

Area 53 Assembly December 13, 2015

Peggy A. Opens Meeting at 10:15 am Opens with We Version of the Serenity Prayer.

Dana P. – Long Form of the Concepts

Peggy A – Introduced Frank G. – Mini-Conference Chair. Mini-conference is coming up in March, so we are offering a prize for people who register today. Payment for dinner and lunch isn't necessary when registering today. If we only get a few we have a prize, if there are more then we will have a bigger basket. Think about registering Sandra will give more details on payment whether Credit Card or cash. We have plenty of forms.

Peggy A – **Roll Call**

GSRs 31, Alternate GSRs 1, DCMC 1, DCMs 9, Alternate DCMs 4, Committee Chairs 4, Panel Officers 10, Past Delegate 1, Interested AA 5.

Peggy A - **Review of Agenda.** She advises that Dan H. will have a review of the parliamentary process. Peggy also advises that she has no unfinished business to talk about on the Agenda, so we are moving on to new business. The informational segment will be given by Frank G., Alternate Delegate. Then officer's reports, then lunch. Any questions about the agenda? None were asked.

Barb S. - **September Assembly Minutes** – Barbi advises that the minutes were distributed and online. She asked if there were any additions or corrections. Bill Y advises that under the officers reports the Alternate Chairperson is listed as Dan R. and should be Dan H. Motion to accept as corrected - Julie J., second by Marcia H. No opposed.

Dan S. - **Treasurer's Report** - Did everyone get a chance to look at the report? This is accurate through Wednesday of last week. The budget shows that we have money coming in. We are little over budget as according to line 4 as far as contributions go. Past Treasurer's have that pretty zeroed in at around \$16,500. Any questions on incoming. Dan then goes over outgoing money. Officers expenses, as we go into next year, you can see significant differences. If you look at Line 17 and 15 show significant differences between what is projected than what is actual. I think as Treasurer I will be able to do a better job at distributing those funds to encourage that activity with Past Delegates. Diving into this job, last year, I think I had the idea, let's make an equal amount available to all Past Delegates and only a couple participated, so I think I could have more freely distributed that money. to encourage the past delegates to participate. So we will do a better job at that next year. Operating Expenses, pretty good there. Meeting and Convention Expenses, We had to bump up the Assembly expenses, relative to what was budgeted. Unity Day did not take place. We did pay out for the State Convention and the International. Committee expenses are as expected. Any questions? There were no questions. Dan goes on to explain. Line 48 shows that we are comfortably above our prudent reserve. Dan reads from AA Guidelines - Where Money and Spirituality Mix. "Members celebrate sobriety by giving time, energy and money in support of our Twelfth Step—carrying the message—the basic service that the A.A. Fellowship offers. Members assure that group expenses are paid by putting money into the basket passed at each meeting. It is each member's responsibility to support the services that have been requested by the A.A. Fellowship, to help facilitate A.A.'s vital Twelfth Step. Contributions are made in a spirit of sacrifice, and they honor A.A.'s code of "love and service." Contributions also underscore the spiritual nature of our Fellowship and our mutual love and trust. We have found that these contributions are as important to each member as they are to the service centers supported." As GSRs that is something to

take back to your Groups. Remember that. Dan reads from a old song from 1944, this is also for the GSRs to take back to their Groups – The Title is “Dollar Aint a Dollar Anymore.” Oh a Dollar won't buy what it used to, Don't buy what it used to, Don't buy what it used to. A Dollar Bill don't buy what it used to. 'Cause a Dollar ain't a Dollar anymore.” Thanks for the opportunity. Peggy A. requests a Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report. Taffy J., Motions. Patrice P., Seconds. No opposed.

Peggy A. introduces Dan H. – Alternate Chairperson – Goes over the **Parliamentary Guide Handout and The Third Legacy Procedure.**

After going over the Handout Stephen Sheldon, GSR for Three Legacies. On the portion on the Motion to Reconsider, if somebody voted on the winning side and says that I would like to change my vote, this is a motion to reconsider, this requires a second, the second can come from anybody. It doesn't have to be on the winning side. Arron B – District 21, Alternate DCM. - What is right of decision vs. What do we take back to home group. Dan H advised that Frank G would handle the question for the DCM.

Peggy A. - Advises that Area 53 had no unfinished business. We are moving on to **New Business**

Kristi H – Area 53 Delegate – Advises on a **proposal to update the Area 53 Guidelines**, as discussed on Area Planning Committee Meeting on October 11th. Kristi distributes handout. We would like to create a new officer as Website and Communications Officer. Historically this position has been served by a person who serves on a committee of one, who manages the website and website communications. As we move to the website to communicate with our members, we would like to make this person an officer. As it stands right now, that person doesn't even have a vote at the Assembly. But, we feel that it is important to have that person accountable to the Assembly and the Assembly accountable to that person. If you look at the bottom of the page, there is a preface, about where we are coming from. Ideally, we would like to have this happen so that in our elections in September,, we are able to vote in a Website and Communications Officer so that they can start Panel 67. So what we have is a motion to amend the Guidelines. That's typically how things get done for the Assembly. What we have is a proposal to create a new officer and add that person to the committee. The title and duties of the position will be Website and Communication Officer. Kristy refers to the handout and explains that this is more information than we will put into the Guidelines, this is for you to take back to your Groups, to talk about whether we can add a new officer or not. Kristi explains how the process to update the guidelines works. She reads from of the Area 53 Guidelines under Article XIV. Today we will have some limited discussion and whether we will consider this change and then take it back to the Groups. Ed S. - I would like a paid professional to be considered to update the website. That person would report to the PI committee. Steven S. – Made a point of clarification. We are discussing on whether to vote on this, not the content of the topic. Does this have enough merit in order to take this topic back to the groups. Madeline. - I'm not opposed to it and I am not for it. We are going to limit ourselves to the pool of expertise in this topic if that have to attend all of the meetings. Right now, the web master doesn't have to attend all of that stuff. Right now it's like the archives. It's a position that you can hold as long as you can hold it. It's easier right now to find someone who has the time and ability to do this position. One of the problems we will find is we are going to limit ourselves to people that would be qualified to hold the position. This person would have to go to the planning meeting and assemblies. This is my concern. Reminds me of when we did the newsletter. Dennis B. was in publishing, he was our recording secretary and did a beautiful newsletter, but everyone else after that pulled their hair out. Because we made it so complicated and it cost so much money, 10 years later, we got rid of it. In the mean time we lost a ton of good workers because we couldn't put it in the same format. Kristi calls the question. Motion was made to take the proposal back to the groups. Vote was 46 for the proposal, 6 opposed, no abstentions. Peggy A, then asks for Minority Opinion - Sheryl

S. CPC/PI Chair - The reason I voted against it, is because I don't believe it should be an officer position. I believe it should be looked into and investigated. I don't agree with an officer. I believe that this deserves more input than one or two people. Peggy A. asks if anyone changes their vote as a result of the minority opinion. No change in vote.

