

## AREA 53 PANEL 65 ASSEMBLY – JUNE 7, 2015

### BLUE MOON EVENT CENTER

#### OPENING OF THE ASSEMBLY

- Peggy A., Chair called the Assembly to order with the “We” version of the Serenity Prayer
- The long version of the Twelve Concepts was read by Chris T.
- Roll Call taken by Steve D. DCMC: There were 8 officers present, 8 DCMs, 2 Alt DCMs, 27 GSRs, 1 Alt GSR, 4 Past Delegates, 4 Standing Committee Chairs, 1 Delegate, 1 Alt Delegate, and 6 interested AA’s
- Peggy made a few brief announcements:
  1. Anyone wishing to speak during Assembly, please come to the microphone
  2. Please limit comments to two minutes
  3. Please refrain from coming to the mic a 2<sup>nd</sup> time, to allow others a chance to share
- The Agenda was presented and approved
- The March Assembly Minutes were presented and approved unanimously

#### BUSINESS MEETING – Peggy A. Chaired

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

#### TREASURER’S REPORT – Dan S. stated that we are operating above our Prudent Reserve.

- 118 Groups have contributed.
- Sent our Delegate to NY
- Sent our Officers to other Assemblies and Workshops
- Line 28 regarding Assemblies, is short of expectation and will likely have to change.
- Line 30 – Unity Day will have to be adjusted since it has been cancelled
- Line 32 – Intl Convention East/Central Hospitality Rm has already been paid
- Line 46 – Intl Delegate Fund
- Motioned by Taffy J. to accept Treasurer’s Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patrice R. Motion carried

#### ALTERNATE TREASURER ELECTION – Marcia read the duties of the Alternate Treasurer

- Dave C. Past Delegate conducted the Election reading from the Service Manual, the process of the Election
- No one stood up to take the position
- Peggy A. stated that since she is the Chairperson, it is her duty to find someone to fill this position but if anyone is interested, to email her
- Peggy A. Chairperson also stated that the Alt Treasurer is also the Treasurer of the Mini-Conference

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Ed S., D33, GSR, Freethinkers Group makes a proposal. Ed states he was at the last Mini-Conference and he was on the Grapevine Group. Two books that were proposed, one being about Veterans and the other was about the Oldtimers. Ed talked about the new Grapevine book titled Sober and Out with written articles by Gays and Lesbians. A recent article in the March Grapevine was titled Out of the Closet written by an Atheist. This month’s Conscience Contact written by himself titled We Agnostics. He stated he wanted to know how to get a book published. He notes that there have been over 40 articles in past Grapevines about Atheists and Agnostics. He asked Bill F. from the Grapevine Board at AAGV, what the process was. He stated that the Grapevine Committee at AAGV would make money off the books, a profit for the Grapevine, and that the book would be useful for people that are Atheist and looking to be sober. He shared how he thought a new book would be a convenience for sponsors or sponsees who cannot relate to God. Ed comprised a list of the AA stories that had been published in the Grapevine about Atheist and Agnostics. Ed makes a motion that *Area 53 recommends that AA Grapevine, Inc. publish a collection of previously published stories written by members who are Atheist and Agnostic that share their experience with getting sober or staying sober in AA. (Forty such stories have been published in the Grapevine magazine and at AAGrapevine.org.)*
- Mary S., sitting in for the Grapevine Committee Chair, would like to 2<sup>nd</sup> this motion. She feels it is a vital need piece of literature.
- Peggy A., Chair, opens the floor for discussion
  1. Mike M. supports the idea of creating books. He is impressed with Ed’s idea, but states that when we put together a book on Agnostics/Atheism, we are putting together a book of beliefs. If we do this, are we going to publish a book on how Christians, Buddhist, or Muslims believe? I question as to what people are going to think AA is about.

