

## **Area 54 Assembly Minutes January 20 2013**

### **Opening:**

Jamie B. opened the Assembly with the Serenity Prayer. Dan M. read the 12 Traditions. James T. read the 12 Concepts. Tradition One was read and discussed by NeCee P. Concept Five was read and discussed by Terry H. Karen S. read the Preamble. Jamie B. reminded assembly that bids will be accepted for Open House Picnic & Unity Day.

### **Recording Secretary**

Shyrl 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 in our next election. Remember there is a 2 minute time limit for giving reports. Oct 21<sup>st</sup> minutes were reviewed. Dan F. stated a correction on Jean S. name (past delegate Area 53) in minutes. Joel F. made motion to accept minutes with correction, Diane K. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Minutes were accepted. .

### **Area Treasurer:**

Susan R. Treasurer reviewed the Operating Surplus /Loss vs. Full Budget for Area 54 for 2012. Total contributions that came in were higher than projected in the original budget. Treasurer's report was accepted. Diane K. made motion for report to be accepted. Gary G. seconds the motion.

### **Mailing Secretary:**

Jim S. Mailing Secretary reported that the printing and mailing cost for last mailing at about \$600.00 . Jim also discussed e-mail option to cut cost. Please check your address with the registrar if you did not receive a Recorder. We do need a host for the February mailing. Last mailing party was in Wooster Ohio and all had a great time.

### **Registrar:**

Patti R. Area Registrar is still in training with the past registrar. District packets have arrived. DCM's need to pick up their packets. Please return updated information to the registrar by the March 17 Assembly to make the deadline for the group directory. Patti can be contacted by phone or e-mail if anyone needs any assistance.

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition-** Terry H. and Diane K. passed the baskets.

### **Introduction of New GSR's**

### **Introduction of New DCM's**

### **Area Officer and Function Reports:**

**Diane K.** – GSR Workshop on February 17 @ 2pm. The group services committee will be presenting information that will teach about service. There will be a Potluck dinner, so bring a dish.

**Tina C.-** Gave a report on Gratitude Sunday which was held on November 18, 2012 that hosted by the 7, 8 & 48 multidistrict. It was a great success. Food donations and attendance were high, but monetary donations were low and expenses were higher than projected. However, the Multidistrict will be returning the \$200 seed money given by the area.

**Alternate Delegates' Report – Calvin L.** gave a report about the upcoming Area 54 Mini Conference, which will be held on April 5-7<sup>th</sup> at Radisson Hotel in North Olmsted. The Theme is "The General Service Conference takes its inventory-our solutions in action!" All members of A.A are encouraged to attend. Registration is \$ 15.00 and banquet is \$ 33.00. A planning meeting will be held next Sunday January 27<sup>th</sup> at the Radisson Hotel at 2pm.

### **Delegate's Report**

**Ola P.** – Before giving report Ola informed us that Steve B. our finance chair has stepped down because family medical concerns. Panel 63 officers and committee chairs were introduced. Highlights from GSO included there being new workers, Clay W on CPC and Steve S. on Literature because other workers retiring or moving to new positions.

**Old Business** – none

### **New Business**

**Ola P.** Presented the proposed 2013 budget and after some discussion was passed by a majority vote. This motion was made and passed because of a carryover from the 2012 budget: **"That \$1985.00 is sent to GSO for the Delegate's Conference in April and \$ 761.00 given to literature to increase the budget to \$2000.00."**

**Jamie B.** –Ask for Bids for Unity Day and Area Picnic. An Area Open House Picnic bid was present from the dual districts 23/39 (Ashtabula county) and accepted to be held on June 23, 2013. No bids were taking for Unity Day May 19, 2013. Therefore, after discussion and reading of the area guidelines, Jamie B. appointed Diane K. chairperson and Wellington R. as co-chair.

### **What's on Your Mind**

**Ola P.** shared about a DCM college for August workshop.

**Beverly** - how to handle aggressive or intoxicated people in the meeting

**Mae R.** - call police. **Bob D.** –before calling have two members try and talk calmly with person.

**NeCee P.**- what is the protocol when people talk about drugs at AA meetings.

**Bill H**- mention service piece F-17 "blue card" **Greg J**- his group has a sign at the podium to address issue.

**Nelson N.** – is there way to keep track of group and listing in the correct district

**Wellington R.**- spoke that there may be need to educating the secretary as way to bring more into general service work.

**Bill H** – extended softball invitation to Cleveland Multidistrict which they accepted. Also mention spring seminar in Akron on May 18<sup>th</sup>. A flyer is in the works.

**Gary C.** Help is needed with treatment follow-ups. Need more contacts. Please assist if you can.

**Erika**-Thanked Ola P. and Dan F. for speaking in the Lorain district on Concept one and creating district guidelines.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bill H. and Joyce C. seconded, passed, followed by the Responsibility Pledge and the Lord's Prayer