

Area 54 Assembly Minutes April 21 2013

Opening:

Dan F. opened the Assembly with the Serenity Prayer. Dan F. read the Preamble. Allie B. read the 12 Traditions. Callie T. read the 12 Concepts. Tradition Three was read and discussed by Jerry P. Concept Three was read and discussed by Vincent W. Dan F. reminded the assembly that bids will be accepted for Gratitude Sunday.

Recording Secretary

Shyrl B. recording secretary explained the sign-in procedure for all DCM's, GSR's, Area Committee Chairs and past Delegates to establish eligibility for standing for office in our next election. Remember there is a 2-minute time limit for giving reports. March 17th minutes were reviewed. Diane K. made a motion to accept minutes, Gary C. seconded the motion. Minutes were accepted.

Area Treasurer:

Susan R. Treasurer reviewed the Operating Surplus /Loss vs. Full Budget for Area 54 year to date. Total contributions are at 30% as of yesterday. Treasurer's report was accepted. Gary C. made motion for report to be accepted. Callie T. seconds the motion. Minutes were accepted. Jerry P. asked how groups in the area are contributing to the Area. Calvin L. answered that in 2012 there were approximately 1,000 groups in the area, but only 262 are contributing.

AA Anniversaries recognized

Mailing Secretary:

Jim S. Mailing Secretary reported that the 1100 pieces of mail went out yesterday. Our mailing party was at New Lyme Church in dual district 23/39. Mailing parties are a good way to get new folks involved with service. Yesterday we had four girls from a local ¾ house come and help us. We are also sending out 484 emails. If you want to "go green" and help area 54 save green please reply yes to me when you get your April mail.

Registrar:

Patti R. –Please continue to return updated information to the registrar. Patti can be contacted by phone or e-mail if anyone needs any assistance.

7th Tradition- Diane K. passed the baskets.

Introduction of New GSR's

Introduction of New DCM's

Area Committee Report

Group Services –Diane K. –Group Services is planning another workshop in Akron on May 18th. We also need more members. Please feel free to signup if you are interested in Group Services.

Treatment-Gary C- We had Bridge to gap from West Virginia to Washington D.C. We have 233 new contacts. To help follow up on these new contacts please see me after the meeting.

Public Information –Quinsetta M –Want to thank everyone who participated in PI discussion at the Mini Conference. There were four agenda items. Public Information also received a request from Case Western School of Medicine /Child Psychiatry to cross-link their website with AA and the AREA 54 website. I respond that AA is always willing to those who want to stop drinking and answer any questions, but according the sixth tradition we could not link the websites.

Literature- Jerry P.- The committee's first event was the 38th Mini Conference. In preparations for the conferences packets for attendee, we order materials from GSO. The total sale was \$54. During the mini-conference, we had sales that total \$200. To replenish deleted stock and to fill individual orders an additional order was made to GSO that amounted to \$ 267.

Corrections- Cathleen S. co-chair -The co-chair of the correction committee within multi-districts 7, 8, &48 went to a corrections workshop in area 53 and found very informative. Our chairperson Tina C., is in contact with Mahoning County Jail to bring a meeting for women to the jail. We are possible bringing a meeting to women's misdemeanor jail when it reopens.

Archives –James T.- The committee participates in two activities during this reporting period; the Ad Hoc for the 2015 International Convention Hospitality Room and Making recommendations to the Area Mini-Conference regarding 2 agenda items about updating a video and publish an anniversary edition of the Big book (1st Edition). We affirmed both recommendations. We look forward to hearing how the Conference handled these agenda items.

Hispanic Liaison-Wellington R.- The Hispanic council met with Area 54 representatives . The Hispanic core participants are Wellington R., Harry Q., Carlos Z., and Ricardo. Two others were absent at time of the meeting. Suggestions were passed about a formation of the Hispanic Council by are representatives and is being implemented.

Grapevine-Bob D.- We have 22 Gvr's through out the area. One of the gvr is an artist that draws cartoons for our magazine. Remember to get a subscription. There several different options ranging in price \$ 28.97 to \$ 49.97 for the magazines and a \$26.97 digital archives subscription. In preparation for Founder's Day we are placing an order for materials.

Newsletter-Jeff Y.-The recent issue of the NE Ohio Recorder was given to the mailing secretary on the day following the mini-conference. The voting session was the last item in. A few reports and one article were not included because of lack of space. I ask the area officers to consider a larger format for the newsletter so that reports needn't be left out.

Finance – Terry H. - Susan presented a well-received presentation on the 7th tradition at the mini-conference. The chairperson also announced the availability of the anniversary envelopes for those celebrating an anniversary in April.