Dan S (Treasurer) – **Proposed Budget** . Dan makes sure everyone has the proposed budget in hand. He makes reference to Line 4 and says that it is pretty zeroed in. If you look at our December 13th report, that 7,750 on line item 2 is pretty close. I think we are going to deviate from it a little, but it will be right around there. That gives us our total funds available. Looking at what we spend out, Officer Expenses – you can look at what we have to 2015 and what we anticipate for 2016. Delegate expenses have increased. We simply found that what was budgeted didn't cover what was needed. The same is true with the Chair Person expense on line item 12. That's about the only two deviations in the officer expense category. Operating expenses. Line item 20. The Archive Storage. I see the archivist here. Are we fully moved over to Central Office? Answer - No. Dan continues.. that expense has decreased from \$710 to \$150. This is a significant decrease because the Archives have moved from a rented storage facility to Central Office. We will pay relatively nominal fees. Line 21 has changed – we haven't used that one-thousand dollars. We are going to lower that budgeted line. Post office box has increased a little bit. Web services has changed. What we are doing is protecting the domain name. I believe that will be a decade out. So we will try to protect that long term. Thankfully this projector has been provided to us, but we are going to get our own so we can be self-supporting. So we've budgeted \$500, so we can purchase a wireless projector. Dan S. then asks if there were questions. Paul H. CFC Chair. - I just had a question on Delegate expenses. You have \$3000 budgeted, for next year. This year we spent \$3800 so far and we had a budget of \$4000 because we upped it. Why is it going down? Dan defers the questions to Kristi H. - I will not have a Regional Forum to go to next year and that is in Wisconsin. It was about an \$800 trip. Dan S. continues. ...and those funds as you recall, were from the International that we transferred over. Meeting convention expenses has changed. Blue Moon goes for 300 dollars an event and we didn't have the proper amount of money budgeted in 2015. We don't have the Mini-conference housing subsidy which was the excess funds from the State Convention, that was line item 31. It was a joint decision between COGF and Area not to have Unity Day in 2016. Committee Expenses have fluctuated. Some of the committees now have Chairs and their expenses have increased, such as Treatment. Special Needs now has a Chairperson and they are active. We have increased their budgets. The entire Finance Committee, the Treasurer, Alternate Treasurer, the Chairperson and Alternate Chairperson have review this and opportunity for input into that. Does anybody have any questions on the proposals? Hearing no questions. Requests a motion to accept the proposed budget for 2016. Teri G. makes motion to accept, Kalen C. seconds. Peggy A placed the Proposed Budget to a vote. 51 for the Proposed Budget – no opposed. Passed.

Frank G., Mini-Conference Chair provides the **Informational Segment on Roberts Rules of Orders**. – Frank advises on how to Robert's Rules of Order is used at the Assembly. Peggy A., then asks if there were any questions for Frank. Taffy J, DCM, District 28. – Do we always have to take a decision to the group before we vote? Frank G. - It really depends on the Chair and the Assembly at that Assembly. There is no set rule on that. I know that some people were crying foul because it wasn't done. But remember we were Trusted Servants to vote. If somebody says, I don't have enough information and I want to Table the Motion so I can take is to my Group, then that process goes. If no one says that, then we vote. Frank invites Madeline to share. I've been in service since 1991 and a lot of times and we didn't know at these Assemblies the same thing that we are talking about right now. And there would be Glenn W. sitting in the very back, Rick B. and all of them and they would be hollering, they wouldn't go to the Mic. They would holler, “Take it to the Groups!!” That was embedded into our heads. Now we have a Standing Committee, which is the Area Committee and the

afternoon when the DCMs meet in the morning and the Area Committee meets in the afternoon, They can make a lot of decisions. They have a lot of free reign to make a lot of decisions, because they have the Right of Decision. But they don't have the right to abuse that Right of Decision. That is were we have to be very careful. There is a fine line on that. It's not only at this level, it's at our Home Group level. It's at our Regional level and it's in New York. There's a fine line. That's when you go to New York, you have people debating that fine line. This will always go on. We will be having these discussions. We don't need to be so rigid. Just have the discussion and go on. There may not be a clear answer for every single thing. We do the best we can and then move on . Whether we agree with it or not. We don't need to rehash it and re-brining it up. We just do it and move on. Frank G continues. I kinda went that direction with my report. There is a lot of responsibility with being a GSR or DCM. There is a lot of study and time to be a responsible elected Trusted Servant. It's our responsibility not to cry foul. To learn, so that next time I can say that I don't have enough information. Just Table the Motion. So, it's my responsibility to know. Gregg G, District 22 GSR. - As you mentioned, Robert's Rules of Order is complicated. I wonder if in the future, before the beginning of the meeting if we could have a general reminder of the some of the procedures. We only meet quarterly and they are complicated. Peggy A – To answer the question. In the future Assemblies that I am Chairing, we are going to have the Parliamentary Procedures on the back of the page every time and we will review them every time for the new GSRs or anyone that is new that is coming. Joe S., District 15 - I have a question on Tabling. If you get the motion and somebody seconds it, doesn't come up to vote then? Do you have to have a 2/3 majority to table an item. - Question was answered as simple majority.

Peggy A. - For lunch it was suggested that we take on hour and half for lunch We'll have an informal vote. An hour for lunch. What time would we want to go to lunch? Ed R advises that we should break after officers reports.

Dan H, Alternate Chairperson – Officer Reports

Dan H. introduces Kristi H. for her **Delegate's Report**. Kristi advises that she picked a couple of topics of interest. The Grapevine Quote of the Day - You can go to Grapevine dot org and sign up. It comes through the email, but you can get it on the phone as well. I thought that this quote from December 9 was very good. She reads a description regarding how AA needed a standard literature, which became the Big Book. Since the last Assembly, I gave a Delegate's Report at Rule 62 Day. She the reads an appreciation note that is published on the Area 53 website. Kristi said that at the last Assembly she wanted to attend the Archives Workshop, but didn't attend. She was completely exhausted and couldn't manage to attend another four day workshop. She attended the Mini-Conference Committee meeting, The District 16 Primary Purpose Workshop, the Area Committee Meeting, the Poindexter Group, another Mini-Conference Meeting. For November, Kristi attended the Mideast Regional Forum in Milwaukee and there were approximately 400 in attendance there and half of them were first timers. She met with the new General Service Manager, Greg Tobin. Several GSO Staff members were at the Forum along with trustees. She also got to meet several incoming Delegates. In the United States there are 93 Delegates and half get elected each year. At the Regional Forum I attended a workshop on contributions to the General Service Office, "Why Should Groups Give." Kristi invited Kalen C to the Mic to advise on his experience to the Region Forum. It was a new experience for him. Kalen said it was great how they brought the New York structure to the Regions. I thought that the International Focus was inspirational. I thought that there were good workshops. I was mostly touched by the Class A Trustees. These are non-alcoholics that do a lot of work for AA and it ties into the work for the CPC/PI committee. I was already excited about non-profits, so the structure they gave on finances with connection to Spirituality and Self-Support was

