

Area 54 Assembly Minutes January 19, 2020

Opening: Tim H.

Opened the Assembly with the Serenity Prayer. Prayer /Card Readings: - **Devan E.** – **Traditions** – **Christin B.** – Read the **12 Concepts** – **Arnetta P.** – Discussed **Tradition 6** - and **Steven K.** Discussed **Concept 6.**

Announcements: Mini-Conference Planning Meeting – Jan. 26th – GSR Workshop – Feb. 16th – Mini-Conference Planning Meeting – Feb. 23rd, 2020.

Recording Secretary: Beverly F.

Explained the sign-in procedure for DCM's/Past DCM's, GSR's, Area Committee Chairs/Past - Area. There's a 2-minute time limit for giving reports.

Presentation of Minutes.

Wayne B. & Matthew.?- Moved & Seconded.

Treasurer: Tina C. – Review Financial Report. Look at the Donation List. If there are changes that need to be made, please send those to treasurer@area54.org. *Adjustments* were made today, for 2019 expenses that were turned in today.

Mailing Secretary: Mark P. – Feb. 15th –Central Office – 12:00 – 2:00 pm. 710 Broadway – Lorain, Oh – 44052.

Registrar – Ola P. (report given by **Shyrl B.**)– There is a back-log on packets to new GSR's and DCM'S, due to recent website updates. Please be patient, the "glitches", are being worked out.

AA Anniversaries recognized – Mae R. – Finance Chair 7th Tradition

Motion: Suspend usual business, to work on budget for 2020. – Jeff Y.

(all Reports will be written)

New Business:

UNITY DAY – May 17th - OPYPAA will host.

OPEN HOUSE PICNIC – June 28th - CNCMD will host.

Delegate: - Shyrl B. – Discussed the Proposed Budget for 2020. Brian J.C. wants to shift \$300.00, to be used for an upcoming Corrections Workshop. Jeff Y. answered - that is possible. **(Change)**Area Specific Expenses –Just "Assemblies/Workshops".

Steven K. – Friendly Amendment:

Request that \$1,500.00 be made available for the Standing Committees to defray the costs of having face to face meetings. Amendment Fails.

Jamie B. – Motion:

Request that \$600.00 be added as a line item for the OYPAA Liaison to assist with completing their duties. Motion Carries.

Bob McK. - Friendly Amendment: 53/55 Mini-Conference Expenses. Switch \$750.00 and \$1,000.00 under Conference Expenditures.

Shyrl B. – Motion to donate \$500.00 for the International Conference 2020, for the Hospitality Suite.

The Budget for 2020 has been approved.

Alternate Delegate: - Susan R. – As I traveled back from Milwaukee in mid-October, I was delighted to have weather in the 50's and not a snowstorm. I met Alternate Delegates and past from 4 other areas. On Saturday afternoon one of the discussions I attended was about "Who Is in the Rooms". Needless to say, this was a lively discussion. Final statement: "Who is in the rooms and are we helping or hindering"?

Area Officer Reports:

Bob McK. – We have been assigned the Pontchartrain Room on the lobby level of the Crowne Plaza Detroit Downtown Riverfront Hotel. This location is adjacent to TFC Center, we can expect a lot of visitors. We plan to be open 7-11 pm Thursday and perhaps 9-6pm Friday and Saturday **BobNotGod2@att.net** by e-mail.

Grapevine Chair: Dustin S. – We were invited to give a seminar in December and will schedule a Workshop in the near future. A New books order has been placed, and we will have new books this month.

Archives Chair: Jamie B.- I continue developing a tri-board displaying a brief history of Area 54 via Intergroup/Central Office and other significant conventions, conferences and events that have occurred in Northeast Ohio. Archives Committee member Dennis T. (Ashtabula) and Ken B. (Youngstown) are assisting in compiling information. I am open to any additional information or suggestions.

CNCMD Chair: James A.– 1 – AdHoc picnic committee is in place. 2 – Budget Committee meeting in 2020. Planning Committee Meeting 2020. 3 –Vacant DCM positions.. 4 – Held (2) Service Panels.

OYPAA Liaison: Casey M.– 1 – Requesting assistance to get to OYPAA in Mansfield. 2 – The weekend of Sep. 18th, is the plan. 3 – Continue to stay in touch with OYPAA groups in Ohio. 4 – Received information from a member in Mansfield.

Finance Chair: Mae R. – I would like to suggest that we all put \$3.00 in the basket. For the Triangle of services, which are Unity, Service and Recovery One dollar is just not getting it anymore. In 2020 we want to take the area challenge of \$8.60 per AA member.

DCM Reports:

Steven K.- Dist. 8- Concepts Workshop in April. Chicken Roast in June at Waddell Park in Niles. Tightrope 359 will host a sharing session on the International Convention. YAIG Pasta Dinner February 15th.

Jeff N.– Dist.63 – Looking for more participation on Committees. Will be setting up Phone Hot Line. Checking on rooms for International & Ohio State Conventions.

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Dustin S. – Dist. 5&5b – Currently setting up meeting locations. Working on lighting up the District. Have included (5) Portage counties in Akron

James A. – Dist.38 – There are (2) new meetings added to my District. Could really use more active members. However, the Groups do donate money to help with General Service.

John M. – Dist. 23/39 – Discussed Concept 1. Attending Assembly and State Planning Meetings.

Dennis T. – Dist.36 – Looking forward to the upcoming Mini-Conference, at the DoubleTree Westlake. Also, the Open House Picnic, is another opportunity to give back.

Nelson M. – Dist. 61 – The Donation List needs to be updated and moved to District 21.

Wayne B.– Dist. 6 – Spring Workshops are being planned.

Jen P.– Dist 14 – GSR considering starting Young's People's Meeting. Looking for clarification of 7th Tradition. Need more participation from Carroll County.

What's on your mind?

Due to time constraints, members did not go to the mic at this Assembly.

Meeting adjourned followed by the Responsibility Pledge and the Lord's Prayer.

I AM RESPONSIBLE – When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there and for that I am responsible.