

## Area 54 Assembly Minutes

July 18, 2021

Hybrid meeting

### Opening:

Opened the Assembly with the Serenity Prayer and the Preamble with the new changes. Asked for prayers. Tradition 4 was read and discussed by J.J. Bev F. read and presented Concept 4 long form. Bill R. read the Traditions. Matt read the 12 Concepts.

### Announcements:

- August 21, 22, 23 is the Virtual Ohio State Convention
- November 14th is Gratitude Sunday **NEW DATE**. This is an in person event and bidding is coming up.
- DCM College - August 15th. It is a hybrid potluck.
- Nov 19-21 East Central Regional conference (virtual)

### Recording Secretary

**Katie S.** (on zoom) Presented the April minutes and Mark W made a motion to approve as asked by the Chair. Sam seconded. Reminded everyone to please review the minutes. Explained the sign-in procedure. 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](mailto:recordingsecretary@area54.org).

### Area Treasurer:

**Mark P** (on zoom) - Presented the budget. We are at 36% of the budget for donations. He asked that we please implore our groups to donate to the area. It is our responsibility as trusted servants to help them understand the importance. We need to make sure we can identify Paypal donations to send Thank You letters.

### Mailing Secretary:

**Tina C** (zoom). Next folding party is September 4th from 1-4, address is in the agenda. Your articles to Newsletter Editor, James T. are due by August 22nd. All committee chairs and panel members are responsible for an article.

### Registrar:

**Ola P** (on zoom) New DCM for District 55, 32, 41 and 42. Had a request from Bob M. for a fill in. Had a request for a new group ID. Some group change forms came in. July 26th there will be a sharing session between the area registrars and GSO.

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

**7<sup>th</sup>Tradition** ---basket passed. Also PayPal available for online donations. It helps pay the rent.

### Area Officer and Function Reports:

New GSR for we agnostics group

**OYPAA:** : Tim gave an update. The convention has requested us to have a table Oct 15-17th to share general service information. Katie S. is going to help. It is in Mansfield OH. Katie is planning to go out and represent Area 54. Tina is working with Chuck as well putting together a panel from Youngstown.

### Area 54 Archivist

Reviewing all the oral history tapes. We are going to try and digitize, but want to preserve the history. Doing a talk to text and it should be under 100.00.

**CPC - Beverly F.** Researching that clergy is not allowed in Metro and StVincent. These are high trauma hospitals. She is trying to get answers.

**Group Services Chair: Shyrl B.** -Asking for people to participate in the DCM workshop on August 15th. Also offered to come out to groups and help.

**Finance Chair : Mae** spoke of how important it is to give out the Anniversary and Birthday envelopes. We, the body of AA, are responsible. We do not get money from outside entities. Meetings are being shut down. All GSR are on the finance committee. GSR please get birthday envelopes to your groups.

**Corrections Chair: Bill** - Prisons and Jails have been closed out due to Covid. They are starting to be reopened. We need people to carry the message into the correction facilities. He also mentioned that you can connect with inmates and send mail back and forth. Please let your groups know. Bill has corrections forms. You can also download this form [www.corrections@aa.org](http://www.corrections@aa.org). Corrections committee meeting again. They meet on the first Monday of every month at the Cleveland District Office at 6:30 p.m. We also need to get Pink Cans into the groups.

**Grapevine Chair: Matt P.** New Grapevine chair. 60 books 129 cd's will have more info to follow.

### **District 25- new DCM for Lakewood -**

**DCM District 61: Nelson** - Area 54 open house picnic. We had about 75 people. It was successful.

**District 28; Sam P-** gathering GSR. Reaching out to get groups to get GSR's to recommit and do a GSR school. Maple Hts, Garfield Hts and a little bit of Bedford

**Alternate Delegates report: Tim H: Our Ohio State convention is August 20-22. Hosted by Area 55.** Register through their website. It is free and virtual. Our East Central Regional Forum and is virtual as GSO has cancelled all in person events until the end of the year. The back of the agenda describes what a forum is. AA history book is being looked at and forwarded to conference Archives committee

**Delegates Report Susan R:** You can go to [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) and learn about the forum and why it is important. We are helping with a tech committee locally. The registrars are sharing meeting information. This is so important to New York and the local registrars. Gratitude Sunday has a new date; November 14th. This is due to the Virtual East Central Regional Forum date November 19-21 and we can participate in it. The delegate reviewed expenses and shared that more information is in the mailings. This has impacted our budget. Great news, we got a new Grapevine rep Matthew P.

### **Old Business –**

We are still revising and making changes to the website, getting feedback. Sam and Mark P. working on this. We have 2 days from today to put in suggestions for changes. If there are any other changes to the website, please email Mark P.

Accepting Bids for Gratitude Sunday. Bid receive from Multidistrict 48 & 7 & 8 to host at a Banquet hall in Youngstown on Nov 14th. No other bids were received so Multidistrict 7 & 8 & 48 will host Gratitude Sunday.

**New Business** - Looking for a new Webmaster. We are going to propose for a tech committee and Sam to be the webmaster and a new floor manager at the September assembly meeting. . Sam P. is willing to teach someone. Jamie asked if we will have a job description for the tech committee and floor manager. We will bring this up for a conversation at the September Assembly meeting for the formal process. It will need to be voted on by the body. GSO has moved up the agenda item submission to September 15th.

### **Whats on your Mind:**

**Bev F-** looking for clergy to talk to about getting into Metro and St. Vincent

**Karen:** GSR Full Circle Women = Heights; Would like the DCM schedule. Looking for language about hybrid meetings.

**Bob M:** Bringing the rule of AA that we don't pray for people as spoken by Bill Wilson July 30th in 1950.

**Mae R:** Talked about the women to women luncheon on Aug 24th

**Tina C:** What is Area planning to do about keeping a hybrid meeting moving forward. : Susan R said that we are in uncharted territory and for the next 6 months we will be hybrid except for Gratitude Sunday.

**Jamie B.** It is up to the body to decide, not only the panel.

The body requested that Gratitude Sunday be hybrid.

Motion to adjourn to by Matt p. Seconded by Sam P, followed by the Responsibility Pledge and the Lord's Prayer