really good too. Frank G. shares that it was a learning experience. One of the things I learned, is that I don't know as much as I thought that I knew. Kristi continues with advising that on December 5, she attended the West Side Beginner's Group Anniversary and then the most recent Mini-Conference committee meeting. Upcoming events include the attending a committee meeting regarding the planning the 2017 Ohio State Convention. Area 53 is hosting. We are in the very early stages of planning. There is plenty of work to do. Believe it or not it's practically next year. General Service Conference Report from 2015 is available. Lots of information including the sharing sessions. She also has the Compendium for the Area Inventory that was conducted at the General Service Office for the last three years. It was a highly organized inventory. She also had a preliminary report for the East Regional Forum that was just attended and the most recent Box 459. AA General Service Conference Reports include Spanish copies. If you know of Spanish speaking groups, please advise the Delegate. On July 9, Kristi receives a letter from the Board Treasurer from the General Service Board, that Area 53 contributions for the three months ending March 31, were 10.78% for 2015 and 11.01% for 2014. This puts us at the lowest Area in the United States and Canada in terms of contributions to GSO. Kristi said that it is a matter that needs to be addressed. Why is only one out of every ten groups is contributing to GSO? Why are groups not giving to GSO. We are at the bottom of the barrel. We have a year to work on it. Kristi would like to get people together to talk about what we can do to improve that number. When I give my birthday contribution to GSO, I attach my group number or another group that doesn't give for whatever reason. I think it's my responsibility to ask the groups I attend whether they give to GSO or not. The 7th tradition is to reach the still suffering alcoholic, not just to buy coffee and donuts. Kristi will tell Treasurers how to contribute. She said, I do everything online now, I just go to GSO.org or Area53.org to contribute. I would like to ask a few people to talk about why we don't contribute. Julie - GSR Stop and Safe Group, District 28. I know our group is very small. We have a limited number of home group members and the majority of people who attend are coming from a treatment facility. Even though we are interested in contributing, it has been hard for us and I know many of the groups are just struggling to make their rent. I am not saying it's right, but it's just difficult. Many of these may be smaller groups or they may not have the people or knowledge base to make contributions. Kristi said that data indicates that the groups are getting smaller. Terry GSR for the Good Morning Breakfast Group. - I want to give an opinion from a large group. I represent a lot of long term sobriety at my Home Group. I am also trying to represent change. I have brought up this topic at the group conscious. We made a vote that we are contributing 50 percent to the COGF, 30 percent to Area, 10 percent to GSO and 10 percent to District 34. Trust me, we have discussions on how much we spend on donuts. We talk about picnic and anniversary. I am trying to make a change. I want to focus on a bigger picture for service. Dan S – Treasurer. - I would encourage to take back to the groups Were Money and Spirituality Mix. To talk about sacrifice. We need to ask ourselves, do we value the ability to carry the message to the alcoholic that still suffers. I think the GSRs have the responsibility to explain the structure of Alcoholics Anonymous. I can't tell you how many groups call in and ask why their Group isn't on the back of that Treasurer's Report. I ask who they make the check out to and they reply to Area 53 CFC. We need to explain how Alcoholic's Anonymous is organized. That way we can make out checks properly. Sandy, DCM form District 6, way out east and it's pretty rural out there. The old-timers had a way of doing things and they haven't passed it along to newcomers. The newcomers don't know were to send the money. There is a percentage breakdown. There is a group out my way, that has a Anniversary budget of 800 dollars annually. That just like baffles me. As DCM, my goal is to attend all the meetings in my District. To take with me preprinted envelopes from the District, the Area and GSO. And say, I brought these just in case you need them. I have a lot of old-timers that don't want to be involved in the politics of AA. I think it's important to communicate. Back in St. Louis we didn't have that problem out there. They would have a potluck. The group didn't put anything into it. Everybody brought something. Al, DCM Area 33 and we are dark— When I first came here they would talk about these new meetings. You guys are starting these

new meetings with no service structure. Mel would go around and look for these guys and he would have some foresight. He said that every time you guys would get a resentment, you would start a new meeting, but wouldn't have any structure in place. A lot of these meetings have the same people running the meetings and the same people are putting on the Anniversaries. I have a new saying for them, I call them, Anniversary Anonymous Meetings and that is what they are doing with the money. You can give them all kinds of pamphlets, draw them diagrams and do whatever you want to and look back and they will still say we need this this and this. So I took it upon myself to put a workshop on December 26. I am trying to get some of these guys to come back in. It's going to be at Central Office. We can explain the service structure to them, because they just don't know. Madeline – Last week at group conscious I brought this up. The average person is still giving a dollar in the basket. We have to talk about this and become self supporting. It's not that we are asking folks to give more that what they can afford, we need to give enough to set up a meeting. Everything is going up in price except our donations. I not saying every group should do this, I am saying if you have it give it. Kaylin – Echo what individuals should give in reference to attaching a group number to a donation. Kristi interjects that we get counted in that even if a Group give a dollar a year, they get counted. Ryan C., District 17, Pleasant Valley Group. - Our Group Conscious said that we could give at least a dollar, so we give a dollar a month. Each group could give at least one dollar a month. Every workshop we have, someone speaks on the Seventh Tradition. It may not be on the flier, but if you attend it, you always hear about that at some point during the day. It comes personally with sponsorship and I pass that on. Steve Deters – I picked up some things a long time ago. Some things I saw on paper. Basically referred to the price of things in the 60s as compared to today. The price of cigarettes, a can of coke and gasoline. I picked up a bunch of those pamphlets in Dayton, when I see friends and then leave them at groups. I had a bad habit until a couple of years ago. I was still putting a dollar in the basket. Kristi H – I am going to nominate a couple of people to meet with me to brainstorm how to increase donations. I like Ryan's idea about a dollar a month. Kristi then goes on to discuss the rest of the report from the General Service Office. Sales of book and tapes are down. AAWS sales are down 14% below of what they estimated. That is a considerable negative variance. I don't think that it's anyone's fault. People are just not buying literature. We are going to have to find a different way of funding the fellowship.

Kristi goes over the highlights of the 2015 Trustee's Committee. We have 10 or 11 Trustee's Committees. Here are a couple that I thought that you would be interested in. For the Trustee's Committee on CPC, they agreed to forward to the 2016 Conference which will be in April, the recommendation that the pamphlet, “Three Talks to Medical Societies” by Bill W be retired. They feel it's too lengthy and too dated. The Treatment / Special Needs Committee is going to be forwarding to the Conference, that we drop the word “Special Needs” they removed that from our Committee name, scope and procedures. We are just going to be “Treatment, Accessibilities”. We are going to drop Special Needs because we feel the committee needs to be broader in scope. We all are going to have Accessibility issues. We may not be able to hear well or walk up a giant flight of stairs or I can't find parking. So the name change is being forwarded to the General Service Conference. We will likely be taking up these issues at the mini-conference.

Corrections Committee – Change it sure beats sitting in a cell video. Corrections Facility – The Trustee's Committee reviewed the draft video. They are going to replace, “It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell” They are going to update that one. They will be reviewing the revised draft in January. They are currently exploring the feasibility of doing a North American Corrections Workshop. They sent a simple survey. They asked if we wanted to host a North American Corrections Workshop. Kristy then says that it would be quite an undertaking and would involve a lot of people. We will likely let somebody else do it first and see how it goes. Public Information – The Trustees Committee reviewed a request from our conference to produce a video in regards to AA Members responsibility to Anonymity Online, and they tabled that discussion. In April we will be choosing a date for the 2019

East Central Regional Forum which Frank and Kalen spoke about. Kristi said that she had a list of host contact duties, if anyone is interested in hosting that. It is a good size conference. It is likely bigger than our state convention. We will be talking about this at the conference in February. Four years ago, we had the East Regional Forum in Miamisburg, Ohio.

