

## Area 54 Assembly Minutes

January 18, 2026

### Opening:

**DeVona S.** reminded people to pick up flyers on the back table. Also, every time you come to an assembly, write your name on a slip of paper and put it into the plastic bucket for a chance to win registration and a hotel room for the Mini-Conference in March. Joan S. will put names of people on Zoom into the bucket. DeVona reminded people to sign the sympathy card for the family of Steve K., who passed away a week ago.

DeVona opened the Assembly with the Serenity Prayer. Larry D. read the 12 Traditions. Nancy S. read the 12 Concepts. Jim S. read and discussed Tradition 7. Travis Z. read and discussed Concept 7.

### Announcements:

DeVona said the first planning meeting for the Mini-Conference will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 25, at the Quality Inn & Suites, 4742 Brecksville Road, Richfield. The General Service Workshop/Potluck will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 15, at the 12-Step Recovery Club.

### Recording Secretary:

**Joan S.** apologized for not bringing the minutes. Dustin S. moved that the minutes stand approved pending mistakes. Charles M. seconded. The motion passed. Bob M., Jamie B. and Janice S. gave the minority opinion and suggested we wait until the next meeting to approve them. Leslie N. made a motion to reconsider and vote again. Tina C. seconded. The motion passed. Bob D. made a motion to table the reading of the minutes until our next assembly. Tina C. seconded. The motion passed.

Joan reminded people to include their phone numbers on the sign-in sheets. People have two minutes to speak at the mic. Anyone who has written reports should give them to her. We will try to include reports in the newsletter as well as a short summary in the minutes.

### Mailing Secretary:

**Val D.** said our next mailing party will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28, hosted by Hay Una Solucion. Location is St. Mary's Community Center, 242 N. State St., Painesville. The December mailing party in Youngstown was a success. DeVona said we have a mailing schedule for the rest of the year. It will be posted at Area54.org. We need groups or districts to host.

### Registrar:

**Tina C.** said update forms for GSRs and DCMs are on the back table. Please complete them and return to her by the end of today. She will input them, and they will be added to the mailing list in time for the next mailing party.

### 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:

**Mae R.** passed the basket.

### Anniversaries:

Those with anniversaries since the last assembly announced them. New GSRs and DCMs introduced themselves. DeVona said they can meet with Wellington after the Assembly.

### General Service Workshop:

**Quinsetta M.**, Group Services chair, said the GSR Workshop will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 15, at the 12-Step Club. Flyers are on the back table. Weather might be a factor.

**Tim H.** made a motion to suspend normal business and discuss the budget. Jamie B. seconded. The motion passed.

### **Treasurer's 2025 Budget Report:**

**Candy L.** presented the 2025 budget report and explained, line by line, what was budgeted vs. the actual. Total contributions were \$31,101.50. Group contributions were down by about \$6,000. Total income was \$32,321.50. Candy will revise the thank-you letter to make it easier for groups to use Square. Total expenses were \$47,850.36. We saved money on the pre-sort for mailings and printing because we reduced our mailing list significantly. Our largest expense was \$26,913.80 for conferences. We also spent \$4,045 on new laptop computers for panel members, and audio equipment for the assemblies. Bob M., Jamie B., Dustin S., Darcy F., Janice S., Susan R., James T., Travis Z. and Wellington R. commented on the budget report.

### **Proposed 2026 Budget:**

We're hoping to receive \$26,220 in group contributions and \$35,980 in total contributions. We budgeted \$36,740 in total income. We budgeted \$46,885 in total expenses. Largest expense is \$22,770 for registration, mileage, meals and hotel at conferences. We increased the amount for our Hispanic liaison to \$225. We also budgeted an additional \$250 in contributions for the Ohio State Convention hospitality room in August. Net income is estimated at -\$10,145.

**Tina C.** said \$300 in Gratitude Sunday seed money needs to be added as a line item. Bob M. said we can remove the \$1,790 expense on Line 82 for the East Central Regional Forum because it isn't being held this year. Other questions and comments were made by Matthew P. and Gary G.

Motion by Darcy F. to increase money for the Public Information Committee to \$2,000 to cover advertising on public transportation, similar to a public service announcement, for 2-3 months on selected buses in Akron, northern Summit and Cuyahoga counties. Second by Dick P. The motion was not voted on.

Candy said our savings account is at \$10,473.77. Our working account is \$4,288.57. Questions and comments on the budget were made by Dustin S., Susan R., William M., Jamie B. and Stephen B. Motion by Matt P. that we accept the proposed budget with two amendments: that we add the Gratitude seed of \$300 and decrease Line 82 (East Central Regional Forum) from \$1,790 to \$0 because it isn't being held this year. Seconded by Jeff C. The motion passed. Janice S. expressed the minority opinion.

**Darcy F.** repeated her earlier motion to increase money for the Public Information Committee to \$2,000 to cover advertising on buses. Seconded by Matt P. No vote was taken. Leslie N. made a motion to table Darcy's motion until Darcy makes a detailed presentation. Charles M. seconded. The motion passed. The 2025 budget report and the 2026 budget will be at Area54.org.

**Tim H.** said we should change our mailing address to the new Intergroup office (2212 Romig Rd., Akron OH 44320). We should also change it on the tax-exempt form.

Motion by Tina C. to adjourn. Leslie N. seconded. The motion passed. We ended with the Responsibility Pledge.

### **Attendance:**

69: 51 in the room and 18 on Zoom