ: Aaron talked to Caleb. Together We Can is having a New Year's Eve event in Waterford, MI. Outreach: Jordan said MCYPAA was successful with 54 pre-registrations. They went to eat with INCYPAA Host. Derek went to DAYPAA Christmas Party. Josh D. has access to GSR Box 459, if we get our conference in that it will go to every GSR in America. WCYPAA is in Middleton, Wisconsin January 8-10<sup>th</sup>. Registration: Nev reports we have a total of 175 pre-registrations currently. Shut-In: Sarah is getting cookies to take to the shut-ins on Christmas and passed around a list for people to sign up to go with her. Newsletter: Jocelyn got the event in the newsletter. She is running for Vice Chair for the Committee at Intergroup December 19<sup>th</sup>. Hotel: Kevin spoke with Fran from Kalahari. We need to send a \$500 cashier's check for deposit. **New Business:** Nicole will be collaborating with Mike, our Volunteer Chair, to get assistance from each other throughout events. Jacob suggested getting a table banner and will be looking into pricing for t-shirts. Bryan pulled names for people to get to know each other before our next committee meeting, Joel and Ian. We will be discussing where

and when to have our meetings on the second Sunday during our next meeting. Personal goals were set. Our next committee meeting will be held December 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm at Central Office. With the motion to close from Nev and a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Derek, the meeting ended at 4:31pm.

**AREA DELEGATE: Nancy M.**

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Karen M. is reading this report in my absence today. I am at Ohio State University in Columbus, attending the graduation of my daughter's youngest daughter. My decision to choose my family occasion over being here for my final GS Assembly as Delegate was not made without discussion with other Panel 64 officers. By the grace of God and AA, I am sober and am invited and able to participate in important family occasions.

I very much looked forward to thanking you all for helping to make my term as Area 55 Panel 64 Delegate a truly rewarding and awesome spiritual experience. I have formed some new friendships with officers and committee chairpersons in Area 55 and other Areas in our Region. I also have contacts through the US and Canada as a result of representing you at the 64<sup>th</sup> and 65<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference.

Well, on with my small report.

Last month, I was absent from the GS Assembly because I was representing our Area at the EC Regional Conference in Milwaukee, WI. Unfortunately, I was the only one from our Area able to attend. I moderated a panel on AA history. Greg T., our new G.S.O. General Manager, was there and informed me that G.S.O. will not be sending a staff person to our Mini Conference in 2016. Unfortunately, his explanation was not well heard by me, something about time and expense. I am currently writing a letter to Greg, requesting he reconsider, as our Mini-Conference is perhaps the only time many of us will have the opportunity of meeting and getting to know GSO staff and hear about day to day business in our NY Office. I will have Panel 64 and Panel 66 Officers sign the letter when it is complete.

News from New York: G.S.O. construction is coming along and should be completed very soon. Two new staff were hired in October: Jeff W. is serving on the Corrections assignment and Sandra W. who is serving on the Literature Desk. I recently responded as a Conference member to a request for vote to suspend a workshop at the next Conference in order to have time to review and discuss the results of a feasibility study done by the G.S.B.

That is it folks. It has been a great pleasure and an honor to be of service as your Delegate. I know I will see most of you as we continue on this road of happy destiny.

Happy Trails!

Nancy M.

## DCM Reports

### District 14

Last meeting was held December 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Members in attendance were Kristen J., Jean S., Chrissy M., Don T., Shane H. (GSR), Pat D. (GSR), Ann S., Steve B. (GSR), Doug W. (GSR) and Rick R. All meetings reported attendance was up with the exception of the Hope Group where attendance is down. Sunday Morning Wake-up Group announced they are moving their Anniversary celebration from Jan to June, due to the weather over the past few years. They will still have cake in January and a date for June will be announced. Chrissy M. stepped down from GSR for Lima Downtown Group. Doug W. will now hold that position (welcome Doug.) The new Women's meeting started off strong but attendance has dropped off. The Singleness of Purpose made a \$25 donation to the Alcathons. St. Rita's is willing to host an early morning meeting one day a week. A room in the 718 building will be available to be used and the

meeting will be 6am-7am. The meeting will start sometime in January. More info as details are finalized.

The Covenant Ministry Services is opening an in-patient Women's Treatment Center at 1130 W. Market St. They would like to have an in-house Women's AA meeting in place before opening in late Jan or early Feb. Thank you all for helping me stay sober the last 2 years!