Regarding the Guideline Change – Kristi wanted to make a point of clarification. She advised that this is not for a web master. Please read the job description. This is for a much broader title than web master. We feel that we need more than just a web master at this stage of the game. Our current web master will be rotating out after this panel. We do know that our web master will be leaving and as a Committee we need to do something. This cannot be exploratory. We can't wing-it. So this puts a lot more structure to it.

-----Break for Lunch --- 12:00 pm ---

-----Resume from Lunch --- 1:16 pm ---

Dan H. welcomes everyone back from lunch and said that Frank G. has a small request. Frank G. – Mini-Conference Chair – Last convention I went to, which was part of my requirement. Requesting \$70 to recoup some of my expenses. Dan S, Treasurer advises that Area 53 is operating well above prudent reserve and I put a motion on the floor to approve Frank's request. Paul H. seconds the motion. Dave C., Past Delegate asks what convention was this? Frank answers that this was the last Regional Convention in Milwaukee. There was no opposition.

Dan H. introduces Peggy A., **Area 53 Chair Report**. Peggy - I want to thank you all for coming out and for all of the support. We made it almost a year with me as a chairperson. I have attended the District 22 Workshop. I may have reported that at the last Assembly. It was a comedy workshop and it was really great. Also, District 10 had a great workshop on the Fourth Step and it was well attended. I attended the District 16 Workshop in Athens. I didn't go to the Forum because of personal issues. Thanks for the privilege of having the chance to go. The next Committee Meeting is on January 10 at COGF at 10:00 am. The people that attend that meeting are the Area Panel, DCMs and their alternates. The morning is when the DCMs meet with their DCMC and the officer's have a small meeting. Some people come for the morning and leave in the afternoon. The afternoon is when the whole committee gets together. The afternoon is where we vote for everything. This is where we decide what it going to be on the Area 53 Agenda. Its were all of the business takes place. This is when miscommunication comes up. When people leave early. It's important to stay for the entire thing. If you can't you cant', I understand. But it's important to be there. There is a meeting at COGF from 9 until 10 and we start right after 10am. Greg gets there early to get out coffee. We are not usually able to start right at 10 so if your there at 10 to 10:30, that's fine. As far as being a DCM, it's important to be there when the voting takes place. To know what to take back to the group and that is where we set the Agenda. At the mini-conference in March, we will be doing full GSR reports this year. I appreciate all you GSRs being here. We didn't do that last year, but we will be doing it this year. We will also do DCM reports. It was requested that we have a DCM School. There is one scheduled on January 16 at Brandy's house at 12:00 pm. I am sure anyone from District 34 would be willing to help you or Paul possibly. I really appreciate being the Chairperson and your patience this first year.

Dan H. introduces Ed A – **Registrar** – The counts for today's Assembly. We have the Delegate and the Alternate, 6 Officers, 4 Committee Chairs, the DCMC and the Alternate, 9 DCMs, 4 Alternate DCMs, 31 GSRs, 2 Alternate GSRs, 5 Interested AAs and 2 Past Delegates. 68 people signed in. On the FNB website in New York, we are starting to get some of those numbers down. 14 Groups are listed as

incomplete, 145 is listed as unknown and 72 are listed with bad addresses. As of yesterday afternoon there were 739 listed active Groups in Area 53 and those are just the ones that New York are aware of. If you are unable to find a Service Number, your Group may not be listed with New York. Unknown Groups started at around 200 Groups at the beginning of the year. We are chipping away at that number and we couldn't do it without all of your help. If you have a change, email me at registrar@area53aa.org. I usually respond within a day or so. I have been trying to get around to the Groups. It's been a year since I have been to Marion. I had to double check the map. Lora GSR there asked that I lead on Christmas Day. I just have been trying to get to other areas other than the Columbus area. I am always open to work with you and New York and try to figure things out. Questions? Sheryl S. - CPC/PI Chair - How many groups are being represented. Ed A. – I can get that information before the end of the day. I can work on making that available in future reports, if somebody would like. Sheryl S. asks, do I need to make a motion to that effect? Ed A. - I don't think so. Sheryl S. - Ok thank you. I would appreciate that. No other questions.

Dan H introduces Steve D. – **DCMC** -

Steve D. - First I would like to thank Brandy for setting up the DCMC School. We talked about it last Area Committee. Steve then begins the DCM and GSR reports.

District 1 - no report

District 2 - no report

District 3 - no report

District 4 - no report

District 5 - no report

District 6 – Sandy D., DCM. - None of my GSRs made it out here today. I think Christmas is messing with everybody. They are all busy. We are working on updating our meeting lists. I should say we are way out east. Stubenville, Cadiz – that way. Way out there. In November we had an awesome Gratitude Dinner. We are starting a new meeting and I'm really excited, because it started in a town that didn't have a meeting. I gotta tell you that I got a phone call from a lady that said that she wanted to start a meeting and I was like so excited. Called her up, she said what does it take to start a meeting and I told her all about it and went through this whole thing and then I asked, how much Sobriety do you have? She replied, Oh I'm not an alcoholic... So I got a good lesson. You start off with, Are you in AA? Who in the world wants to start an AA meeting that isn't in AA? She was a pastor for a church and we did get a meeting started there and I am excited about it.

District 7 - no report

District 8 - no report

District 9 - no report

District 10 – Fred W– So I'm doing two jobs. I am the substitute for the substitute DCM. Doing pretty well, we are getting activity at the District Meetings, they meeting once a month. They put on an awesome Fourth Step Workshop. It was rather unique because we had two rooms. In one room we had the long term sobriety, with different speakers talking about the different aspects of the Fourth Step and we had a table were individuals could sit down with long term sober members and ask questions or work on different parts of it. We had about 70 people at the workshop. Another cool thing with that is that we started getting more activity from the city of Delaware. The District is going to have a News Year's Bash from 6:30 pm to 12:30 am. I hear all kinds of fun stuff about that. I can find more information if you are interested.

Fred reintroduces himself as the GSR for the Solution Group. It's taken me almost a year to get that "s" off of the end of the group name. There is A Solution. We have 21 Homegroup members. We recently decided to have our group conscious monthly. We used to be as needed. We just had elections and we elected Secretary, GSR, IGR, Treasurer and Literature. We are trying to get more younger people more involved. We don't have any upcoming Group events. Patrick M will be rotating in as GSR and I am sure he will do a great job.

District 11 - Brenda B, - we are a dark District still. I am an outgoing GSR, so I have recruited a new GSR, Judy. I am going to help walk her through it. I don't leave people hanging. We are solidifying our group. We are increasing our Homegroup members, so we are up to about 10 now. We are doing Anniversaries. We are paying attention to who is our group and celebrate recovery. We have a new Secretary, our old secretary was 10 years, so we are trying to go to two year rotations. So there are a lot of internal changes.