2. Lynn A. asks if the book will make money for the Grapevine. Ed stated that the books are sold for \$11 and this would cover the cost of printing the book and a profit for the GV.
3. Steve D. stated we already have a book titled Came to Believe. This book is about carrying the message. He stated this was the topic at the Mini-Conference. Steve didn't like the God Concept, but an Agnostic shared with him his belief and if he hadn't opened his mind to his concept, he believes he never would have stayed sober. Steve said Bill W. died with 31-32 years of sobriety and stayed sober in his beliefs. Steve went the opposite way. If the GOD word wasn't an option, he wouldn't have stayed sober. He shares his story with all newcomers, especially those who don't believe. He stated this book is about carrying the message (Came to Believe), not his feelings or his beliefs. He stated if we could have a book titled Came to Believe, why not have a book about Atheists and Agnostics.
4. Kaylen C. stated he has a minority religion and he thinks it's ok to have a book about Atheists/Agnostics.
5. Frank G. stated there is a pamphlet on how early AA's used the Good Book. He believes there is a need out there for a book of this kind. It's not going to cost AA anything. He believes it may help others.
6. Ed S. stated that he is a non-believer and that several minority religions will come to (his) meeting because they are not comfortable at Christian meetings.
7. Dave C. stated he supports it. He stated different people from different backgrounds struggle in different areas. He believes the book will help someone to say "this is how I stayed sober".
8. Brandy stated Tradition 4 is about being careful of specialty groups. She noticed there are a lot of different groups and wonders why people of other beliefs are not feeling accepted? Are not our groups leading people to good sponsorship? She states people join groups to stop drinking. What are we doing that they're not feeling welcomed? She also stated she has a problem with all these different books.
9. Greg M. states he agrees with Brandy and wonders about Unity. A lot of people come into AA with a problem of God. There are no groups that are Christian groups. Our book tells us that we had to let go of our old ideas and we had to let go absolutely. A lot of our literature is very open. Thanks to sponsorships, they can tell us we don't have to "believe". In our basic text, the chapter on We Agnostics states, *it's a personal experience we are striving for*. Greg states that if we start dividing, it would be detrimental to AA Unity. He is not in support of it.
10. Jean S. Past Delegate A53 P59 states that we should step back and forget about our individual feelings. What does a recommendation mean? We're not saying that we ok this. This does not mean the GV committee is going to approve this. There is a long process involved. What we are saying is to open this idea up to all the groups in the US and Canada to consider. If this should pass, it would go to other areas in our Area and Region. After going to all the other groups and areas, it goes to the Agenda Committee in NY. They would send it to a Conference Committee. If it passes, it goes to the floor. 93 Delegates and trustees would have to look at this. If we can step away from our individual beliefs, if this is something we need to take to the body of AA as a whole. The idea is to open this up for discussion We should focus on the topic.
11. Cheryl S. CPC/PI states that because of her position, she has been able to go to a lot of different groups and hear a lot of beliefs/opinions on a multitude of areas of AA. What she has learned is that we learn and grow by sharing. The GV to her is personal experience, strength and hope. She supports people who follow their passion and go through the process. This is not about a person or specific issue, it's about the process of living recovery.
12. Aaron B. Alt. DCM D21 states that he had sponsees who struggle with this and are atheists and he believes that the book would be useful to them.
13. Andy W. GSR, stated he doesn't know how (personally) people stay sober without God in their life. This book is for people who stays sober without their belief in God. He can't share with others who don't believe in God, how to stay sober.
14. Sam H., D16 GSR, is in favor of this motion. He loves the GV, however, he states he represents the group conscious so in voting, he would have to abstain.
15. Fred W. GSR, calls the question.
16. Seeing no one at the mic, Peggy A., Chair, asks Ed S. to read the motion again.
17. Motion: Area 53 recommends that the AA GV, Inc. publish a collection of previously published stories written by members who are atheist and agnostic that share their experience with getting sober or staying sober in AA.
18. Peggy A. calls for a vote. 39 approve, 8 oppose. Motion passes.
19. Sharon F., Past Delegate P57, gives a Minority Opinion and states she thinks this is a Special Interests group and thinks we don't need any more books to separate us from each other (AA Unity).
20. Seeing no other Minority Opinions, motion passes.

#### INFORMATIONAL SEGMENT

Peggy A., Chair, reads from The Language of the Heart book pages 43; Dangers in Linking AA to Other Projects and 81 on Tradition Four; Each group has anonymity in it's own affairs.

