

Area 54 Assembly Minutes July 21 2013

Opening:

Jamie B. opened the Assembly with the Serenity Prayer. Joel T. read the Preamble. Debbie A. read the 12 Traditions. Danny F. read the 12 Concepts. Tradition Four was read and discussed by Beverly F.. Concept Four was read and discussed by Bob D.

Recording Secretary

Diane K. (filling in for Shyrl B.) 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. April 21st minutes were reviewed. Minutes were accepted.

Area Treasurer:

Susan R. Treasurer reviewed the Operating Budget for Area 54 year to date. We are at 58% of budgeted contributions Treasurer's report was accepted. Minutes were accepted as represented.

AA Anniversaries recognized

Mailing Secretary:

Jim S. Mailing Secretary thanked Lakewood district(s) for hosting the last mailing party We had 1164 mailings The next mailing party will be September 14th. We need a district to help. Deadline for the next mailing September 8th.

Registrar:

Patti R. -Please continue to return updated information to the registrar. Make sure you are including full addresses with email and phone, if available. If you are getting e-mails, see Patti to check if we have a correct address in the system.

AA Anniversaries recognized

7th Tradition- Baskets were passed.

Introduction of New GSR's

Introduction of New DCM's

Area Officer and Function Reports:

Diane K. Gave a report based on the budget and actual from o the Mini Conference, which was held in April 2013 at the Radisson Hotel in North Olmsted. Total income was \$6,203.00. Total expenses were \$4,622.24. Net Revenue was \$1,580.76

Bob D. Open House Picnic-hosted by dual districts 23/39 reported that about 360 attended the picnic at Conneaut State Park. Bob M., Past Trustee lead. Our current trustee Bill F attended and shared a few thoughts. Thanks to Area 54 for allowing us to serve.

James T. August Workshop -gave an update. There will ne a PowerPoint presentation and sharing from DCM's from the Area. Potluck dinner

Gratitude Sunday-David W, -Gratitude Sunday will be held Sunday November 24th at Trinity United Church of Christ in Wooster.

Area Committee Report

Treatment-Gary C- We are doing fine. Have a list 20 Bridge the Gap. Also, have 54 people out of treatment. We are off to a good year. We needed committed members.

Corrections- Cathleen S. co-chair - Akron committee corrections did a wonderful job at Founder's Day. Multidistrict 7,8 &48 in Youngstown has elected Joel T as the chairperson. We going work with district 6 to get them involved in corrections.

Grapevine-Bob D.- Founder's Day sales were \$253.00. Thanks to Tim H., Susan R., and Wellington R. for all your help with setup and sale.

Archives -James T.- The committee chair engaged in seeking input toward verification of the following question: How did Bill W. get from the Mayflower Hotel to the Seiberling Estate where he met Bob? We have contact many archives resources including GSO. Two theories emerge. He walked or the Seiberlings since a chauffeur. Neither theory is based on first-hand information. We believe these two theories have been passed on through word of mouth.

Dan F. Dark District ad Hoc Committee -Work has been completed in the Lorain Multidistrict. They have by-laws and refined service positions. They also have an approved budget and forms. I have recently working with the Lake Shore Multidistrict. We have met twice. Anyone interested in being a part of this committee please contact me.

Literature- Jerry P - Unity Day sale \$237.17 According to treasurer report we been directed to complete a physical inventory by September 2013. Terry H. as graciously offered to assist so we can have an accurate inventory. Orders will be on hold.

Group Services -Diane K. -Group Services had another GSR workshop in Akron on May 18th..

Finance - Terry H. - Mention and reminded assembly about the pamphlet "Where spiritually and money mix" The chair is also available to give short presentation or announcement on the 7th traditions to meetings and multidistrict's

DCM Reports

Gary C #13- We had a picnic to get new GSRs' involved in service work. We had about 45 people show up. . The district is strong. We also have a treatment committee in the district. .

Edward U #35-Have 3 new GSR's and I am still working on others groups. I want to get all groups in my district involved.

David W #10-Various members have been busy in the district with district functions and arranging to attend Ohio State Convention in Columbus. We will have our annual picnic on August 4. Planning for Gratitude Sunday is well underway. We have a new district secretary, Christina W. GSR from WWW Triple 12 group. We also have new meeting that's on Sunday at the Trinity Unity Church of Christ at 8:00pm. The Sunday Night Recharge.

Michael R #45- Still attending meetings in district , updating groups and asking them to elect a GSR so they can informed and have a voice in AA as a whole. Still looking for an Alternate DCM.

Nelson A #61 I have seen 4 of groups out of 13 donates money to the Area. I am trying to get all 13 groups to donate .Some have no money, while other chose not to, but when I started a few years ago only two groups donated.

Robert A Cleveland Multidistrict-Announcing on our picnic is coming on August 17 at Forest Hill Park Cleveland Heights side. Also, want to thank Akron Multidistrict on their picnic yesterday. We had a nice time.

James A (fill in) #38 Discussions was had about meeting with each other to attend a meeting in our district. We are encouraging some groups to get active in the district.

John McP #5 – Groups attendance is increasing. A new men's treatment opened in Ravenna and the women's treatment is still operating in the town hall. Local construction of hotel in Kent is completed. We also making contact with Monday Young People about distributing funds. We have a new DCM for 5 B Mike G. One of the groups is having lease issues with the church where th group meets and is looking for a new meeting place.

Alternate Delegate's Report – Jeff Y. (filling for Calvin L)– gave report on the Ohio State Convention, which be held in Worthington Ohio , August 2-4 . Spoke about the history the convention and a personal testimony on what a good time it is, Travis C, will be the Friday night Speaker. Tracy O, GSO staffer will be the Saturday Morning Speaker. There will be a AI-non speaker, Sandy F, speaking Saturday afternoon. That evening Jack W. former regional trustee will speak, with Angie closing out the conference on Sunday Morning.

Delegate's Report-Dan M. (filling in for Ola P.)Highlights from A.A.W.S. –The AAWS board meet in March. They had a visit from Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy. This visit offered an opportunity for exchanging information and exploring ways to cooperate. Final goodbyes was said to Gayle S. R retired and hellos and welcomed was made to Steve S, who began work as G.S.O staff in March.. The Archives department is making available the selection of five black and white photographs approved by the trustees' Archive Committee. Sales were slightly above budget for the first two months of the year. It was also noted that for 2012, contributions were up 4.7% over 2011.

Old Business – Ad Hoc for 2015 International Convention Hospitality Room- the committee met on April 21. a question was raised about voting members on the committee. Voting membership is by appointment only. Any interested members of AA are welcome to observe the committee. Recommendation was made and unanimously approved to place the following sentence to end of the first paragraph of the memo being sent to Eva S. , AAWS : **"This request was unanimously approved at our April 21, 2013 Area Assembly."**

New Business- None

What's on Your Mind

Area

Gary C- Need to see??????.

Jim S-shared about the "Go Green" option available from GSO

John McP.- had a question about liability at the churches for AA

MaryAnn AA-needed assistance in taking AA meeting to Holmes County Jail. Ally B. committed to assist.

Jim S- Need a place for mailing party

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