

Minutes Area 53 Assembly

March 10, 2018

Location: Salt Fork State Park, Mt. Sterling Ohio.

1. The meeting was called to order 1:05 PM, followed by a recitation of the We Version of the Serenity Prayer
2. Donna read The Twelve Concepts
3. Roll call was taken. See Registrar's report (below; Item 6C) for attendance numbers
4. Agenda Review: No changes requested. **Dan H moved to accept as written; Blair C second; passed unanimously**
5. December Assembly Minutes Review and Approval: No changes requested. **Barbara moved to accept as written; Paul S seconded, passed unanimously**

6. OFFICERS' REPORTS

6A. Delegate (Stephen S): Stephen has been focused on 4 areas.

- Preparations for the General Service Conference. Out of 72 agenda items for the GSC, he chose 25 items for consideration at the Mini-Conference
- Preparations for the mini conference (selecting items; meetings with chairs)
- Attendance at Delegate conference and events, including the Grapevine committee conference call; Conference of Delegates Past & Present; Area 55 DCM committee meeting & Area Assembly; Area 55 Mini-Conference
 - Planning to attending upcoming Area 56 & 54 Mini Conferences and the Gen'l Service Conference in May
- Attendance at District & Standing Committee meetings including: District 11, District 30, Grapevine Committee, CPC/PI Committee; Treatment Committee. Planning to attend as many of these as schedule allows.

Stephen will be developing a report of mini conference actions (committees and large sessions). Once it is approved it will be available on the website and at the April Area Planning Committee meeting. He will updated after the General Service Conference with the disposition of the items.

6B. Chairperson (Ed A):

Ed made amends to the assembly for the lag in communications recently, which is due to personal situations since January

- Ed has been actively participating in the Mini-Conference Planning Committee
- He has attended the Mini-Conference where he co-chaired the GSR School on Friday
- He plans to attend Area 56 Mini-Conference next weekend

6C. Registrar (James C)

- 87 people in attendance at this Area Assembly
- This includes: 1 Delegate; 1 alternate Delegate, 6 Area 53 Officers, 1 DCMC; 20 DCMs; 31 GSRs; 3 Alternate GSRs; 10 Interested AA's, 5 past Delegates from Area 53; 2 Delegates from other Areas, 6 Standing Committee Chairs, and 1 past Trustee
- Current statistics from Fellowship New Vision (FMV) database: No New Groups or pending active Groups. One Pending Inactive Group. 168 Unknown Groups
- Unknown Groups will not receive mailings until they are marked Active. To be Active a group must have a Primarily Contact for mailings and at least one meeting day and time.
- Working with DCMs to get currently information on Groups in the district. This will be used to update Fellowship New Vision. Last updated December 2018
- Can assign District to a new group if the Group does not know which District it is in.
- Collects new Group information; it will appear on Area 53 website when GSO assigns a number. This can take several months.
- If group info needs updating, submit to James; might take awhile
- The TriFold has been updated. There will be a downloadable PDF available on the Area 53 website.
- Send updates for Area 53 page in Conscious Contact to *Joe, the alternate registrar.*

6D. Treasurer (Diann N.)

- Diann presented the Treasurer's report (available on Area 53 Website pending approval)
- She encouraged all the committee chairs who have line items in the budget to submit requests/receipts for disbursement
- She pointed out the Area 53 donation envelopes that can be taken back to group to send group contributions to Area 53.

Motion to approve treasurer's report: Mary; Second: Joel; Vote: Unanimous

6E. Web Administrator (Ann B)

- Presented the thoroughly updated Area Website!
- Ann began her new position with thorough research of information from GSO and other Areas regarding experience with Area Websites.
- One strong suggestion: Area Website should be guided by a committee or advisory team. So, Ann and *Dan, Alternate Web Administrator*, have created a Website Advisory Team, which will consist of the Webs Administrator, Alternate Web Administrator, a Past Delegate, a Past DCMC, an AA member, a Current GSR, and the Current CPC/PI committee chair. Introduced the committee.
- Showed us homepage/quick tour of new website. Committees and Districts all have their own pages. Chairs and DCMs can submit information for review and publishing. They should check the information to see that it is up to date.
- New ways to submit information about an event: Button on events page. Please read "Tips for Submitting News and Events" for submission. Submissions will be reviewed by committee.

