

Area 54 Assembly Minutes
July 15, 2012

Opening:

Jay M. opened the Assembly with the Serenity Prayer Karl W. read the Preamble; Ally B. read the 12 Traditions; Patty R. read the 12 Concepts; Ally B. read and discussed Tradition 10; Jim S. read and discussed Concept 10.

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 to stand for office. Remember there is a 2 minute time limit for giving reports. April 15, 2012 minutes were reviewed corrected and accepted.

Area Treasurer:

Calvin L. Treasurer read a statement about the prudent reserve. 164 groups have contributed to area 54 \$9713. Treasurer's report was read and accepted

A.A. Anniversaries were recognized.

7th Tradition

Mailing Secretary:

Joel T.- Mailing Secretary – Thanked Bill H and the Akron Multi-District for stepping up and helping with the mailing. The next mailing will be September 15th 2012. Area 23/39 will host this mailing. There will also be a mailing in December which we will need a group to host.

Area Registrar:

Dan M. – The new group forms have slowed down, I am still accepting them. In our last mailing we had at least 150 returned mailings, this is quite expensive since each envelope costs approximately \$1.00 a piece. Some of the reasons for returning are "No forwarding address".

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

Betty M. Al Anon: – gave an update of Al Anon's participation next week at the State Convention.

Area Officer and Function Reports

Ola P: East Central Regional Conf. - 6-29-2012

Nelson M. : Area 54 Open House Picnic 6-24-2012– Approximately 175 people attended , \$228.00 was collected in the contribution basket. Seed money was \$200.00 a total of \$443.00 was spent. We were unable to return the seed money.

Steve B.: Grapevine report - we had \$77.00 in sales for Founders Day.

Area Committee Reports:

Grapevine: Steve B. – Grapevine's latest book "Young & Sober is now available. Two recent subscription drives resulted in several hundred subscriptions. The 15th Anniversary Committee in Bakersfield Ca. collected 806 La Viña print subscriptions.

Treatment: Gary C. – We now have 35 new contact people in 31 locations. This has been a good year.

Recorder Editor: Jeff Y. – The 3rd Quarter issue of the Recorder went to the printer at the end of June in time for the last mailing. We welcome service related articles for submission. If you would like your article/report included in the next issue please submit before Labor Day.

CPC: James T. – We have received an inquiry from one physician, also a member of our fellowship. He is seeking cooperation in developing a program that would help his colleagues gain better understanding of who we are and what we do.

Special Needs: Roosevelt T. On 5-10-12 Ron O. and I met with Joanna at Green Leaf and she mentioned the possibility of starting an A.A. meeting at the facility. She also discussed teaching ASL basic skills for a six week course for up to 10 people at a price of \$50.00 per person. She also made some suggestions for the proposed Special Needs Pamphlet. We are waiting the draft to come back from the printer so we can review it.

Corrections: Tina C – I am unaware of who I should contact regarding jails or prisons in Cleveland. If anyone does know, please see or contact me. Youngstown committee needs help in structural and organizational areas. They have only 3 members. Akron is doing pretty good. They are having a meeting today to discuss volunteers that go into the facilities.

Finance: Diane K – I would like to mention that each time we meet here we are just charged \$75.00 and \$15.00 for the coffee we drink, that is \$90.00. We use the money we collect from the basket to pay for this. Today we collected \$84.00;. If you could give a little more when we pass the basket to show that we can pay our own way.

PI: Dan F. – I am pleased to have two volunteers who are willing to help. I have offered my services to the Canton Intergroup office PI Chairperson for the Stark County Fair in August.

Literature: Terry H – Literature will be available Friday and Saturday at the State Convention. Please see me after the meeting if you or your group or district has any literature needs.

Archives: Tim H I continue to file minutes and treasurer reports to our Repository in Akron. I gave Jim S. the showcase and books for the State Convention.

Area DCM Reports:

D# 34 Quinsetta M: Two groups that were located at St. John's Cathedral on E. 9th: League Park and Mistletoe are no longer functioning and will be removed from the AA Cleveland Meeting Schedule.

D #13 – Gary C: We had a picnic last Sunday for the G.S.R's, there 45 attendees. We had a great time.

D# 10 – David W: We had 8 attendees from district 10 at this years' mini-conference. Planning is well underway for our annual District 10 picnic, which will be held August 5th at Christmas Run Park in Wooster, Oh.

D # 20C – Patti R: We have recently been informed that all meetings held at any First Merit Bank have to vacate by the end of July. They are closing all of their "Community Rooms" This will affect four meetings in our Multi-District this includes one in 20C. We have also lost our alternate DCM Erika B to Lakewood,. However, she will be taking on a service position there.

D# 23/39 – Christine McG/Tim H: A new group registered in district 23; Jefferson Monday Night group has relocated to the church next door. Dual District donated \$50.00 to the hospitality room and sent both Tim H and myself to the convention.

D# 32 – Karl W: I have attended all the meetings in my district except one, which meets the same night as my home group. There are only two active GSR's in my list of groups. I will continue carrying the message of service no matter what.

D# 33 – Vanessa S: There are 44 groups in district 33. I have provided 6 updates for district 33. Some groups have moved and/or relocated into 33 from another district. I have been explaining the importance of the GSR and participating in service.

D# 30 – Wellington R: We began 2012 with 3 GSR's and we now have 6 GSR's. This was accomplished by a picnic held May 27th. The picnic was done with resources and hard work of the four core members. We are planning on having a Service Seminar the end of October or early November.

