

**Area 54 Assembly Minutes
September 16, 2012**

Opening:

Jay M. opened the Assembly with the Serenity Prayer
Roosevelt T. read the Preamble; Jerry P. read the 12 Traditions;
Jim S. read the 12 Concepts; Bob D. discussed why the
traditions and concepts are important. Bob D. welcomed
Dave C. and Steve S from Area 53 (Columbus).

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. July 15, 2012
minutes were reviewed corrected and accepted.

A.A. Anniversaries were recognized.

Mailing Secretary:

Joel T.- Mailing Secretary – Mailing party was held yesterday
Sept. 15th in New Line. Not many attended, but it went quick
since the size of the recorder was cut down. Also many are
receiving the recorder through e-mail. We also went back to
our "No Return Service" procedure with the Post Office. Next
mailing will be December 15th hosted by District 10 at the Oasis
Recovery club. Flyer will be on our website.

Area Treasurer:

Calvin L. Treasurer – Contributions are down. We are also
down in our grapevine and literature sales. We will come in at
a negative for the year unless we receive approximately
\$2500. for the remainder of the year. Treasurers' report was
accepted as read.

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

Area Committee Reports:

Treatment: Gary C. – We have received many new
placements and approximately 400 names this year.

Archives: Tim H. – Continuing to place records in our Repository
in the Akron Intergroup office. Bob McK. and I have been filing
flyers and other items in their proper places

CPC: James T. – I was asked by the Cleveland District Office to
give a half-hour presentation at the Ohio Association for
Justice (OAJ) winter convention to be held in Cleveland Nov.
14th – 16th. The CPC committee also received a request for
sharing from GSO seeking information on the use and
usefulness of the recently published AA survey.

Group Services: Jerry P. – We have been asked to conduct
"The Group School Workshop" on November 10, 2012 in Euclid.
A flyer is forth coming.

Grapevine: Steve B. – GV quarterly board met on July 26th. The
board reported that GV remains in the black. Several books
have been added to the list of e-books available. We also
have 2 new books "Young & Sober" and "Into Action". The
2013 Wall calendar is now available. We have received an
order and are well stocked for the coming months.

Public Information: Dan F. I received from GSO a 2011 A.A.
Membership Survey Display that can be placed on an easel or
table. Groups can borrow the display for their Home Group,
district, or any Area event. GSO is also requesting input from
the fellowship in regards to the Short Form of the Twelve
Traditions and particularly the Eleventh Tradition. Please see
me for further information.

Corrections: Tina C – Youngstown Corrections is in the process
of ordering Big Books for the OSP. I am not in contact with
Akron Corrections, the number I had is disconnected, Bill H is
helping me to reestablish contact. I am still unaware of how to
reach anyone from the Cleveland Corrections area.

Finance: Diane K – I would like to remind everyone that it costs
\$90.00 plus coffee each time we meet here, therefore we
must be as giving as we can when the basket is passed today.

Literature: Terry H. – Sales at the State Convention were
\$155.72. We provided approximately 160 pieces of free
literature to the attendees.

Area DCM Reports:

D# 34 Quinsetta M: I have been speaking at several groups
and I am using this opportunity to talk about General Service,
particularly those that do not have an active GSR. Mistletoe
and League Park have reopened. Ignatius's Way has moved to
a larger facility within St. Vincent Charity.

D #13 – Gary C: A new group has been formed at the Oxford
House. The attendance has been good. All is going well in
the district.

D#20A – Ally B.: I have turned in several change forms for the
district, including a new GSR. I am attempting to get at least
primary contact information for groups that have no GSR.
One meeting that no longer exists has been removed from the
directory. Bob D. and Joel T. spoke at our Multi-District
meeting.

D# 23/39 – Christine McG/Tim H: One new meeting has
started. We will hold our elections next month. We also voted
to order Grapevine subscriptions and 2 sets of back issues for
distribution throughout the dual district. The PI/CPC chair and I
will be attending a meeting that has allowed an AA meeting
to move in. They would like to learn more about how they are
helping AA.

D # 20C – Patti R: I thank Bob D. and Joel T. for attending our
Multi-District meeting. The four meetings that were displaced
by First Merit Bank have all found a new home. I have been
doing our newsletter the "Live Wire" for one year. It is quite an
enjoyable experience.

D#1 – Bill H: I would like to announce that we have two new
GSR's. The election of officers at the Multi-District level will be
held at the October meeting. There will be a Fall seminar on
November 7th from 9:00 – Noon at the Idabelle auditorium, 41
Arch Street, Akron, Oh. Topic will be "Different Levels of
Service"

D#19A – Ellen W: Three groups formerly at First Merit Bank have
relocated as follows: Sunday Night Men's is now at St. Peter's
North Ridgeville; Sisters In Sobriety – Calvary Ridge on Center
Ridge in North Ridgeville; NR Thursday Night Big Book - Calvary
Ridge on Center Ridge in North Ridgeville. Bob P. has stepped
down as alternate DCM of 19A to concentrate as DCM of
district 24.

D# 8 – Jim S: There are now 28 groups in this District 8, of these
28 groups 15 meet at Fellowship Hall, 4 at the 1323 Club; I was
elected Youngstown Multi-District chairperson. The important
issue in our Multi-District now is Gratitude Sunday. The
committee had their first meeting on Sept. 1st.

