

**Area 54 Assembly Minutes**  
**September 24, 2016**

**Opening: Area Chairperson**

**Susan R.** opened the Assembly with the Serenity Prayer. **Bev F.** read the **12 Traditions**, **Val D.** read the **12 Concepts**. **Joel T.** discussed **Tradition 11** and **Steve K.** discussed **Concept 11**.

**Recording Secretary:**

**Jamie B.**-explained the sign-in procedure in **Tina C's** absence DCM's/Past DCM's, GSR's, Area Committee Chairs/Past Area Committee Chairs to **establish eligibility for October elections**. There's 2-minute time limit for giving reports.

**Area Treasurer**

**Shyrl B.**- Treasurer's Report and financial Reports to date.

**Mailing Secretary**

**Ron O.**- Mailing Sec job, 10 mailing parties in ten different districts 1,000 postal trays strapped 12,147 envelopes sealed 6 items per envelope totaling 72,882 items been mailed over past two years. New Items due to recorder Nov.12. Items for recorder by November 13<sup>th</sup> everything due to me by Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> sending to Printer Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Registrar Jim S.**- I am working full time and going to college full time now so I need someone to help finish the year out due to schedule.

**AA Anniversaries recognized Finance Committee hand out Birthday Plan envelopes**

**Introduction of New GSR's and Introduction of New DCM's**

**Area Officer and Function Reports:**

**Gratitude Sunday:** Steve K. reporting in Tina C's absence -Food Donations- 2 Hams, 2 Turkeys with stuffing and gravy. Cheesy Potatoes, Pasta Salad. Tina C and Joel T have picked Speakers it will be a 4-person panel. Panel: Bob D. Susan C, Kim S and Ron O.

**Mini Conference Final Report:**

**Wellington R.** Cash on hand 2,173.18 Cleveland Multi Dist. returned the 200-dollar seed money taking cash on hand to 2,373.18 a check was issued to AREA 54 for 873.18. new balance 1,500.00 for 2017 Mini Conference.

**Alternate Delegates Report: Jamie B.**

**ECRC-** Jamie B read in Tina C's absence- Was held in St. Charles Illinois along with their State Conference. It was an awesome road trip with some great conversation. The speakers at the event covered everything from personal life to recovery. Friday was long, the Al-Anon speaker David E was awesome showed the dimension of the Adult child of an Alcoholic and the issues in his journey he found a

home in Al-Anon Family Group. The panels were awesome me and Jamie were both on the same panel and shared on Humility and Anonymity- Tradition 12 Panel. Panel on Social Media and AA enlightening. This weekend through all the panels and me and Jamie's talks I need to remember to take me out of it and put in we because it's not about me it's always about what's good for AA.

**Committee Reports:**

**Tim H. -Grapevine** – New Book Our Twelve Traditions share experiences with the core principles contained in AA's Twelve Traditions. Grapevine is in need of stories and Audio Grapevine is also available **David W.- Literature-** at the Ohio State Convention the literature sales totaled \$371.00. There will be two more opportunities for literature sales October 16<sup>th</sup> and November 20<sup>th</sup> at Gratitude Sunday.

**Mary Ann K.-CPC-** August 2<sup>nd</sup> I did a presentation to Wayne County probation dept. gave them the pamphlet "AA at A Glance", "Information on AA" newsletter and read from the pamphlet "Problems other than Alcohol" was received well, were many comments and questions. Was a discussion regarding sending addicts to AA. There is a new H.A Meeting in Wooster.

**Robert M. PI-** Hoping to get local TV stations to start showing our Public Service Announcements more frequently.

**Marilyn H. Corrections-** Convention is great. The story telling that the inmates are doing to their families is great. I was invited to Wichita Kansas to start a program there.

**Wellington R. Hispanic Liaison-** I was invited to help in Charaseca Nicaragua when I visited there in late July. Networking various Hispanic groups throughout the US and working with identity issues of Hispanic communities.

**Area DCM Reports:**

**Multi Dist.# 7,8 & 48 Pete P-** Needs a DCM for Dist. 8. Updating groups, getting people interested in service. We're the hosts for the AREA Gratitude Luncheon. We would like to hold a GSR School DCM College soon. Working with groups on the yellow packet and helping them to find a % for contributions that works for their group.

**Dist.31 DCM Karen S.-** A Step to a New Beginning is having an anniversary. Working on getting information on specific contributions.