## OFFICERS REPORTS – Dan R. – Alternate Chairperson

**Delegate, Area 53 P 65-** Kristi H. Prepared a handout and power-point on the 65<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference held April 19-25, 2015 at the Crown Hotel in downtown NY. Kristi stated one of the things that affected her profoundly was “How we say something is remembered long after what we say.” The Theme was 80 years. 93 Delegates from the United States and Canada attend. Kristi stated that the Conference is a year long process. The first year delegates are assigned committees. Current and past delegates go to this conference. In Ohio, delegates travel to different mini-conferences, so we are well trained. In the June Box 459 magazine, the reports are produced. Final reports are available in September. The handout was of some Advisory Actions. The power point presentation is available on our main website [area53aa.org](http://area53aa.org). Kristi stated that the 2015 International Convention being held in Georgia, the East Central Region has a hospitality room in the hotel. There will be 2215 meetings, 22 hospitality rooms. 10,500 are registered for the first day. There is an App for the iPhone available for the convention to help you get around. Sharon F. Past Delegate, will be speaking on how we work together. Bill F. will be closing the conference on Sunday. The East Central Regional Forum will be November 13-15, 2015 in Milwaukee, WI. Many of the GSO staff will be present. Kristi spoke about “Spread the word-light a small ember for General Service by hosting a Delegate Report Sharing Event. We need active General Service. Questions were opened from the floor.

- Steve S. GSR, 3 Legacies Group stated Kristi did a very nice, well informed report.
- Steve D. DCMC asked if there was any discussion on making the Grapevine profitable by changing the printing format. Kristi states that this didn't make it out of the committee.
- Mike M. DCM D26 states that it seems like more and more we are becoming a publishing company. Seems to be a big part of our revenue. Our literature prices are going up. Are we losing track of what we are doing? Kristi states that when Bill W. put together a book to fund AA, we needed to publish to make income for operating. As long as our groups are funding the way they do, we do have to make up the difference. Kristi states she suspects to see some changes because of technology the way it is. We may not be buying books or pamphlets. Groups would like to give literature but our donations are still only one dollar. We have a hard time funding our services with the contributions we get. There are a lot of services we don't provide.
- Dave C. Past Delegate stated that he was on the PI Committee at the mini-conference and they were looking into using Social Media Websites to carry the message. We didn't get the 2/3 vote to send it forward. They were going to continue to communicate with the fellowship. Kristi stated that there was no advisory actions taken. We need guidance on Social Media on protecting our traditions.

## BREAK

**CHAIRPERSON** – Peggy A. stated she had attended D10 and D26 workshops and that both were well attended and very informative. Peggy attended the Treatment Facilities committee and the Mini-Conference committee meetings. She also stated that Unity Day was canceled for this year. Decision between the COGF and the Area53 for lack of participation. If there is any interest in the future, we can revisit this for 2016. She stated that at the Area Committee Meeting in April 12<sup>th</sup> comprised of DCMs and Committee Chairs and Panel, it was voted 10-5 that before lending the PA system, we would have to establish guidelines to protect the equipment, therefore we will not be loaning it out. Some districts may be buying their own. If there is any interest in having an Ad-Hoc Committee to comprise some guidelines, see Peggy after the meeting. Peggy stated she appreciates the people who came early to help set up for this Assembly, Greg and Dan and the many others who helped. The next Committee Meeting is July 12, 2015 at the COGF, 645 W. Broad St at 10:30 am. This meeting is very important for the Panel, DCMC, DCMs, and Committee Chairs to attend. Peggy also stated if anyone would like her to be at any workshops or district meetings to email her or call. Anyone can contact her at [chair@area53aa.org](mailto:chair@area53aa.org).

**REGISTRAR** – Ed A. states that we have 1 Delegate, 1 Alternate Delegate, 4 Area Officers, DCMC, 9 DCMs, 3 alternate DCMs, 30 GSRs, 3 alternate GSRs, 4 interested AA's, 5 Past Delegates and 6 Standing Committee Chairs in attendance today. Ed states that he has been getting updates for New Vision and has been working with COGF Patti to keep records together. Thanking those who got their info in for the Regional Directory. They have been deleting inactive groups. Stated that if there were any new DCMs or GSRs info changed, to see him or Nita. He also stated he has anyone's Group Service Number if needed.

