

Area 54 Assembly Minutes - April 19, 2015

Opening: Area Chairperson

Susan R. opened the Assembly with the Serenity Prayer. Nelson M. read the 12 Traditions, and Mike R. read the 12 Concepts. Thomas M. discussed Tradition 3 and Bob D. Concept 3.

Recording Secretary

Tina C.-Explained the sign-in procedure for all DCM's, GSR's, Area Committee Chairs, Need attendance eligibility to stand for office in 2016. 2-minute time limit for giving reports at the microphone. Please turn in a **very** brief typed or **readable** handwritten for next month's minutes. A motion was made and seconded.

Area Treasurer

Shyrl B. -Reviewed balance sheet current budget expenses and function report. Donations are great keep them coming. Motion made and second.

Mailing Secretary

Ron O. -April mailing had 1,200 pieces and was hosted by Akron Multi Dist. June mailing party hosted by District 2. Please go green it can save the area some green.

Registrar

Jim S. -We have 2189 groups 1230 are active. 342 unknown and 514 inactive. 1236 primary contacts for the 1230 active groups, 766 GSR's. 4 new groups pending active, 15 vacant districts they are **dark**. Updated 110 groups added 2 new groups added a bunch of new GSR's and 3 new DCM's.

AA Anniversaries Finance Committee gave out Birthday Plan envelopes.

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

Area Officer and Function Reports

Ron O- Attended AREA 56 Mini Conference with our Delegate and Alternate Delegate they had 5 issues two passed the other three no action taken. Julio E from GSO was the speaker at the banquet. It was a nice time.

Shyrl B- Attended AREA 55 Mini Conference Jim M. was the keynote speaker it was very intimate setting. What stuck out for me was the togetherness of all the entities and how inclusive and active their young people's group is within their AREA. It was a very nice time.

Mary Ann K. -Unity Day- Theme AA Internationally with pot luck or and international dish and Delegate does his conference report from his trip and experience in New York. GSO sent specific information to Mary Ann and

presenters are, Steve B, Mary Ann K. and Karen S.

Rea R.-Open House Picnic- Everything is set with pavilion and full use of the kitchen. Very excited to be the host district looking forward to everyone coming out Jamie B is the speaker for our event.

August Workshop- August 16th, 2015- Update: James T is the chair and everything is set to go.

AREA Committee Reports, District Reports and Intergroup Reports:

Tim H. - Grapevine – Since Jan. we have sold \$304.00 in merchandise. We'll be at Founders day @ the Student Union. Please share with your home groups all the different items we have.

David W. - Literature – At the Mini Conference we sold \$279.56 worth of merchandise. I am submitting an order for GSO and it will be ready for our Unity Day.

Marilyn H. - Corrections- I enjoyed meeting Clement C from GSO. I made contact with a gentleman who wants our program at a new unit. More information to come. May 2nd is a Corrections Workshop in AREA 53 I'll be attending and looking forward to getting one set up in our AREA.

Roosevelt T. – Finance Chair- I have been going to meetings to talk about the 7th tradition and self-support and gave out birthday envelope to the meetings.

Mary Ann K. - CPC- Contacting the physicians in my area and sending out a newsletter for professionals titled "Bringing Up the Touchy Subject of a Patients Drinking" I am including AA at A Glance and If you are a Professional and my contact information.

Michael R. - Archives – At our Mini Conference we had to review the workbook and three considerations to handle during our session.

Gary C- Special Needs Chair- We have a new information form for home groups and 5 groups in Youngstown are working with their special needs members.

District Reports:

Jessie H- Chair Cleveland Northcoast Multi Dist.: Meeting held on April 4th at new location 3 new GSR's 1 new DCM. District packets were handed out to each district present. We submitted correct officer's information for updates on the area web page and registrar.

Area DCM Reports:

D#29 Freddy B.- Made 7 new contacts this month was not able to get out to any meetings will be contacting all GSR's in District and will work on an up to date report of the district finances based on prior reports.

D#35 Edward U- Working on getting more GSR's to participate and still looking for a location for our monthly meeting. Attended the Men's International Conference.

D#6 Patrick L. – Lost a GSR and can't find a replacement for them as of yet. August 23 will be our Districts annual picnic. Our Attendance has been low the last few months. We are going to be changing our meeting time and date for our meeting to accommodate a new meeting starting at the Sahara Club II.

D#10 Rea R. – The second Monday are our monthly meetings @ 6:30pm. We are continuing to suggest to groups about electing a GSR so they are represented at all meetings. We sent out a newsletter of all our updated officers' 7th tradition information, GSR information current meeting times and picnic flyer. We are in our final stages of the Open House Picnic. We had 11 of our districts representatives at the Mini Conference.

D#23 Glen C. - District is running smooth and we are working on getting the dark districts represented with suggesting to the groups to have a representative.

Intergroup Reports:

Georgiann DW- Akron celebrated their 61st Anniversary April 20th 2015. Training on how to answer phones on April 28th @ 6pm. Kenmore group celebrating their 63rd Anniversary. Akron Multi Dist. New meeting time 1pm. All issues resolved with Founders Day online registration.

Tim H. - Ashtabula Area Intergroup- We have a large assortment of conference approved books literature and coins for sale our next meeting is April 19th @ 7pm.

Genny M. - Cleveland Central Office- May 30th was our Corrections workshop. June 20th is our summer picnic at Farm Park 9-5pm \$5.00 to get in

Alternate Delegate Report: Jamie B. - State Convention of 2016 AREA 54 is the host district. There are committees that need volunteers and those committees are responsible for holding meetings providing updates to the entire committee on their progress our first meeting is July 19th @12:30 at the 12 Step Sobriety Club.

Delegate Report: (Jamie B. read due to Calvin being in New York.)

– I received a letter from Mary C Conference Chair of condolences regarding the passing of Mary B. The planning is still ongoing for the International Convention 90% of people registered, registered online.

AAWS highlights: GSO Board approved recommendation from Technologies Communication Services TCS the 3 titles already in audio format, 12 Steps, 12 Traditions Alcoholics Anonymous and the pamphlet AA for the Alcoholic with Special Needs be streamed from the GSO website. All book sales including digital have declined from projected numbers. A position is open for a Non-Trustee appointed committee member for trustees committee on corrections requirements availability is a must for meeting in New York, conference calls and background in corrections work.

Old Business:

New Business: Gratitude Sunday bid- Multi Dist. 7 8 & 48 in Youngstown and Akron Multi Dist. presented proposal to be the host districts for Gratitude Sunday **Vote was:** Akron 22 and Youngstown 18 Akron won they did have to find an alternate location to meet guidelines Location- St. Paul's Episcopal Church on West Market St.

What's on your Mind?

Bob McK- Spoke of staffing our hospitality room at the international before staffing others.

Meeting on the international hospitality room to follow Archives International Conference Planning meeting.

Quinsetta M- Hospitality room at international will be archives in nature no food. And asked for clarification on the statement of online registration won't receive information by mail only electronically.

Jerry P- Attendance issues at the Akron Multi district 7-8 DCM's. Wants area help to advise them and prevent them from going dark

Ed U. - Spoke of Gratitude Sunday bid didn't follow area guidelines facility has to accommodate 200-250. Akron needs bigger site. Spoke of Youngstown's site does qualify.

Ron O. - Please grab extra flyers and recorders
Susan R- Asked Akron to find new location for event and forward info to Delegate and Alternate Delegate.

Mark W. – Asked couldn't they rent a hall or other facility to meet guideline requirements?

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