

Area 54 Assembly Minutes October 16 2011

Opening:

Jay M opened the Assembly with the Serenity Prayer. NeCee P. read the Preamble, Bob P. read the 12 Traditions. Eva W. read the 12 Concepts. Tradition Seven was read and discussed by Fred B. Concept Seven was read and discussed by Christine Mc. Jay M. stated that the panel decided that the December meeting will be a workshop discussing the Area 54 Inventory workshop and various solutions. January 2012 we will be accepting bids for Unity Day and the Open House Picnic. February will be a GSR School workshop.

Recording Secretary

Jamie B., recording secretary explained the sign-in procedure for all DCM's, GSR's, Area Committee Chairs and past Delegates to establish eligibility for running for office. Remember there is a 2 minute time limit for giving reports. July 17th minutes were reviewed and accepted. September Committee Reports were reviewed.

Area Treasurer:

Calvin L. – Treasurer presented the Operating Surplus vs. Full Budget. Grapevine sales are 60% over budget. Total income is \$19,263.49. Contributions are at 64% of projected budget. Calvin suggested that we all encourage groups to continue sending in contributions. Treasurer's report was accepted.

Mailing Secretary:

Joel T. Mailing Secretary reported that the next mailing party will be December 19th. Please verify your address with the registrar if you did not receive a Recorder. We do need a host for the December mailing. Jay M. also noted that the deadline for articles, flyers and announcements for the mailing is Gratitude Sunday. Anything to be given to Jeff Y. for the Recorder is also Gratitude Sunday.

Registrar:

Bill P. Registrar – Many updates have come in. There have been many new Home groups registered. Currently there are 366 groups with no contact information.

7th Tradition

Introduction of New GSR's

Introduction of New DCM's

Area Officer and Function Reports:

Jay M. – Gratitude Sunday update – Gratitude Sunday will be hosted by Akron Multi-District – Interval Brotherhood Home (IBH), home groups are doing the hospitality and kitchen duties. The readings will be read by 5 different home groups. We will also have signers for the hearing impaired. Doors open at 12:30, Lunch is from 1:30 – 3:30. The panel of past delegates will then share their experience and gratitude for their service journey.

Area 54 Inventory Workshop- approximately 60 people attended. They broke into 5 different groups. Past delegates were the moderators.

Overall we are doing a pretty good job, but we do need to make some improvements/adjustments in some areas. We have 1173 groups listed; however there are 365 unknown groups with no contacts. We need to help the DCMs and GSRs. A should do a better explanation of Robert's Rules to new people. Ideas and solutions will be discussed at the December workshop. At the January meeting we will be accepting bids for Unity Day and the Open House Picnic.

Ola P. – Area Highlights – Please consider signing up for the upcoming State Convention and area 54 committees, sign up sheets are being passed around, or see committee chairs after the meeting. Renee S. has signed up for the Special Needs, Treatment, Registrar, and the Newsletter committees. Eva W has signed up for Corrections and Treatment committees. We would like to welcome them to those committees. The Ohio State Convention will be held at the Beachwood Hilton, July 19th through the 21st, 2012. Room rates are \$75.00 per night plus tax. The rate is available until June 29, 2012. Our next Ohio State planning meeting will be held May 20, 2012 here in Brunswick at 1:00 p.m. We have suspended meetings because we will start our planning meetings in January for the Mini-Conference. The East Central Regional Forum will be held in Miamisburg, Ohio November 11 – 13th. There is no registration fee. Room rates are \$91.00 per night plus tax.

There are 13 Dark Districts, 9 counties, 180 groups. Of the 180 groups 112 have GSRs, 13 have alternate GSRs. I would like to have a meeting with the GSRs and elect a DCM in order to start developing a solution to the dark district problem.

Delegate's Report – AAWS Area Highlights

Bob D – We received a letter from GSO Conference thanking us for participation in and returning the Survey. We also received an invitation from EACYPA to attend their 2012 Conference.

Old Business – None

New Business

Steve B. – Motion to redistrict District 10 and District 11.

