

Area 54 Assembly Minutes - September 20, 2015

Opening: Area Chairperson

Susan R. opened the Assembly with the Serenity Prayer. **Fred B.** Read **12 Traditions**, **Bev.** Read the **12 Concepts**, **Roosevelt T** discussed **Tradition 5**, and **Dustin S.** discussed **Concept 5**.

Recording Secretary Tina C.-Explained sign-in procedure for all DCM's GSR's Area Committee Chairs, to establish eligibility to stand for office in 2016 Remember there is a 2-minute time limit for giving reports. **Hand written reports please be sure they are legible.** A motion was made and seconded. Minutes were approved/

Area Treasurer Shyrl B.-Reviewed Budget and the Operating Surplus/Loss vs. Full Year Budget. Motion made and second Treasurer's report was accepted.

Mailing Secretary Ron O.-September mailing hosted by Dual Dist. 23&39 Thank you for hosting. Deadline to me is November 27th everything goes to printer November 30th. Next folding party: December 5th Host Multi Dist.7, 8 &48 @ Fellowship Hall 2555 Rush Blvd. Youngstown Ohio 44507. GO GREEN

Registrar Jim S.-When updating your groups please have as correct as possible the spelling and group info have discovered some meetings have double numbers.

AA Anniversaries recognized Finance Committee handed out Birthday Plan envelopes Introduction of New GSR's & Introduction of New DCM's, Area Officer and Function Reports August Workshop Update-

James T DCM College-Not well attended next one will be at the Ohio State Convention in 2016.

Tina C-Ohio State Convention-Host was Area 56 lightly attended another conference was going on. Speakers were awesome. Saturday was packed and not enough opportunity to make multiple panels. Concept panel was awesome. Mo N was my overall favorite speaker of the convention. There breaking even not due to attendance but due to cost savings they received from the hotel and other areas.

Mike S- Gratitude Sunday Update-Set up will be done by Akron Men's Big Book, Kitchen staff is set, and Flyers are out. Ordered Chicken. Set up begins at 10am getting groups and their GSR's for the event to help.

Area Committee Reports:

Bob McK-PI-Encouraging TV stations to give play to the new PSA.

David W-Literature-Two literature sale dates coming up. Oct 18 and at Gratitude Sunday November 22nd. If interested in the committee please sign up.

Mike S-Treatment- Visited Northcoast Multi Dist. Asked volunteers to form a committee 8 signed up. Ashtabula is covered by Panel Dist. 23/39 need list of those volunteers. Akron's got a treatment staff. Need other districts.

Mary Ann K.-CPC-No response from doctors and mental health providers. Due to a surge in alcohol and other issues in Dist. 10 I'm setting up meetings with Judges and probation departments to provide them with information on what AA des and does not do.

Michael R-Archives -We will be taking part in the National Archives workshop and looking forward to it.

Marilyn H-Corrections -Reached out to others for information that needs to be presented for the Corrections Workshop that is set for 2pm on October 11. Dist. 9 is invited to help them get active.

Tim H-Grapevine -No sales in July. A new Book Forming true Partnerships using the Program to improve Relationships. Will order more items after Gratitude Sunday. Grapevines will be available in October.

Wellington R-Hispanic Liaison-We have received the script for the Dr. Bob's guided tour script to be translated into Spanish hope to have the translation completed by January 2016.

Area DCM Reports:

Mike S DCM#2-Visited Nesbitt Lake Group and got a new GSR from that group Susan R is not present today. Will be speaking to Crossed Roads group to discuss the importance of a GSR.

Pete P DCM 48-Test project introduction to General Service work in conjunction with our intergroup reps, getting everyone fully informed about the AREA and Intergroup. Looking into a spring breakfast to help district send DCM's to Mini Conference. Chicken roast is not getting much attendance.

Rea R DCM#10-Ola P to do a GSR School presentation scheduled for Dec. 13th from 12-4 @Trinity Church Dist. 9 and 11 were invited as well.

Wellington R DCM#30-Our picnic was held on August 23rd with Shyrl B and Bob McK were the guest speakers. We will hold a tradition

workshop on October 24 from Noon to 5pm with 4 speakers to share on our Unity Principles.