## DCMC – Steve D. - District Reports

- **District 6** – Sandy D. DCM reports District picnic coming up July 18<sup>th</sup> at Austin Lake in Toronto, Ohio. She also stated Kristi H. the Delegate will be sharing information with their District via phone.  
GSR- HULP Group -Marcie D. Having their group picnic June 27<sup>th</sup> at Austin Lake in Toronto, Ohio. 11:00.  
GSR-Pathway to Serenity Group- Lorna W. stated their group needs more support.
- **District 10** – Corby K. Held Sponsorship Workshop in April with 52 attending. Planning next event in the fall.  
GSR – Solutions Group – Fred W. states they are still happening

- **District 12** – DCM – Anne S. stated their Spring Fling was a success. 2 Guest speakers spoke on service and had a great turnout. They are considering hosting a gathering in October or November. It is an annual event in the planning stages.
- **District 15** – DCM – Matthew P states they will be having a picnic on August 16 from 1-4 at Masonic Park in Devola. GSR – Patrice P. – Hand in Hand Group states that the group meets every Saturday at 7:30pm in Barlow, Ohio in the house behind the Barlow United Methodist Church. They will be having a Group Anniversary in February 2016.
- **District 16** – DCM – Stephanie S. states she was the Chair of the Grapevine Committee at the Mini-Conference. They have a workshop coming in October, “Our Purpose” at the Athens Workshop. They are operating under their prudent reserve. In the process of updating their phone list and contact list. Stated her district was well represented at the Mini-Conference.  
Alternate GSR- Sam H.- Athens Monday Big Book Meeting states anyone who wants a GV subscription, one will be purchased by an anonymous friend.
- **District 19** – DCM – Steve D. states corrections co-ordinator in district, going to meetings in jails. August 22, is their district picnic. Kristi H. will be giving the lead. Flyer for Traditions Workshop, June 20. 11-1pm Peace Lutheran Church, Hillsboro, Oh.  
GSR – Joanne L. – Sunshine Group- gives report on contributions and general maintenance. Will have upcoming elections of officers for GSR, Secretary, Treasurer in August.  
GSR – Andy W. – Greenfield Freedom Group- states that they read at the opening of their meeting to read out of the pamphlet on sponsorship to promote sponsorship. Flyer for Greenfield Freedom Group 33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary June 21, 5- 9pm Greg S. speaker, First Presbyterian Church.
- **District 21** – Aaron B. – Alt DCM stated they have been alternating their times and places to get more people involved. Having a district picnic in July 11<sup>th</sup>.
- **District 22** – Debra R. – GSR, We Agnostics Group, possibly holding a workshop in the fall.
- **District 26** – Mike M. – DCM, finds it interesting to be working with Billy Y. on website to give monthly reports. He also stated their group had an Akron Field Trip to the intergroup to build unity. They also have a couple groups that may be changing their times and formats because of low attendance. They will be having a workshop June 27<sup>th</sup> “Celebrate Sobriety” in Gahanna, 10-2 pm at Peace Lutheran Church. Rule 62 day September 20 at Hanna Park in Gahanna, Delegate speaking.  
GSR – Joan K. – New Albany Sobriety Society, discussed moving meeting times. Got Andy F as new group Secretary and Jean S. as new treasurer. She is also in the process of updating the group call list.  
GSR – Dominic M. – Creekside Recovery Group, regular attendees and a lot of newcomers.  
GSR – Marcie H. – Westerville Women’s Recovery Group, changing the times of their meeting. Their group offers babysitting. They alternate with another group – Women’s Sobriety and Serenity Group to take meetings to the Parkside Rehabilitation Center to woman patients for meetings.  
GSR – Scott R.- Easy Does It Group, working on increasing communication between homegroup members to bring awareness and involvement in new group consciences. Considering babysitting to improve attendance.  
GSR – Becky M.- After Work Group members made field trip to Akron.
- **District 28** – Taffy J. DCM discussed with their groups to schedule events during the year. They decided to have events tri-annually.  
GSR – Ed S. – Freethinkers Group, looking for new location due to remodeling.  
GSR – Liz M. – Early Evening Faith & Hope, has group conscience meetings last Tuesday of month, 7pm. Has meetings Mon-Sat at 5:45 pm with rotating formats. Also have Saturday 10am Big Book Meetings and 11:30 am Women’s Meetings.  
GSR – Elena S. – Stop n Grow Meeting, discussing Service Dog Issues. Will be having 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Christian Baptist Church, July 18<sup>th</sup>.
- **District 34** – Dana P. – DCM, reported having 12 active GSRs. They are planning a “What an Informed Group Conscious Is” Workshop August 8<sup>th</sup>. District discusses “vaping” at meetings.  
GSR – Steve S. – 3 Legacies Group discusses agenda for today. Has groups volunteering for NetCare and Bridging the Gap.  
GSR – Terri H. – Good Morning Breakfast Group, planning a September picnic. States they have “no vaping” meetings.  
GSR – Larry R. – Harbor Lights  
GSR – Mike M. – Grove City Serenity Group stated they’ve not had a GSR for 2 years so they elected him. Group discussing a Literature Rep and Special Needs meetings. No vaping at their meetings.  
GSR – Joan R. discussions on Singleness of Purpose. Has babysitting available at their meetings.
- **District 37** - Oz M. GSR, German Village Sunday Night Group, is part of dark district. Working with District 26 to light up their district. All service positions available.

