

**Area 54 Assembly Minutes
Oct 20 2013**

Opening:

Jamie B. opened the Assembly with the Serenity Prayer. Debbie A read the Preamble. Donna L. read the 12 Traditions. Arnetta P. read the 12 Concepts. The Fifth Tradition was read and discussed by Genny M and Concept 5 was read and discussed by Hillis J.

Recording Secretary

Shyrl B. 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. September

Treasurer: Susan R reviewed the Operating Surplus/Loss Budget vs Full Year Budget for Area 54 year. We are at 82% of budgeted contributions Treasurer's report was accepted. Minutes were accepted as represented. Susan discussed the Asset balance sheet.

Mailing Secretary:

Jim S- states the next mailing party will be in December and we need a district to help for the next mailing party December 7. Mailing cost has come down. Jeff asked if Gratitude Sunday is the deadline for the Recorder (articles and reports) and Jim replied yes.

Registrar

Patti R – updating groups so please send or email to Patti. The contact information on the website is update

AA Anniversaries recognized

7th Tradition- Baskets were passed.

Introduction of New GSR's

Introduction of New DCM's

Area Officer and Function Reports:

Gratitude Sunday-Maryann S , -Gratitude Sunday will be held Sunday November 24th at Trinity United Church of Christ 150 E. North St. Wooster, Oh 44691. Doors open at 1pm, Dinner at 2pm and the panel 3pm Potluck Dinner Ham, rolls and beverages will be provided. Map is on the website

Area Committee Report

Dark Districts Committee Dan F.-attend LMSD annual picnic and spoke briefly about my recovery and service work. I also attended Akron Multidistrict. I am planning to attend the GSR school on Youngstown on November 7.

Roosevelt T- had our first meeting on September 29; we discussed the signage boards and decided to create a pamphlet to elaborate on ways to carry the message to AA's with special needs. We currently have three hearing impaired meetings.

Treatment -Putting a list of treatment facilities in the areas together for the Bridge the Gap. We have 348 from bridge the gap and treatment. .

CPC-read by Bob D- did the conference, Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Corrections in Columbus with three other area committee members. . The conference theme was Reducing Recidivism and Promoting Recovery. All four Ohio areas shared in staffing the booth. Area 54 provided literature and meeting schedules from all areas.

Archive-James T-The committee has conclusive information on how Bill got to the Seiberling estate, he caught the bus. The committee stands ready to assist in any capacity the body would deem appropriate.

Correction -Tina C- had a great time at the Alliance conference. The Youngstown Corrections workshop is being finalized next month and flyers will be printed and distributed.

Finance-Terry H – remind everyone that we have anniversary/ birthday/ donation envelopes at every assembly

Recorder- Jeff Y-Deadline for January issue of NEOHR is November 24. Be sure to check out the "enhanced" version on the website.

Diane K-Group Services- giving a GSR workshop on November 7 in Youngstown on the first Thursday at 6:30pm. We would appreciate support for the workshop and the Group services committee. The committee has lost a few members because of committee issues.

Hispanic Liaisons- a Meeting is scheduled to resolve some concerns in the Hispanic community and general services

Grapevine –Bob D Subscriptions are down. It started as a newsletter in 1944 and has evolved into the magazine it is today. Please support. Additionally, check out Grapevine Online.

DCM Reports

Gary C #13-putting together a list for committee in groups in district, we also have new GSR's.

Vincent W #4 meeting that has been gone for 15 years because the meeting place has been torn down.

Hillis J- Trying to bring unity to the Multidistrict and encouraging groups to contribute to area. We are also planning a GSR workshop on November 7.

Gene A -#41-Had three groups to donate. I had health issues resolved and I expect to make it to more meetings in the district.

Gary #11- We have two new GSR for the district, Wadsworth women and Lodi Wednesday. Having a difficult time getting more GSRs to show up. Lodi Wednesday is having 63rd Anniversary on November 23, 2013.

Dan F #62-The alternate had to relocate because of illness, so I'm looking for a new alternate. Barberton Monday had it 33rd Anniversary on October 14. I visited the Dry People Club and found that there were two groups that GSRs. I left contact information.

