

**Area 54 Assembly Minutes**  
**September 19, 2021**  
**Hybrid Meeting Meeting ID: 808 961 7570 Passcode: Area54**

**Opening:**

Jim opened the Assembly with the Serenity Prayer, Marquita M. read the Preamble. Heather F. read the traditions and Kenny L. read the 12 Concepts. Report Tradition 5 by Bob D.; report on Concept 6 by Bev F.

**Announcements: \***

- November 14th is Gratitude Sunday NEW DATE. This is in person.
- Nov 19-21 East Central Regional Conference (virtual)

**Recording Secretary**

Katie S. Presented the amended July minutes and Dustin S. made a motion to approve as asked by the Chair. Sam P. seconded. Explained the sign-in procedure. Reminded the body to introduce with first name and last initial. Remember there is a 2-minute time limit for giving reports. All reports must be sent to the recording secretary via email at recordingsecretary@area54.org.

**Area Treasurer:**

Mark P (recovering from surgery)- Susan R. made a report on his behalf. We using our prudent reserve and we are addressing the cost of the mailings by correcting the mailing list..

**Mailing Secretary:**

Tina C. Districts 23 & 39 had a mailing party in Rome Ohio. 1283 pieces mailed. We have extra copies in at the meeting. We have people on the mailing list that are incorrect or deceased. We need to clean up the list and this will save money. Adam P. brought up about emails bouncing back and going paperless.

**Registrar:**

Ola P.: Not present no report

**AA Anniversaries were recognized: Love to CELEBRATE sobriety!**

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition basket passed. Also, PayPal available for online donations. We can donate from Zoom or in person.

**Area Officer and Function Reports:**

**Gratitude Sunday update: November 14th.** Hall from 9-5. Doors open at noon. Serving at 1:00, panel to start at 1:00. 3-person panel. Plan to end at 4:00. Need some turkeys donated. Steve K. in charge of kitchen crew. Will need help tearing down and cleaning up? Donations needed desserts and side dishes.

**New GSRs & DCM's:** Kenny L. Back to basics group District 6 (received his packet), Marquita M. District 7, Randy W. Grange (GSR & DCM) District 20 c, Kelly D. New DCM District 63. Adam P. Shore way Monday District 36 (GSR), Tina C. (DCM) District 7 Youngstown, District 48 has a new DCM as well. New DCM district 3 Chet J. and also multidistrict.

**OYPAA:** OYPAA has been cancelled this year. Trying to get in contact with Chuck to update.

**Area 54 Archives chair Bob M.** Digitizing/transcribing histories will be in progress for a while. We can use people who are willing to transcribe.

**Group Services Chair: Shyrl B.** -Had a great DCM College. Would like to find someone for her committee.

**Finance Chair: Mae R.** Spoke of how important it is to give out the Anniversary and Birthday envelopes. Ask us to let our homegroups know about the birthday envelope. It helps us reach people all over the world. We only need for all members to put 8.50 in the envelope to GSO, our literature could be free. It makes you involved in AA General Service!

**Corrections Chair: Bill R.** - There is a correctional facility in the area that has recently had an administrative turn over. The Corrections committee has been notified that they are interested in having us bring in two meetings. One men's meeting and one women's meeting. I have established contact with the people in charge via telephone and we have made arrangements to meet in person next week. At this meeting we will work out the details in regards to day and time the meetings will be held, what the facility regulations are to things like literature, background checks, how many people we can bring in and so forth. This will also give us an opportunity to sit down with them and explain what AA does and does not do according to our traditions. I will also be providing them with the appropriate literature and a video presentation if time permits. After the details are worked out we will begin to look for volunteers interested in a weekly 12th step Corrections commitment at the facility. This facility is in Ashtabula County.

**Grapevine Chair: Matt P.** Open for business. Can get grapevines as needed.

**Literature Chair Dustin M.** Needs to get envelopes for Mae. Can get books on request, but will need to wait until the next assembly meeting. You can also go to AA.org.

**DCM District 61: Nelson** - Meetings in this area are doing well.

**District 28: Sam P-** Been away but attending meetings. Sharing the difference between a meeting in a group. How we can get our voice heard

**District 20 C Randy W.** trying to grow meetings. Working with the old-timers in the area to create unity.

**District 3 Chet J** Getting to more meetings in the Akron area and looking to get more GSR.

**District 63 Kelly D. DCM** Gratitude Dinner on November 6th. 2 meeting closed due to lack of attendance. A new meeting was registered. Meetings struggle to stay open and get people to open and close.

**District 45 Christine: DCM:** The area has shut down a lot of meetings. They were being held in senior centers. Really trying to contact the meetings and helping

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them get back on their feet.

