

**Area 54 Assembly Minutes
January 18, 2015**

Opening: Area Chairperson

Susan R. opened the Assembly with the Serenity Prayer. **Joyce C.** read the 12 Traditions and **Tim H.** read the 12 Concepts. **Roosevelt T.** discussed the First Tradition and **Jesse H.** discussed the First Concept.

Recording Secretary

Tina C. explained the sign-in procedure for all DCM's, Area Committee Chairs and past Delegates to establish eligibility to stand for office. Remember there is a 2 minute time limit for giving reports. Rea R. made a motion to accept minutes and Roosevelt T. second the motion. Minutes were approved.

Area Treasurer

Out Going Treas. Susan R. – Presented the 2014 end of year Treasurer's Report. Gary C. made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report Joyce C. second. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Mailing Secretary

Ron O. Next folding party will be Saturday February 14th 2015 at St. Timothy Episcopal Church 8667 Sheppard Rd Mascedonia, Oh. @ 1pm

Deadline to Ron is February 6th going to print on February 9th. Mailing goes out February 16th.

Registrar

Jim S- There are 2179 groups in Area 54 registered with GSO, 346 listed as inactive no meeting time listed or Primary contact. I want to thank Dan M. for getting the group information sheets ready for me and to Bob D for printing all 2179 of them. I now have access the FNV, GSO's Group Database to make the requested changes. I have Group Information Change forms, New Group Information Forms and DCM Change forms. If you have any updates, please let me know. Thanks

AA Anniversaries recognized

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

7th Tradition– Roosevelt T., Finance Chair passed the basket.

Area Officer and Function Reports

Gratitude Sunday Update- Ola P. Gratitude Sunday was a huge success because of the sincere dedication of the Service Members, both past and present of Area 54 NEO. All who attended were asked to stand and applaud themselves. Although a success, we hope that this year one of the districts will bid to host this event as is stated in our Area Guidelines and we get to come out and visit you.

GSR School Update-Ola P. Will be held on Feb 15th at 2pm here at Brunswick. Due to a conflict in scheduling with the Conference of Delegates Past and Present, I will not be able to chair this workshop so I have asked past Group Services Committee Chair Diane K. to chair in my absence.

Alt Delegate report:

Jamie B. Provided Mini Conference update as to the date and location. Spoke of the requirements for the hospitality room and suggest 2-4 people be on the committee the more the easier it is. Advise them to get donations from other meetings/districts the times it's to be open, and reviewed the schedule of events that are listed in the trifold.

Delegates Report

Calvin L. – AAWS Highlights - International Convention pre-registration is just shy of 30,000 they are in the process of assigning 400 speakers for 200 panels. Angel Calvillo Spanish Editor retired at the end of December he has been with GSO since 1991. Cynthia Garippa is the new IT Manager as of December 2014. The creation of the new Corrections video is in process. There is an over stock of the commemorative edition of the Big Book please place your orders. As of October 2014, 175,148 units have been sold. Sale of the commemorative edition Big Book has been extended past the July 2015 end date. There were 49,098 eBooks sold from January through Mid-November. AAWS online store has accounted for 58% of all sales in the month of October and 51.7 % for November sales.

Old Business: Tabled till March

New Business- Proposed 2015 Area Budget

The budget was presented by Calvin L., Delegate and after some discussion, a motion was made by Jeff Y. to accept and Dawn J. second, the budget was approved. After much discussion, a motion was made and seconded that the Panel 63 Carryover of \$5,149.33 be dispersed as follows:

Prudent Reserve Increase - \$1375

International Convention - \$1000

Nat'l Archives Workshop 2015 - \$1000

Contribution to GSO - \$1000

And the remaining \$774.33 will be used to purchase two coffee pots, a projector, and contributions to the Akron and the Regional hospitality suites at the Int'l Convention.

Susan R. accepted bids for the June Area Open House Picnic and Unity Day. A bid was presented by Rea R. and accepted for district 10 to host the picnic at Christmas Run Park in Wooster.

Mary Ann K., CPC Committee Chair will chair Unity Day May, 2015, held here at Brunswick.

What's on Your Mind?

Diane K. - GSR Workshop reminder

Nelson- Expressed concerns about the Delegates expenses to attend the International convention.

Susan- Spoke of her cost of one being the same as the delegates cost.

Mark- Lorain County sponsoring trip to GSO

Wellington R- Lakeshore Multi-District hosting a Traditions Workshop on February 7, Ola P to speak on Traditions 10, 11, and 12

Jamie B- spoke of the 2017 Woman's International convention and needing signatures to present that there is support if it comes to Cleveland.

