

**Area 54 Assembly Minutes**  
**July 19, 2015**

**Opening: Area Chairperson**

**Susan R.** opened the Assembly with the Serenity Prayer. The *Preamble* the **Karen S.** read the *12 Traditions*, and **Jill S.** read the *12 Concepts*. **Jessie H.** discussed the 4<sup>th</sup> *Tradition* and **Dan F.** discussed the 4<sup>th</sup> *Concept*.

**Recording Secretary Tina C.** -explained the sign-in procedure for all DCM's, GSR's, Area Committee Chairs, to establish eligibility to stand for office. Remember there is a 2-minute time limit for giving reports. **Please be sure all reports are neatly written with name.** A motion was made and seconded

**Area Treasurer Shyrl B.** – Reviewed current budget and expenses to date. Update balance sheet. Keep the donations coming every little bit helps.

**Mailing Secretary Ron O.** – June mailing 1,200 pieces host District 2. Next folding party Dual Districts 23 and 39 1 pm September 19<sup>th</sup> New Lune Manse in Rome Ohio. Due rate increase I will be mailing out of Cleveland Please go green.

**Registrar Jim S.** – 219 registered groups 1245 listed active 554 listed inactive 340 listed unknown no contact. 24,694 Home group members that's about 11,443 home group members (inflated number). We need to count only active home group members

**AA Anniversaries recognized Finance Committee handed out Birthday Plan envelopes Introduction of New GSR's & Introduction of New DCM's**

**Area Officer and Function Reports**

**Mary Ann K-Unity Day-** Calvin gave his General Service Conference report. A panel discussion by Karen S Steve B and Wellington R on AA around the World was the presentation and was the Unity Day Theme.

**Rea R Open House Picnic-** 100 plus in attendance 8 different districts we will be returning the 300 dollars in seed money. Thank you for allowing us to borrow the sound system.

**Danny F August Workshop Update-** DCM College was held on August 16<sup>th</sup> it was a pot luck event James T will do the power point on DCM service position. I will be moderator of the DCM panel. Diplomas will be awarded.

**Area Committee Reports:**

**Tim H- Grapevine** – \$118.00 in sales at Founder's Day in was a new location this year unlike the awesome spot we had last year. Next year we will be by the business center where we will experience and increase in traffic.

**Mike S- Treatment** – I was just selected as the new chair thanks for this opportunity to serve the AREA at this time no report.

**David J Literature** – Sold 84.14 in books and literature at Unity Day. Various free literature has been ordered and is on display please take what interests you and pass it around. If there is something you'd like and don't see it

ask I'll look into ordering it. Consider joining the literature committee.

**Mary Ann K- CPC-** Took advice from my PCP on specific information physicians would utilize for helping patients with alcohol problem and decided: AA at a Glance, The letter: Bringing up the Touchy Subject of a Patients Drinking and my AREA service card to contact me. 50 doctors so far addressing them specifically.

**Marilyn H-Corrections Chair-** I am waiting for responses from corrections departments. I reached out to others to get some suggestions with the committee and working on a workshop in Dist. 10 and getting it scheduled Dist.9 will also take part in the workshop.

**Gary C-Special Needs Chair-** Very busy in Youngstown establishing new meetings for special needs in three groups.

**Roosevelt T- Finance-** Promoting finance at every meeting the one dollar once put in the basket is not enough today. Be a message of example and donate \$ 2.00 dollars.

**Ola P- Group Services chair-** Limited activity with the committee work has continue to expand scope of the presentation to include attendee participation, assist GSR's with key issues. We welcome suggestions if you would like to be a part of the committee see myself we have been invited to Dist.10 on December 13<sup>th</sup> to present a GSR workshop and we could use any and all help.

**Bob McK-Public Information-** Have established some new media contacts going to get real busy with them this fall.

**District Reports:**

**Jessie H.-Cleveland Northcoast Multi Dist.** – Discussed our upcoming picnic @ Forrest Hill park in Cleveland Heights Shelter 2a and 2b starts at 10am 1:30 food and 3pm lead Roosevelt T.

**Area DCM Reports:**

**D #13 Gary C.-**We are in the process of electing a new DCM and Alternate District is good and getting new GSR's looking for new group to lead the meeting.

**D#3 Dustin S-** Visited 30 groups GSR's or secretary became the updated contact all forms given to registrar. Some groups had more than one group number resolving this with Jim S. some groups listed are not in Dist. 3 and some are not in existence any longer.

**D#2 Mike S.-** There are 2 new groups reviewed group package contacted all GSR's asked for a meeting with their group to explain the need of an active GSR and the importance being linked to the AREA Multi Dist. and GSO.

**D#10 Rea R. -** We have begun the planning of our next workshop it will be December 13<sup>th</sup> Ola P will be the presenter.