District 12 – Ann S., DCM - I am DCM for District 12 which includes Clark County and Springfield. We had our yearly gathering in November. Our topic was Growth Through Service. It was an excellent turn out. It was a three hour event on a Friday night. Our biggest meeting gave up their meeting time, so that we could have our event. They did that last year and it was a huge success. The topic was Enjoying Life While Passing the Message. Our Area Officer who was our Alternate Delegate spoke. We also had our Area Treasurer and we had two other speakers. We also fed everybody, we put on a spaghetti diner. There were over 100 people. We had a very tight budget. No District money went to door prizes, they were all donations. I think we had fun. We also like to learn and we are doing well financially.

District 13 - no report

District 14 - no report

District 15 – Matt P, DCM – I have been taking notes for you all morning, so I don't have a written report. We have two events coming up. On December 24 and 25. We are having an Alcathon which takes place from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm. We have a sign up sheet available. Also on April 2 we are have an April Fools Workshop, it's still in the planning stages, we are going to find a speaker and that is just now starting to come together. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month. We also have a website that is dedicated to what we do, seohdistrict15.org. We cover Southeast Ohio, mostly Marietta, but some outlying areas as well and north as far as Barnsville.

Patrice P – GSR, Hand in Hand - I am a GSR that is rotating out. This is my last time standing here as GSR, I will then be Alternate GSR. We meet on Saturday's at 7:30pm in Barlow Ohio, which is a rockin' town when we are there. We are a solution focused open meeting. Some of the things we have going on, our 30th Anniversary is taking place in March. That is just getting started so we will have more information as it becomes available. We have about 25 member and about 25 people showing up, which is why we are rockin'. Another reason we rock is a number of those folks are early in recovery. If you want to have a good time on Saturday night in God's Country, visit us. One of the cool things about our meeting place, is that we have our own house with artistically drawn stuff about recovery on the walls. We actually taken pictures and submitted our meeting place to the Grapevine. So far they haven't contacted us. It's been an honor and privilege to be here through these years and I would like to introduce our new upcoming GSR, that is Joe S., if you could give him an Area welcome.

District 16 - Sam H. GSR for the Athens Sunday Night Big Book Study. I feel kind of guilty after the

discussion about making Anniversaries a priority. Anniversaries have not historically been a priority with the Athens Big Book Study. Last year was our 25th. If you think any Anniversary was one to mark, that would be it. This year we have a new Treasurer, whose sponsor insisted that she get a home group. She was very excited about the possibility of throwing a celebration for our 26th Anniversary. She did a fantastic job. We celebrated without feeling guilty because we contribute to the wider AA. We make quarterly contributions, to the GSO, COGF, Lancaster Area Intergroup, Area 53 and our own District 16. We do our best to pass along contributions, made by our members to the wider AA. We feel obligated to do that. Last thing. We had a workshop last October called Our Purpose. A portion of the workshop was news to me – at my home group, we read the traditions. We read the short form. Tradition 5. each group ought to have one primary purpose – that was the title of the workshop – that being to carry the message to the alcoholic that still suffers. Turns out that the long form of Tradition five goes a few words beyond that. --- Each group ought to be a spiritual entity. Having but one primary purpose.... So we changed the introduction, we used to invite people to be a member, to join us as their home group, by saying the Athens Big Book Study is a home group and if you would like to make this your home group.... By group conscious, we changed an invitation to join the group – The Athens Monday Big Book is a Spiritual Entity and our soul purpose is to carry the message to the Alcoholic that still suffers.

District 17 – Alison C., DCM - We meet the first Sunday of the month at Sacred Heart Church in Pomeroy, Ohio. Our District discussions have been on a upcoming workshop on February 20th. The topic is on How is Works. Just the first part of How it Works. Because it gets overlooked at meetings. Then the Spiritual Experience. In the afternoon we will talk about the Traditions and relationships and Practicing the Principles in all of your affairs. We will have a flier out on that. We just had a Holiday Party on Friday for the District. There was 70 or 80 people in attendance. Our District keeps everything at Prudent Reserve. We don't stack cash. If we have money, we spend it. We allotted a hundred dollars and from that holiday dinner we brought back 99 and so we were self supporting. It was a God filled evening and we had a wonderful time. Greg from Athens came and spoke. We have a new meeting in our District at Rio Grand College. It's called Young Guns. Some of the college kids came to the District and wanted to start this meeting. I have not made it out there. It just started three or four weeks ago. It's cool because we need young people in Sobriety.

Ryan C. - Alternate DCM / GSR Pleasant Valley Group. I love our DCM so much we just got married. (applause) That's a spiritual experience. Our group conscious is the first Monday of every month. We have 12 homegroup members and average attendance is 10 to 18 members. Monday night big book is the biggest meeting. We were doing a, As Bill Sees It study on Thursday and now we are talking about Traditions. We have a lot of new people. We are having our 70th anniversary. We give our contributions. We try to spread out money out a lot. Our Group Conscious. Collectively the Groups said, why can't we give 12 dollars a year. We try to go to COGF. Lately we have been supporting the Appalachian Intergroup. We donate to them and we donate to our District. Our group has a workshop coming in spring. We have a new GSR and the alternate just rotated. I would like to take an opportunity to thank Kristi for helping our group, by showing us what a Delegate is all about.

District 18 - no report

District 19 – Steve D., DCM, We had election s in November. I am still acting DCM. Nobody felt that they had the time or were qualified to do the position. The other offices were rotated. We carry a prudent reserve of 200 dollars. We had a Steps Workshop in September which was fully self-supporting. We have a committee planning workshop. We usually take a survey from the groups to find out what they would like to have a workshop on. Things we have been talking about, getting other

groups active. We are going to revisit some groups and see what we can do for them. We have been talking about contributions as groups. We pass the basket at District Meeting and forward to General Service Organizations.

Andy W., GSR with the Greenfield Freedom Group - We meet Sunday night from 8:00 to 9:00 pm. We are an Open Discussion group. We meet at the First Presbyterian in Greenfield. We have Group Conscious as needed. As a result of our last group conscious, starting in January, we will be contributing fund to the major entities. Our rent is due in December. With money that is left we are setting aside a three month Prudent Reserve and the rest of the money will be distributed. As groups GSR if you are a member of a group that is not contributing, keep trying, it taken me about a year after the topic of contribution has come up. Positions, GSR, Secretary and Treasurer. No upcoming events.

District 20 - no report

District 21 – Arron B – Alt DCM - Rotating format. He visits the groups and attendance has risen to 10 to 13 members. Appears that 5 to 6 groups are now participating in District activities. There has been discussion on babysitting, we have a large Treatment community. Discussing a new workshop. Haven't decided a date, but the topics will be Bridging the Gap and sponsorship. Prudent Reserve is around 381 dollars after donating to COGF and World Services.

