

Area 53 Assembly
June 3, 2018
Holiday Inn - Hilliard

Opening of Meeting – 10:00 am - (Dan H)

Call to Order and (We Version) Serenity Prayer (Dan H)

Twelve Concepts (Short Form) (Blair C)

Roll Call (Dan H)

GSRs – 20, DCMs – 13, Interested AAs – 6, Committee Chairs – 6, Officers – 6, Past Delegates – 6

Today's Agenda - Review & Approval

Motion to Accept – Paul F, Second by Kasie A

Unanimous Approval

March Assembly Minutes (Matt P.)

Motion to Accept – Marcia H, Second by Sharon F

Unanimous Approval

Officers Reports

Delegate (Frank G)

The Delegate returned from the General Service Conference and gave a PowerPoint Presentation on his experience.

Chairperson (Dan H)

- Assemblies will continue at Holiday Inn, Hilliard until end of the year.
- Next Assembly is the Election Assembly.
- Promotes the 62nd Ohio State Convention
- Chairperson is active in the Mini-Conference Committee

Treasurer (Donna K)

- Group Contributions are \$9063. About the same as last year.
- All expenses are paid except the PO Box which is due in July.
- Discussion regarding Budget for Assembly should be discussed.
 - Room at Holiday Inn is \$300 more, plus coffee.
- Current Balance is \$8003 not including checks distributed at the Assembly.

Questions/Comments

Bill Y asks about the Prudent Reserve on Line 4 (Prudent Reserve) which is set at 5000
Donna K confirms that ending available balance after subtracting the prudent reserve would be \$3003
There is some confusion regarding \$3011 which is located on the lower right side of the Treasurer's Report. Donna advised that the figure represents the estimated ending amount in regards to the 2018 Budget; not actual amount left.

*Motion to Accept – Kalen C, Second by Kasie A,
Unanimous Approval*

Web Administrator (Bill Y – Acting)

- 10 to 12 new items are posted on the website every month – Assemblies, Workshops and General Interest.
- 7 newsletters since the last Assembly.
 - Distribution is 350 to 400 with 25 to 30 percent open the email with 5 to 9 percent clicking on a link.
 - The purpose of the newsletter is to inform on most events that have been posted on the website as news. Links on the news letter would lead to more information on the website.
 - The website tracks the newsletter by indicating whether a graphic is downloaded to your email.
 - Since the numbers may not be accurate, the Web Administrator is considering having everyone resubscribe to the newsletter.
- Email address is cleared as being a non-spam email.
- Polling information was conducted with three questions. Participation was 33 people.
 - How do you get news about AA? People reading the newsletter, said newsletter. Others advised word of mouth. Mail was at the bottom of the list. Bill expands on the questions of what should appear in the newsletter.
- The website has 150 pages. Bill suggests cleaning the site to get rid of unmaintained pages.
- According to the poll, people generally will visit the website when they receive the newsletter.
- People find information on the AA Group, Group Service Number and GSR useful.
- According to the Delegate, Fellowship New Vision may be going away and that would cause the data regarding Groups to go away as well.

Questions/Comments

Cheryl S said that she gets information from a variety of sources. Conscious Contact has been useful. She feels that there should be better ways to use the website so that information may have greater exposure.

Bill Y is open to suggestions. There are business cards that promote the website.

Bill J advises that he announces the website at his homegroup.

Chris J advised that he has never seen the business cards. Believes that it would be a great resource to have on the literature table at his home group.

Bill Y – I will make sure there is a supply at the Area Planning Committee meeting.

Registrar (Nita S)

- Attendance: People in 73 service positions attended the Assembly:
Delegate – 1, Alternate Delegate – 1, Area 53 Officers – 9, DCMC – 1, DCMS – 8,
Alternate DCMs – 3, GSRs – 24, Alternate GSRs – 5, Interested AAs – 9,
Past-Delegates – 6, Standing Committee Chairs – 5, Past Trustees – 1
- Current Fellowship New Vision Statistics:
New Groups – 0, Pending Active – 2, Pending Inactive – 1, Incomplete – 1, Unknown – 156,
Invalid Addresses – 24

- The Registrar continues to work with DCMs to get current information for the groups in each district. Received information is updated in Fellowship New Vision, the New York database which has been done once since the last assembly.
- New Group information will not appear on the Area 53 page until GSO has assigned a Service Number and the Area 53 page has been updated. This process can take several months to complete.
- Tri-Fold has been updated. Changes or corrections changes and corrections should be emailed to registrar@area53aa.org. This document is available on the Area 53 website.
- Marcie D, Alternate Registrar, continues to update the Area 53 page on the Conscious Contact. Changes or corrections should be emailed to altregistrar@area53aa.org.