- Advisory Team's job is to review content to look for problems with conflict of interest, Traditions issues and/or possible copyright problems.
- One reason for review is that graphics and images used on flyers could be subject to copyright issues. Ann gave examples.
- Email: contact@area53aa.org to have anything submitted
- SSL certificate information is coming; will probably be \$80/year
 - Payments are not going through Website. There will be links to PayPal.
- Started a Quarterly newsletter ... first issue is printed for Mini-Conference; available in printed PDF form on Website. Send news for newsletter to contact@area53aa.org
- Ann answered some questions from attendees

7. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

7A. Archivist (Tom Van K., Archivist)

- Archives are secure in space at COGF. Organization of Space has begun, creating inventories of collection.
- *Ed (Area Chair)* announced that the Area is working on getting an Archives Committee back up and running, there are some interested members.
- Tom answered some questions from attendees.
- Tom introduced *Mark, the COGF Archivist*: He informed us about COGF archives accessible at COGF.

7B. Cooperation with Professionals/Public Information Committee (Matt W.)

- Has attended various meetings: District 26, Web Admin team, Treatment Committee meetings.
- Contributed information to the Area 53 newsletter.
- Emphasized the need for more with carrying the message to professionals.... need more Group CPC/PI representatives.
- Request from GSO for carrying message to Armed Services in Area 53; the committee will consider this.
- All of officer positions filled except one: needs alternate secretary
- Committee has CPC/PI Kits available

7C. Correctional Facilities Committee (Brandi V.) 59:32

- Annual Corrections Committee Workshop will be held on April 27 at Maple Grove from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Register on the CFC website & bring side dish.
- Quarterly meeting March 2,
- Approved \$9000 for literature this quarter and \$6000 for upcoming quarter

7D. Grapevine (Erin K)

- Meets second Saturday of every month at COGF at noon
- Encourage Group Grapevine reps to attend meetings; contact Erin if your Group needs information.
- The committee is planning another writing workshop. Topics such as how to submit content to be considered for publishing, what type of content will be considered. Location and Date/time TBA

7E. Group Services (Dan H.)

- Friday GSR school at mini-conference had 35 in attendance
- Next GSR School April 27 in Marysville. Information on website
- Dan was active on mini-conference committee

7F. Intergroup Liaison (Barbra M.)

- Barbara has contacted all Intergroups in Area 53
- Any interested members can attend an All Intergroup Meeting Sunday April 7 12-2 PM. Barbara is seeking topic suggestions from intergroup offices.

7G. Mini Conference (Donna K.) 1:06:36

- Mini Conference just ended today. Held at Deer Creek Lodge, Mt. Sterling Ohio April 8-10
- 147 registered, 137 attendance
- Hosted Diana L, GSO staffer, and Peter Luango, Class A Trustee.
- Next mini-conference meeting is April 24 6:30 PM 104 N. Stygler Rd Gahanna

7H. Special Needs Committee (OPEN)

- *Ed A, Area 53 Chair*, announced that the Area is looking for committee chair & members; see Ed if interested

7I. Treatment Facilities (Erica C.)

- Erica reported about the 7 committee members, who represent various regions around the Area.
- Committee meets quarterly at COGF at noon. Upcoming meetings: May 18, August 17, November 16.
- New meeting at Columbus Springs East location; treatment center only, not open to public
- Looking at requests from institutions.
- Bridging the Gap Program: Looking for a Bridging the Gap coordinator(s)

8. District & Group Reports (Marcia H., DCMC)

Events Attended

- January 27 - Attended Area 55 DCM Meeting & Assembly
- February 2 - Attended CPC-PI School/Meeting
- February 10 - Attended District 8/9 Service Workshop

- Met in January with DCMs, good conversation about what we want to do as DCMs
- Working to update all information about Districts and DCM addresses on website.
- Three districts lighting up: District 7 (Ray C, Zanesville), Bill Y District 10 (Delaware), Nicholas B District 33 Planning a “Get Lit Party” (😊)
- Reporting at the March assembly is typically abbreviated because it starts at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday following the Mini-Conference.
- No sharing session at the March assembly (today) which is typically abbreviated. At the April meeting, the DCM committee will consider a topic for the sharing session at the June assembly.
- Now have alternate DCMC (Don) to guide the district reports):
- District 4 Kacie
 - Alkathon for Xmas & New Years
 - Meet once a quarter
 - 1 Group submitted GSR report at this assembly
- District 7 Ray
 - Muskingum County
 - Workshop “Coming Out of the Dark”
 - 1 Group submitted GSR report at this assembly
- District 10 Bill Y, lighting up the District
 - Some existing GSRs
 - Looking into what the needs of groups are
- District 11 Brenda B
 - Monthly meeting, 8 active GSRs
 - Workshop GSR School cooperative with District 30 and 22 April 27
 - 2 Groups submitted GSR report at this assembly
- District 12 Tom
 - Working on distributing meeting schedules to professionals and offices
 - Working with corrections facilities
 - Soberfest Picnic
 - 2 AA clubs
- District 15: Ty
 - District Inventory, one question per month
 - Group contributions going back up
 - Sending Gvine to institutions
 - New Group join since last assembly
 - 5 Groups submitted GSR report at this assembly
 - GSR Reports
 - Anniversary Dinner Hand in Hand Group
 - Anniversary Saturday morning breakfast
- District 16: Tom
 - Updating phone list
 - Updating meeting list
 - Increase attendance by nudging GSRs
 - 6 GSRs at mini-conference!
 - Educating members about new website