- District 10 changes Wayne and Holmes County, except Congress Township, West Salem to Holmes County Wayne County, south of Pleasant Home Road.
- District 11 change Medina County south of State Route 162, plus West Salem in northwest Wayne County. (Includes Wadsworth, Lodi and Burbank to Medina County south of State Route 162, and Wayne County north of Pleasant Home Road.

Jay M. – Akron Multi-District redistricting proposal.

- District 60 from: Groups at the Paradise Club in Cuyahoga Falls and Today Club II in Akron to City of Cuyahoga Falls (district 60 from 13 to 31)
- Change District 3 from: North Akron – Tallmadge Ave. and Memorial Pkwy – East of Portage Trail and Merriman Rd includes the cities of Cuyahoga Falls, Tallmadge and Stow to: North Akron: Tallmadge Ave. and Merriman Pkwy: East of Portage Trail and Merriman Rd, IncludeS cities of Tallmadge and Stow. (does not include city of Cuyahoga Falls) (district 3 from 42 to 24)
- Add District 62: Cities of Norton, Barberton and Copley; Summit County line on the east: including Rt. 162 on the North; Wooster Rd and East Blvd on the West and Groups at the Dry Peoples Club (25 Groups)
- Change District 2 from South Akron: South of 1-76 from Summit County line on West to East Blvd; Summit County Line on South to 1-77; 1-77 on East; north to 1-76. - To South Akron; South of 1-76 from Summit County line on West to Eastern Rd; East to Rt. 61 North on Hudson Run Rd to 2nd St W; Wooster Rd on the East: north to 1-76 (District 2 from 31 to 27)
- Change District 50 from: West Akron; East of Summit County Line; south to US 224/1-76; west of East Ave, Diagonal Rd., Portage Path and Merriman Rd.; north of Memorial Pkwy. to; Tallmadge Ave; east to Britain Rd.; north to Cuyahoga Falls Line and Route 48 (Bath Rd.) To West Akron: East of Summit County Line; south to Rt. 162; west of Diagonal Rd., Portage Path and Merriman Rd.; north of Memorial Pkwy; Tallmadge Ave.; east to Brittain Rd.; north to Cuyahoga Falls Line and Route 48 (Bath Rd) (District 50 from 34 to 30)
- Remove 4B and change District 4A to District 4 (4B from 25 - District 4A from 28 – District 4 to 32)

Both redistricting proposals passed.

Steve B. – Proposal to increase Grapevine budget from \$500.- to \$1000.- After discussion motion was withdrawn until the January assembly.

Jay M. – Proposal for January 2012 – Change meeting schedule to: Six Assembly meetings: January, March, April, July, September, and October. February – workshop, May – Unity Day, June – Open House Picnic (no meeting in Brunswick), August – workshop, November – Gratitude Sunday, (no meeting in Brunswick), December – Merry Xmas – No meeting. There will also be a 2nd proposal to change the start time of the meetings back to 1:00 p.m.

What's On Your Mind

Christine Mc. – Everyone please continue to pass along the yellow sign up sheets for the Ohio State Convention.

Bob D. – Conference reports are on the table in the back of the room. Our state archivist Bob Mc. attended the recent archives convention. He is thinking of possibly having an archives convention here in area 54 in the next few years. He will need our support.

Shyrl B. – Prayers for Wellington, GSR for District 30, he is having surgery tomorrow.

Joel T. – Youngstown is having their 2nd annual Inner Group Dance on October 22.

Dan F. – Price shopping for hotels in Miamisburg for the East Central Regional Forum November 11-13th.

AJ –GSR -District 6 – Is putting together a "Why Service is Important" workshop – would like to have a panel, 11-12-2011, at the Sahara Club. Anyone not attending the Regional please see me after the meeting.

Ron O. – Inner Group newsletter are also on the back table. Anyone interested in writing an article for the newsletter it needs to be turned in by October 19th.

Bill P. – Group Services Committee – Met and are restructuring the GSR workshop and how to start the meeting.

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