Questions/Comments

Kalen C asks if there is going to be a significant change regarding Fellowship New Vision.

Frank D advises that Fellowship New Vision is under review by the General Service Office.

Standing Committee Reports

CPC/PI (Dave C)

- CPC and PI service committees have a long history in AA General Service. The first PI committee was established by the General Service Board in 1956, then in 1971 CPC committees were established.
- The Area 53 CPC/PI committee informs professionals and future professionals about AA - what we are, where we are, what we can do and what we cannot do. When opportunities exist, CPC/PI will work with any Area 53 standing committee or district committee to carry the message to professionals or to the general public.
- On May 2nd and May 6th CPC/PI talked with GSRs at District 30 and District 28 monthly meetings. Challenging questions were posed about the purpose of CPC/PI.
- Planning has begun for the upcoming Addiction Studies Institute, a multi-state gathering of addiction professionals to be held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, July 25th, 26th and 27th.
- CPC/PI prepares to inform professionals about AA in Central and SE Ohio by using the Area 53 Website as an informational outreach tool.
- The regularly scheduled meeting is the first Sunday of the month at 2:00pm at Maple Grove United Methodist Church in Columbus.

Correctional Facilities (Chris J.)

- Chris J apologizes for his behavior during last Assembly.
- Area 53 Correctional Facilities Workshop had their 15 Annual Workshop on April 28th.
 - 95 in attendance.
 - Spanish interpretation service was available. Other than invited guests from Chicago, one used Spanish speaking service. Although, very limited use, the chairperson said that this is a step in the direction of more participation with Spanish speaking members.
 - Invoice for Spanish speaking service was over-budget and CFC will be requesting an adjustment to the price. Payment of approved \$400 was received by the CFC Committee.

- Sharing throughout the day was moving and considered a “battery charger” for people involved in correctional facilities work.
- Area 53 Corrections Facility meeting was held June 2nd.
 - Attendance: Institutional Group Representatives – 16, Outside Sponsors – 8. Some individuals are both an IGR and Outside Sponsor. Total in attendance – 23.
 - Discussed several State and County Jails requesting outside support.
 - Vacancies exist at Madison Correctional Facility, Zone B, Corrections Medical Center on Harmon Avenue and Marion Correctional Institution.
 - Belmont is getting more regular support. Joel K is going in twice a month but additional support would be appreciated.
- Updating information on Jails and the outside sponsors serving them. Determining which jails have meetings and which jails have a sheriff that is supportive of meetings.
 - Franklin County and Pike Facility, both men and women’s facilities are in need of outside support. Just show up and learn – meetings are already established.
- Received donations of \$7056 for quarter ending May 20th. Chris thanks Groups for money already sent in and encourages Groups to send donations to Area 53 CFC, PO Box 1201, Columbus, Ohio, 43216.
- Fulfillment rate off a little this year. Normal rate is around 95%, this quarter has been 87%. Literature is being distributed, but CFC is receiving more requests than it can fulfill.
- District 22 Lunch and Learn June 23rd. CFC will make a 10 to 15 minute presentation.
- Next meeting for the Correctional Facilities Committee is September 1st at COGF Meeting Room at 645 West Broad Street at 10:00 am. This is the elections meeting.

Questions/Comments.

Kasie A asks about the time period regarding the contributions totaling \$7056.

Chris J advises that contributions covered the 2nd Quarter which is from February 20th to May 20th.

Grapevine (Mary S Reporting for Ann B)

- Grapevine Committee continues to meet at noon on the 2nd Saturday of each month at COGF 645 W Broad St. in Columbus
- Attendance has been growing at our monthly meetings.
- A new Secretary was elected at our last meeting, Kristin S.
- Planning stages of a Writer’s Workshop, tentatively planned for this fall.
- Grapevine continues in efforts to help get Grapevine Reps registered with New York and have had a handful of newly registered GVRs contact the committee over the last month.
- 2 new publications have been released from the Grapevine this month.
 - AA in the Military: Stories of experience, strength and hope from the Grapevine
 - Frente a Frente: (One on One) Sponsorship Book translated into Spanish
- Grapevine Issue Spotlights
 - The Spotlight of the June issue of the Grapevine is “Sober Travel”
 - Upcoming issue: Tools that helped you when you were Counting Days – share your experiences (this was due July 5)
 - La Viña Current Issue Spotlight is “Welcome to the Group.”
 - La Viña Upcoming Issues: now accepting Spanish-language stories for the November/December 2018 issue: “Sober Holidays.”