Motion to adjourn: made by Denise H, second by Joyce C. and passed then followed by the Responsibility Pledge and the Lord's Prayer.

Written Reports Submitted due to presentation of 2015 budget :

Area Committee Reports:

Marilyn H. - Corrections- In November I attended the re-entry fair at Trumbul County Correctional Facility TCC. I attended it with our past corrections chair and a couple others from our AREA. All referrals that were received that day and from other events I am pleased to say all received letters and some are still getting letters. I have been in regular contact with AREA 56 in regards to upcoming Corrections workshop will update when date is set. Akron is looking into having their workshop sometime in March. If you'd be interested in joining the Corrections Committee as a member please feel free to contact myself or Tina C the past corrections chair.

Mary Ann K. – CPC- With the help of Harvey J. I gave my first CPC presentation in Oct. It was given to counselors at the Wayne and Holmes Co. Counseling Center. It was enlightening on how little they actually knew about AA. They will be kept up to date with Dist.10 meeting schedules. They took some of the literature and asked many questions.

Roosevelt T. – Finance- For AA groups to continue it is key that they are fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own program. Any kind of public funds is highly dangerous and unwise due to trying to maintain autonomy and independence.

David W. – Literature- First let me Thank you for asking me to be your Literature Committee Chair. Jerry P past chair will be advising me until I get familiar with the duties of this position. I have already contacted General Service Office (GSO) and they will assist me in any way I may need. This past Nov. I received numerous books from GSO. The books are displayed and can be purchased back at the literature table. I will have sales available at the Mini Conference and four other times during the year. You may contact myself or any of my committee members if in need of literature. If you'd be interested in joining the Literature Committee as a member please feel free to contact any of us and we'll get you signed up.

Gary C. – Special Needs- We are working on a new pamphlet eight ways to serve a special needs member at your home group.

Area DCM Reports:

Dist. 61 Nelson M- Will be attending the International Convention in July.

Dist. 11 Gary D. – Median Tuesday meeting has moved to Medina Church of Christ 295 Forest Meadows Drive it's Tuesday @ 7:30. Chatham Monday Group had their First Anniversary on Jan 6th. Was co-host to a workshop on 1/11 topic Pass it on- What our sponsor taught us. Attendance was about 65. Seville Friday group is having an anniversary on Feb 18th Living Sober's second anniversary is Feb 25th and Sterling 164 Group celebrated their 1st anniversary on Jan 5th.

Dist. 10 Rea R. – We held elections on 10/13/14 we elected all new officers and decided to elect an Alt. DCM as well. Alt. Christina W. Treas. Nikki T. Sec. Carl B. Was co-host to a workshop on 1/11 topic Pass it on- What our sponsor taught us. Attendance was about 65. We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month @ 6:30 @ Trinity United Church of Christ attendance is around 10. We are also well represented at the Area level with a lot of our members are Committee chairs. We are hoping to win the bid for the Open House Picnic.

Dist. 38 James A. – We have a lot of work to do to get GSR's active we only have two active. Looking forward to the Mini Conference and GSR school recently we were voted into the North Cost Multi Dist.

Dist. 6 Patrick L. - Is planning a 12 step workshop on Jan. 31st @ Noon @ the Sahara Club in Warren Ohio this is a FREE EVENT a covered dis would be appreciated. GSR participation has been a hit and miss type of situation we are averaging 6-10 per meeting

Dist. 13 Gary C. - Beginning the New Year positive and is excited about a busy new year come visit.

North Cost Multi Dist. Jesse H. - GSR's did the 2015 schedule and Budget. We voted in the 38th district. DCM is James A., GSR Chris H. We voted to combine two workshops with the monthly meeting in May and October. We meet the first Saturday of each month @ 2pm @ our new location 7901 Quincy Ave in the Emmanuel Baptist Church 2nd floor.

Dist. 8 Thomas M- We are in the process redoing all group registration forms.

Intergroup Reports

Jenny M. - Cleveland Central Office -Wednesday January 28th is our 1st Intergroup Meeting. There will be discussion on where we will be moving Central Office.

Georgeann Akron Intergroup- Our intergroup council was held on Jan 1st. Tom R. The chair of the founder's day reported that there will be ushers for the big meeting to ensure that all being seated have a ribbon ensuring that they are registered. Jim B. the archives chair reported that there are 2 openings on the Archives Committee since two have completed their term. Also the grapevine books with Anne Craws signature have been preserved after drying for two years.