

Panel 61 Area 53

Minutes of Area Assembly

Sunday December 9, 2012

Steve S. opened the Assembly with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Rob S. read the short form of the 12 Concepts.

Groups that were represented at the assembly by a General Service Representative or a GSR alternate

Three Legacies Group	BYOBB Big Book Step Study
2 For 1 Group Marietta OH	Nooners
Minerva Park Group	2345 Group
Hillsboro Closed Discussion Group	Choice is Ours
Shawnee Group	Women's Early Bird
The Dirty Dozen Group	Gallipolis Tri County Group
How it Works Group of AA	Pomeroy Serenity Group
Back to Basics Group	Big Book Study
12X 12 Group	Grant Us the Laughter
Hand in Hand Group	Rise and Shine
We Agnostics Group	United Group
Monday Night Steps and Traditions	West End Group
Women's Sunset Group	

Districts that were represented at the assembly by either a district committee member (DCM) or an alternate: Districts 6, 12, 15, 16, 17, 21, 26.

Panel 61 Officer Reports

Secretary Report: Debbie R. (740-274-1185) or secretary@area53.org Minutes from the September Assembly were distributed. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made, seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report: Jim F. (740-357-8996) or treasurer@area53aa.org Distributed September 2012 Treasurers Report. (Attached or Available on the Area 53 website. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made, seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Registrar Report: Kelly C. (740-568-9140) or registrar@area53aa.org. Since the last time we met two DCMs have rotated out. One GSR was added, and two new groups were added to Area 53. District 7, groups were updated in New Vision. We are still collecting emails for those who want to receive the minutes electronically, and of course, if you would like to receive them via snail mail we can provide that as well. Sign-up sheets are on the registration table. I would like to thank all of you for allowing me to serve in this great and wonderful position. I would like to especially thank my sponsor Bill F. for his patience, Bill Y and Kay H for their guidance, and Dona C. for her invaluable help with printing and technical support

56 Total Attendees: 5 past Delegates, 12 Officers, 8 DCMs, 21 GSRs, 6 Alt GSRs and 3 Interested AAs.

Chairpersons Report: Kay H. (740-797-3126) or chairperson@area53aa.org--Since our last assembly, I have performed my customary duties of chairing the area committee meeting and assisting other area officers with their duties. I participated fully with the finance committee to construct the 2013 Area 53 Budget and have chaired 3 State Convention Committee Meetings in my role as co-chair. I have also begun the process of rotation with the incoming Panel 63.

Delegates Report

Thank you for the privilege of serving the A.A groups in Area 53, Central and SE Ohio./ Bill W. wrote ... "(AA) is a society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die./ Hence, an A.A. service is anything whatever that helps us to reach a fellow sufferer – ranging all the way from the Twelfth Step itself to a ten-cent phone call and a cup of coffee, and to A.A.'s General Service Office for national and international action. The sum total of all these services is our Third Legacy of Service. / Services include meeting places, hospital cooperation, and intergroup offices; they mean pamphlets, books, and good publicity of almost every description. They call for committees, delegates, trustees, and conferences. And, not to be forgotten, they need voluntary money contributions from within the Fellowship."

After lunch a report from GSO on group contributions will be made available. The information is going to be divided into Area 53 Districts and each District Committee Member (DCM) will be able to take a copy of the list for his/her district and make the information known to the GSRs in an appropriate manner.

According to the data 24.88 percent of A.A. groups in Area 53 made at least one contribution to GSO in the first 9 months of 2012. If you want to remind your groups of the important work our world service office does and you would like me to come to your next District meeting please see me today and I will get my calendar out and visit your district. Group contributions can now be made on line at Area 53 website and at the AA.org website. The After Work Group respects Tradition 7 and Tradition 5 and 6 in this way. In my opinion it is more about the practice of giving back to A.A. through a little financial sacrifice on a regular basis.

In the last 3 months as your Delegate I participated in 4 Mini-Conference meetings in Columbus; 3 Ohio State Convention committee meetings in Athens; 1 Area Committee meeting in Lancaster. / Additionally Steve S. and I attended the Area 54 Assembly in Brunswick, Sep. 16; I participated in the District 16 Beginners Workshop October 6 in Athens; the District 12 (Clark County) workshop, Carrying the Message in the 21st Century, Nov. 3; discussed Ohio State convention at the Plug in the Jug Anniversary Nov. 7; spoke on Concepts at Gratitude Sunday, Nov. 18; attended the Primary Purpose Group workshop in Marietta and the Westside Beginners Group anniversary in Athens Dec. 1; the Area 53 Special Needs Committee Nov. 24.

Panel 61 Standing Committee Reports

Correctional Facilities Committee: Chairperson: Peggy A. (614-678-2512)

Committee Meeting: Is at, 994 Oakland Park Oakland Park United Methodist church at 10:00am.