Group Services (Dan S)

- Committee meets as needed. Meetings are published in the Conscious Contact and the Area website. Meetings are held at COGF.
- The DVD “Your A.A. General Service Office, the Grapevine and the General Service Structure” has been loaned out to 3 Districts.
- Recently completed GSR schools.
 - GSR School just completed May 26th in District 21, Portsmouth. Dan thanks all that participated. Advised the school received support from many Officers, Committee Chairs, Past Delegates and Marcia H in reference to DCM education.
 - Because of an effort by Ed S regarding redistricting, newly lit District 11 had a GSR school.
 - A GSR school was also completed at the Mini-Conference.
- Districts 26, 28 and 30 will have a multi-district function on July 14th. More details to be published on the Area website.

Intergroup Liaison (Ed S.)

- The Intergroup has a new app which allows for meeting search called Meeting Guide App.
 - Available at Apple and Google Play Stores. Visit <https://acentralohio.org/>, lower right and click on the link under Meeting Guide App
- Appalachian Ohio Intergroup Office and Marion Area Group Fellowship have moved.
 - Current office locations are listed on the Area website under Committees then Intergroup Liaison in the drop-down menu
- Ed has attended two meetings this year and plans to attend three additional.

Mini Conference (Stephen S.)

- Final Report on the Mini-Conference was made available to attendees.
- Statistics show that there were 121 paid participants including 11 scholarships.
- 179 meals were served. 76 were banquet meals. Hospitality room was open and served meals on a donation basis. Brenda B, Floor Manager, did a fine job of keeping coffee costs within budget.
- There were 24 Agenda items discussed.
 - The final report goes into detail regarding the items beginning on page 6 to include what actually happened with the topic at the 68th General Service Conference.
- The budget was overspent due to unforeseen expenses.
 - Paypal fees (\$224)
 - Salt Fork - Preparation of Hospitality Room. (Usually \$100 – Now \$270)
 - Audio/Visual fee. Area borrowed a audio/visual cart. (\$100)
 - The reserve for next year is less than previous years. The committee is working towards a solution.
 - Stephen thanks Diann N for extensive efforts to negotiating prices with Salt Fork accounting department regarding additional fees, expenses and tax charges. Several fees were removed and taxes were not charged because Area 53 is tax exempt.
- No venue for 2019.
 - Xanterra is no longer managing services at the State Parks. New management is slow to respond regarding a proposal.

- Ad-Hoc committee is created in regards to finding a new venue consisting of a Past-Delegate, Past-Treasurer and Current-Treasurer plus Brenda B, DCM, District 11.
- Needed is a facility for 150 people with 6 breakout rooms. Facilities in Franklin County with those attributes are very limited.
- A possibility is working with two or three hotels for a meeting room with arrangements for breakout rooms and deals on overnight accommodations.
- Stephen requests ideas regarding a venue to be emailed to Alternate Delegate or call direct.

Question/Comments

Terry M – Suggests Roberts Center in Wilmington, Ohio.

Dan S thanks the committee for a great final report and advises the report was a product of the Area 53 inventory. Stephen confirms that the report came from the 2016 inventory.

Special Needs Committee (Pam R)
no report

Treatment Facilities (Robert H)

- Bernice from Ashland, Kentucky requests assistance with Bridging The Gap. She advised that women would be released from a treatment hospital to Ashville, Ohio. There are two meetings in Ashville with little female attendance. Bob coordinated assistance from the Circleville area.
- Treatment received an email from COGF in regards to an AA group starting a meeting at Ohio State Harding Hospital. The facility is for severely affected patients. Bob will contact District 27 for additional guidance.
- GSO’s Patrick Clayborne, Treatment and Accessibilities Chairperson, received a request from a facility in New Lexington, Ohio to have AA Meetings. Bob relayed the request to the Lancaster Intergroup. Bob hasn’t received a response from Lancaster. GSO is requesting a response.
- Bob has been experiencing problems related to his computer but was able to have the problems resolved with assistance.
- On April 21, marked Treatment’s first meeting at COGF which was promoted with 200 fliers distributed in Franklin county,
 - 11 in attendance, 8 signed volunteer forms.
 - Erica C is appointed as the Bridging the Gap contact person.
- Meeting on May 18th at Circleville Lighthouse
 - 4 in attendance from 3 different counties.
 - Topics include communications from GSO and how to get Big Books to a STAR hospital when locked down.
- Next meeting will be July 28th at 1:30pm.

Guideline Change Proposal – Article VIII & Article IX (Ed A.)

