

**Area 54 Assembly Minutes
March 17, 2013**

Opening:

Jamie B. opened the Assembly with the Serenity Prayer Joel T. read the Preamble, Bob W. read the 12 Traditions and Fred B. read the 12 Concepts. Mike S. discussed the Second Tradition and Ron O. discussed the Second Concept. Gratitude Sunday will be accepted at the April Assembly.

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 to stand for office.

Remember there is a 2 minute time limit for giving reports.

Jay M. asked for a correction on a new business item and that the monetary details are provided. Quinsetta M.

made a motion to accept minutes with correction and Joyce C second the motion.

Joyce C second the motion.

Area Treasurer

Susan R.- group contribution were good, let's keep it up.

We received a refund from post office for overage in postage. Traveling is done by the entire panel so our travel expenses were high, but will be made up because we will not travel as large group again.

Mailing Secretary:

Jim S- Mailing Secretary – Mailing party was held March 2 in Youngstown. Sent out 1,100 pieces of mail. We have 29 electronic - email only. That is great. Next mailing party will be Saturday April 20 in dual district 23/39 at Newline in Ashtabula at 1pm.

AA Anniversaries recognized

Registrar

Group updates are due today. If forgotten you can mail, e-mail or call Patti R.

**Introduction of New GSR's & Introduction of New DCM's
Area Committee Reports:**

Area DCM Reports:

D# 34 Quinsetta M. : So far this year there seems to be one basic question in the district , where to send the money. I have handed out a list of the four entities and also the Self-Support packet.

D #45 – Michael R. : Just turn in my DCM package and there are a lot of changes. I am still going to meetings in district that do not have a GSR and encouraging them to elect one.

D#5A – John McP.: Meetings continue to have good attendance and income. Group secretaries are rotating, but new treasures need info or in-services about their responsibilities. Some groups are having difficulties with disruptive people and harassing situations.

D# 30 – Wellington R.: sponsored a GSR workshop in November at Nite & Day where we had 12 new people interested in GSR work. We are working on framework the LSMD Multi-district. We plan to have a secretary's workshop in July and our picnic in August.

D # 1 – Ron O: I have spent time updating information on the meeting new in my district. Six are no longer in existence and 5 have move to another district. I also enrolled seven new meetings.

D# 2 Roosevelt T. : Since receiving the package from the area, I have been going to meetings and updating them

with some success. One meeting had move out and another moved in.

D# 49 – Jerry P: District 49 consists of 25 groups in northern summit county. I am pleased to report that the group information for all of the groups in the district has been updated.

D# 10 David W. : held two events, a 12 Step- workshop in November of 2012 and hosted a mailing party. Additionally all current groups are updated. Our annual picnic will be on August 4th at Christmas Run Park.

D# 13 Gary C. : We had an election and got a new chair, alternate DCM and treasurer. The district is strong and we are getting a new chairperson for treatment.

D#23 Dave T. : Most groups are reporting above average attendance. I am updating and contacting meetings. I am also working with 39 on Area Open House picnic.

D# 8 Jim S. Alternate DCM: The DCM is getting familiar with his new position. His is updating and visiting groups. We have recently added a new women's meeting.

D# 19A- Ellen W. : I have updated most of the meetings. The alternate has been assisting as well. Most of the meetings are well attended. I plan to visit each meeting to promote donations and encourage attending Brunswick and the Lorain Multidistrict.

D#27 Nick W. : 27 have been a "dark" district for some time. Only 2 groups had GSR's and none donate to Area. Some contact info is 10 year old. I have been updating groups since July 2012 and have obtained updated information.

D#35 Edward U. : Four groups have elected new GSR. I will send the change forms to registrar before next meeting.

D#36-Robert A. : As the newly chairperson of the Cleveland Northcoast Multi-district, I am continuing to carry the message in an attempt to get more of us involved in service.

D#61 Nelson _ : I have talking with groups about electing an GSR, but none want to get involved, but want to be the primary contact. I am bringing a sober guy to the mini-conference. He wants to know more about general service.

D# 50 Bill H. : I have recently been appointed to this position . D# 50 has approximately 50 groups. I have been visiting the groups and updating them. King School has a new GSR, Gussie J.

D# 4 Vincent W. : I have updated about 9 groups. These groups have update information with some having GSR's or contact and some in the process. I still need to visit a few more.

