

Area 54 Assembly Minutes April 6 2014

Opening:

Jamie B.- 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 Nine was read and discussed by Marilyn H. Concept Nine was read and discussed by Quinsetta M.

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 for standing for office in our next election. Remember there is a 2-minute time limit for giving reports. March 16th minutes were reviewed. Genny M. stated a correction on Corrections Workshop held. Tina C. made a motion to accept minutes with corrections and Wellington R. seconded the motion. Minutes were accepted.

Area Treasurer:

Susan R. -reviewed the Operating Surplus /Loss vs. Full Budget for Area 54 year to date. We are right on target with our contributions. We thank the groups who have made donations. We encourage those groups who have not done so yet, please consider sending in a donation. Treasurer's report was accepted. Joyce L. made motion for report to be accepted. Robert A. seconds the motion. Minutes were approved and accepted.

Mailing Secretary:

Jim S. -Next mailing party is on April 19 at the Sahara Club in Warren, OH on route 422 @ 1pm. April 11 is the deadline for flyers, finance letters or anything else to be in the April's mailing. In the next issue of the Recorder, the voting results from our Area 54 Mini- Conference will be printed. The online version of the Recorder will have a lot more information in it, because we do not have to put it in the mail. Finally, I have talked with Nancy M. delegate from area 55 and she going to send flyers for the state convention to go into the next mailing.

Registrar:

Patti R. (Absent) **Jamie B** -Please continue to return updated information to the registrar. Patti can be contacted by phone, online or e-mail if anyone needs any assistance.

7th Tradition- Terry H. passed the baskets.

Introduction of New GSR's-Three

Introduction of New DCM's -None

AA Anniversaries recognized

Area Officer and Function Reports:

Jamie B. (Unity Day) - Jamie will be having a meeting with all committee chairs to discuss their presentation for Unity Day.

Gene A. (Open House Picnic) - ECR Trustee Bill F., will be our lead at the picnic. Everything is in place for our event. It will be held at VFW Post 4358 picnic area. The address is 29412 White Rd. in Willoughby Hills Ohio.

Danny F. (August Workshop)-On August 17, 2014 we will be holding our 2nd annual Area 54 DCM College. If you missed the GSR school, you have been granted a GED, so no excuses! It is a potluck dinner so bring a dish (with something delicious in it).

Genny M. -Area 55 Mini-Conference- None of my traveling friends were able to attend, I rode down to the conference with Ola and Calvin. Once I checked and received my folder for the conference, I went to the Hospitality suite to meet my "new friends". Kudos to Area 55 hospitality committee, it receives two-thumbs up! The conference started at 7pm, with Nancy M making introductions, followed by a moving talk from Bob S, immediate past delegate (area55). Afterwards, Mary C., from GSO and Bill F., ECR Trustee gave their reports. The evening ended with Bill F. giving his lead, followed by an ice cream social. Saturday morning started with a panel on "Communicating Our Legacies", followed by two hours in conference committee sessions. In the afternoon, we spent majority of the

time in the voting session. That evening, we had dinner, a skit and a speaker meeting. Mary C., from GSO was the speaker. The evening ended with another ice cream social. On Sunday morning, our Ola was the AA speaker and Nancy M., followed with closing remarks. I had a great time and I am looking forward to attending the State convention ~~here~~ there in July.

Calvin L. Area 56 Mini-Conference – Ola P., Jamie B. and I attended the Area 56, 30th annual Mini Conference. The conference was held at the Drury Inn and Suites North in Sharonville, Ohio. Nancy M., area 56 registrar opened the proceedings. Garwood F., Area 56 delegate, gave a summary of the agenda items that would be reviewed in the committee sessions. Clay R., GSO staffer gave his report. He talked about the various desk activities and emphasize the “spirit of rotation” that occurs every two years at GSO, with staffers receiving new assignments. It was interesting to learn that the assistant to the staff person remains at the desk. This gives stability and continuity to the desk. Saturday morning started with an Early Bird meeting at 7:00am. Laura G. Area 55 alternate delegate chaired the morning proceedings. Nancy F. spoke on “What we are here for & what is your job” and Jenny C. spoke on “Conference Procedures. Afterwards we broke up into committee sessions. In the afternoon, the committee reports and Area 56 voting took place. The banquet followed at 6:00 pm . After that, Nancy M. and Garwood F. gave first-year delegates highlights. Dave C. and Ola P. followed next with giving second-year delegate highlights. Sunday festivities included an Ask-it Basket session, concluding with a general sharing session.