- Taking literature to Nelsonville jail
- Preparing for July 4 picnic
- Stinking Thinking Funshop March 30 1-5 PM
- 2 Groups submitted GSR report at this assembly
- District 17 Shirley
 - District is getting ready to rotate out
 - Family Afterward Workshop, self-supporting
 - 2 Groups submitted GSR report at this assembly
 - Anniversary Celebration for Pleasant Valley Group Saturday August 24
 - Pomeroy Serenity Group: Valentine's Dinner
- District 18 Barbara
 - Visit from Frank G
 - Agreed to keep meeting, looking at what GSRs are interested in doing.
- District 19 Terry U
 - History of AA/Bill W's story event
 - Women's Retreat
 - 2 Groups submitted GSR report at this assembly
- District 21 Melissa
 - 12 Active GSRs
 - Hosting Traditions Workshop April 6 10 AM – 2 PM
- District 22 Jillena R
 - Euchre Tournament
 - Working with District 11 & District 30 for Marysville GSR School
 - 3 Groups submitted GSR report at this assembly
- District 26 Steven
 - New Year's Eve Alkathon with District 28
 - Game Show Day Jeopardy, Wheel of Fortune and Family Feud April 13 11-3 AA related questions. Prizes! Food!
 - Bookmarks that go right to District website
 - 6 Groups submitted GSR report at this assembly
 - Westerville Women's Anniversary 5:30 doors open Jeanne S. May 9
- District 28 Taffy
 - Studying Service Manual
 - Producing Bookmarks like District 26
 - Next event Big Book 80th Bday Bash
 - April 6 is party Maple Grove 12:30 to 4:30 Big Book Jeopardy,
 - 4 Groups submitted GSR report at this assembly

- District 30 Martha
 - Offered scholarships to mini-conference to new GSRs from newly represented Groups....gave 2 scholarships
 - Co-hosting GSR school in Marysville with Districts 11 & 22
 - Working with District 33 to help with their Get Lit event
 - 3 Groups submitted GSR report at this assembly
- District 33 Nicholas
 - Getting Lit!
 - 3 Active GSRs
 - Third Sunday 2 PM MLK Branch of library Long & Taylor Ave
 - Will be discussing March 17 next week
- District 34 Kevin
 - Trying to get new GSR participation
 - Set prudent reserve amount
 - Building District
 - 1 Groups submitted GSR report at this assembly

9. Unfinished Business

- State Convention Committee Stephen S
 - State Convention August 16-18 in Cincinnati
 - Links for registration available on our Area 53 website
 - Planning stage right now: ideas are coming together
 - Many panels, opportunity for service
 - Sharon F. shared concerns about attendance, Area 56 is concerned
 - Stephen reminded everyone that it's close enough for a day trip
 - Register ASAP to reassure Area 56
 - Bill F (Past delegate) announced the following about State Convention
 - Mark E, E. Central Regional Trustee will speak
 - Mary, rep from GSO formerly from Cincy
 - Go to Jungle Jim's! Fun Road trip event
- Report on Final 2019 Budget Donna
 - Past treasurer
 - Updating incorrect version that was presented at last assembly
 - Now Presenting Corrected version
 - Bolded items are amounts increased or decreased from previous incorrect version.
 - **Motion to accept: Steve D; Second: Dave; Vote: Unanimous**

10. New Business

- None!

11. Upcoming Events

- Ed announced two upcoming mini-conferences (Area 56 and 54) in March
- General Service Conference in New York is May 18-25
- Area 53 Corrections Workshop April 27 10:00 AM -2:00 PM

- *Erica* announced COGF event: Secretary/Treasurer workshop March 16 11:00 AM to 3 PM

Motion to close: Madalyn; Second: Chris; Vote: unanimous 😊

Meeting was closed with the Responsibility Statement at 3:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Crone, Area 53 Panel 69 recording secretary