

Area 54 Assembly Minutes

March 21, 2021

Hybrid: In person & Zoom

Opening:

Jim S opened the Assembly with the Serenity Prayer. Joel read the Preamble. Tradition Two was read and discussed by J.J. Steve read and presented concept Two long form . Sherry read the 12 Traditions and Hank read 12 concepts. 46th Ohio State mini conference will be held virtually March 26th & 27th.

Recording Secretary

Katie S., recording secretary explained the sign-in procedure. Remember there is a 2 minute time limit for giving reports. January 17th minutes were reviewed and accepted. Motion was put on the floor by Steve K. and 2nd Sam. All reports must be sent to the recording secretary via email at recordingsecretary@area54.org.

Area Treasurer:

Mark P - Talking about the challenges he is experiencing and Susan is walking him through the process in creating a report that will be on the website this week.

Mailing Secretary:

Tina C . The next mailing is April 17th out of the house. The last one was challenging. People did not show up. Reminder for all committee members and officers to report to Jim for the newsletter on time.

Registrar:

Ola P- group updates. As of January 2021 she has registered 10 new GSRs and 1 new DCM. Please make sure you have a valid email address for the new system. The new system is coming along and the group update sheets are no longer available. Ola is trying to make sure the information is getting transferred.

7th Tradition basket passed. Also PayPal available for online donations.

Introduced new GSR's and DCM's.

Area Officer and Function Reports:

Area 55 Mini Conference report: Mark P. - Attended virtually. They did a great job! Mark E. our outgoing Trustee reported on the state of GSO. 40% donations are online, That is appreciated due to the cost savings of online donations. Literature sales are down 3 million in profit. Group / individual donations are up 2 million. GSO offered early buyout retirement and expected 4-5 to take it. 25 people took the buyout. ICYPAA did a great skit.

Area 54 Archivist

Steve K. is getting usb drives so that we can distribute leads.

Finance chair-

Mae R. We as AA members need to send in our donation to New York because they take care of our Big Books, 12 & 12's and grapevines etc. We can also give with the Birthday envelopes. The only way we get our money is from the body of AA. Cleveland Fund drive going on in the month of March.

DCM Reports :

DCM District 61: Nelson - Knows he is only supposed to have 1 group, but has 2. He does not want them to die, First group has gone from 8-20 people. Second group has gone from 7-14 attendees.

DCM Area 39: John- Going to open meetings to pass out literature on GSR information. To inform groups about how to give money as a group. Also getting active in a group in Lake county to help light up the dark area.

District 23: No report

District 28; Sam P- Trying to get this area out of the dark. Working on connecting the meetings virtually. Open to hearing from others about getting more activity going.

Cleveland District office; Bob M- Thursday at 7:00 is an advisory meeting at Central office. These are quarterly meetings. Please ask groups to attend. There was a new book released that was supposed to be from the International Conference. "Visual History of AA". Available online. It is limited production.

Alternate Delegates report: Tim H: Update on the Mini Conference and assignments.

Delegates Report- Susan R. Archives are moving items to save some money on storage. In May we may have an opening in the GSO office. Most will still work from home. The ERP program (Computer) is really paying off. The conference committee is getting me in orientation to prepare me for the conference. Working with Ola on the program. The big thing about finance is that the fellowship (me & you) did it. We reversed the numbers. We went from contributing 40% to 63% and literature is 37%. Inviting anyone to reach out anytime for information. Mark E. is rotating out as our ECR (east central regional) trustee. Please show up to the conference to say thank you! Please show up Friday Evening to the Ohio mini Conference.

Old Business – Ad Hock committee on website Mark P-. Sam has done a lot of work. We are still in construction on the site. We will update next month.

New Business- Virtual unity Day- Any bids to host ? Rumor about OYPAA to host, but no information. We are having our June Open House Picnic. Nelson D. District 61- would be willing to put a bid in. The park is open. More information next month.

Multi District Reports/Intergroup Reports:

Akron Multi District ;Vincent W.- 1) Together Sober Big Book study has closed. It met at St. Thomas Hospital. 2) Akron Men's BB study has moved from St Thomas Hospital to The Front Porch @ South St. & Grant. It is now at 5:30 on Thursday.

Youngstown Intergroup: Steve K- Youngstown looking to open all meetings in May. pasta dinner Postponed until a new place is found. Meetings on the website are all up to date.

Cleveland Northcoast Multi-District: Arnetta P - Accepted the amendment changes to guidelines at the panel agenda meeting. Next Meeting April 3, 2021. Budget was approved

What's on your mind?

Nelson D.; Does it count if I am online as being present? **YES!**

Mark ?: Important part about AA is that we stay together. "we stay together or die separately". Tradition !

Ellen ?: Getting questions about zoom and why we use that over other platforms and anonymity.

Susan R. It is easier and each group can choose how they want to meet.

Katie S. We have no opinion on outside issues.

Sam P - We have a new anonymity statement for virtual or online meetings. There is another platform "in the Rooms"

Bev F. - Her Sponsee who has passed away was supposed to be the timer for the conference. Do we have anyone that would like to volunteer

Shyrl B.: There is AA literature to go to about zoom meetings. Also we can go to AA online intergroup to give us direction.

Amy ?: Any guidelines about going back to in person meetings?

Bob M. It is between the meeting and the church to decide what guidelines should be followed. AA follows the State guidelines.

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