Area Committee Report

Jerry P. -Literature- As presented in the treasurer's report, the Literature committee had sales of \$119.25 in the first quarter of 2014. At this weekend's 2014 mini-conference, the committee had sales of \$108. If the commemorative edition of the first Big Book was received, sales may have been greater. An order for 50 books is expected later on this month, April 2014.

Wellington R. -Hispanic Liaison- We are updating the Spanish-speaking groups' information. Group memberships have been dwindling because of outside inferences. An evaluation of Spanish-speaking members is ongoing to find possible individuals to take on leadership roles within the AA community. Finally, there is historical documentation on the first sober Hispanic Ricardo P. whose sobriety date goes back to 1946, serviced the Cleveland area, and was very important to alcoholics during the early days.

Gary C.-Treatment –We have had 193 people from the Bridging the Gap program so far this year, Additionally, there is a new treatment center that has come on board since the beginning of the new year.

Mary Ann K.- CPC- This weekend was my first opportunity to represent the CPC committee with much encouraging help from Danny F. A lively discussion was had by all, especially about changing wording on who should sign attendance papers at the meetings. I am grateful to everyone who gave me encouraging words and support and I am looking forward to next month's Unity Day.

Bob D.- Grapevine – The Grapevine is turning 70 this year and GSO will have a presentation at this year Founder's Day , June 6 and 7 (Friday and Saturday). Presentations will occur at the university and Dr Bob's house. This weekend we have about \$100 worth of sales of Grapevine materials and we thank you.

Tina C. -Corrections – I and two other corrections members travel from Youngtown to attend the Akron district correction workshop held on March 29, 2014. We heard a lot of good information from all the other County corrections volunteers. Our new volunteer @ TCC, spoke at the event and shared because of her long standing connection with TCC, she landed a summer internship with the Northeast Regional Director of the Ohio department of Rehabilitation and Corrections, and will be able to assist the committee with AA being available inside the walls.

Tim H. –Archives- Our archives display was set up at the mini-conference by James T. and it will be returned to Akron. We will be holding an archives workshop-planning meeting May 25 at the

Cleveland Central Office at 1pm. Please plan on attending, if you would like to participate in the national workshop that will be held here in September 2015.

DCM Reports

David W. - #10- Our regular district meeting is held on the second Monday of every month at the Trinity United Church of Christ, in Wooster, Oh. Our annual district picnic will be on August 10 at the Christmas Run Park, in Wooster, Oh, starting at 12noon. Calvin L. Area 54 alternate delegate will be our guest speaker at 2:30pm. Flyers will be available soon. Please join us for a day of fun, food and fellowship.

Gary C. - #13- We have been busy with creating the Mini-Conference report and setting up mailing for the district on self-support. There are five new treatment centers in district 13. We are looking forward to a good year.

Michael R. - #45- I am still sharing information with groups in district 45. I am also asking groups to elect a GSR for their group. Finally, I am still looking for an alternate DCM for the district. There are no new changes.

Jim S. (alternate DCM) - #8- Thomas M., DCM has updated all 29 groups in the district! Thomas was grateful to be able to attend this year's mini-conference. He has all of the updated materials ready to give to our Area registrar.

James A. - #38- Now that the climate conditions are becoming favorable, the goal is to contact as many groups in the district for updates. In addition, there is a plan to hold an official district meeting in September of this year. More information to follow about the exact date and time.

Callie T. - #43 in LSMD- My first DCM report. We are working on the annual picnic for LSMD. Currently, I am working with OYPAA committee. I would like to talk with the mailing secretary about how to get OYPAA's information into the mailings. I am also looking forward to updating all of the group's information in my district.

