

Area 54 Assembly Minutes July 19, 2020

Opening: Tim H.

Opened the Assembly with - Serenity Prayer. Prayer /Card Readings: - **Ed B. – Traditions – Casey M.** – Read the **12 Concepts – Matthew P.** – Discussed **Tradition 9** - and **Bob D.** Discussed **Concept 9.**

Announcements: Virtual/Ohio State Convention – Aug. 21st and 22nd – Area Assembly - Sept. 20th – Oct. 18th – Area Elections – Virtual/Gratitude Sunday- Nov. 15th, 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.

Jamie B. & Wellington R.- Moved & Seconded.

Treasurer: Tina C. – Review Financial Report. Receipts vs, Expenses – Donations are lower – due to the Corona Virus. The Balance Sheet lists totals, at this time. If there are changes that need to be made, please send those to treasurer@area54.org.

Mailing Secretary: – Mark P. – Sep.4th (Done by the Mailing Secretary and his wife). Aug. 28th, article are due in to the Newsletter Editor/James. T

Registrar – Ola P. – Since Jan., there have been 19 Group Change Forms turned in and 4 – New Group Information Change Forms. GSO has requested, that only "New Group Changes" be sent in due to the 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 7th Tradition

Area Officer Reports:

Mark P. - Area 55 Mini-Conference - On Friday Mar. 6th, we drove to Bowling Green. The conference was held at the First United Methodist Church. Reports were done by Area Delegates. Then on Sat, breakfast/lunch/dinner was provided. The theme was A Clear Vision For You. Agenda Items were presented, and decisions were made in good business order, for the information that the Delegate for Area 55 needed to pass on. A good time, was had by all.

Susan R. – Delegates Past & Present – The 47th ECRC – held Feb 14-16th, 2020 – Novi, Michigan. Hosted by Area 33. This was attended by 14-Areas and 6-States. The purpose of this event was to discuss a variety of matters, effecting AA as a whole. Racey C. (P.I. Desk) stated that all PSA's have been updated. Mark. E. spoke and has been assigned to the Grapevine Board, also. ECRC - Nov. 19-21, 2021 – Hosted by Area 54 will be held at Double Tree in Independence, on Quarry Lane. Information will be on the website, Jan. 2021. Area 54 is the Forum Host and we will need approximately 30 Volunteers for the weekend.

New Business:

UNITY DAY – May 17th - OPYPAA will host.
OPEN HOUSE PICNIC – June 28th- CNCMD will host.

Area Officer Reports:

Literature Chair: Dusty S. - I have not had much business, over the past months, and Wellington R. has been keeping me busy. If anyone needs help, please contact me.

Newsletter Editor: James T. – Please turn in all articles to me no later than Aug 28th. All Area members can submit an article.

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. All Past and Current Archivists, I look forward to your response. I am open to any additional information or suggestions.

Hispanic Chair: Wellington R. – Challenges for the Latino community during this pandemic. A challenge has been extended to start an online meeting. Those located in Painesville has re-opened for physical meetings this week. I am in contact internationally with AA members. Today we have in attendance - (2) Past Delegates and (2) Current Trustees from Brazil.

Corrections Multi-Dist Chair: Joel T.– 7/8/&48 – At this time all penitentiaries are shut-down, due to the pandemic. There seems to be reluctance to allowing AA – back into to the facilities.

DCM Reports:

Cassie M.- Dist. 48- The OYPAA Convention is cancelled due to the pandemic. The plan is for Ice Cream Socials...in person and on zoom. I will get back to you with actual dates and times.

Mark P.– Dist.19a – Meetings are opening up in my district. The meeting I Chair is outside with members wearing masks, however there are those that will not wear masks. Another home group is a Hybrid (half live/half zoom). We continue to carry the message.

Leslie S. – Dist. 28 – Communications have not been consistent. There are some meetings that are opening back up. Plenty of space to keep social distancing in place. State protocols are in place and adhered to. The Southgate Club would like us to spread the word, that there is open for AA events.

John M. & Tim H. – Dual Dist. – 23/39 – We have attempted to have District meetings, but they have been adjourned due to lack of participation.

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Inter-Group Liaison Reports:

Tim H. – Ashtabula- This office has not been open. However, if you contact Tim S. he will get literature, etc.

Bob McK. – Cleveland – We have been impacted by the shut-down of meetings, in the middle of our fund-drive. We are stable financially at this time. The office can take orders physically and you can also go online. Call ahead so your supplies will be ready to go. Donations can still be made online, or if you have a birthday envelop, send it in.

Joel T. – Youngstown – The office is open from 10:00 to 2:00. Most of the meetings are up and running. Donation List needs to be updated and moved to District 21.

Mark P.– Lorain – 10:00 to 2:00 Mon, Thu, Sat. There are no meetings in the facility at this time. If AA supplies are needed, they will be made available for you.

Charles M. – Akron – Open for business. Contact Gene M. for a tour and other AA concerns.

Alternate Delegates Report: Susan R. – Let's talk about money. Two letters were sent regarding the recent draw-down of finances due to the recent short-fall. (as it relates to the pandemic.) The video gives suggestions on how to keep AA up, and running. Leslie B. – Non-Alcoholic Trustee spoke on the fact that AA is still available to the Alcoholic who still suffers. There are 7 months of prudent reserve remaining. Self-Support is needed at all levels, so we can assure that AA, remains for generations to come.

Delegate's Report – Shyrl B.

Welcome to all, we are glad you joined us today. Zoom meetings are our new normal. GSO Non-essential workers have been laid off and are working tirelessly from home, to keep AA available to all who request assistance. We have a new IT Director -Lorna Graham, hired February 3rd, 2020. Refer to the website for updates regarding compliance issues as it pertains to the pandemic and, how this effects our meetings. There are questions regarding our individual meetings and how to conduct ourselves, that GSO is patiently processing. We have (3) new Trustee slots ready to be filled in 2021. (Class A's). Send candidate information to Shyrl B. Flyers are available on the website for or upcoming Virtual Ohio State Convention.

Old Business:

Bids for the upcoming Virtual Gratitude Sunday, November 15th, 2020. We will follow Area Guidelines, and the new Delegate will share (2 minutes) at this event. Heights Hub is our Host for this year. 23 – For and 0 – Against.

Tina C. - Area Guidelines need updating. –A description is needed for the Floor Manager and OYPAA Liaison.

New Business:

E-mail items to Shyrl B., Susan R., Tim H. for the upcoming September Area Meeting.

What's on your mind?

Leslie S. – What about Prudent Reserve for the Area?

Mark P. – Big Books are on sale at GSO, at this time.

James T. – Virtual Bake Sale?

Shyrl B. – DCM College – Aug. 30th.

Matthew P. – Birthday Envelopes should be used for donations.

Motion To Adjourn: Wellington R. & Matthew P.

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.