

Area 54 Assembly Minutes
March15, 2015

Opening: Area Chairperson

Susan R. -Opened the Assembly with the Serenity Prayer. Jackie M read the 12 Traditions Thomas M read the 12 Concepts. Raymond L discussed Tradition 2 Danny F discussed Concept 2. Gratitude Sunday bids will be accepted at the April Assembly.

Recording Secretary

Tina C.-Explained the sign-in procedure. There is a 2-minute time limit for reports. Gary C Made a motion and Thomas M second the motion. Minutes were approved.

Area Treasurer

Shyrl B. – Reviewed balance sheet it's a great time for groups to donate to the Area. Due to travels by panel all receipts are still coming in and a more reflective account of the budget will be represented at our next meeting. Contributions would be appreciated. Budget as is was reviewed Thomas M made motion and Joyce C second. Body approved minutes.

Mailing Secretary

Ron O. – Next mailing party will be Saturday April 18th 1pm @ the Paradise Club Deadline for the recorder is April 4th. Deadline to me is April 10th. Next Mailing party is June 20th. Please go green

Registrar

Jim S. -Group updates are due today. If forgotten you can mail, e-mail or call Jim S. Anything later than today might not make into the directory.

Introduction of New GSR's & New DCM's.

AA Anniversaries were recognized the Finance

Committee handed out Birthday Plan envelopes.

Area Officer and Function Reports-

Diane K,-GSR Workshop- February 15th was the GSR school 75 people attended even though there were a few issues the event was a success.

Mary Ann K-Unity Day: Rea R provided update for Mary Ann discussion was held on the suggested theme and suggestion of doing an around the world type event.

Rea R.-Open House Picnic Update: Both sides of the pavilion have been reserved at Christmas Run Park in Wooster Ohio. Mary Ann and Rea R are looking at skits to be performed at the picnic.

Tina C - Area 53 Mini-Conference: This was my first opportunity to see another area run a MINI Conference. We arrived Friday Afternoon. I had dinner with Bob D and Susan R, after dinner we heard the ECR Trustee report, GSO report and the Friday night speaker. On Saturday we went straight into committee. Saturday night banquet speaker was Racy J from the GSO awesome lead. Sunday morning straight to Committee for voting. Thank you for giving me this opportunity it was a very enjoyable

Area Committee Reports:

Marilynn H- Corrections- I have talked to men and women about going into facilities. I have sent out a lot of letters and am looking forward to receiving more in the future. I'm looking forward to the Mini Conference.

Thomas M- Treatment –In March presented to Neil Kennedy Recovery Clinic acquired month presentation schedule.

Robert M.-P I- Inviting area radio and television stations to air public Service Announcements (PSAs). I will be working with other AA's who work in media to help with this process. We will be explaining the importance of showing the PSA's at a late hour (2am works best).

David J- Literature – Sold \$193.00 dollars in merchandise including 9 copies of the reprint of the first ed. Looking forward to the mini conference and selling lots of inventory.

Roosevelt T.-Finance- Placed order for group services envelopes unfortunately not here in time for Mini Conference. Beginning to hit area meeting to explain the importance of finance.

Jim H-Grapevine – Sales are going well we have sold about \$150.00 in merchandise so far this year. Looking forward to the Mini Conference to sell more items.

Ola P – Group Service-the committee has yielded three new members. The committee will begin working on expanding the scope of the GSR School Workshop to include more attendee participation and a format and address issues that new GSR's may have when reporting to the home group. The committee is available to present the workshop, upon request at groups/districts

Gary C- Special needs Chair- We are working on a new pamphlet and are assisting groups with assisting their needs for special needs members.

Wellington R- Hispanic Liaison- I received the script for Dr. Bob's house tour and I'm working with other Spanish speaking members to do the translation into Spanish

Area DCM Reports:

Thomas M D# 8- groups are up dated and ready to be submitted for directory.

Ed U DCM D #35. In the process of finding a place to hold district meetings.

Gary C DCM D #13. Following up on updating meetings and getting new GSR's district going through some hard times prayers are needed.

Rea J DCM D#10. Good attendance at the district meetings we will be hosting the AREA picnic we have 10 people from our district headed to the Mini Conference. We are doing a newsletter to our local groups to keep them informed of upcoming Area events.

Michael G DCM D#05B & John McP. DCM D#5A- Groups are doing well. Most groups donate to intergroup only two donate to AREA we are making strides to getting groups to donate to all of AA. new groups are starting up and need updated looking into getting a web page established for district working with groups to be sure all positions are filled working to establish some type of district meeting one of our meetings just celebrated its 74th Anniversary with 300 people in attendance.

James A DCM D#38. Looking into using local committee members to help get the word out to the outer boundaries of the district to get more participation.

