

## Area 54 Assembly Minutes March 20<sup>th</sup> 2016

**Opening: Susan R.**- opened the Assembly with the Serenity Prayer. Gus E. read the 12 Traditions. Dave I. read the Preamble and Michael A. read the 12 Concepts. Tradition eight was read and discussed by Steve K and Concept Nine was read and discussed by Vincent.

**Recording Secretary Tina C.**- explained the sign-in procedure for all DCM's, GSR's, Area Committee Chairs and past Delegates to establish eligibility for the October election. Remember there is a 2-minute time limit for giving reports. Minutes were approved and accepted.

**Area Treasurer: Shyrl B.** -Treasurer's report-financial report to date. Presentation of additional reports Minutes were approved and accepted.

**Mailing Secretary: Ron O.** – Thanks Dist. 10 who hosted last folding event. Was the fastest thus far started at 1pm ended at 2:30. Next folding party is April 16<sup>th</sup> @ Waldeisen Hall 2124 16<sup>th</sup> Street Akron Ohio 44314 Host is Dist. 2 Kenmore. April 8<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for printer. PLEASE GO GREEN.

**Registrar: Jim S.**- Group update time handing out DCM packets need the updates back by May 1<sup>st</sup> so I can get them to GSO so they can do the updates.

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition-Dawn J.** passed the baskets.

### **AA Anniversaries recognized**

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

**Alt. Del. Report – Jamie B.** – Stressed the importance of The 41<sup>st</sup> Mini Conference and registration are dangerously low please get registered. Stressed the importance of the St. Convention and that registrations are now being taken please push for registrations and get active in registering people. Attending OYPAA convention is September 9-11.

**Delegate's Report- Calvin L.**- October is the world service meeting in New York. Final report is in from the ECR Hospitality room at the international donations were 5,334.45 spent 5,196.56 balance 138.89 3,799.10 went to hotel fees. GSO and its entities were dismissed from the California law suit. Strategic Plan for AA is on our website as are all agenda items. GSO remodeling is complete. Grapevine continues to loses 3-4% of its readers per year.

### **Dan F- Past and Present Delegates**

**Conference-** Myself and Ola P traveled to Milwaukee Wisconsin to attend the 43 conference. This gathering's main purpose is to prepare the first and second year delegates for the general service conference in New York. Saturday consisted of a mock General Service Conference. Saturday night was a banquet and open speaker meeting on Sunday we held a business meeting to hold elections to fill regional service positions that are held by Past Delegates.

**Ola P- Report on GSR School-** Thanked all who helped and attended the GSR school. It was a big success and the pot luck was great. Time restraints is a huge concern and issue due to the length of the presentation. Our goal is to give all GSR's information prudent to them to continue their journey as GSR's. please provide any and all feedback to the group services chair either in person or by email.

**Susan C-Unity Day-** Flyer is done and will go out in mailing and will be at the mini conference. 15 Min skit is set Ad hoc committee was established.

**Val D- June Open House Picnic** – Dist. 11 with the help of Akron multi dist. Will present your open house picnic from 10-3 2 summit Metro Parks from 10-3.

**Tina C - Area 55 Mini-Conference-** Traveled to Area 55 with Calvin and Jamie. Bill F spoke on Friday night. Spoke of the issues at the international and steps they are taking in planning 2020 to prevent loss. I enjoyed all the delegates share during their panel's, no GSO speakers were able to come. The lead by Kristi H was great. My committee was CPC/Public Information. It was very interesting to see how they handled their voting session vs how we do ours. I sat in on a meeting Jamie B had with OYPAA and inviting them to the state convention.

**Shyrl B- Area 56 Mini-Conference** – Traveled to Area 56 Mini Conference with a few panel members. Theme was "Our Spiritual Way of Life: Steps, Traditions, Concepts." Bill F ECR Trustee gave his General Service Board report. Michelle G shared her journey toward becoming a trustee for AA. And she stated that West Virginia her home state is now

holding Mini Conferences just like in Ohio's after a few of them attended ours and that ours are the best conference training for the general service conference. Her personal journey was very thoughtful and heart-warming.

**Jamie B- Area 53 Mini-Conference-** Their Conference was a mini version of their GSR Workshop. The GSR preamble was something I was unaware of and glad to know of it now. The committee meetings began on Friday evening and reconvened on Saturday with committee reports at 1. One lesson learned was don't have the same agenda item with two committees, how to handle abstentions. They had a 110 registered members. By attending other Mini Conferences helps me to view the mini conference not only how we do ours but how other do theirs and in turn helps to view AA as a w

#### **Area Committee Report**

**David W-Literature-** January sales 57.35. Literature order is in their will be plenty on sale at the Mini Conference.

**Dawn J- Finance-** As the recently appointed finance chair I am excited to begin this new journey and thank Calvin for choosing me. I have received all materials related to the mini conference and reviewed them and I have received all finance supplies.