**Dist. 10 DCM Rea R-** Discussed AREA elections getting current newsletter, how to get more people

involved in district issues. We are in the early stages for planning our winter workshop.

**Dist.13 DCM Gary C.-** Been busy visiting all the meetings and we have a new Time and Place for our District Meeting.

**Dist.11 DCM Val D.-** Dave D is the District Treasurer. They put on the Open House picnic with the help of the Akron Multi. District they are working on putting on a district camp.

**Dist.3 DCM Dustin S-** Cancelled fall seminar, flyers for service involvement two new DCM's 60 and 49.

**Dual Dist. 23-39- DCM Tim H-** Madison trying to start a club, discussed group contributions, upcoming AREA Elections. Finances are small no contributions at this time. 11 GSR's attendance meeting. Discussion was checking account issue; it was tabled until next month.

#### **Intergroup Reports:**

**Jesse H.- Cleveland North Coast Multi Dist.-** Finalized our picnic is on August 27<sup>th</sup> 10-5 at Forest Hill Park our speaker is Shyrl B AREA 54 Treasurer. It was a success considering construction. We had sponsored three GSR's for the St. Convention, Ice Cream social was done by Keep It Real of Cleveland. Workshop will be October 15 at Carl B Stokes Bld. From 12-2 "Let Your Voice Be Heard by Voting. We returned the seed money from the Mini Conference.

**Tim H.- Ashtabula Area Intergroup-** Held our annual golf outing on August 13<sup>th</sup> and raised around \$800.00 dollars everyone received a prize and had a good time

**Genny M.- Cleveland Central Office-** Sep.24<sup>th</sup> office is holding "New Group/Secretary workshop from 10-Noon. New facility in Painesville NEOCAP need women with 2yrs sobriety/1yr. commitment bring meetings into facility. Corrections Workshop November 12 from 10am-Noon at the Community Center.

#### **Delegate Report: Calvin L.-**

**Ohio St. Convention:** A huge success. Thank you to all who had a part and attended the St. Convention it's because of you that it was the success it was. Sandra the GSO Staffer loved her time at the convention and it was her first trip as a staffer.

**AAWS highlights:** Class B Alcoholic East Central Regional Trustee position is open will vote new trustee in April of 2017. Young Peoples pamphlet needs stories. Chair of the Conference Committee of the Grapevine can now attend the trustee portion of the Board Meeting. Holding the General Service Conference every other year will not be entertained at this time. GSO in the process of getting the blue people trademarked and copy write protected.

Nicaragua was given a 10,000- dollar line of credit to use in purchasing literature and books to carry the message to AA's there. Grapevine had an increase of 322 subscriptions and Lavina had a 119 increase in subscriptions but are still showing a significant loss in the thousands. Contributions from AREA 54 to GSO 6 months into 2016 are at 13.86% compared to 12.1% in 2015 of all our groups who donate to GSO NOT GOOD we are 4<sup>th</sup> from the bottom in contributions.

**Old Business: Ad Hoc Committee on Alternate Panel Positions-**Tabled till January 2017 meeting.

#### **New Business:**

**Theme Suggestions for the 2020 International Convention-** There were 8 theme's submitted the winner was, Respecting Singleness of Purpose submitted by Ken B.

**Motion brought to the floor for the AREA 54 to approve and send it off for consideration:** By Bob McK- Motion is: to add language to the Archives Workbook of the usefulness of having a intergroup archives and archivist with some suggestion to their function. Passed 33-5 with no reconsideration.

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

**James T-** Concerned with GSR's being a GSR for more than one meeting and by doing this one meetings voice will not be heard do to we only have one vote.

**Genny M. –** Groups are autonomous. Do you know the Big Book is to be standing not laying down on the literature table? The blue people are used in a commercial on TV.

**Steve K-** If anyone would like Youngstown Intergroup Banquet tickets I have some.

**Ola P-** Concept 11 presentation there's a difference between responsibility vs authority. Tradition 2 and Concept 7; AA members have all control AA. I'm the Chair for the scholarship of the International Woman's Conference in 2017 contact me through area54.org. A Place to Be provide the toys at the picnic.

**Joel T-** Shared on that there was a Young Peoples conference and that a young person shared how much of a good time they had at it.

**Susan R-** Feb 2017 is the International Woman's Convention in Cleveland Ohio. List personal skills on resume for position you're standing for.

**Jamie B-** Will bring more registration to the assembly for the Woman's International Convention.

**Calvin L-** GSO Conference reports are here for the taking please take them.

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