Steve D. , DCMC stated he is willing to help dark districts. Encouraging neighboring districts to attend and bring ideas to the COGF and to District Assemblies.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**TREATMENT** – Bob H. thanked the P63 and P65 to serve as Treatment Chair. Also thanked Bill Y. for Microsoft expertise. He thanked the Central Office for stamping the Bridging the Gap volunteer contact forms and the soon-to-be discharged members of treatment center forms. They printed 2000 of the yellow flyers from the GSO “Where do I go from here?” with the COGF phone number and websites and app block. At the May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting they voted to give Lancaster Intergroup and Chilicothe Intergroup 500 forms so they can print their information on the Bridging the Gap forms. He stated he’d also like to thank Cheryl S. from the CPC/PI Committee for handling the calls from the Central Office about AA meetings inside of nursing homes and treatment centers. There were Bridging the Gap signup sheets for more help. They distributed Soon-to-be discharged forms to Parkside Treatment center in District 26. Those forms will also be sent to the coordinator so that the Temporary Contact volunteer can be matched to start their service. Bob also stated he informed Peggy A. that he would be resigning from his position today due to some health issues, but that he would remain on the committee. He stated he was allotted a budget of \$200. Bob made a motion to pay the \$80.42 bill. Sharon F. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. Marcie D. from District 6 was appointed new chairperson for the Treatment Committee.

**CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES** – Paul H. The annual workshop was held May 2<sup>nd</sup> with 79 in attendance. They served BBQ pork sandwiches and had leads inside and out. They collected \$35,440.45 for jails and inmates. They have literature available to carry into any institutions. They have a link on Area53 website that cost \$111.00 annually. The GV committee in NY voted no subscriptions for inmates. May have a conflict with the COGF members meeting September 12<sup>th</sup> which is the same date as the CFC Quarterly meeting. May have to find another location. \$7,500 was approved for literature purchases. Jpay is a topic of discussion allowing communication with an inmate.

**CPC/PI** – Cheryl S. states their 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. They meet at the Maple Grove Church the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month. Cheryl gave a report of ongoing and new projects. Their list is available. ASI (Addictions Study Institute) will be held in August. The biggest event for professional development. Their committee has many requests for events outside of Area 53. The website is helping with communications. Minutes of their meetings will be posted monthly. CPC/PI tip of the month will be on the A53 website. They received a letter from Area 34 from Texas, looking for a way to publicize the committee. Cheryl stated she will be using the flyer as a template for his committee. She also stated there are business cards still available. The May issue of the GV is dedicated to the CPC/PI. Racy J. from the GSO is giving our area continuing information. There will be an information booth at the International Convention. Sharon asked if she could have some updated business cards.

**GROUP SERVICES** – Greg S. is trying to hold a workshop in Chilicothe in July in hopes to light up their district. They will hold it and invite other districts to come. Possibly work with District 6. Greg stated his pamphlets are mostly free but the books have a small price. Ed S. asked if it be possible to have Decaf Coffee available at meetings.

