

Area 54 Assembly Minutes

January 17, 2016

Opening: Area Chairperson

Susan R. opened the Assembly with the Serenity Prayer. Reading's **Tina H** 12 Traditions and **Jen McM** 12 Concepts. **Susan C** Discussed Tradition VII and **Jerry P** discussed Concept VII.

Recording Secretary

Tina C.-explained the sign-in procedure for all DCM's, GSR's; Area Committee Chairs and past Delegates to establish eligibility to stand for office. Remember there is a 2-minute time limit for giving report. *Stressed the importance of legible handwriting.* Minutes passed.

Area Treasurer

Shyrl B. – Presented the 2016 proposed budget opened for discussion there was none Mike S made a motion with Steve K 2nd the motion and passed unanimously. Presented end of year financial report and donation reports for 2015 for review.

Mailing Secretary

Ron O. Next folding party will be Saturday Feb. 13th Trinity United Church of Christ 150 E. North Street Wooster Ohio 44691 @ 1pm. Deadline to Ron is February 5th going to printer on February 8th.

Registrar

Jim S- Groups are continuously giving me new GSR's and GSR's. They will be update as soon as the system is back up. Please email me with any questions.

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

AA Anniversaries, Finance Committee handed out Birthday Plan envelopes

AREA Officer and Function Reports:

Calvin L. - Delegate's Report: General Service Conference did an inventory 2014-2015 please take a copy. Conference reports are available please take one or two. As of today we will have a GSO Staffer and Trustee at our Mini Conference. Clay R Public Information Desk and Bill N. St. Convention of 2015 that was in southwest Ohio AREA 56 lost money as reported previously it was originally reported that area would assume the loss their area voted no they will not there for each area is responsible for a portion of the loss each area will pay 370.88. Group histories motion made it to be an agenda item at the General Service Conference.

Jamie B. Alt Delegate report: St. Convention: Update advised everyone on room rates, banquet cost, room reservation deadlines, and breakfast buffet coupon, there is no late fee for registration. **Mini Conference:** Update on room rate registration fee planning meeting date is 1-24-16 @ hotel, and 2-28-16 place name in box for free mini conference package drawing is March 20th.

Mini Conference financial update: Please register early to get head count to hotel for banquet.

June Open House Picnic- Akron Multi Dist. and Dist. 11 want to host cant approve anyone till location is

secured. Dist. 11 has a possible location. Jerry P recommended that Dist. 11 do the event with some support from Akron Multi dist. Due to they host their own picnic in June and it would be a huge undertaking if they hosted both. Need flyer at March assembly and location secured by that time. It will be kept as a proposal until all particular requirements are set. Flyer needs to go out in April mailing.

Unity Day Bid: Dist. 6 to host Bill W from Youngstown Intergroup Office to speak on Unity Flyer is made and overwhelming support from their local groups in Dist. 6 and Calvin L to present his GSO Conference report.

Gratitude Sunday Mike S. We had a great turn out for the event. The 7th tradition basket collected \$167.00 dollars. It was a very spiritual event with things happening behind the seen that was very touching. Gratitude Sunday stipend to be returned to AREA.

Area Committee Reports:

Marilyn H. - Corrections- looking forward to a busy year and still receiving inmate correspondence from outside our state.

Tim H. - Grapevine- They are looking for new stories and photos please visit website for more information. I am ordering new literature but we have a good supply of books and CD's. Our next sell is our Mini Conference.

Michael S.-Treatment- It's going great. I did a presentation and a meeting at a new treatment facility. Plan to go back when the full facility is open in hopes to reach more people. Monday/Tuesday are the days we'll return. I visited a second facility it was a nursing home and feel as their needs fall under the special needs category and would be better met by their committee.

Bob McK.-Public Information- Received updated text suggestion for the newspaper and forwarded it the editor of a local newspaper for possible inclusion.

Ola P. – Group Services- GSR School is upcoming and we are prepared.

