

**Area 54 Assembly Minutes**  
**April 15, 2012**

**Opening:**

Jay M. opened the Assembly with the Serenity Prayer Pete P. read the Preamble; Michael R. read the 12 Traditions; Chris C. read the 12 Concepts; Christine Mc. read and discussed Tradition 9; Susan R. read and discussed Concept 9. We will be accepting Bids for Gratitude Sunday today.

**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 standing for office. Remember there is a 2minute time limit for giving reports. March 18, 2012 minutes were reviewed and accepted as presented.

**Area Treasurer:**

Calvin L. Treasurer reviewed the cash on hand. We are operating \$ 898.18 below our calculated prudent reserve. Group contributions are right at budget, keep it up. Our expenses have been within budget. All of the Mini-Conference expenditures have not been received as of today. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

**A.A. Anniversaries were recognized.**

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition**

**Mailing Secretary:**

Joel T. Mailing Secretary informed us that the next mailing party will be April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Youngstown Intergroup office. We also have a mailing party coming up for June. We need a group to volunteer to take this on.

**Area Registrar:**

Dan M.: we have updated more than 250 groups; we have 11 new DCM's. Districts 18 and 26 have been updated to almost 100% thanks to work done by members who are not DCM's. E-Mail list has been updated based on rejected or returned notification of this meeting sent out by Patty R. We must update all group information, 362 have a status as unknown, which means these groups have no contact person and are not receiving any information regarding their area.

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

**Area Officer and Function Reports:**

**Ola P. - Area 53 Mini Conference (Central/SE Ohio)**

**Ola P. - Area 55 Mini Conference (NW Ohio)**

**Calvin L. - Area 56 Mini Conference (SW Ohio)**

**Area Committee Reports:**

**Group Services: Jerry P. -** I spoke on my experience with General Service at our Mini Conference April 6<sup>th</sup>. The committee also presented the "GSR School Workshop" on February 19<sup>th</sup> here at the Brunswick Recovery Club. The workshop was a success with over 100 people in attendance.

**Treatment: Gary C. -** We have been able to get temporary contacts for a person in E. Liverpool and Salem. We did a 12 step call at the mini-conference. Anyone interested in joining our committee, please see me after the meeting.

**CPC: James T. -** We created a new display for the 37<sup>th</sup> Area 54 Min-Conference. We were teamed with the P.I. Committee at our mini-Conference and were able to thoroughly address the agenda items.

**Special Needs: Roosevelt T. -** I have put a committee together, and we have become active in various parts of Area 54. Bill H. discovered the ASL at Akron U. and we are now in touch with the Director of Greenleaf, a community support agency for the hearing impaired. We discussed setting up a time frame to get signers at AA meetings in and around the Akron area. The committee will continue its efforts to make contact with other districts regarding special needs of AA members.

**Corrections: Tina C -** The Youngstown Multi-District now meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month from Noon to 1:30. They are asking that anyone interesting in helping please attend the meetings. The current committee is 3 very active women. The pink can donations are doing well. The Akron Corrections Workshop went well and was very informative.

**Archives: Tim H -** We continue to archive our Area Minutes and Treasurer reports as well as other items of importance, i.e. area 54 mini-conference recordings, into our repository at the intergroup office in Akron. We have some of our meditation books on loan to the Cleveland Central office for their archive display. We will have a display at the State Convention in conjunction with our State Archivist.

**Finance: Diane K. -** Calvin L and I continue to be willing to attend any group to give a finance presentation. I would also like to thank my committee member Sheryl B. for all of her help.

**Alternate Delegate's Report:**

**37<sup>th</sup> Mini-Conference -** There were 135 registrations; 96 Banquets sold. Carol T. and Otis W. were the chair and co-chair for the hospitality room. I would also like to thank Jill and Debbie for volunteering and Sue R. for food and flowers. Groups did donate coffee/cream etc. \$109.00 will be returned from the seed money. It was a great experience. Quinsetta M. and Christine McG handled the registration.

**Ohio State Convention -** Deadline for the hotel rate of \$75.00 is June 29<sup>th</sup>, the registration fee of \$21.00 is due by July 10<sup>th</sup> after that the registration is \$25.00. Please see me after the meeting if you are interested in serving on any of the committees.

**Delegate's Report:**

During our mini-conference Gary C. was involved in a 12 step call on Saturday night, this is one of the main reasons we are here. This Friday I will be leaving for the General Service Conference in New York. Two of the hot topics will be Finance and the Grapevine. Area 54 has bid for the World Convention in 2003 and again in 2008. The convention will be in Atlanta in 2015 and Detroit in 2020, we are looking into bidding in 2013 for the convention in 2025. We had 11 new DCM's today. We would like to once again thank Patty R. for sending out the reminder of the assembly meeting e-mails.

**Old Business:**

Area 54 Guideline Revision - tabled at the March Assembly - motion to remove from the table and review. Guidelines were reviewed and discussed. Revisions were passed.

**New Business:**

**Bids for Gratitude Sunday -** Tina C. (Districts 7-8-48) Youngstown Multi-District received the bid. It will be held at the Old North Church in Canfield.

**Roosevelt T. -** Special Needs Chairperson: Committee would like to make a proposal for a Special Needs Pamphlet. Motion was made to table until the next meeting in July.

**Ola P. -** would like to place on the July agenda the discussion of having a Standing Hospitality Committee,

**What's on Your Mind?**

**Quinsetta M. -** received a complaint that our website seems to be difficult to navigate. North Coast Multi-Dist. is having a workshop on May 19<sup>th</sup>, which will have a service panel. North Coast annual picnic will be August 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Nelson M. -** asking for donations for Area 54's Open House Picnic on June 24<sup>th</sup>, flyers are available on the back table.

**Susan R. -** needs temporary contacts for those coming out of treatment in the Cleveland area.

**Diane K. -** felt that Saturday afternoon at the Mini-Conf. is too rushed. Suggestion: We could provide a glossary so the committees understand what some of the terms mean.

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