

Area 54 Assembly Minutes January 15, 2012

Opening:

Jay M opened the Assembly with the Serenity Prayer. Chris C. read the Preamble, Dave F. read the 12 Traditions. Kathleen S. read the 12 Concepts. Tradition Seven was read and discussed by Eva W. Concept Seven was read and discussed by Diane K. Jay M. stated that we will be accepting bids for the Open House Picnic today. The next planning meeting for our Mini-Conference will be next Sunday January 22nd at the Double Tree. We will be accepting bids for the hosting hospitality room.

Recording Secretary

Jamie B., recording secretary explained the sign-in procedure for all DCM's, GSR's, Area Committee Chairs and past Delegates to establish eligibility for running for office. Remember there is a 2 minute time limit for giving reports. October 16, 2011 minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Area Treasurer:

Calvin L. – Treasurer presented the Year End Operating Surplus Budget vs. Full Year Budget. Total contributions were \$17,618.40. Group contributions were \$16,461.96. Of the thousand plus groups the contributions came from 240 groups. Treasurer's report was accepted.

Mailing Secretary:

Joel T. Mailing Secretary We are working on setting up the next mailing in February. Please distribute/take or present the mailings to our home groups. It is our jobs to ensure the information is given to our Home Groups.

7th Tradition

Introduction of New GSR's Introduction of New DCM's

Area Officer and Function Reports:

Jay M. – Gratitude Sunday final report – Approximately 230 – 240 people attended the Gratitude Sunday Luncheon. Past Delegate panel was very well received. Seed money will be returned.

Jamie B. – East Central Forum report. November 11-13th. Forum was well attended. There was an orientation just for the first time attendee. They also had special colored badges for them. It was the feeling that the new comer is the most important person. There were several workshops, presentations. Bob D. presented "Association vs. Participation",

Jerry P. – GSR School update – Scheduled for February 19, 2012. If you have a Service Manual please bring it and highlighters with you to the workshop.

Ola P. – New people signed up for our Committees: Denise H – Special Needs, Quinsetta M – Special Needs. Eva W – Correctional Facilities and Special Needs. Update for our 38th Annual Mini-Conference - April 6, 7, 8th of 2012. Unfortunately this is our Easter Sunday weekend. We attempted to change the date but we were unable to change the date. See Sue R, for information on how to organize the hospitality room for the mini-conference. Ohio State Convention – July 20 – 22nd 2012 – Hilton Beachwood, room rate is \$75.00 plus tax per night. Rooms must be reserved by June 29th. We are looking for someone to do buttons and badges.

Delegate's Report – AAWS Area Highlights

Bob D. – The Corrections desk sent out an update introducing Tracy O. They also sent out a plea for outside members particularly men to participate in correspondence with inmates. See Tina for additional information. We had 340 in attendance at the ECR Forum; of those, 193 were first time attendees.

Old Business – None

New Business –

- Proposed 2012 Area 54 Budget** – 2/3rds vote is needed to pass the budget. – **Passed as written**
- Open House Picnic Bids** – Northcoast Multi-District and District 61 both made a bid for the Open House Picnic - District 61 received 31 votes – Northcoast Multi-District received 14 votes. – **District 61 received the bid for the Open House Picnic.**
- District 10 will host Unity Day – Theme will be Harmony and Unity**
- Proposal to change Schedule for Area 54 – committee reports will be given at the Assembly Meetings:**
- Proposed Schedule Change – Passed - See back of minutes for new schedule**

Tim H. - Motion to take \$350.00 from the carryover to put into the Archive Committee to bring Archive budget to \$700.00 balance will go to GSO.

What's On Your Mind

Greg J. – **New GSR's should sit in the front of the meeting instead of the back. If we want them to continue participating we should help them as much as possible, Just as we do the new comer at our AA meetings.**

Gary C. – Treatment Facilities Chair – Requesting DCM's to help follow-up on new treatment release people.

Motion to adjourn, seconded, passed, followed by the Responsibility Pledge and the Lord's Prayer

2012 New Schedule for Area 54

January	Area Assembly
February	Workshop
March	Area Assembly
April	Area Assembly
May	Unity Day
June	Open House Picnic
July	Area Assembly
September	Area Assembly
October	Area Assembly
November	Gratitude Sunday
December	No Meetings or Events