Bob Mc. K –director for skit for Mini-Conference sent a sign-up sheet to participate.

Intergroup Reports

Bill H. – Akron Intergroup: Registration have begun for Founder's Day. Registration is \$20 and you can register online @ www.akronaa.org or by mail. Registrations are also available on site that weekend. The Akron Intergroup 59th anniversary will be Sunday April 21th @ St. Sebastian Church.

Joel T. – Youngstown Inter Group: By this coming Tuesday (In March) the intergroup will be in a new building. There is a contact number for information: 1-330-270-3000.

Area Officer and Function Reports

Diana K. – GSR School: It was our 3rd annual workshop. A new committee present the workshop and it turn out well. Many people came out and it was well attended. The PowerPoint used will be re-tooled to fit with our GSR workshop. The committee will be presenting another workshop in Akron in the month of May.

Wellington R. & Diana K.-Unity Day Update: The theme for Unity day will be "Where Money and Spirituality Mix". The pamphlet bearing that name will be use along with other literature. It is important we all be educated about this topic. It is potluck, so bring a dish.

Dave/Dual district 23/39Open House Picnic Update: The location is the Lower Pavilion at Conneaut twp Park. There is no cost. The speaker will be a part trustee Bob M. Committees are being chosen and supply list worked on. A Flyer will be available at the Mini-Conference.

Shyrl B-Area 53 Mini-Conference- It was weekend that I thoroughly enjoyed. On Friday, the conference started with introductions and Pam R, ECR trustee report. On Saturday at the early bird meeting, I had the opportunity to connect with other area officers. On Saturday we were in committee most of the day. That evening Rick W., from GSO gave his report and lead. On Sunday, we had the voting session.

Calvin L. – Alternate Delegate's Report: Mini-Conference- This is our 38th conference. We have had two planning meeting and the schedule has been set. This mini conference will allow our delegate to take our collect voice to New York. **Amy - hospitality chair** was called to speak. We have over \$700 in donations and seed money; Volunteers for most shifts are covered, a special thanks to Joyce, for her skills presenting functions of this kind. The ice cream socials have groups that will serve for each evening. **Jeff Y. conference registrar-** stated we have 76 registrations in. Please keep them coming so we can give the hotel final numbers in a timely fashion. Jeff presented our delegate with a rolling bag to help in her travels.

Delegate's Report: Ola P.

GSO Highlights-GSO made a slight net profit (\$160,000) even with unexpected expenses because of Hurricane Sandy. 1500 visitors were greeted at office. Archives received 1555 request for research. Personnel changes have occurred because of retirements. The spring issue of Box 459 will have an article on posthumous anonymity. There are two agendas items that we will be discussing at our mini-conference, about making a commemorative issue of the first edition of the Big Book, and using third party vendors to sell our literature. We also have a floor manager, Michael R.

Old Business:

Mini-Conference Drawing –Mike S. winner of Mini-Conference drawing

New Business

A motion was read and seconded to form ad-hoc committee look into what is needed to provide a hospitality suite room and archives display at International Conference. Motion accepted and was approved.

What's on Your Mind?

Bill H. – Announce Akron Intergroup July 20th Picnic.

Jeff Y. – Requested articles and reports from the area panel and committee chairs by April 1st.

Ron O. - Mention a concern about his group. They were asked if they would donate Big Books to a treatment facility. A group member thought it may be a tradition violation and Ron brought concern to Area. **Ola P.** stated while it may be a tradition issue, each group is autonomous and should be helping drunks.

Bob McK.-Ask for email address not phone numbers so that he can send the skit script via e-mail.

Jay M. – ask for area articles from panel and standing committee chairs for Akron Intergroup newsletter.

Karen S. – Asked a question about using her husband e-mail address, since she doesn't have one. Bob McK. said it was ok.

Rob A.- Chairperson of Northcoast Multidistrict formerly accepted Akron Intergroup softball challenge at their picnic in July.

Beverly F. – had a question about spiritual and money mix, where to find a copy of the long form version of Tradition Seven. The body suggested; back of the fourth edition of the Big Book, the service manual and the 12& 12

Jamie B-read prayer requests for following individuals: Sharon T, Eileen, Marie R. Patti's mom Don M., and Rachel and family who lost everything in a house fire.

Motion to adjourn was made, second and passed then followed by the Responsibility Pledge and the Lord's Prayer.