John 23/39-Meets on the third Sunday of the Month at 9am. We like to thank Ola P for her general service presentation.

Mike R #45 not much has changed, still going around to meeting encouraging them a appoint a GSR, so the group will not be in the dark.

James A- met with the assistant manager of the Sahara club and was informed that there is about 30 groups that meet there. A suggestion was given to have a meet and greet with secretaries of the groups. There is a room available at a cost of \$10.00 for three hours.

Nelson M-I have more people in my district asking about general service. Maybe down the road, there will be more involved.

Intergroup Liaisons Reports

Central Office Archives Bob McK– October 24, 2013 is the next advisory committees at the Cleveland central office at 1701 Reserve Square for groups that are in the meeting schedule

Genny M-If your meeting is scheduled in the meeting booklet, please send someone from your group to attend. If you know of new meeting that wants to be in the booklet, they should attend. Next Secretary Workshop will be held in January 2014 in the Lakewood area. 40 groups were represented at the last workshop in September 2013.

Lorain Intergroup Report- Donna L – currently updating our 12th call list. We are also working to maintain committee stability by creating a portfolio of specific duties for each committee. We are also working on getting meeting schedules printed in English and Spanish. We sent Akron Intergroup a thank note for their donation

Youngstown Multidistrict-Putting on a gratitude dinner on November 16 2013 at the Mahoning Country Club In Girard Ohio. Tim H. from Louisville KY is the lead at 8pm. Donation for tickets is \$18.00

Tim H-Ashtabula Intergroup- We sale AA approved literature and non-conference disapproved meditation books. Thank you Akron Intergroup for supporting our small intergroup office. We have a new office manager Ruth H and a 24-hour hotline where you will always hear a live person.

Alternate Delegate's Report – Calvin L –mention the upcoming GSR workshop in Youngstown. Ohio State planning meeting upcoming in November where Area 53 will give final report on 2013 convention and turn finances over to Area 55(Toledo) who will hosting the 2014 State Convention/ECR Conference July 25th -27th. We have been asked to participate. Our Min- Conference will be April 4-6, 2014 at the Radisson in North Olmsted and the first planning meeting will be at the Radisson on January 26, 2014 at 2pm. Tracy O from GSO will be our speaker. Bill F, ECR trustee will give his report. Please plan to attend.

Delegate's Report-Ola P- ECR Regional Convention will be in Perrysburg Oh in 2014 , if you are interested in participating , please let me know. GSO want the fellowship to know if planning anything-big 2015, be mindful of the International Convention that is scheduled in July 2-5, 2015. There is an opening at the GSO office for non-trustee member for the public information desk, please email Ola and she will send you the information. Changes have been made to Reflection Calendar on GSO website for easier use. Contributions were more to GSO, but operating expenses were up. However, the lost was not as bad as projected. GSO also sent publication flyer Anniversary edition of Big Book. The body agrees to move April 2014 Area general Assembly to Sunday at the end of Mini-Conference at 1pm

Old Business

The body suggested theme Suggestion & Presentation Topics for 65th General Service Conference (2015) seven themes and the theme voted by the assembly is **Back to Basic –Our Primary Purpose**

New Business-

2015 National Archives Workshop- will be September 24 -27th 2015. Will need planners. Please sign up on the email list for workshop. A motion was made to invite the 8 area Intergroups to partner in this venture. .

James T. –made motion for Area to purchase 50 books. Diane K seconds the motion. Discussion was had and a friendly amended was made and the body approved authorizing the panel to purchase up to 200 copies of Anniversary Big Book

What's on Your Mind?

Nelson M- members are asking why Central office and Area 54 are separate. Jaime B Susan R spoke about the differences and similarities.

Tina C- district 10 has a correction chair. We have a new liaison

Sandy –talking with groups about money split wonder where the money goes. Susan R stated AA monies. She was given a financial kit

Greg J- general service does not leave you. You will continue to use the information

James T- correction to the secretary 75% attendance to stand for election to stand for the panel

James A.- ask why the printing was so small. The reply given by recording secretary was to keep the minutes to two pages and to save on paper.

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