

## Area 54 Assembly Minutes March 17, 2019

### **Opening: Tim H.**

Opened with the Serenity Prayer. Prayer /Card requests

Readings: - **Charles M.** – **Tradition 2** **Cassie M** – Read the **12 Concepts**  
- **Greg J.** – Discussed **Tradition 2** - and **Jim S.** Discussed **Concept 2.**

**Announcements:** 44<sup>th</sup> NEOH Mini-Conference, March 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> - Area Assembly - April 28<sup>th</sup> – Unity Day – May 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Recording Secretary: Beverly F.**

Explained the sign-in procedure for DCM's/Past DCM's, GSR's, Area Committee Chairs/Past Area. There's a 2-minute time limit for giving reports.

**Presentation of Minutes.** Moved & Seconded.

**Treasurer: Tina C.** –Review Financial Report. Look at the Donation List.

If there are changes that need to be made, please send those to

[treasurer@area54.org](mailto:treasurer@area54.org).

**Mailing Secretary: Mark P.** – Mailing Party on Sat, Apr 20<sup>th</sup> at 850 N Meridian Rd, Phoenix House 1:00 – 2:30pm. Youngstown, Ohio 44509

**Registrar: Ola P.** – Group Updates on the back table. We need to find the *Unknown Groups* and bring the results to the Registrar. Currently there are about 375 *Unknown Groups*.

**AA Anniversaries recognized – Mae R. – Finance Chair**  
7<sup>th</sup> Tradition

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

**Gratitude Sunday Report** by Vincent W, Akron Multi-District Michael S. (Chair) Vincent W. (Co-Chair) on Nov 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1361 W. Market St, Akron Ohio. We started the program at 3:00pm. There were 200 in attendance. Our panel consisted of 6 people –George S., Robert B, Tim H. Grace A., Brian C., and Christen B. Our Delegate, Shryl B., presented Area Highlights, and AA Trivia ended the program.

**Corrections Conference : Brian J.C.** – Attended the Correction Conference Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in Portland, ME. 1) Fellowship 2) Videos 3) 1 on 1 with the Warden. 4) Carrying the message, and the best way to do that. I attended 5 panels and made many new AA friends. I look forward to attending the 2019 Conference in Houston TX.

### **Area Function Reports**

**Mini-Conference Treasurer – Dawn J.** – Hotel block rate deadline is over. There are still Banquets available. Register for the MiniConference before you leave today.

**ECR Past & Present Delegates Conference - Susan R.** – 46<sup>th</sup> ECR Delegates Past & Present – The GSO Report was given by Jeff W. on of 11 staff members at GSO. The first original book published in over 30 years "Our Great Responsibility" will be available April 2019. Read in Box 459 about the formation of the DAC (Deaf Access Committee) – 2010 in Austin TX. Jails and Prisons are going paperless. A new video for Corrections "A New Freedom" is also available in French and Spanish. There is an ERP systems update which will lead to more efficient handling of materials and security for the AA community. Grapevine has a new publisher. Mark E. ECR Trustee gave his report. The ECR Conference will be in Milwaukee, WI - Oct 18-20, 2019, 2020 Int'l Conference is Jul 2-5 in Detroit MI, ECR Forum is Ju1 12-14, 2019 at the Sheraton Detroit Airport Hotel – NOTE: The ECR Forum in 2021 will be held Nov 19-21 in Cleveland, OH at Doubletree Hilton in Independence OH; Area 54 is the host. Friday night, Shryl B, our Delegate gave her Area Highlights (2 minute limit) with the other new delegates and she did well.

**Area 55 MiniConference Report: – Beverly F.** - Area 55 Mini-Conference Report. The 37<sup>th</sup> - Area 55 - Mar. 1-3 – 2019. In attendance was Area 53, Area 54, and Area 56. The Delegate - Shryl B., Alt Delegate – Susan R. arrived at my home at 3:30pm. The Holiday Inn French Quarter – Perrysburg Oh., was our destination we arrived at 5:30pm. NOCYPAA entertained us with a Skit called Carnivores Anonymous , it was hysterical. Our Committee were (CPC, Archives/Report & Charter, Corrections/Regional Forums, Grapevine/Agenda and Treatment/Accessibilities). Our GSO Staffer Racy J was in attendance and gave the GSO report. Mark E., our ECR Trustee, also gave his report. Racy shared here story Saturday night.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

**Bob M. – PI – Chair** NPR (National Public Radio) – stated an alarming rise (83.7%) in female alcoholics. On 11/29/18, Jamie B. (Past Delegate) spoke on "Sound of Ideas" segment along with a Director from Recovery Resources and a physician from Rosary Hall. 88,000 Americans die as a direct result of the disease of alcoholism. The media has been among *our greatest friends* throughout our existence in helping us to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

**Dusty S. – Literature Chair - 1)** No sales 1/20/19 - snow storm 2) GSR School & personal sales \$67.39

3) Replenished Inventory 4) Building Spanish Literature

5) Added new pamphlets "Access to AA", "The God Word, Agnostic and Athiest Members in AA" 6) Reorganized and verified inventory 3/16/19.