**LIAISON COMMITTEE** – Teri G. – no report.

**MINI-CONFERENCE COMMITTEE** – Frank G. stated they need an alternate treasurer for the Mini-Conference. They also need volunteers to register and assist with the 2016 Committee. Their meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30 pm, Oakland Park United Methodist Church. Frank also stated they held a GSR and GIR school at the Mini-Conference and both were well attended. Bill F., East Central Regional Trustee and Racy J. from the GSO gave their reports. Kristi H., Delegate explained the overview of the days of the conference. The Early Bird Meeting at the conference was packed full. Everyone was assigned to different committees; Reports & Charter, Literature, Grapevine, Corrections, International Convention/Regional Forums, Special Needs/Treatment. Past Delegate Dave C. chaired the Committee Reports and voting on Conference Agenda Items. There were a record 157 members attended. Partly due to the free cabins that were offered this year. Had many first timers attend this year. Approximately 52 gallons of coffee was served. The Pink Sheet Survey indicated an overwhelming expression of a wonderful experience at the conference. The Hospitality Room received exceptional reviews. Some concerns about the noise factor in a committee room. Few stated the Sunday morning could be more organized. The Committee stated they will work on improving these issues. Frank stated he felt the conference met its objective, a pleasant, informative and sometimes funny and amusing tone, without taking away from our primary purpose, that of sending our Delegate to New York an informed group conscience of Area 53 Central and Southeast Ohio.

Outgoing treasurer gave report. \$2060 is the current balance. Budget was \$7548 with expenditures of \$6797. The Committee was ahead by \$751. \$200 was the cost of the hospitality room after contributions. Steve S. asked if the income line includes donations. Frank stated donations, registrations, hospitality room and buckets. Dave C. stated that the Ohio State Convention from 2014 was source of funds for the cabins. Dan S. stated that the same crew is scheduled for hospitality room for 2016.

**SPECIAL NEEDS COMMITTEE** – Sue M. stated there were special needs cans available for anyone wanting one. She also stated a Homeless Shelter is in need of help. Sue stated she received an email from David R. in North Carolina who wants to be connected. She also stated if districts would need a speaker for workshops, she would be happy to show up and talk about the Special Needs Committee.

**Grapevine Committee** – Larry B. could not attend but Mary S., Secretary of the GV Committee, gave the report. She stated they meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month at noon at the COGF. It was stated that Ed S. had unanimous support for the book on Atheists and Agnostics. If there are any GV Reps at the District Level, they would like to see them attend the meetings.

**WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?** – Peggy A.

Kristi H. gave statistics about the International Convention that we had 600 deaf members registered. She also asked if people would take 2 hours to volunteer at the East Central Hospitality Room.

There were 2 questions in the Ask it Basket.

- What district is West Jefferson in? Reply was District 11.
- What to do when the same members keep cross-talking and side talking in meetings. Rick B. stated they try to get homegroup members with longest sobriety to take members outside and talk with them. Frank G. stated there was a wonderful article in Box 459 about disruptive members. Steve S. gave his explanation of cross-talk. He also stated it should be dealt with at the Group Conscience level. Dan H. stated we should try to practice the 11<sup>th</sup> Step. Dominique stated they have that problem in their group too and it's in their format.

Kristi H. requested the blue voting cards be turned in.

Greg stated that the 800 number is back on the Agenda for next year.

Greg M. had some concerns why the IGR was unable to give a report. He stated Unity Day is cancelled and Area and COGF should be working together. Greg expresses concerns about the IGR. Greg R. stated that he helped with starting Unity Day because of lack of communications between chair persons of Area and Intergroups. They described what the Intergroup and Areas do and what their responsibilities are. Rick B. asked if there was any history on Unity Day. Kristi H. helped to organize Unity Day for 6 years with COGF. She said that interest for Unity day was flagged. The Ad-hoc committee moved it to August and still had no interest. They need GSRs to help organize it. She stated it's always the same people year after year. Area and COGF weren't working well together but are doing quite well now. They are looking for new ideas. It's not in the guidelines that we have to have it. Bill Y. asked what comes after Unity Day, since the interest has been wavered. Liaison Terry would be a good contact person. He stated he had a long list of ideas. Cheryl S. said she was here in the spirit of co-operation. Trying to maneuver the overlap of responsibilities. COGF and Area has similar committees – we are all in this soup together. Anything to help with deciding what responsibilities are.

It was noted that Area 56 would be hosting the Ohio State Convention August 7-9, 2015. Dave C. stated it was that State Convention that supported the free cabins for the Mini-Conference.

Greg motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dan H. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting was closed at 3:02 pm with the Responsibility Statement.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbi S. Area 53 Panel 65  
Recording Secretary