Committee Report: On September 1, 2012, the quarterly meeting was held at Oakland Park United Methodist Church at 10am. The quarterly meeting had been held in March, June, September, and December at 10am. At the September meeting we had elections for the next term which will be for two years. The new officers are: Chair-Jessica H., Alt Chair-Tom B., Treasurer-Jamie G., Alt Treasurer- Candi E., Literature Chair-Jim G., Alt Literature- Darron W., Recording Secretary-Todd S., Alt Recording Sec-Vivian K., Corsp-Cheryl A., Alt Corsp-Sean O., Temp Cont- Liz, Alt Temp-Kathy T., Liaison-Michelle B., and Alt Liaison- Chris J.

Thank you to those who stood for positions and congratulations to all who were elected. Thank you Steve S. and Dave C. for facilitating the three legacies procedure for the voting process, you both did a great job. Finally, this quarter there was \$6,993.68 collected for literature and we

voted to spend \$6,600. We passed the basket for room rent, and collected \$87.50; we are asking the Area for \$12.50.

Special Needs Committee/ Accessibility: Cathy H. Area 53 contact@area53aa.org

Area 53 Mini Conference Committee Report: Peggy A.

Planning for the mini-conference is well underway. The location has been chosen (read from flyer. We have people that are stepping up for registration, hospitality, and all other areas. However we would still greatly appreciate volunteers for all of these areas. Today is your lucky day you can register right here today or online at area 53aa.org.

Archivist Report: Tom V.

The Archives are secure. The Archivist attended the National Archives Workshop at Coco Beach, Florida from the 4-7 of October 2012. One of the presentations was on author of the 24 hour book-Richmond W. The producer of the Bill W. movie also spoke. In October attended COGF Archives Digitizing. The Adhoc committee meeting discussed digitizing of tapes.

CPC/PI Committee- for the FOURTH QUARTER of 2012

- We continue to meet monthly at the Columbus Mennonite Church in Clintonville on the first Sunday of every month at 2PM.
- New Officers were elected: Chair, Steve R.; Treasurer, Kim B.; Secretary, Jennifer D. Congratulations!
- We continue to take an information session into Netcare. We always need additional volunteers for this ongoing project.
- We continue to have a literature and information display at the Adult Parole Authority of the O.D.R.C.
- We continue to place business cards with COGF contact information in places where alcoholics might go before they find A.A. We have A.A. business cards in the lobbies of most Franklin County libraries and in Athens, Portsmouth and Marietta. Need volunteers to place cards in libraries across Area.
- We continue to cooperate with the COGF PI Committee. Maureen T. has rotated out. The new Chair is Ericka C. COGF receives many requests for volunteers to staff health fairs and exhibits especially weekdays and weekends and we coordinate with them to fill these needs:
 - A speaker at an Ohio State University Alcohol Awareness class in February 2013
 - A speaker to the Ohio Assoc. for Justice Annual Convention in May 2013. There may also be an opportunity for an exhibit there.
 - A speaker at an Ohio U Chillicothe chemical dependency class in the spring of 2013.

- We intend to once again participate in the Addiction Studies Institute in 2013.
- We brought the updated display we use to help us look professional at conferences, health fairs, member and other information sessions. G.S.O. sent the 2011 Membership Survey Display. Please check it out.
- We purchased big books to place in the Columbus Public School high school libraries. We expect to place the books during January 2013. We had hoped to place age-appropriate literature in their guidance offices and have tentative approval from CPS, but administrative issues at CPS required the project be placed on hold until 2013. We intend to pursue similar projects in other school districts in 2013 as well as providing speakers.
- G.S.O. sent a request for fellowship sharing regarding the effectiveness of the 11th Tradition. The letter was posted on the Area website in September 2012 and comments may be made there until Dec. 30th.
- We have many other tabled projects we would like to pursue as additional volunteers become available. Contact us if you can help!

Old Business:

1. State Convention- The State Convention will be August 2, 3, and 4th of 2013. It will be held at the Double Tree Hotel. The next committee meeting will be held in Athens Ohio, at the Community Center on East State Street on February 18, 2013. The theme of the State Convention is, Service, where the Miracle Grows.
2. Proposed revision to the Area Guidelines to change the date of the June Assembly was distributed. Limited discussion occurred. GSR are to take the proposal back to their groups and come back to the March assembly for a full discussion.

New Business:

1. GSO request for 11th Tradition Sharing—Facilitated by Bill Y.
2. 2013 Proposed Budget
 - A. Motion by Madeline to raise the Delegates budget by \$500.
Motion fails.
 - B. Motion made by Ginny to raise the Alternate Delegate line item from \$1,000 to \$1,500.
Motion passed by vote of 25/8.
 - C. Motion made by Steve and seconded by Ed to accept the revised 2013 budget: Motion passed.

Closed the Assembly with the We version of the Responsibility Statement.