Intergroup Liaison Reports:

Genny M. - Cleveland Central Office- We had the intergroup meeting on March 27, ending with an oral presentation given by Bob McK, area and central office archivist, on Roland H. Our corrections workshop had a visitor from Lodi, inquiring about a database on the correction "Bridging the Gap" program.

Tim H. - Ashtabula Intergroup- We provide conference-approved literature and non-conference approved mediation books to members and groups in the Ashtabula area. We recently had a perch fry that generated \$400 dollars for the intergroup office. We will also be having a golf outing in August, in Kingsville to benefit the office.

Alternate Delegates' Report - Calvin L. - Mini Conference- It was a great event! We were honored with a lot of out of town guests. Some of these guest were; Michelle Grinberg, Class A trustee from Area 73, Bill F., Class B trustee and Tracey O from GSO office. We had 150 registrations and 96 banquets. It is also nice to have guests from Area 56 attending our April assembly. Again, all had a great time. Additionally, would like to mention about the upcoming Ohio State Convention/ECR Conference occurring July 25-27, 2014 in Perrysburg, Oh at the Holiday Inn French Quarter. The theme is "Service: Alcoholics in Action, from the coffee pot to world service." The registration is \$20. Please plan to attend.

Delegate's Report- Ola P.- It has been a wonderful weekend and we have had a great Mini Conference and I am thankful for all of our out of town guests. I want to welcome the service member of Area 56 who stayed over for our assembly. It is all about learning from one another and I thank them for joining us. On February 1st, Calvin and I traveled to the Delegate-Past and Present Convention in Schaumburg Illinois. There were five past delegates from Ohio and that was great to see. **AAWS highlights-** There is a new hire,

David R., licensing manager who will oversee the translating of the Big Book and other licensing functions. The commemorative 75th edition of the Big Book reports that as of the pre-order date in February 2014, there were 100,000 pre-orders.. Digital publishing sales are seeing an increase in sales. **Tracey O-**I just received an email from Phyllis, general manager from GSO, "We are looking stories from groups and members about how they are going to celebrate the 75th edition of Big Book ".

Old Business – None

New Business- Jerry P. Literature- would like to make a motion to order more anniversary Big Books. Wellington R. second the motion. Gene A. –After much discussion about a prior motion made in a prior assembly in January, **Jerry P.'s motion was withdrawn.**

What's on Your Mind?

Tina A. – Youngstown districts, 7, 8 & 48 is having their annual chicken roast in Waddell Park.

Diane K.- We need a new screen and how soon can one be purchased? Susan stated we have budget for equipment and new screen is up for a purchase approval this weekend.

Jim S.-The address for the next mailing is 2345 Youngstown Rd in Warren Ohio, 44484

Greg J.-The paper we received in the mail about the conference topics, we are not addressing at the mini-conference.

Robert A.- Cleveland Multi-District will be meeting next Saturday from 12-2 at 3000 Euclid Ave.

Genny M.- Wanted to mention from her report about the Lodi inquiry about finding a database on correction.

Danny F.- looking for a copy of voting results from our conference to send to someone. Thanks.

Gene A.- We are working the best we can to get information to other groups.

Bob McK.- I made copies of those questions and gave them to my group to let them know about AA everywhere.

James A. - Looking for anyone who has done a group inventory.

Beverly F. – Asked a question about the seven-minute recording and is that available for sending group celebration about the Big Book. The body stated those recordings are only for the Grapevine stories.

Joyce L.-Needs address for state convention hospitality. The Lorain multi-district have voted to send their surplus to the next state convention.

Joy A.- Would like to know what can be done or how to allow other released felons help carry the message behind the walls. Tina C., area corrections chair spoke that it depends on the institution. Some institutions will not allow convicted felons to be around other felons. There is information available.

Motion to adjourn was made by, Gene A. and Wellington R. seconded, and motion was passed, followed by the Responsibility Pledge and the Lord's Prayer.