Intergroup Reports

Genny M. - Cleveland Central Office- March 26th @ 7pm is the annual meeting when new members for the Operating committee are elected. Saturday May 30th there will be a corrections workshop from 10-12. Upcoming event on Saturday June 20th 9-5@ Kirtland Farm Park more information to come.

Tim H. - Ashtabula Area Intergroup – We have a wide range of conference approved and non-conference approved literature and coins. 24hr. Hotline is manned 24hrs a day. Next meeting is March 16th @ 7pm.

Georgeann D-Akron Intergroup- March 1st started open registration for Founders Day at the office and online. Planning for the event is going well. The play was relocated to another spot may be additional costs for lighting. Speaker will be on center field. Two new voting members were elected to the Archives committee Bob McK and Mary K. Their chair for treatment was approached with questions regarding how to get big books donated to the detox center.

Jamie B.-Alternate Delegate's report: AREA 54 Mini Conference update. Reminded everyone to be discussing the General Service Conference themes and workshop topics with our home groups and bring them to our conference. Reminded the committee chairs of their displays to have them ready to go for the mini conference. Introduced Wellington R to do a financial up date of the Mini Conference.

Calvin L-Delegate's Report: Asked for funds be given to Lake Shore Multi Dist. for the Mini Conference hospitality room. Grapevine update an estimated decline of 3,000 subscriptions per year is expected. Promote the sales of it and La Vina. GSO staff member applications being accepted till May 1st. AAWS updates will be on our website (area54.org) International Convention registrations are up from 2010 they need 4,000 volunteers. The 75th Ann. Ed. Big Book net profit is \$161 thousand. We are the hosts of the 2016 State Convention It will be held at the old Holiday Inn Westlake which is now the Westlake Doubletree we were bumped from original date due to the Republican Nat. Con. so our new date is Aug 19-21 2016. We will need committees our early Bird flyer needs to be done by this November we will have much more to discuss.

Old Business: Proposed changes to AREA 54 guidelines **Change 1** is to provide alternates to remaining 4 area panel members who don't have alternates in case of illness or injury this does not mean these alternates step into position they will still have to stand and be elected just like everyone else. *Passed 35-7*

Proposed **Change 2** is to the Area Open House Picnic and Gratitude Sunday bid seed money from 200 to 300 due to costs. *Passed 40-1.*

Add Hoc Committee-Dark District-

National Archives Workshop-Bob Mck.- all chairs have been selected will be contacting local Intergroup's and Central Offices for displays 18 registrations so far we have a long way to go. The hotel did raise their rate to \$109.00 per night. Looking into souvenirs Bob Mck. is temp co-program chair he will begin to lay out the program suggestions submitted by Gail L.

Mini-Conference Package Drawing – Mark P
AREA 54 Hospitality Room International Convention- March 1st was our recent meeting we were giving the Burch room of the Omni Hotel which is adjacent to the convention center where most of the events are held. Akron is supporting us well Jim B is the hotel contact and in charge of the room. We will **NOT** be providing any refreshments because of the high cost.

New Business- ECR Committee requested all AREA's donate \$350.00 to their Hospitality fund at the International. Area voted to donate \$250. Which will be taken off the \$1,000 going to GSO and the remainder \$750.00 will then be forwarded to them.

What's on Your Mind?

Ola P- Group change forms are needed to be given to Jim S. Reminder that all committee and Panel members contact information is on the website. All Mini Conference registration and Banquets need to be postmarked by March 20th final count on March 24th. If you called hotel to reserve a room and were told our block was full please provide name so I can resolve this issue.

James – I will be having surgery and possibly will not make the mini conference if this occurs I'll donate my registration and banquet to someone to have but not room.

Jerry P- Question to panel where did the theme and Agenda topics come from and if there is any background information to go along with the Agenda theme and topics sent by GSO to be discussed by us at our home groups.

Ola P- Answer they come from all AA's from around the world and no there is no background information.

Diane K- Can the panel consider moving the GSR school be moved to another month to avoid coinciding with the Delegate's past and present conference. This was the 2nd year this has happened.

Karen S – The GSR School was a great training and all topics and workbook was thoroughly covered and was a great day.

Arnentta P- Is anyone allowed to attend the State Planning Meeting? And can a District Chairperson forgo their monthly meeting to attend this meeting? It's a district issue.

Susan R- Response if they attend the State Convention Planning meeting they have no voice in the proceedings and won't be able to vote on anything discussed. Only panel members and past Delegates get to.

Jamie B- Normally the State Convention planning meeting is the 2nd Saturday of the month not the first but due to scheduling conflict it was voted on and changed.

Motion to adjourn was made James A, second by Joyce C and passed then followed by the Responsibility Pledge and the Lord's Prayer.