“Young People in AA – Liaison Position”

- The proposal was an actionable response to an Area 53 Inventory Question.
- COYPAA (Central Ohio Young People of Alcoholics Anonymous) participated in the Statue Convention and Mini-Conference with great success.

- Ed approached COYPAA and requests information on how Area 53 may best serve this group and also talked with other Areas in Ohio to see how they include Young People of Alcoholics Anonymous in their Assemblies.
 - Other Areas have created a liaison position to give the group a voice at the Assembly.
- Ed proposes a change to the Area 53 Guideline.
 - Article VIII - Standing Committees of the Area 53 Assembly. Two changes.
 - Add word *Inter-Group* – would appear as – g) Inter-Group - Liaison Committee;
 - Add item k – would appear as – k) Young People – Liaison Committee
 - Add to Article IX – Standing Committee Areas of Activity
 - Add Item 11) Young Peoples - Liaison Committee
 - a) Shall work to establish and maintain communications among OYPAA, COYPAA and other “YoungPeople” groups operating in Area 53.
 - b) Shall seek to keep Area members informed of all “Young Peoples” activity within the Area.

Question/Comments

Kalen C, District 26 Liaison for Young People, voices support for Area 53 having a liaison for YPAA. He reads a letter of support which describes differences in the way Young people communicate. The letter makes reference to how communication technologies are used.

Madeline questions the proposal. Advises that when she was a Delegate at the conference, an organization wanted equal representation with a vote. All correspondence advised that individuals in the organization were already represented, all they need to do is attend. She said that we should recruit GSRs and DCMs. Area cannot recognize the group because they are not part of the structure. We have Alcoholics Anonymous and other organizations that don't want to be part of AA but want an equal vote. GSRs and DCMs could have many votes instead of one for the group. Madeline asks Ed A if he will attend their business meetings or if it is a one way street? If young people want to stay in their own group, they have a right to that decision. She said that she isn't sure that we as a Fellowship we have a right to recognize them as an equal vote in our structure.

Ed A – My response, I thought about that I don't see much of a difference between them and our institution meetings. They have a GSR and we have a standing committee. There are meeting at Treatment Facilities with votes. A difference is COYPAA is doing a Young Peoples State Convention next year and will be reporting back on that.

Garwood F – Past Delegate, Area 56 which has a Young People Liaison. By having a liaison, word gets out to the young people and they create GSRs that show up at Area events. Young people may not understand the service structure. If you have a liaison that goes back and forth and carries the message to the groups, they will show up. It worked over there.

Stephen S – In principle I certainly support the idea of bringing in young people, particularly the ones that are active in their own areas into the structure. Part of the problem I am having with this particular Guideline change I don't know if we have enough information to say we are doing this the right way. This is not an Ohio issue, this is an issue that Areas all over the country are addressing. How can we get these two organizations together in a better way so that there is full participation. There is a survey mechanism so that we can gather information of all the Areas, we can send them a question and ask how they are handling the situation. Recognizing Madeline's point, we need to bring in young people into Service Structure so the Service Structure survives. The General Service Office is looking at having a desk that covers young people. They have decided not to do that at this time. I suggest we get more information. All we are doing is to consider this Guideline change at the next voting Assembly. I

think I will get with Frank to see if we can get a report together on how the rest of the world is handling this.

Ty, GSR Byesville Bring Your Own Book – My recovery depends on AA Unity. When I start representing myself as other groups, I am separate and I am not like you. That shatters the AA Unity. It is in their rights to have that group, as an Area I am not sure we need to recognize that and divide ourselves instead of unifying ourselves.

Donna K – We talked about this at our Group Conscious. We could not find anywhere at GSO that OYPAA is recognized as an AA Entity. Correctional Committee, Liaison Committee, Treatment Facilities – all our committees are committees in Alcoholics Anonymous. I got sober young and active very young. I don't know if we have to have a committee of young people. Just come and show up and enjoy what we do here. I didn't have to feel different to be here.

Mary S – When I reviewed last year conference report I saw reference to YPAA as if it were reference to an entity. Not separate entity, anymore than COGF is a separate entity. She hold up a book with markers which shows reference to YPAA. The markers show reference where YPAA has some kind of relationship whether it is a committee or liaison. In 2017 a recommendation was made through the literature committee at the Conference that the following text about young people be added to the pamphlet, Young People in AA in the section, where do I find AA. I think that because GSO may not have secretary at a desk doesn't mean AA as a whole doesn't recognize YPAA. I like the idea of a liaison, because its one person and one vote. To me it's just like the liaison for COGF. This is not a new thing and it is happening all over the country. Mary said she didn't even flag the Delegates mentioning that they had a wonderful YPAA conference in their Area.