Mellissa B., GSR – Shawnee Group. – We were known as Back to Basics Group, but we have merged. We meet Tuesday's and Thursday's at 8:00 pm at New Boston, Community Center in New Boston. Both meetings are closed. One is a discussion meeting and the other is a Big Book Study. Our attendance 12 to 15 people. Group Conscious is bi-monthly. Right now we are discussing everything coming together. Finances and positions, merging the meeting. We Contribute. We give 50 dollars per month to GSO. All positions are filled and there are no upcoming events.

District 22 – Ed S. Advises that he is with the Dublin Hilliard Groups. We had our first event October 23rd. It was a Comedy Night, almost 200 people attended and we covered our cost with the 5 dollar admission fee. At the last discussion meeting we talked about envelopes in care of the Area and Dan S. forwarded the money to us. It saves of the cost of buying an AA Post Office Box.

Ed S., also GSR for We Agnostics Group . We are alive and well and doing good.

Greg G., GSR, Hilliard Sobriety Group – We have a Group Conscious the second Tuesday of every month. We make quarterly contributions to District, Correction, Central Office and GSO. Recently we found that there was a miscommunication on how we are donating to Area 53. We are going to fix that. We had elections this past week for Secretary, Treasurer, GSR, Literature, Corrections and IGR. Had an Anniversary in September to discuss how we fund it, we collect a separate collection for our anniversary. This is separate from our 7th Tradition collection.

District 23 - no report

District 26 – Mike M., DCM – I am really glad to see everyone out here today and more glad to serve with a great group of people. Rule 62 Day in September was a great success. We had a good turnout. Out Delegate was kind enough to share her story and then went into a Delegate's report which was well received. Alcathon is coming up from New Years Eve to New Years Day. 24 hours of Alcoholic's Anonymous. We have a dance at 10:00 pm on New Years Eve. Flier are available. Contributions in our District are way up. How do we best use the money? We are on a quarterly plan as far as events.

So the third quarter this quarter, was Rule 62 Day. The fourth quarter will be Alcathon. The first quarter will be a workshop on Self Support. Any comments or suggestions appreciated. The topic will be called, Beyond Your Group. The second quarter is a project called Safety in AA. I was lucky enough at the State Convention to get a template that a woman in Missouri does and she gives seminars on Safety in AA. If anybody is interested in getting a copy of the template, see me and I would be happy to email you what I received. I will bring this up at the Area Planning Committee Meeting. One of the questions that came up at our last District Meeting is Guidelines on how to make a request to the General Service Office to create a pamphlet. We have a new Alternate DCM, Victor.

Mike M is also GSR, Crossties Group. We had our 40th Anniversary on the 8th of December. I have been the secretary too long 10 out of the last 12 years. No one wants to take over the position. So we are considering discontinuing the group. That's a group that gets 30 to 35 people a week and has been around for 40 years. But if we don't get rotation, in Alcoholics Anonymous with people who are will and able to step up, then we have to have serious consideration.

Joan C., GSR New Albany Sobriety Society. We meet on Thursdays at the United Methodist Church in New Albany at 8:00 pm. It's a Big Book Discussion Group. We have six Homegroup members and consistently have 12 and 14 attending. Group Conscious is Bi-Monthly. We recently met on November 5th. We have been discussing a change in meeting time. The most recent decision is to leave it as it is. We contribute to all of the entities twice a year. We have Secretary, Treasurer and GSR. People are very hesitant to do things, so we talk about what we get from service and try to be good role models. We are participating in the Alcathon. We drew the 10:00 am to 12:00 pm slot.

Dominique, GSR Creekside Recovery Group in Gahanna. We are a three day a week meeting. 4:30 to 5:30 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Gahanna Congregational Community Church. Rotating, Tuesday is Big Book, Wednesday is 12 and 12 and Thursday is discussion. We just celebrated our 2nd year anniversary and we consistently at 25 to 35 people. Most positions are filled. We do not have an IGR. It's a meeting with a lot of newcomers so they are not ready to jump into the service work, but they are open to it. Donate regularly to the four entities if we have an excess of cash.

Kristi, GSR Rise and Shine Group – We meet on Saturday morning at 8:00 am. We are a discussion group. This is my first GSR meeting. We meet in Gahanna in New Life Church. We have 55 homegroup members. Average attendance is 75 to 80 people on a Saturday. We have a Group Conscious once a month. Our group contributes to all four entities on a regular bases. All Service positions filled except for an IGR. At the same time I became GSR, I got an IGR. Our Anniversary is coming up. We have been a group for about four years, we were just a meeting before that. We are coming up on our 20th year. Our Anniversary is January 30th. 6:30 am will be Breakfast and then we will have a discussion meeting at 8:00am. Christmas party last week and raised money. We also had a toy drive for alcoholics. It was very successful. There were about 150 people and a live band. We drew a time slot of 2:00 to 4:00 pm for the Alcathon. We will have a discussion meeting with food and fellowship.

Marcia H., GSR Westerville Women's Recovery Group – We meet at 7:00 pm on Thursday at the Spring Road Church of Christ in Westerville. We have an average attendance of around 25 with 12 to 15 homegroup members. Our Group Conscious meets the first Thursday of each month. We make group contributions quarterly to District 26, COGF, Area 53 and GSO. All positions are filled. We work with another Women's meeting to sponsor a meeting at a local treatment facility. Every other month my group or the other group will chair that meeting at Parkside Treatment Center every Tuesday. It's kinda a chairwoman's choice. They can bring whatever format they want to the meeting.

Laura, GSR North American Sunday Group – The meeting is at 2:30 pm Sunday. We have two homegroup members. We relocated in July. Our attendance is at or above average. We moved to East Side Grace Brethren Church, 7150 East Broad Street in Blacklick. It's about five miles from the old meeting. Group Conscious is as needed. With two homegroup members, we filled the GIR position. 24 people attend. It's an open speaker meeting on Broad Street.

Don B, GSR Southeast Breakfast Group – We are located at Mount Caramel Hospital on the east side of Columbus. We have 8 to 12 homegroup members and average attendance is 65 to 70 people on a Sunday morning. Group Conscious is quarterly or as needed. Most recent activity is the election of officers. Due to amount of homegroup members, rotation is a problem. We are in need of Group Institutional Representative. All other positions are filled. Our next activity is to help District 26 in the New Years Eve Alcathon. My group has the 6:00 am to 8:00 am slot, New Year's Day.

Scott R., GSR Easy Does It, Beginner's Group – We have 10 homegroup members, 40 average attendance. Current positions filled. GSR, Secretary and Treasurer combo, two people to set up and make coffee. We make sporadic contributions. In Group Conscious we are discussing making regular donations to the four entities. That was voted down, the tabled to the next Group Conscious. We also discussed making regular rotation with out service positions. We elected a GIR which stepped down and an IGR which didn't work out. And we discussed splitting the Secretary and Treasurer duties.

District 28 – Taffy J., DCM - Having a District movie showing Bill W. on February 20, 2016 at Meadow Park Church of God. Last District meeting we had our elections. Julie J. is our new DCM. Don C. is the new alternate DCM, Jackie B. is the new Secretary, and Taffy J is the Treasurer. I want to thank the Area, Area Officers for being patient with me. We started this District a couple years ago and it was with a lot of help and understanding. I have really enjoyed it. Thank you for the cabin at the mini-conference too.