D#11 – Arthur E.: We had a district wide Family Day at Rittman
Community Center, it was well attended. Our meetings are
held on the third Tuesday of each month, they too have been
well attended. One district concern is the rotation of officers.

D# 10 – David W: We continue to hold our monthly meetings
every 2nd Monday of the month at Trinity United Church of
Christ, Wooster Oh at 6:30 p.m. Our annual District 10 picnic in
August was a success, approximately 70 people attended.
We are planning a Twelve Step Workshop on Saturday
December 15th from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Trinity United
Church of Christ. We are also hosting the Area 54 Mailing Party
at the Oasis Recovery Club.

Intergroup Liaison/Multi-District Reports:

Quinsetta M – Cleveland North Coast Multi-District: The annual
picnic was held on August 4th at the Forest Hills Park, all had a
good time. New GSR's are coming to the monthly multi-district
meeting. All of the districts have DCM's. Our October
workshop "The History of the Twelve Traditions" will be
presented by Harmon V on October 20th. Elections for officers
will be held in November.

Bill H – Akron Inter Group: The annual picnic was held August
6th at the Water Works Park, all had an enjoyable time and it

was well attended. We will be conducting a Memorial Golf Outing on Saturday, October 13th at the Mayfair Country Club in Green Ohio. See me for further information.

Tim H – Ashtabula Area Intergroup: We sell all A.A. conference approved literature, coins and meditation books and recovery related merchandise. We held our Golf outing fundraiser on August 19th and made around \$900.00 for the Intergroup Office. Our monthly meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the office.

Area Officer and Function Reports

Tina C – Gratitude Sunday: We have begun the task of breaking into smaller committees to obtain volunteers for specific areas. Flyers are getting into the different areas; they also were included in the last mailing. It will also be posted in the Akron Intergroup Newsletter. On September 29th we will hold another volunteer committee meeting. We have 8 volunteer committees.

Ola P – Alternate Delegate's Report: August Workshop: We held a Service Opportunities Workshop on August 19th. 4 DCM's shared their experience as well as the officers of panel 61. Hopefully this will encourage our members to stand for an office or serve in other areas.

Jamie B – OYPPAA Convention: August 25th – Toledo Oh. This was my first OYPPAA affair. I truly enjoyed the atmosphere and enthusiasm felt at the meetings. I was able to see how young people feel about their sobriety. I look forward to attending another OYPPAA affair.

Delegate's Report:

The Library of Congress has designated the Big Book as one of the 88 books that helped shape America. The CPC chair committee has agreed to continue discussion at their October 28th meeting. The chair appointed sub committees to explore options to provide information about AA to professionals. They will report back to the committee at the October 28th meeting. The Corrections committee discussed replacing a section of the corrections pamphlet.

Old Business: - Mini-Conference Treasurer's Report – Sue R.:

Our total income was \$4972.44; expenditures were \$4463.65. We had a net gain of \$508.79. Our checking account now has \$2691.02. I would like to entertain a motion to move all surplus funds above \$1200.00 to the General Fund. Motion was made and seconded. No one came to the mike for discussion. All in favor – motion passed.

Joel T: Regional Forum - Mt. Vernon Illinois:

New Business: - Patti R – Area 54 2025 International Bid: Ad Hoc

Committee: After research was completed and presented a motion for Area 54 to submit a bid for the 2025 International Convention at the April 2013 General Service Conference.

Roosevelt T. – Special Needs Presentation: Approval of Special Needs Area 54 Accessibilities Committee Pamphlet. Motion to approve pamphlet for distribution made and seconded.

Motion passed.

What's on Your Mind?

Shyrl B – Group Services Committee is presenting a workshop for District 30 at the Night & Day Club 91 & Euclid Ave. November 10th 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm. We will also have spaghetti for dinner.

Nelson M – Home Group thought that if a two minute report is given at the Group Conscientious meeting it could possibly chase the new comer out the door?

Diane K – was speaking to a person who had a relative new to the US and was able to assist them in obtaining the Big Book written in Arabic, since he couldn't understand the Big Book in English. They were unaware that the Big Book was available in their language.

Dan F – Low contributions – DCM could fill out and pass out the yellow packet with the yellow card informing the groups where they can send their contributions.

Quinsetta M – October 20th Workshop "History of the Twelve Traditions held at the Euclid Ave Congregational Church 3000 Euclid Ave 1:00 pm.

Christine McG - We could as Dan F suggested fill out the Yellow sticker for the treasurer/secretary of groups and put it on their book.

Tina C Needs a person (a female) to support a young woman in Middleburg Heights that really needs help in getting to meetings.

Greg J – Where did the "In Closing" reading come from, since it is not an AA approved document.

Bob McK - The "In Closing" reading is from Ala-Non.

Ellen W - An alternative to the "In Closing" reading could be the last two paragraphs on page 164 of the Big Book.

Dave C (Area 53/63 Delegate) Invites all to the 57th Ohio State Convention in Worthington, Oh – August 2 – 4th 2013. The Speaker from GSO will be Tracy O. (Corrections Desk) and Jack M – from Michigan.

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