**Youngstown intergroup: Tina C.:** The YAIG Gratitude Banquet is November 6th, tickets are \$25.00. 6:00 pm to 10:00 p.m. 1555 South Meridian Road in Youngstown. Speaker Lynn G.

**Intergroup Liaison: Ann P.** Canton area- Holding a gratitude breakfast on Thanksgiving morning. No charge to anyone that wants to attend. One of the problems is that we represent 4 dark districts. Literature sales are consistent, 12 step calls are increasing and donations down by half from 2019. Have not had to dip into prudent reserves.

**Intergroup Liaison: Bob D; Ashtabula.** Had a golf outing this summer, 35 golfers made 1K. AAIGO will sponsor a bowling party November 14th 6-9 at Lakeshore Lanes in Ashtabula

**Akron Area intergroup; Heather;** A lot of committees that need volunteers. No women on the corrections committee. Looking for help to go into treatment facilities. Akron U will take us back for Founders Day. Info to be found at akronaa.org

**Alternate Delegates report: Tim H:** Area 55 hosted the Ohio State convention. We had a Trustees report by Kathy C. Jeff Y led Friday night, Bill R was on a panel for Corrections. Area 54 Finance Team, Mark P and Mae R, shared our procedures and approach to area finances. We had multiple members from Area 54 participate. NCYPAA had trivia game night Saturday night. It was fun and about AA history.

75th anniversary of AA in Mexico. Cleveland had a role. Really cool AA history.

**Delegates Report Susan R:** Reviewed the GSO Highlights. The GSO has a new manager. Bob W.. GSO has reduced shipping on literature through Oct 18th. Great Responsibility eBook available in early Oct. The digital form of the Service manual will be available in November. Print version will be delayed. The new Service Manual has been completed changed.

Our book Alcoholics Anonymous is now available in 73 languages. The 12 x12 is now in 52 languages. Grapevine books will be available at Gratitude Sunday.

Updates: Grapevine podcast has been approved. GSO there has been a greater than expect increase in gross sales.. We are starting to pay back the money from the reserve fund.

Area 54 through our Hispanic Liaison, Wellington requested one person from Brazil and one from Mexico to be observers at the 2022 General Service Conference. These people and a person from Argentina have been approved to be observers.

General Service is working to see that Al Anon and Ala teen are part of the 2025 International.

ECR Forum: 8 Areas are needed for presentations and 4 for workshops at the November 19-21 Forum. If anyone is interested in being a part of that, let the Delegate know.

**Old Business –** None to report.

**New Business –** Discussed creating a new standing committee. This would be a Technology committee. It would oversee the website and review the Area's electronic, computer and other equipment and recommend changes. The webmaster will be part of this committee. Sam P has volunteered to be the new webmaster for the new website. He will be part of and can be chairman of the committee. The approval of postings on the website will remain with the Delegate.

From the guidelines the website has been a subcommittee of the public information committee.

After a lengthy discussion it may be that the Website will not be part of the Public Information Committee but part of the new Technology committee it was suggested the Website description in the guidelines will need to be changed.

As a result of the discussion, it was agreed to create a new standing committee for technology

We will vote on this at the October assembly.

We will continue to have the Floor Manager as described in the guidelines. But if Sam P becomes the new Webmaster, we will need a new floor manager.

There as no time limit put on the above positions. Rotation of committee members is normally 2 years but this is at the discretion of the Delegate.

**What is on your Mind:**

**Shyrl B.** Road to Recovery having an Anniversary on the 24th Friday. It is at Just for Today Club. 7:30.

**Sam P.** We are looking for a new floor manager: just to set up speakers. It is not difficult. I can teach you.

**Bev F:** Where do we get donations envelopes other than Mae? In the mailing

**Adam P.** We need to read the updated Preamble. Also, could not donate with a credit card. Need to add a statement about 7th tradition and have a small note to allow in the donation to say what group I am donating to.

**Bob M.** Dick Perez who was active in Cleveland is being acknowledge at the 75th anniversary of AA in Mexico.

**Matt P.** We need to take credit cards so people can buy more books.

**Nelson M.** It would be great to get group updates. -

**Adam P.** More people would donate and buy if we were taking credit cards..

**Christina:** Waiting for our Homegroup to open up. Sundays @ 6:00 pm.

**John:** A past delegate is happy to be on the Ad Hoc Credit Card Committee.

**Mike A** from District 24 will be presenting a traditions workshop.

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Motion to adjourn to by Katie S. Seconded by Tina C. followed by the Responsibility Pledge and the Lord's Prayer