

Area 54 Assembly Minutes July 21, 2019

Opening- Tim H.

Opened the Assembly with the Serenity Prayer. Prayer /Card Readings: -**Jen P.** – **Tradition 4** – **Jeff Y.** – Read the **12 Concepts** – **Bob D.** – Discussed **Tradition 4** – **Ed B.** and **Brian C.** - **Concept 4.**

Announcements:

Ohio State Convention – August 16th-18th - DCM College and GSC Report – August 25th – Ohio State Convention Planning Meeting – September 15th at 12:30 – Area Assembly – September 15th at 2:00.

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.

Mark W. & Steve K.- 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.

Mailing Secretary-Mark P. – Sep 7th – Ashtabula County/Dist. 23/39 – 780 Brownville Rd.– Rome, Ohio – 44085 – 1:00 -2:00pm. August 17th is the due date for Articles to go into the NEOH Recorder – James T.- Editor.

Registrar-Ola P. – Group Updates on the back table. The Registrar requested the 32 different DCM's (including Spanish speaking districts) come see her, after the assembly. We need to find the *Unknown Groups* and bring the result to the Registrar. Currently there are about 370 *Unknown Groups*. Please see me with any changes.

AA Anniversaries recognized – Mae R. – Finance Chair 7th Tradition

Area Officer and Functions Reports

Mark P – Area 54 – Friends of Bill W. Picnic Report - June 23rd – A heart-felt *thank you* to Lorain County and Lorain Multi-District for partnering with Area 54. This event was held at the Birmingham Community Center. We enjoyed a Dj, picnic games before a wonderful feast. A committee meeting was held after our meal. There were dozens of GSR's, DCM's, current and past committee members including friends and family. We look forward to future events in conjunction with Lorain County – Lorain Multi-District.

Susan R. – Alternate Delegate – Area 54 Mini Conference Final Report. There many Walk-In Registrations. 115 Registrations. 80 Banquets were ordered. Started with 1,500.00 ended up with 1,884.44. The Mini-Conference will write a check to Area 54 for 300.00. The remaining balance is 1544.44, with possible bank fees pending. On-Line Registrations were very successful.

Beverly F– Recording Secretary – ECR Forum Report – July 12-14th – Detroit, MI. Mark P. and I rode together. We arrived at 5:30pm. Upon arrival, we joined the other

Panel members. It was my first Forum, so I attended orientation for First time attendees along with Susan R. Mark E. Our ECR Trustee called the Forum to order. The roles of Trustees (A & B) were explained. Michelle G. – Class A Trustee – GSB Chair then gave Opening Remarks. Peter L. – Class A Trustee shared on the reason he became a Trustee. All facets of GSO were represented during this event, with plenty of material to take home. Bill W. was heard on tape which was inspiring. Each Area 54 Panel Member attended *different* workshops. We departed about 10:00am, and everyone had safe travels.

Steve K. – Area Archivist – Gratitude Sunday Update - Unity Day Update – This event will Take place – Nov. 24th - 563 N. Bella Vista St. – Youngstown. Oh. 44509, Volunteers please arrive between 9-10:00am – Doors open at 12:00 – Food served at 1:00pm – Speaker starts at 2:00pm. Covered dishes and all donations are greatly appreciated.

Tim H. – Chair - Mini Conference Evaluation – 8 first time and 14 previous attendees responded. 22 responses were "yes" to the survey. 12-Gsr's, 1-Committee chair, 1-Area Officer, 1-GSO Staffer 1- Group Chairperson.

Area Committee Reports

Standing Committee Reports

Treatment Chair- Calvin I. – Bridging The Gap Convention in Sacramento, Ca. Sep. 6-8th. I have received many requests for contacts from Treatment Centers here and all around the country. However, very few responses currently. We continue to press on.

OYPAA Liaison- Casey M.- OYPAA 38 takes place Oct 25-27th in Columbus with the hotel in N. Worthington. Next year OYPAA 39 bids 1) Cleveland 2) Toledo 3) Mansfield.

Newsletter Chair- James T. – The deadlines for submitting articles, for the NEOH Recorder are very important. The next deadline is *Aug. 17th, 2019* (Ohio State Convention).

Grapevine Chair - Dustin S. - Founder's Day was well attended. *Thank you* to Bob and Susan for their help. Mark E. ECR Trustee answered questions at our location. Lavina items sold really well, along with other Spanish Literature. \$558.00 total sales for the day.

Literature Chair – Dusty S. – Sold \$1.94 at Unity Day. Added "Our Great Responsibility" to inventory. All the Spanish pamphlets are available.

Archives Chair – Jamie B. – I have spoken with most of NE Ohio Intergroups and Multi-Districts regarding compiling their history, and creating a Tri-Board is the goal. Ken B. is working on the history of Area 54 Intergroups. I would like to extend an invitation to all, to join the Archives Committee.

Group Services Chair – Jim S.- DCM College is Aug. 25th. Shyrl B. will be giving her Conference Report, and all attendees will receive an Associates Degree upon graduation, This is a pot-luck event, so bring something to share.

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Finance Chair – Mae R. – Each member of AA, can contribute \$8.06, we could be self-supporting through our own contributions.

DCM Reports

Mark W.- Dist. 11 – I am stepping down from my DCM position, due to health reasons.

Leslie S. – Dist. 28 – Next district meeting Oct. 6th at the South Southgate Club - 2-4:00pm. 25 people attended recent Secretary Trainings. Discussions on lack of training, participation and breaking Traditions.

Jen P. – Dist. 14 – Establishing bank account – new location for monthly meeting place – great interest in GSR School.

John M. – Dist. 23/39 – Showed "Hope video" in treatment. Golf Outing – Aug. 24th – It is great to be sober.

Dennis T. – Dist. 36 – Selection of Alt. Secretary – New GSR – David B. – CNCMD Picnic – Aug. 10th – Forest Hills – Shelters 2a and 2b.

Steven K. – Dist. 8 – Re-Cap of Chicken Roast – (1) new meeting and (2) closed.

Karen S.– Dist. 31/45 – Spoke about contributions and proper AA announcements.

Jesse H. - Dist. 33– Updating the Website – Spreading the word about \$8.06 keeping us self-supporting.

Ken B.– Dist. 26- (2) new meetings (1) closed.

Intergroup Liaisons

Steve K.– Youngstown Intergroup – Elections held last month. Chair/Treasurer/Trustee. (1) new Board member Justin B. and David. A.

Un-Identified Female – North Canton Intergroup - No report.

Alternate Delegate's Report

Susan R. – Ohio State Convention Report – 63rd Annual – Aug. 16th-18th – Cincinnati, Oh. If you can attend, *please do so*. Each Area has been given an assignment, the entire state is participating. Tim H., Tina C., Mark P., Beverly F. will be representing Area 54. There will be: Panel Discussions, Al-Cathon, Sobriety Count Down, Archives Display, Hospitality Room, and Keynote Speakers. Moti

Delegate's Report

Shyrl B.-Area Challenge (\$8.06) keeps AA self-supporting. ERP Website Design Update. Since GSC implementing Advisory Actions. First publication in 30 years "Our Great Responsibility". An initiative on communication, and how to improve in that area. Feel free to email me, so you can receive a copy. Planning for the 2020 Int'l in Detroit is in motion. Register in Sep. (\$115.00), the price increases to (\$140.00). Carpool and share a room. Make sure to request a souvenir booklet when you register. In the process of updating our AA video to be viewed by the fellowship. (AA

members were filmed at the recent Regional Forum.) #DV-10 (Young People in Aa).

Old Business

Bob McK. – Hospitality/IC/2020 - I have been in touch with Julio E.- Staffer – 2020 IC. The room assignment has been post-poned until late Sep. or early Oct. Ken B. has assisted in contacting all 8 intergroups in our area. A project board of our history is under consideration, and Steve K. is assisting. Volunteers are needed. Tim H. has accepted, the Alt. Chair position.

Shyrl B.- Area Re-Districting – Area 53 – Dist. 6 – Vote of Agreement by both Delegates is required. The Area 54 Assembly *passed* this motion. 63 voted.

New Business

State Convention Themes – 1) AA Safety & Unity 2) The Gift of Service 3) From troubled waters to clear sailing 4) A vision for us.

What's on your mind?

Mark W.– Register early for the 2020 I/C.

Brian C. – OYPAA – Oct 25th-27th – Columbus. Oh.

Bob McK. – AA Archives – AA Checklist was created. Item #F-221

Karen S. – No lead at recent Bill W. picnic, via the Guidelines of Lorain County.

Ken B.– Cannot read markers on dry-erase Board also - use a wireless microphone.

Bob D. – 7th Tradition – give until it feels good.

Motion to Adjourn - Jim S. & Steve K.

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

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.