Dan F. Dark District ad Hoc Committee- I was asked to "shed" light on dark districts and help current district maintain service . Recently, I have done extensive work with the Lorain district. We rebuilt the entire service structure. Yesterday I visited Akron Multi-District and rolled out new service forms to make service position easier. On May 1st, I schedule with Wellington to see what is happening in District 30.

Area Officer and Function Reports:

Calvin L –Area 55 Mini-Conference- Ola and I attend this conference which was held March 15-17, 2013 in Perrysburg, Ohio. Area 53 & 54 delegates shared area highlights on Friday. Pam R. ECR trustee spoke on her duty and responsibilities. Mary C. , GSO staffer shared about AA in other countries. Friday night ended with Johnny M from Monroe Michigan giving a lead. On Saturday, the morning was spent in committee sessions, and the afternoon in the voting session. At the banquet, the Young People in AA gave a skit. Mary C gave her lead and talk about a 9/11 occurrence. On Sunday, Nancy J. from Toledo spoke and Bob S. gave closing remarks.

Calvin L. Area 56 Mini-Conference –Ola, Mary B. and I attend this conference on the weekend of March 22-24 In Piqua Ohio. Past delegate Alicia R. opened the conference. Mark E , panel 62 delegate gave a summary of the agenda items. Adrienne B, our GSO staffer gave her report on the office and the spirit of rotation that occurs every two years.. Pam R. ECR trustee ended the evening. On Saturday, we were in committee sessions. A class A trustee and an Area 73 (West Virginia) delegate also sat in on our committee. West Virginia does not have a mini conference. In the afternoon, the voting session took place. That evening, the banquet was followed area highlight from the attending delegates. Adrienne B shared her strength and hope. Sunday closed early due to impending snowstorm.

Unity Day Update-Diane K/Wellington R- Flyers are available. The topic will be "How does Spirituality Mix? This workshop will help you express to your groups the important giving donations and proper split. Wellington is learning about the process.

Open House Picnic - Jim DCM 39- the flyers are finalized and copies are available. Various committees are being completed. The dual district DCM's, Dave T. and I have been attending our groups asking for donations. Some groups are committing to bring food items. We are also asking all Area 54 DCM's and GSR's to ask their groups for donations.

August Workshop-James T/ Bob D-On August 18, 2013 we will be holding Area 54 DCM College. If you missed the GSR school, you have been granted a GED, so no excuses! It is a potluck dinner so bring a dish (with something delicious in it).

Alternate Delegates' Report – Calvin L. – AAWS Highlights – Grapevines' monthly print circulation is around 83,258. Grapevine ended 2012 with a net profit of about 257,000.

This occurred because moving expenses being paid by GSO and workers were furloughed. Gross profit on Grapevine books was above budget at \$ 49,000. At AAWS, a total 903 new groups in US and Canada were listed GSO last year. The World Service Meeting met October, 2012 in Rye, New York. Sixty delegates representing 35 countries and zones participated. MERCCA was also held in November 2012 .This was the 11th annual meeting. It occurred in Kuwait. The Big Book in Navajo is due in 2013

Old Business – Ad Hoc for 2015 International Convention Hospitality Room- the committee met on April 15th. Bob McK. spoke with GSO staffer Eva S. and she stated that only a general service area or region may request hospitality rooms. Send request to GSO and they forwarded to Talley Management to handle. The various inter-groups, central offices and historic home groups will be invited to participate, but Akron intergroup will be the lead and provide substantial financial support. The committee submitted the following motion: "**The Northeast Ohio General Service (AREA 54) requests our General Service Office to arrange for a hospitality area at the 2015 International Convention.**" A unanimous vote was given by the area assembly.

New Business- District 10 presented a Bid to Host Gratitude Sunday on November 19, 2013 in Wooster, Ohio. The body unanimously approved it.

What's on Your Mind

Area

Mae R.- Asked the question: " Are flyers out for the international conference?" . They are not available.

Quinsetta M. – On Saturday, May 18 the annual workshop from Cleveland Multi-district on Finance will be held at 3000 Euclid Ave in Cleveland. Why didn't we talk about the Themes at Min-Conference?

Jesse H. -talk with customs there is an enhance license that people can receive instead of a passport.

Callie T. –Inquired if there is a process for tracking contributions. Several people said yes there is and usually groups will receive a thank you letter/note.

Allie B. –wanted thank everybody for helping at with Hospitality Suite received close to \$900 in donations. The committee will be returning seed money to area.

Motion to adjourn was made by and Joyce C. Steven S. seconded and motion was passed, followed by the Responsibility Pledge and the Lord's Prayer