D#35 – Edward U: We have two new groups in the district and one group to move into another district. I have contacted most of the groups and many of them have a GSR unfortunately a lot of them are in name only. I will continue to work with them.

D#2 – Roosevelt T: I visited 4 groups in my district and registered 4 new GSR's. One of the groups lost a GSR and will assist the group in replacing the GSR after the State Convention.

D#1 – Bill H: On July 3rd a new open topic discussion group "It Works- It Really Does" began meeting. The meeting will be held on Tuesday's 6:30 pm. at Sara's house, 414 Pine St. Akron, Oh.

D# 8 – Jim S: There are 30 groups in this district which currently have 4 active GSR's. The other groups do have primary contacts which I am treating them as they were GSR's by passing along information from the area where I can and planting the seed of service.

D#62 – Ron O: I have visited six groups in district 62. Sobriety Station has registered one new group contact person only, having only four members they could use some support. They meet on Wednesday at 6:00 pm at 161 ½ Second Street.

D#31 – Mae R: The Minnie Charleston meeting has moved from Huron Road Hosp. to "One Day at a Time "12507 St. Clair; contact person is Fred B and Melvin S. Windermere Sunday now meets at the New Life Cathedral; contact person is Mary B, past delegate. Keith is the new GSR person for "New Way of Life".

D#27 – Nick W: There are 28 groups, only 10 of them have GSRs; another 7 have Primary Contacts; another 11 have only meeting place data. "Monday Nite Footwork; "Independence"; and "Parmatown Men's" have given contact data. "Broadview Heights 12 & 12 has a new GSR – Mike G.

Intergroup Liaison/Multi-District Reports:

Tim H –Ashtabula Area Intergroup: We carry a full line of conference approved literature, coins and meditation books. We are also having a Gulf Outing on August 19th in Saybrook.

Quinsetta M – Cleveland North Coast Multi-District: I am pleased that we will be hosting the Ice Cream Social both Friday and Saturday for the Ohio State Convention. August 4th will be our annual North Coast Multi-District picnic at Forest Hills Park, Cleveland Heights side. Our next workshop presentation will be the History of AA on October 20th 2012.

Ron O. – Akron Intergroup: Founders Day was a great success, we sold 2000 lapel pins. Akron Intergroup will have their annual Gulf Outing at the Mayfair Country Club on October 13th. Elections for Intergroup Council will be held on August 5th 1:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Hospital.

Bill H – Akron Multi-District: On June 23rd the Akron Multi-District hosted the Area 54 mailing party at the Paradise Club in Cuyahoga Falls.

Alternate Delegate's Report:

Ohio State Convention - The Hotel has extended our \$75.00 per night rate until July 17th. We are waving the late fee for the registration, so those registering at the door only pay \$21.00. We have over 140 registrations, 85 banquets and 79 luncheon tickets sold, so we do have extra to sell, we must give the hotel a final count on Wednesday, July 18th. The hospitality committee will have access to the hotel as early as 8:00 am Friday. The dance will be Friday night. Saturday night will have a talent show hosted by Lisa from OYPAA. The Service Workshop will be held Aug. 19th. The Committee Chairs, 4 DCMs along with the Area Officers will share their experience and what the position actually entails.

Delegate's Report:

In the second quarter of 2012 through Corrections Correspondence Service we connected 338 incarcerated AA's with outside members. Since December 9, 2011 a total of 6018 e-books, 3,192 Big Books and 2,826 copies of the Twelve & Twelve were sold. According to the recent survey conducted the average sobriety of members is 10 years; members attend an average of 2.6 meetings per week; 65% of the members are male; 35% are female; I am still available to do Conference reports.

Old Business: - None

New Business: - None

What's on Your Mind?

Shyrl B – When or how did the courts begin ordering people to A.A. meetings?

Jay M – A.A. does not ask for ID, therefore we can't verify if a person was actually there.

Susan R. – Signing of papers is not the responsibility of groups, it is simply a courtesy. Penn/Ohio Family fun day is coming up, please see flyers on the table.

Quinsetta M. for all the GSRs here today from the North Coast Multi-District area please register with the registrar if you are not already so that you can get your GSR packet and any other information for your groups

James T. – Courts cannot order someone into A.A. Courts do not differentiate AA, Spirituality and religion.

Diana R - All papers are not court ordered, they could be from a sober house or a treatment facility.

Greg J –What A.A. Does and What it Does Not Do Flyer – groups continue to announce events that are not A.A. related. We are contradicting our own suggestions.

Kathleen – This past Founders Day was my first one and it was AWESOME. If you haven't been, please go, there is nothing like it!

Diane K – Singleness of purpose and what groups do. This is one of the responsibilities of the GSR to inform groups of what AA does and what it does not do. It is also our responsibility to pass on this information.

Gus E – Signing of Court papers – people are sent to AA by the courts because they believe that AA can help people and maybe they will learn something and make their lives better.

Jamie B – Singleness of purpose, the GSR to carry accurate information to the group at a group conscious meeting. They are not there to argue about it, just keep them informed of what AA does and does not do. If all of us don't do this it is giving the impression that we condone what they are doing.

Al G – At my home group there were people getting up during the meeting to retrieve them, we now announce at the beginning of the meeting that people cannot have their court papers until the meeting is completely over.

Jeff Y –Groups should perhaps take their own inventory when it comes to using parts of phrases such as "singleness of purpose", "each group is autonomous" etc.

Steve B – I checked the AA website and the survey Bob D was discussing is on the website now. It is very interesting.

Bob D. – I would like to thank everyone for coming out today, especially the new people. Hopefully we will see you at the Convention.

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