

Area 54 Assembly Minutes September 20, 2020

Opening: Tim H.

Opened the Assembly with - Serenity Prayer. Prayer /Card Readings: - **Dustin S. – Traditions – .** – Read the **12 Concepts – Matthew P. – Joel T.** - Discussed **Tradition 10** - and **Calvin L.** Discussed **Concept 10.**
Announcements: Hybrid Assembly – Oct. 18th - Virtual/Gratitude Sunday -Sun. Nov 15th – Area Assembly – Jan. 15th – 2021.

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. Approval deferred until September assembly because minutes were not available on the website.

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. We have not been incurring expenses, due to lack of activities. If there are changes that need to be made, please send those to treasurer@area54.org.

Mailing Secretary: – Mark P. – Next party will be Dec 5th - done by the Mailing Secretary and his wife). Articles are due in to the Newsletter Editor/James. T. - by Nov. 21st.

Registrar – Ola P. – 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 GSO website updates. Continue to send forms to our Registrar. Please be patient, the GSO "glitches", are being worked out.

AA Anniversaries recognized 7th Tradition

Area Officer Reports:

Beverly F.- Virtual Ohio State Convention – The 64th Annual Convention was held on zoom – the 21st and 22nd of August. Areas – 53,54,55, and 56 were in attendance. Friday the Aug 21st, a power point presentation called "Conceptualizations" was presented by Jeff Y, and Bob McK. This was an animated version of the 12 Concepts. Our lead was Brenda B. (GSO Staffer) shared her experience, strength and hope. Saturday the Aug 22nd, Mark E, the ECR Trustee gave an overview of AA. Zoom, has afforded new service positions. Financially, we have 9 months of Prudent Reserve. Travel by GSO staff has been cancelled (due to the Coronavirus). "My Portal" should be available by mid December.

Jim S. – DCM College - The presentation took about an hour to complete. 25 people were in attendance. There were questions asked and answered. Current and Past DCM's were able to share their experience strength and hope. The information shared was pertinent to growth, as a DCM.

Area Officer Reports:

Archives Chair: Jamie B. – GSO reached out for shared experiences, which will be put into the upcoming Archives Workbook. Since I have no experience in this area, Bob M. Past Archivist sent me his experience to submit. I will be joining the National Archives Workshop which will be held Sep 26th from 1-5 (Virtual) I am sure it will be a great experience.

Literature Chair: Dusty S. – Nothing to report, at this time.

Public Information Chair: Bob McK – Ricardo P. was the Administrator at Central Office 1963-1981. He started a meeting in Mexico City which was the beginning of AA in Mexico, and recently celebrated their 75th Anniversary.

DCM Reports:

John M.- Dist. 23/39- Our attendance is down at this time.

Leslie S.– Dist.28 – My District is slow at this time. We will utilize the Southgate Club. I am re- doubling my efforts to get attendance increased.

Dustin S. - 5/5a/5b – Attendance is down, however I am still carrying the message. GSR's that have questions can contact me at anytime.

Karen S. – Dist. –31 – One Day At A Time is having physical meetings, which is in the schedule book.

Mark P. – Dist. 19a – We have a Multi-District meeting the first Sunday of every month. Attendance is 5-9 people. The Lorain Central Office is open now 3 days a week and should re-open in January.

Alternate Delegates Report: Susan R. – Let's talk about the upcoming election. In the Area Guidelines (which are on the website) are details of how the process works. Also Third Legacy Procedure and following are the requirements for standing for an office. If you are a GSR, you will be able to vote. If the GSR is not in attendance, then the Alternate GSR can vote. It is important that you register. A DCM is eligible to vote, if the DCM can not attend, the alternate can then vote. All standing Committee Chairs, Liaisons, & Past Delegates are eligible to vote.

Delegate's Report – Shyrl B.

Welcome to all, we are glad you joined us today. The pandemic has affected many different aspects of AA GSO positions. There were early buy-outs afforded, to save finance. The Final Reports are available on-line, and will be coming by mail. Auditors stated that there are no

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weaknesses indicated. Looking forward to NetSuite being up and running. The coronavirus has shut-down many activities. The budget is being reviewed, deficit of .38 million. Group Donations represented 48% of the Groups. On-Line contributions have been slowly rising. A dollar in 1935 today is \$18.40, please give as you can. Cost cutting measures have assisted in keeping AA, up and running to date.

Old Business:

Tina C, Treasurer, presented the 2020 updates for Area 54 Guidelines – The updates included corrections and current descriptions of committees and liaison positions. Discussion of the updates followed. The vote was 23 (For) 3 (Against). The updates were accepted.

New Business:

Jeff Y Districts 28 and Hts Hub (32,40,41,42,55). Requested that the Trustee Public Information Committee place the following on the agenda for the 2021 GSC: "That service material be developed, collecting shared experience from the AA fellowship with best practices using virtual technologies [such as Zoom, et.al.] to carry the AA message.

This motion was brought to our Area Assembly on September 20, 2020 and passed.

What's on your mind?

Ola P. – Celebrating my 28th anniversary on September 3rd, and also my 73rd birthday.

Motion To Adjourn: Wellington R. & Matthew P.

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