David W. – Literature-First year as literature chair was great thanks for the support. Since October our sales are at \$216.36. The 2016 literature catalog is out we have two new pamphlets out and book. I will have a display at our Mini Conference. I have two new members to the committee.

Gary C. – Special Needs- Have been visiting meetings in Youngstown in regards to their special needs members and their needs and seeing if there is anything I may do to help.

Dustin S. - Floor Manager- everything is ready to go planning to work closely with the tapper during the mini conference to help prevent any issues with sound equipment. Will have equipment at AREA for Unity Day and GSR School.

Area DCM Reports:

Dual Dist. 23-39- Tim H- Monthly meeting is 3rd Sunday of each month at 9am.

Gary C Dist. 13- Dissed district coffers. Discussed Ohio State Convention district finances are in order, working to get more groups to the monthly meeting.

Val D Dist. 11- Our District meets last Friday of the month at 7 pm.

Patrick L Dist. 6- Created a group to do the presentation at unity day. Annual District 12 step workshop seven speakers 2-20-16 from noon to 5 pm we have a new GSR to our dist.

Dustin S Dist. 3- Discussed procedures, gratitude Sunday, working on district issues around differences of opinions, monthly flyer, and multi dist. contributions sent to webmaster.

Rea R Dist. 10- Holding monthly meetings Dist. 10 is hosting the February folding mailing party. Our yearly District Picnic will be at Christmas Run Park in August.

Mae R Dist. 31- Full yr. 2014 3 groups 300.00 dollars Northeast Ohio General Service CNCMD 2 groups \$40 dollars beginning 2016 5 active GSR's in district 31.

Mike S Dist. 2- Visited Akron Bible group that meets @ 7:30 am to help them set up a homegroup structure and format.

Vincent W Dist. 4- Visited the "We Came to Believe" meeting and discussed the importance of donation funds. Left DCM/GSR pamphlet. Visited the Keep it Simple BB Meeting helped homegroup members redo the meeting format and discussed the lack of meeting room space. Group to sit down with landlord. Made contact with the Together we stand meeting suggest to have a sit down meet with them on January 14th group change form was completed left them with the GSR/DCM pamphlet and the group requested more visits from general service.

North Cost Multi Dist. – 3 new GSR's Dist. 45 and 33 need DCM's. 2016 Budget was approved. Forming service panel to help groups with issues. We are the host dist. For our Mini Conference. CNCMD PICNIC IS August 27 10am-6pm. 2016 schedule of events was tabled to next meeting we are looking to schedule our delegates presentation for any time after May.

Intergroup Reports

Genny M Cleveland Intergroup- Will be Jan 17th @ 7pm we will review policies of the office. Bob McK will do presentation on History of Central Offices past locations and secretaries. Annual Fund drive is all of March Good time cruise September 10, 2016.

Tim H-Akron Intergroup- At our monthly business meeting we discuss attending all meetings in our districts with pledge forms and express the importance of donating to all entities.

Steve K- Youngstown Intergroup- Pasta dinner is February 13th event is sold out at the time of report.

Old Business: None

New Business: Accepting of the Unity day Bid Dist. 6

Calvin R Delegate AREA 54 presented the 2016 Budget for discussion. Passed unanimously.

What's on Your Mind?

Jerry P- Asked if a reason was given for the shortfall for the 2015 St Convention.

Susan R- Responded with it was attendance and conflicting with another conference that is popular in AA. We too could face that same issue due to our date was pushed back to August due to outside issue at hotel

Jeff Y- Recorder deadline is Sunday April 3rd @ the AREA 54 Mini Conference.

Bob McK.- Spoke of a Public Information regarding the traditions were wrote in 1946 and internet was not around and our 11th tradition is in place for anonymity at a public level including our anniversaries utilize our inter guidelines and check out the Dave S article on the subject and remember the spiritual aspect of the 11th tradition is humility.

Mike S- Was going to speak on some issues they are having at the Multi dist. He is with but decided not to once he read concept 12 he is going to call a special meeting prior to the regular monthly meeting to handle those internal issues they are having.

Motion to adjourn: