

Area 54 Assembly Minutes September 15, 2019

Opening: Tim H.

Opened the Assembly with the Serenity Prayer. Prayer /Card Readings: - **Casey M. – Traditions - Dustin S.** – Read the **12 Concepts – Casey M.** – Discussed **Tradition 5 - and Vincent W..** Discussed **Concept 5.**

Announcements: Ohio State Planning Meeting – 1:00pm – Area Assembly – Oct 20th – 2pm. – Gratitude Sunday – Nov. 17th- Area Assembly – Jan 2020.

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.

Danny W. & Brian J.C.- 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: Bob D. – Substitute – Sep. 7th – Ashtabula County – Dist 23/29- 780 Brownville Rd. – Rome Ohio, 44085 – 1:00 to 2:00pm. 15 members in attendance. Next mailing party - December 7th - TBA

Registrar – Ola P. – There are 365 *Unknown Groups*. 14 Groups will move from Area 53, to our Area. The Registrar requested the 32 different DMC's (including Spanish speaking districts) come see her after the meeting.

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

Area Officer Reports: John M. – 63rd Annual Ohio State Convention Report - Friday, Aug 16th, Tim H. picked me up, and we traveled for 5 hours across the State of Ohio. We arrived ate dinner, and got settled in. Mary C. GSO and Mark E. ECR Trustee both had great messages. Saturday at 10:45am the panel spoke on the doors of AA should never have locks on them. 1:30 pm – Corrections, Archives, Grapevine, Treasurer/Finance and GSR/DCM jamboree were the next panels and I attended the Jamboree. 3:00 pm – AA is the repository of 12 Steps/12 Traditions and services- was the next panel. A member from each Area spoke. Mark E. gave an ECR Trustee Report and Mary C. GSO lead. Of course, we enjoyed the famous Ice Cream Social. A State Convention Planning Meeting was held at 8:00am. Our final panel – Rebirth – took place at 9:00am. Jamie B. sent us home by sharing her experience, strength and hope. All panel members, had safe travels home.

Steven K. – Gratitude Sunday Report – Nov.17th, 1:00pm- Aut Mori Grotto Banquet Hall – 563 N. Belle Vista Ave. – Youngstown, Ohio 44509 – Hosted by Youngstown Multi-District. (4) Speakers on Panel Covered dishes are appreciated and also Volunteers.

Tim H. – Substitute – AA International Convention Update– Julio E stated that we should have a room

assignment by October, 2019. Make sure to register to take advantage of the early registration (\$115.00), which will change to (\$140.00) after April 15th, 2020. You must be registered to get a room.

Archives Chair: Jamie B. – The 23rd Annual Archives Workshop took place- Sep. 5-8th – Hotel St. Regis – Detroit Michigan. Tina C. (State Archivist & Area Treasurer) and I arrived Thursday afternoon. Gail L. (Akron native) presented a Nell Wing interactive interview. Nell Wing helped Bill Wilson in the development of Alcoholics Anonymous. I attended several workshops regarding procedures pertaining to the preservation of our archived documents and records. Our Speaker after the Banquet was Jo-Anne L. -m Former Trustee-At-Large/Canada. I am so very grateful to be a participant in, the program that shows me how to enjoy life on life's terms.

Group Services Chair: Jim S. – DCM College Report -We had 60 attendees. I needed to cut the point presentation short, so our Delegate Shyrl B. could give her Conference Report. Everyone that attended received an Associates in DCM-ology.

Literature Chair: Dusty S.- July 21st sales were \$60.00 The sales from "Our Great Responsibility" were very successful. On October 20th, there will be more copies available, or you can contact me.

Corrections Chair: Brian J.C. – I am planning (with your assistance) a Corrections Workshop that will take place Sep. or Oct. of 2020, on a Saturday. Topics are: Videos, Speakers, Corrections Report, and a sharing session (what works/what doesn't). Send your responses to cf@area54.org.

Treatment Chair: Calvin L.– Requested information from Area 10 regarding Bridging The Gap. Hitchcock Center for Women is currently collaborating with Case Western Reserve. Inquiry from a female in Wooster, however I have not gotten a response. This lady would appreciate a response.

Grapevine Chair: Dustin S. – Email me for a homegroup Grapevine workshop request. Go to Grapevine.com, fill out an online form for free Grapevine Literature for your homegroup.

Finance Chair: Mae R. – Our contributions (Birthday Envelopes) help maintain AA. We do not accept outside contributions, we are fully self-supporting. Share this suggestion with your Treasurer and homegroups. Area Challenge – everyone donate **\$8.06**, will help keep Big Books at cost.

DCM Reports:

Danny W.- Dist. 7,8 48, 63- Youngstown – Gratitude Sunday hosted by Youngstown Intergroup.

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Wayne B. – Dist. 6 – Announcing District meetings to attract new GSR's. We had (2) Picnics this summer that were super successful. Al-ca-thon Thanksgiving Day.

John M. – Dist. 23/39 – Meeting called this month due to lack of attendance. We discussed Concept 9.

Steven K. – Dist. 8 – Planning, set-up and clean up, our District has taken the responsibility for this event. 14 – Meetings inactive, 7 – Updated contact information and 2 – new meetings are forming.

Dennis T. – Dist. 36 – CNCMD Workshop on Oct. 19th – 12:00 to 2:00pm - Central Office. The theme is Principals before Personalities.

Dustin S. – Dist. 5a/5b - Opened account which will allow donations to be received. A meeting place, has not yet been established. Here is my contact information: 2205 Ranfield Rd. – Magador, Ohio 44260 – 330-524-5833. Contact me about donations.

InterGroup Liasons:

Casey M. – OYPAA Liason – Continuing to stay in touch with OYPAA groups in our area. The 38th Annual Convention - Oct 25th-27th – Columbus, Ohio. Akron is bidding for EACYPAA.

Steve K. – Youngstown Inter-Group – Spaghetti Dinner – Feb. 13th – 12-4:00pm 2020 – YA Convention - Oct. 12th – 9-4:00pm - YAIG Banquet – Nov. 16th – 5-9:00pm.

Alternate Delegate: Susan R. – 2020 International Convention – Jul. 2-5th – Detroit, Mi. – Love & Tolerance is our Code. (85th year) Meetings Fri, Sat, Sun night at Ford Field Stadium. Other meetings will take place at Cobo Center downtown Detroit. Please register early, \$115.00 late - Apr. 14th 2020 - \$140.00. We need 4,000 volunteers and you can sign-up the end of January, 2020, on the website.

Delegate: Shryl B. -Carllisle, Past Delegate – Panel 67, is the Volunteer Chairperson for the International (Crown Plaza). A "Wait List" is being created for room registration. Contact Housing Support, for further information. (This information is on the bottom of your registration form). There are (3) Major projects: Website Design, AAWS APP (meeting application, implementation of the Goggle Product. Finances and Sales are continuing to increase, compared to previous years. The publication and sales of "Our Great Responsibility" was instrumental (in the increase of finances) produced in English, French and Spanish.

Old Business:

Shryl B – Ohio State Convention – Aug 21st-23rd 2020 – Hilton Double Tree – Independence, Ohio. Room Rate \$109.00, breakfast ticket included. Next planning meeting Oct 20th – 1:00pm – before Area Assembly. We have (3) Chairs – Bob D. (Program Chair), Jim S. (Registration Chair), Jamie B. (Speaker Chair). We are in need, of a Hospitality Chair.

New Business:

Themes for the Ohio State Convention:

- 1) AA Safety & Unity - 7
- 2) The Gift of Service - 12
- 3) From Troubled Waters, to Clear Sailing - 6
- 4) A Vision For Us – 8

1 Abstention

The Program Committee, will decide the sub-topics and panels.

Theme: The Gift of Service

What's on your mind?

Mark W.– I volunteer to take the card, to Susan..

Tina C. – Will the Delegate and Alternate Delegate be here next assembly, or in Milwaukee?

Jim S. – Bob D. (7/8/48) will host next mailing party – Phoenix House – 850 N Meridian Rd. – Youngstown, Ohio 44509.

Calvin L. – Where are the sales reported for Grapevine & Literature?

Brian J.C. – Who would like to involved in the upcoming Corrections Workshop.?

Brian C.– We should establish, how we will vote in future – 3rd Legacy Procedure or Simple Majority.

Vincent W. – There are new pen pal formats for Inmates - Registration Forms were sent out for GSR's and DCM's for the International –Sales are up from "Our Great Responsibility" first new publication since 1939 – We will have to pay for Security at the international.

Steven K. – I am a Sensitive Alcoholic who uses Robert Rules of Order – Acceptance is the key.

Jamie B. – Share and verbalize your concerns always. I need assistance as the Speaker Chair of the Ohio State Convention.

Dusty S. – Sales were reported in my report, is there another format I should use?

Susan R. – The Gift of Service, as a Theme, would encompass; all the listed topics.

Tina C. – I abstained to vote.

Bob D. – All comments appreciated. Who is eligible to vote?

*Motion brought by Brian C. – Who would like to rescind their vote (on the Theme)?6 – voted to rescind 16 voted against. *Vote to revote- *Motion Failed.*

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.