**Dustin S. – Grapevine Chair – 1)** Updating displays for Mini-Conference & Founder's Day. 2) \$87.00 in sales for Feb.

**Greg J. – CPC Chair - 1)** Working on Cooperating with the Courts 2) Probation & Parole in Cleveland.

**Jim S. – Group Services Chair – 110** people attended the GSR School Feb. 17, 2019. We can bring a workshop to your district please *ask one of us*.

**Mae R. – Finance Chair – We** can show gratitude as AA members and tell everyone about the importance of AA being self-supporting through the Birthday envelopes.

**Calvin L. – Treatment Chair – In** the process of learning this new position. Working Bridging the Gap requests for Medina & Pennsylvania.

**Mark W. - Dist 11 – Treasurer** in hospital. My District is sending me to the Mini-Conference.

**Steven K. – Dist 8 – Sending** GSR's to Mini-Conference. Marquita M. charring is Chicken Roast. Cassie M. will run Hospitality room. Upcoming events are on Mar 16<sup>th</sup>, Apr. 21<sup>st</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Mike M. – Dist. 48 – Jenn C.** elected Alternate DCM.

**Leslie S. – Dist. 28 – Officers** elected, Officer Training, District office established.

**Nelson M. – Dist. 61 – Anniversary** Apr. 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:30pm. Finished group updates.

**John M./Tim H. - Dist. 23/39 – read** Concept III, and filled Grapevine & Accessibilities chairs.

**Dave A. – Dist. 7 – Update** group info, elected new DCM. Hosting Mailing party 4/20/19.

**Wayne B. – Dist. 6 – Distract** meeting relocated, "12 Step Workshop" will be Mar. 30<sup>th</sup> at Sahara Club in Warren Oh.

**Dusty S. – Dist. 4 – Updated** Group Change Forms, Apr. 27<sup>th</sup> is Spring Seminar – Cuyahoga Falls.

**Dennis T. – Dist. 36 – New** GSR - Men's group at St. Lukes.

**Jessie H. – Dist. 33 – Updating** groups, May District Workshop – "Spirituality & Money"

**James A. – Dist. 38 – Need** 5 new DCM's. Archives Chair is vacant.

**Trevor C. – Dist. 14 – Lighting** a Dark District.

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**Dustin S. - Dist. 5a/5b** – No meeting place established; pooling resources to light Dark Districts.

**Akron Intergroup Liaison: Robert R.** – Akron IG launched a website 1/3/19. Registration for Founder' Day opened Mar 1<sup>st</sup>. Akron IG anniversary Sun Apr. 7<sup>th</sup> – 1580 Brown St. Akron 44301 Moti

**Cleveland Dist Office Liaison – Robert M.** Advisory Committee meeting on Mar 26, 2019, 7pm and a Legacy Evening on Thursday Apr. 11, 2019, 6:30 pm featuring the Corrections Committee

**I AM RESPONSIBLE –** When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there and for that I am responsible.

### **Alternate Delegates Report**

Please attend the MiniConference and share your groups opinions! The Events Schedule has been update. If you need a copy go to [www.area54.org](http://www.area54.org).

**Delegate: Shryl B** - The MiniConference stuffing the folders party will be Sat. Mar 23 at 1226 Substation Rd, at 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church in Brunswick. Read Box 459 –

Anonymity can be broken by one finger. Office revisions are taking time. Archivist is responding to 1,600 requests for information. We have a UTube channel. CPC/Treatment is expanding exhibits for the various events. Corrections – Sharing from Behind the Walls was sent out in English/French/Spanish. International Conventions – Registrations & Flyers in the 2019 summer mailing. Also, an animated flyer will be available for download soon. Literature – 46 submissions for AA's 3 Legacies 59 submissions for Spanish Speaking Women in AA. P.I – new PSA "Changes" has been added to [aa.org](http://aa.org).

Finances – Donations 2018 \$8, 384,721.00, On-line contributions \$878,333.00. Publishing - Gross Sales - \$967,043.00. Web Sales - \$611,008.00 – Digital Books - \$215,701.00.

### **Old Business: .**

#### **2020 International Hospitality Room - Bob McK**

Reported on the status of the Area 54 Hospitality Room at the 2020 International. Julio E., GSO Staffer reported that midway thru 2019 we will be informed of suite requests and space allocations." Jim B. Akron, myself and 6 Intergroups will have representatives involved on the Ad Hoc Committee.

#### **Instructions for Filing DCM Mileage – Susan R**

A DCM Mileage Expense Reimbursement form was distributed with instructions. We will begin April 2019

### **New Business:**

Mini-Conference Drawing - Richard B. *Winner*

Unity Day – Hosted by EACYPAA – May 2019

Open House Picnic – OYPAA will look into- June 2019

### **What's on your mind?**

**Mark M.** – Love being sober – became Great Grand Uncle with a new baby born.

**Ola P.** - Honesty is the *best policy*.

**Brian ...** - Needs help with taking a Group Inventory?

**James A.** – What order do I hand in reports?

**Jamie B.** – As Archive Chair, I will develop an Archives Tri-Fold.

Requesting that the 6 Inter-Groups to send me their histories.

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