**Gary C-Special Needs-** I have been getting to some meetings in Youngstown regarding special needs. I'll be at Mini Conference.

**Mary Ann K.- CPC-** I connected with a young woman from a taskforce in Wooster she is helping me in contacting Cory Spittler the judge on their panel. Looking forward to big things and a great summer.

**Tim H.-Grapevine** – Ordered new material for mini conference. April issue is on relapse, need stories from young people, Lavina is on service structure.

**Marilyn H.-Corrections** – I am corresponding out of state recently sent one to Texas. I got new literature from New York and planning some visits to some facilities.

**Michael R. –Archives-** Looking forward to the activities of the mini conference and plan to bring a possible future GSR.

**Dustin S.- Floor Manager-** Everything is checked and ready for the Mini conference.

**Michael S.- Treatment-** received some contact sheets from Glenbeigh made some calls for

bridging the gap contacted 5 of 10 people on list with the help of the co-chair.

**Bob McK. - Public Information-** received suggested newspaper texts to managing editors of local newspapers in our area. I will not be able to attend the Mini Conference I worked with Danney F on background and topics display will be at the mini conference.

#### **DCM Reports:**

**Tim H.- Dual Dist. 23-39-** 9 People attended our monthly service meeting this month. working on group updates.

**Val D.- Dist. 11-** discussed dist. Business and voted to move the meeting to 6:30 and reimbursement for deposit was discussed and handled.

**Gary C.- Dist. 13-** We have gotten a few new groups and are currently working on updating groups and if the group doesn't have a GSR were using other members for contact purposes.

**James -DCM Dist. 38-** Finances are up to date review the Mini Conference minutes and St. Convention minutes and usual dist. reviews, a few new contact people for the district and one meeting moved.

**Dustin S.-DCM Dist. 3-** Got a new GSR, discussed about hospitality room donation planning spring seminar in May picnic is in June. Home groups are excited about the agenda topics.

**Rea R.-DCM. -Dist. 10-** Monthly Dist. Meeting attendance has been low. Dist. 10 picnic is in the planning stages folding party in February went well.

**Vincent W. DCM- Dist. 4-** Visited Keep It Simple meeting, some structure issue, spoke after meeting about the meeting dynamics. Visited We Came to Believe meeting it's doing great and is structured according to AA guidelines the group change form is done and primary contact is included.

**Susan C DCM Dist. 6-** Elected new DCM/Alternate DCM. Voted to pay for one room, registration and banquet for Mini Conference. June 5<sup>th</sup> Battle of the Home groups corn hole

**Jesse H Chair Cleveland North Cost Multi Dist.-** Dist. 33 and 45 need a DCM. Need contributions for the hospitality room. Sponsoring 3 GSR's registrations and Banquets. May 14<sup>th</sup> is our workshop theme "Let your voice be heard by Voting".

## **Intergroup Liaison Reports:**

### **Genny M. –Cleveland Central Office-**

Reviewed office policies, elected operating committee representative from zones 9, 10, and 11. Cleveland Archives Committees seminar focus is on "Group Histories". March is fund drive month. Move in day at new location May 1<sup>st</sup>. Website has been over improved. Goodtime Cruise is Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Cost is 17.00 dollars.

**Tim H. -Ashtabula Intergroup-** Planning our annual intergroup picnic next month as well as our golf outing more info to come.

**Old Business** – Mini Conference drawing winner is Tina H.

**New Business-** Gratitude Sunday bid announcement.

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

Joel T- Multi Dist. 7 8 & 48 is having their annual chicken roast on June 18<sup>th</sup> at Waddell Park in Niles.

Michael- Had issues registering for the mini conference and hotel due to the need of a check suggested looking into a way of using credit cards.

Greg J.- Shared on the importance of Saturday that's where a large portion of the information will be shared and if you can't do the hotel due to cost at least get there on Saturday as early as possible.

Arenetta P- Shared on the hospitality room needing volunteers and donations. They plan to shop the morning of the conference please let them know if you can help.

Wellington R- Thanked everyone for their love and support during the loss of his Mom.

Susan C- Clean and Green anniversary is May 19<sup>th</sup> and Ola P is the speaker.