Vincent W DCM#4-Visited St. Vincent's group gave them the new change form spoke of the importance of a GSR and group moved to asking for someone to volunteer and Pat was appointed to position.

Susan C DCM#6-24 Hr. Alcathon for Thanksgiving November 26th-27th beginning @ 7am would love an AREA 54 skit. We held a successful picnic on August 30th over 100 attended Curtis J was the lead.

Edward U DCM#35- A new DCM has joined my district and I'm looking into possibly stepping down in the near future.

Intergroup Reports:

Cleveland Intergroup-Genny M-We are in the process of looking for a new office site to move to by next July.

Akron Intergroup-Gary R-Newly elected intergroup rep for AREA54. Working on volunteers for Gratitude Sunday. Working on our dark districts. Elections were held on Aug 2nd 6 new members, 3 re-elected to their positions. Need volunteers.

Ashtabula Area Intergroup-Tim H-Golf outing was on Aug 15th raised 600 dollars we sell conference approved nor disapproved material to dist. 23-39.

Cleveland North Coast Multi Dist.-Jesse Hill-Picnic was on Aug 15th raised funds for the dist. Speaker was inspirational. Mini conference hospitality seed money returned. Next event is a workshop on October 17th on The Heartbeat of the Homegroup "true things we encounter" Arnetta P Alternate Chair of CNCMD will conduct the workshop.

Delegate Report: Calvin L. – Ohio State Convention planning meeting Oct 18th COME add input and vote on theme. Need to vote on GSO theme for 2017. Room rate is 92 with a breakfast. Welcomed New Treatment and Floor Manager. Read GSO letter of sympathy for the passing of Past Delegate Joyce. 7 months of GSO donations were 7.4% behind last year. GSO preserved Bill W's hand written draft of the 12 Traditions created a digital file of it for viewing. Box 459 has article on the exact things GSO does being added to the next AREA mailing. **AWS Highlights:** Phyllis H GSO General Manager is retiring and Greg T is replacing her. Staffer Jim M is leaving after 6yrs. Jeffrey W is the new Corrections Desk worker and Sandra W is the new Treatment and Special Needs

Accessibility Desk. New links on aa.org website for getting people active in service work

Old Business: None **New Business:** Mini Conference Guidelines need updated regarding speakers AREA Panel to handle updating. AREA Guidelines need updated job descriptions for Hispanic Liaison, Floor Manager. Wellington R to handle Hispanic Liaison and Floor Manager will be done by James T past floor manager.

What's on your Mind? - Roosevelt T-Has extra birthday envelopes please take what you need.

James T-Why aren't the DCM's using the DCM report form? **Susan R**-Forwarding PDF of DCM report form to webmaster. Tradition 4 and its importance. Pictures of AA events on social media with it visible private message person to remove it based on Anonymity. Sees no issues with funding Group Services to continue their work. Budgets are based on prior year's work.

Bob McK-Archives Convention next weekend, 2 Skits, Kevin H to present video on Ernie K. People can attend just the banquet on Saturday night.

Mark W-Is everyone in AA going green. **Ron O**-Extra items on the back table please take what you want. **Karen S** -Presented the DCM report form to show everyone what it is. **Greg J**-Needs advice regarding differences of the doings of clubs and groups the members of them and if they are the same, when does the business of each happen. **Jeff Y**-Spoke on autonomy of each group and its members and suggests Greg find out the separateness of the members and club.

Ola P-Looking into groups clubs and fundraising, who's allowed, not allowed to fundraise according to AA guidelines. Asked if her committee chair stipend could be forward to Group Services Budget. 2017 International Women's Convention needs volunteers and who better than the women of AREA 54. **Aron K**-Internet anonymity posting pics and statements of an AA event is tradition 11 doing enough. Interested in finding a service sponsor. **Greg J** – Shared personal experience regarding pictures and internet posting. **Calvin L**-AA.org internet guidelines. **Ellen W**-Anonymity online need protecting ours at all cost. **Mike S** –Wants district chairs to set a meeting with him to come speak at their districts for a treatment committee.

Meeting was adjourned followed by the Responsibility Pledge and the Lord's Prayer.