Jean is the new DCM for District 14. Respectfully Submitted, Kristen J., DCM District 14

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

John C. said that Veronica N. had asked him about us taking those classes that we had after General Service Assembly a few months ago. John said he spoke to a person at the jail and he said they would organize more classes if we wished. John gave that person's name and phone number to Veronica. He said if anyone would be interested in taking those classes again or for the first time, to see him after the meeting for the number.

Jim S. is the DCMC for the Area. They are planning on having a DCM meeting on February 21 at noon before the General Service Assembly.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Tim D. Came to Believe had two items: On November 20, 2015, the Los Angeles Superior Court found that the plaintiffs had failed to set forth a cause of action against the two demurring defendants. The Court found that the plaintiffs failed to establish that AAWS-GSB owed a legal duty to the deceased. Secondly, he reiterated that in the letter he received from New York, it was made clear that YPAA organizations are not considered groups, rather as an entity and/or an AA Conference. As opposed to having a YPAA organization as a group, it would appear more productive for the YPAA organization to encourage members to join groups and get involved with the service structure as General Service Representatives, District Committee Members or as part of various committees while being members of groups in AA.

Josh D of OYPAA got up and made the following statement: Wanted to thank Tim for his thoughtful concern for the well-being of young people in the Area. A lot of their people are active in General Service and in Intergroup. They had a panel at the Mini-Conference, they hosted the Hospitality Suite, they did a skit at the Mini-Conference, they were at the Women's and Men's Luncheons and the Children's Christmas Party, they were at the Variety Show. They do their best to support the Area and they appreciate the support they get from General Service and from Intergroup.

John asked Tim D. for a copy of the original letter Tim got from New York. John said he works with many of these young people and he said they are in the process of learning but if we don't embrace them, we are shooting ourselves in the foot. He believes in what the young people are trying to do.

Chris C. from Perrysburg Wednesday Night spoke and said that he said that first and ultimately it is principles before personalities. We can't change the past. All we can do is learn from our mistakes. We at General Assembly can share our experience with them so we don't have a repeat of the past. We have to get past our difficulties and work together for the common good. We have to embrace our young people. John C. said we need to hear both sides of every story and be tolerant and kind to one another and let God speak through our group conscience. He

also wanted to thank the body for the opportunity to serve as our Alternate Delegate. He said he has learned a lot and that he appreciates all of us and his Panel and that he has a special connection with every committee he has ever served on. It's been a pretty big thing to have served with all the people he has served with over the years and he just wanted to thank us very much. He introduced Henry C. as our new Alternate Delegate.

Henry C. got up and said he made an error on the date of the Mini-Conference meeting. It will be Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at Central Office. Also, we will be having more planning meetings for the Mini-Conference and those times will be determined at that first meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

As a last order of business, John C. said we need to take care of appointing DCM's for every district. Jim S. said we have 17 districts in total. We have 8 districts represented here. We have DCM's for 4 or 5 of them. District 1—Willie R. agreed to. Districts 3 and 4 we have DCMs for. District 8—Perrysburg/BG: Chris C. of Perrysburg Wednesday Night said he will help to find someone. District 14 is filled. District 11—we have someone. District 7—Maumee area, is that Glen? Maybe we need to find someone else for here because he has been doing it for a while. Jim S. encouraged everyone to ask someone in their District if they don't have a DCM already. They need to be someone who will go out and get to all the meetings in their District. Karen M. read of the groups in District 7 (Maumee area)—John C. asked the people in that district to try to think of someone who would be willing to serve as DCM. District 15- Defiance groups. Wendy said she said she has spoken to someone in the last few months who was supposed to be serving as DCM. Jim S. asked Wendy to have that person call him. District 10 is Monroe. Tim D. said he will look for someone for Monroe. John said that he and Henry will come and speak to people if need be. District 12 needs a DCM also. Jim S. said we want to unify the Districts which will unify the Area. He said they will talk about this at the next DCM meeting.

**The General Service Assembly Meeting adjourned at 2:19 PM, closing with the Responsibility Statement.** Motion to close made by Jim S. and seconded by Tim D. Motion carried.

**Next GSR Assembly Meeting will be held on January 17, 2016 at 1:00 PM at the Senior Center. Clean up for January is Eastside 12x12. Tradition 1 is Tom W. and Concept 1 is Tim D.**

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