Julie, GSR Stop and Stay Stop Group - Even though I am the incoming DCM, I will continue to represent the Group in some capacity. We are a very small group, we are a speaker meeting. It has been very difficult to keep homegroup members and very difficult to fill service positions. I want to give kudos to Jane C. who has been running this meeting for a very long time. We are kind of negligent as far as being able to contribute and I will be pushing that a little bit as the upcoming year comes.

Dan H. GSR, Listening Post – Just want to let everyone know that the Listening Post will be moving. We have been at Oakland Park United Methodist Church for 19 years and we are moving up to Mays Manor which will be effective in January. Our last meeting will be New Year's Eve at the Church. We are going to go down to three meetings, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 8:00 pm. The meeting format on Tuesday will be the Big Book, Wednesday 12 and 12, and Thursday a lead. I have been the GSR for this group for about 15 years. Billy has done it for four. We are looking to get more cohesive and get more people active. We are kind of doing a group inventory and we want to grow. We want to get people to fill all of these positions. It just hasn't happened over the years.

District 30 – Kalen C., DCM - Announce that we are lit. We have two meetings so far. We are scheduled for eight meetings a year. We have a Secretary and alternate, along with a Treasurer and alternate. We have a bank account and Post Office Box. If other people attend meetings in different Districts and would announce that we are lit that would be great.

Debora, GSR, 6:15 News Group. We meet at 6:15 every Thursday. We are a literature group. We lead out of Living Sober. We are at St Mark's at the corner of Dorsett and Tremont in Columbus. We only have a GSR.

Heather, Alcoholic. Brings in a report from a Group she attends regularly. This is the 164 Page Winners Group. Format is to alternate between Joe and Charlie CDs and Bob Darrel and Mildred. They also have a Big Book open discussion. Group Conscious is two to three a year. Group contributions are as directed. They have a Secretary, Treasurer, Grapevine Rep, GSR. Anniversary in February.

Heather, Alternate GSR for Women's Sunset Group – We meet Monday nights at 7:00 pm. It's a closed lead meeting at the Northwest United Methodist Church. Lead for Women only. Average attendance is 65 or above. We have about 20 groups. Meet quarterly to discuss different positions. We do have a big anniversary for the group, but we send out a separate basket monthly along with the 7th Tradition basket. We just voted to use the suggested breakdown of contributions. Babysitting at 6:45pm. We have a jug for literature for people who are incarcerated, special needs. We have a literature and CD table you can borrow from.

District 33 – Al, DCM, - We have been concentrating on this Alcathon. We have a flier out, have a slot for the Alcathon. We went to some people for donations, Krogers donated donuts and coffee. Anything I need, just ask for it. We don't have any money. I have been going around to the Groups and talking to them about making the donations. They have been making donations to COGF only. I have been passing out pamphlets about how the split is supposed to work. We have been going back through and updating information on the eastern conference through the directory. Some of those people are dead. We want to make sure the correct number is available.

District 34 – Dana P., Outgoing DCM, Brandy J will be new DCM, Teri is the alternate, Larry is our Treasurer. Pam is our Secretary. Some of our Discussions is about meetings. We think that the amount of meetings are hurting us. Meetings are getting smaller and smaller and that may be hurting us. We have been working on our own inventory. Literature for newcomers is an issue, because some of the meetings that were big are having trouble buying literature. We are on the west side of Columbus and Grove City. GSR report was a concern. Pam revamped it and made a new one. I will get a new one submitted. We have been doing this for about an hour and twenty minutes and this was a concern at the mini-conference. At a DCM Meeting we voted to have the DCM give the reports and now we have announced that we are going to give full reports. That's a concern. Upcoming events. We had a club on the west side that served alcoholics for many years. The club has burnt down. Central Office is picking up the Alcathon they had this year, but they always had a dance. The District 34 is going to host a dance. It will be held New Years Eve at Hoge Memorial Church on 2930 West Broad Street. There are fliers and tickets are 5 dollars. There is going to be a dinner, pulled pork, salad and a speaker Lisa K.. Dinner is at 7:00, speaker is at 8:00 and dance with a DJ is at 9:00 pm. Joe Higginbotham helped us get this District started. He passed away Friday. His service is on Tuesday. Dan S. has a question for Dana P. - What do the proceeds from the 5 dollars go to? Dana – They will be used to buy literature to groups that have asked for newcomers. Brandy – Alternate DCM for District 34. – The DCM Information Session on January 16 at my house. A past Delegate, Madeline H. is coming. Please bring your Service Manual, we are going to go through that. It's a very Spiritual Experience, because it ties spirituality with service work as a DCM. There will be food and it will be a lot of fun. Brandy makes a sign up sheet available. Brandy will contact a couple of weeks before the event to make sure that the DCM will be coming.

Pam Reed, GSR, Womens New Hope Group - We have about 12 home group members. Average attendance is about 15 to 20 depending on what is going on with Treatment. All our positions are filled. She is grateful for the new projector.

Susan M, GSR Strong Women in Sobriety - We meet Tuesday night at 6:00 at Hoge Memorial Church. We have Babysitting. We have around 10 homegroup members. Attendance varies quite a bit, average is 12. We meet once a month for Group Conscious. We generally talk about what we are going to have for the pot luck that month, but next week we are going to talk about money stuff. We don't donate.

Terri - Outgoing GSR, Good Morning Breakfast Group. Sunday mornings at 9:00 at York Steak House. Group Conscious is the second Sunday of each month. We elected new GSR as I am going to be the new alternate DCM. Preston G will be the new GSR. Our slot in the Alcathon is December 26th from 7:00 pm to midnight. We discussed the District 34 New Year's Eve Party. Upcoming event is our Anniversary on February 14th in Hilliard at the McCoy Center. Average attendance is 150 and homegroup members is about 50. Those that attend the Group Conscious is about 20.

Larry - Harbor Lights Group. We meet on Monday nights at 8:00. 1003 Town Street. That is right in the middle of the bottoms of the west side. Continue to struggle. We get like 15 to 20 people. But our 7th Tradition, we are lucky to get 10 dollars a week. That's our rent. But we are there for the next sick and suffering alcoholic. More weeks than not, another comes through that door. So we will keep being there.

Steve D., DCMC makes point of clarification. GSR School is on December 26th at COGF Meeting Room 12:00 to 2:00 pm. Anyone is welcome to attend.

District 37 – Dark District. Oz, GSR, German Village Sunday Night Group – We had a really successful two years. We are coming up on our second year. We meet Sunday nights at the Livingston Avenue United Methodist Church, 200 Livingston Avenue. We also have an affiliate morning meeting Monday through Thursday, 7:00 am. That has been so successful we now have is on Fridays as well. Our format is Growth and Sobriety popcorn style. It's very encouraging to hear everyone's growth. We decided to have a group conscious specific to group donations. We decided to bring what we need for our Anniversary and not use our 7th Tradition money for that. We have a year and a half of Prudent Reserve built up already, we are going to get rid of some of it. Just had elections. We have 12 active office holding group members. We have gone from 15 people average to 35 to 40 people average every Sunday Night. In January in Group Conscious regarding donations. Over a year and half of Prudent Reserve, we are getting rid of money. I have been communicating how important Service work is. I will be going to Group Conscious meeting and helping with how elections work.