**D#4 Vincent W-** Updated an old new group. Another group held elections for rotation within their group.

**D#35 Edward U-** Trying to get more GSR participation. Still looking for a district meeting place. 3 new groups moved to Dist. 35.

**D#39 Karen Z-** Groups busy discussing treasury concerns of which intergroup to support Cleveland or Ashtabula. Sunshine Serenity Groups anniversary is July 26<sup>th</sup>. Had one new GSR Sherri B from Perry Tuesday Group. Discussing with Wellington R about getting East Cuyahoga and W Lake County Meetings active. The Dual District is working on their GSR school presentation.

#### **Intergroup Reports:**

**Tim H. - Ashtabula Area Intergroup-** Golf Outing coming up to benefit AAIGO flyer is on website. We sell all conference approved and conference not unapproved literature coins and meditation materials.

**Georgiann D- Akron Intergroup-** August 2<sup>nd</sup> is election of new intergroup officers in addition to a Trustee, an AREA 54 Representative and 9 members at large. Akron held its annual picnic July 18<sup>th</sup> Tina C AREA Recording Secretary was the speaker it was a nice turnout with lots of good food fellowship and softball.

**Alternate Delegate Report Jamie B. -** State Convention Aug 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> is hotel room deadline is Monday. Need new Treatment Chair Mike S. 2016 State Convention is Aug 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> @ the Westlake Double Tree need committee volunteers to make this an awesome State Convention please sign up and plan to attend the upcoming planning meeting September 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:30.

**Delegate Report Calvin L. -**International Convention est. attendance was 57,000. 94 flags and 93 countries. Thanks to all from AREA 54 who volunteered. Thanks to all our host districts so far this year everyone has done an awesome job.

**AAWS highlights:** GSO and AA Grapevine co-location project grapevine will now be located on the same floor of the GSO. Archives new exhibit on the AA's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in digital Archives. A 9 minute clip of Sister Ignatia has been added to the audio archives library. Sales and group contributions are down. The Navajo translation of Alcoholics Anonymous has come complete halt. Panel 64 delegates will monitor and keep contact with the publisher. The ASL translation of the 12 and 12 and the Big Book is progressing. Treasurer 5% of our groups are donating to GSO that's 60 groups out of 12,000. 2014 7.39 % were donating. Update Russia's two license they didn't decide GSO decided for them. Russia's Service Office Board will be the only license they will have to work out all other issues internally.

**New Business:** None **Old Business:** None

**International Convention Ad Hoc Committee Report:** Bob McK AREA 54 **Hospitality room**

**International Convention:** We were adjacent to the Regionals room ours was ran by Jim B Akron Archivist.

Lots of literature was given out. There was an AA National Archives display registrations for the upcoming convention were handed out. AA's now have a better understanding of our AREA.

**New Business: Gratitude Sunday Mike S Akron:**

Is at St. Paul Episcopal Church the hall holds 200 plus people. We are following the AREA Guidelines to be sure we meet the requirements set by the AREA. Flyers will be available at September meeting due to some edits. There will be a panel of GSR's and DCM's speaking on their service/gratitude and how it impacts their recovery.

#### **What's on your Mind?**

**Jerry P-** Registering for the state convention you may need to mention AA to get the room rate.

**Bob D-** Spoke of his service at the International Convention

**Ola P-** Mini Conference displays were awesome. Clarification don't the Mini Conference chair have the right of decision relating to all conference and the AREA Delegate and Panel is to abide by those decisions unless contrary to guidelines. This protocol has not been followed and a negative feeling is present and put the chair in conflict with those who don't utilize principals before personality. Why are committee chairs having to ask for their reimbursement, prior practice was checks were wrote out and disbursed second day of mini conference.

**Mike S-** Asked for volunteers to help with treatment committee.

**Jeff Y-** Rotating GSO Board member of Debtors Anonymous introduced new Non Member Class B Trustee of that group Bob D he'll provide insight outside service expertise of service structure and guidance.

**Dawn J-** Thanked AREA 54 and Cleveland Northcoast Multi Dist. for their support of her at the International convention.

**Calvin L-** Reimbursement for committee chairs they now must fill out the check request form to get the reimbursement. We'll only provide reimbursement if we get the form from you no form no check it about having accountability.

**Karen S-** Asked if the Akron Multi District did a 7<sup>th</sup> tradition.

**MaryAnn K-** Confused of the reimbursement process and needs it clarified.

**Susan R-** This form was implemented when Calvin L was treasurer. When I was treasurer I filled out forms and gave to chairs for signatures and upon return they were handed checks.

**Tina C-** Multi Dist. Chicken Roast event update to location issue and event is moving forward.

**Jamie B-** Reimbursement you were not required to ask for it. If this is a new policy then the issues is communication and the lack of updating information to the members it benefits.

**Ola P-** Reimbursement form was in Panel 57 has since changed names but same form. Past practice was treasure filled out form gave to committee chair for signature and handed them a check.

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