Steve D. Thanks everyone for their reports and introduces Dan.

Dan H, Alternate Chair advises that there are 13 registered for the gift basket .

Standing Committee Reports -

Corrections – Paul H., Quarterly Meeting was held last Saturday, December 5th at COGF. We had our regular literature report. We fulfilled 95 percent of requests from outside sponsors to carry literature in. The quarter before we have 100 percent, but we had a bad mix. Somebody ordered too much of an item. CFC moved the September quarterly meeting to the first Saturday of the month. This means that CFC will always be the first Saturday of the month at 10:00 am at COGF. Bob D was elected as

Liaison. Bod has a long history with this committee and it's great to have him back. We approved 6200 dollars for literature out of the jug money. We came in well under budget for operating expenses. We pass the basket at the end of our meeting and collect from generous people that work at CFC. 13th annual Corrections Facility Workshop will be held either April 2nd or 9th. Workshop planning committee will meet January 9th at 10:00 am. It will probably be at Maple Grove. We got a bid from them which was better than it was last year and we seem to draw more people to that location. The next quarterly will be March 5th. Question was asked – Could you explain to me what the Liaison position is please? Paul - Liaison is the connection between the Department of Corrections and the Committee. The Liaison will work with the Department of Corrections and get a meeting worked out. They also work on reentry fairs. Bridging the Gap is also a responsibility.

CPC/PI – Cheryl S., Cheryl thinks that having the reports online is a good thing and makes a difference as far as using the projector. The Area 53 Cooperation with the Professional Community/Public Information (CPC-PI) Committee reaches the alcoholic by informing both the general public about the AA program and “the third person” whose work involves the active alcoholic. The committee also keeps the fellowship well informed so members and groups can carry the message more effectively. We meet the first Sunday of every month at 2:00 pm at the Maple Grove Church at 7th and Henderson Road. Since the last Assembly, I have attended the Area Planning Meeting in October. We've had monthly CPC/PI committee meetings, October, November and December. Our NetCare project is up and active weekly. Dave C. is coordinating that. It's at 10:00 am on Saturday Mornings. If anyone is interested, you can contact cpcpichair@area53.org Stamp is developed and is on the back of business cards that was developed during the last panel. This has a QR Code will redirect your smart phone to the meeting locator site. The cards have the Central Office phone number. With the new printing we will have the new 800 number on the business cards. Many people place the cards in libraries, laundromats, doctor offices. The email address is on the back so if someone would like to bring a meeting to the professionals, they can contact us. Our library project has been coordinated by Deb R. for the past year and a half. She is stepping down from that position. We will be looking for other people to distribute the cards. We don't have any upcoming events scheduled at this time. COGF has most request for speakers. We continue to request and search for a co-secretary. We encourage every homegroup and District to have a representative on the committee to meet the needs locally. From GSO, Box 459 is out. One of the interesting articles is on the Silent Epidemic or the Invisible Epidemic which is the older alcoholics. We have had nursing homes contact us, to present at their health fairs. Also, the 2014 membership survey is out. Gratitude - I would like to thank Kalen for reporting for us on the East Central Regional Forum as well as lighting up a District and Oz as well. Also, Bill Y. for all the hard work you have done. Thank you to the people for sharing on how to do this position.

Group Services, Greg S. – Group Services will aid in several GSR schools in the next month. We had one last year and it went real well with with around 50 people. The next one is the day after Christmas. The first day in the mini-conference will also have a GSR School at around 4:00 or 5:00 pm. Steve and I are trying to get the Chillicothe area to light themselves up. I still plan on getting the IGR and GSR, DCM School going. This is my second year as the Chairperson, and I have been making the coffee for about three or four years. By the time my little term is over it will be about four to five years. So when we elections next time, I will be looking to move lateral. So if you are interested in the position, come see me. I will help you the way Bill helped me. I can show you how to do what is needed. Group services free literature is available. Large print 24 hour a day book, a one day at a time book and a few other things. Lastly, have a great Christmas.

Liaison Committee – Peggy A – Teri had to leave. COGF held their elections yesterday. Several new

members. COGF is working to update the website to make it more responsive - to include a bookstore and a more current platform. Alcathon, which was previously help at the Desert Island will be held a COGF. Opportunities to provide meetings are available. The 800 number is now working.
Respectfully Submitted, Teri G.

Mini-Conference, Frank G – Even if we have to vote something, we have to be flexible. Meeting first Monday of each month at 6:30 pm the Oakland Park United Methodist Church, at 994 Oakland Park Ave, in Columbus. We are looking for additional volunteers to help with the mini-conference. See any of the committee members for more information. 2016 Mini-Conference will be at Deer Creek Lodge. 22300 State Park Road 20, Mt. Sterling, Ohio. Registration Fees and meal prices are the same as last year. Online registration is available. Go to Area53 dot org then hit on Committee, next hit on mini-conference, scroll down to click here for details, hit and look for registration online and fill out your information. Please take time to read the other information on our mini-conference website. We have fliers near the conference board. The committees will meet on Fridays and continue to Saturday with voting on Saturday afternoon. We will finish the conference on Sunday with a lead. We hope to start the General Service Assembly at 10:00 am We did this because of members complaining about the focus on the Assembly. Members registering today will be eligible for a gift. 18 people registered today.

Special Needs, Pam R. - I am the Chair for the Special Needs Committee. First Saturday of month at 10:00 am at COGF except this Saturday, January 2nd at 2:30pm. We have exciting news, we have a new interpreter. The first Saturday of every month, at 3:00 pm there is going to be. Its a discussion meeting. It's going to be an interpretor meeting. It will be consistent, because we are paying for it. It isn't voluntary. That is in conjunction with Central Office Coordinating a volunteer the second and fourth Sundays at a Sunday morning 9:00 am meeting at COGF. So there will be a speaker meeting twice a month and a paid one the first Saturday of every month at 3:00 pm. We will review in June if we want to contract for six more months. Working on a bus line bus pamphlet. We are also going to subsidize the interpreters for hearing impaired for the Spring Round Up. Special Needs Committee will be listed in the meeting schedule book. Before it was just one guy, now the Committee is there if you need an interpreter. Teri has stepped up as the Treasurer for the Special Needs Committee. Stacie from the Sunset Group has stepped us as the new Secretary. Teri has submitted the report that will be on the website. Collection cans should make it to the next assembly. That is what we have been using to pay for the material at the Homeless shelter meeting. There is a family meeting, a men's meeting and a women's meeting. All happening at the homeless shelter on the west side. The VanBuren – the largest in the mid-west. We are providing literature for those meetings. If you have a large homegroup, please get them to be committee members.

Grapevine Committee, Larry B – no report

Treatment Committee, no officer – no report

Drawing for Mini-conference - Paul won the gift basket. Greg wins prizes as well.

If anyone needs inventory for their group. We have forms available.

Peggy A – Thank you for everyone – Close with the Responsibility Statement. Arron motions, Dan H. seconds. No opposed – close at 3:14 pm.