Chris J – Little confused with standing committee section of Bylaws and in the way we enter our agenda and reports. We have some 12 step committees that are directly 12 step related. CFC, CPC/PI, Special Needs and Treatment Facilities. They convey the message in a direct way. YPAA would be like that. I respect Ty's point of unique groups. We have other committees that are not so direct 12 step related – Archives, Group Services, Intergroup and Mini-Conference. Those entities support the 12 step function but they are not as direct in reaching the still suffering alcoholic. If we are going to recognize the Young People organization, there ought to be a standing committee, not just a liaison position. They have some regular meetings and officers. We have mini-conference committee why not OYPAA committee. I think we should look at this as a committee versus a liaison.

Joel K – I am alcoholic first and a Alternate DCM for District 15. I sat on the committee for the Mineralwells WICIPAA. Had a lot of fun. This group is all about 12 step work. We are group of people that wouldn't normally mix – that goes from one age to another. I think the Big Book tells me that we show other alcoholics how to do better. I think if we get too complicated, we are just going to bog it down. If they.... I hate to even say it that way, - there is they and us – there is no they and us. We are alcoholics first and foremost. If the young people want to be part of us, create the liaison position, but I encourage them to create GSRs and to be part of the Area function.

James – COYPAA outreach coordinator. Thanks everyone for having the conversation. That is how we get the ball rolling is by having conversations like this. Heard talk about OYPAA and COYPAA being separate from AA and that is absolutely false. GSRs have been mentioned and we are doing that idea. We have elected positions like any other committee. We are in our infancy. It's world-wide, there is an advisory committee. It's not about being separate. We are just trying to figure it out. This conversation is the start of that and I am grateful to be here and grateful for the input. I heard a lot of things that are not true. We don't want to be separate, we want to be part of AA as a whole. I think a liaison would be a great idea.

Doug, Secretary for COYPAA – We did an outreach thing down south. There is a desperate need to get young people into AA and there is very little support. I think the reason for this is to try and bridge

the gap. I think there is a huge influx of young people coming into AA. I know in my early recovery, I was concerned with who I could relate with. It's been in my recovery to find young people and have fun outside the meetings. I think by having a liaison or committee – I don't see how this could hurt AA. I think it's important to reach out to young people in AA.

Frank G – How about an old man committee liaison, just joking... I heard a lot of excellent points. When people walk in the door, do we look at them as young or old.. They are a defeated alcoholic. There is no difference in alcoholics. Having fun is not going to fix me, it's getting honest and working the 12 steps. It needs more study before we make a quick decision.

Ed A – I didn't fully explain what our Guidelines say. Today is just for informational to be able to take back to our Groups before there is a vote. There is no vote today. We vote to consider it.

Ryan C – Calls the Questions. Joel K seconds.

No opposition.

Ed A restates the motion, "To Consider the Guideline change of Young People Liaison Position at the Upcoming Assembly"

Doug L – Seconds.

28 For Consideration 11 Against

No minority opinion

(Break for Lunch 12:46pm)

Archives (Tom V)

- Archives are safe and secure
- Archives were displayed at last year's Ohio State Conference, Area 53 Mini-Conference and at a workshop in Byesville, Ohio recently
- Archivist attended the National AA Archives conference in Winnipeg, Canada.
- To move of the Archives to COGF has taken longer than expected. The move is about shared space, not combining the space.
- Storage space is paid through June 18th. The move should be completed by then.

Frank advises on an earlier question regarding ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) Systems. Advised that the committee advises that there are no requests for changes at this time. This is a business data base system that is maintained by the General Service Office.

Ohio State Convention Planning Committee Report (Frank G)

- When the International Convention takes place, State Convention attendance suffers. There was a proposal to allow the hosting Area to decline in hosting the State Convention.
 - This proposal was voted down – no action.
 - The argument is that the particular Area would have to wait eight years before having an opportunity to host the State Convention.
- Another proposal advised that the State Convention may place unnecessary burden on a first year Delegate. An rotation to the schedule would allow a second year Delegate to be in place when hosting a State Convention. Area 53 will not host until year a State Convention until 2022. This motion passed.
- The next State Convention is July 27th - 29th. Dave C will give a lead.

District & Group Reports (Mike M, DCMC)

- GSR Preamble is now included as part of the GSR reports. Mike reads the Preamble.
- DCMs and GSRs are doing a great job.
- Districts are doing outreach by visiting Groups and asking if they have GSRs.
- Some Districts have concerns regarding rotation in regards that they may not have people willing to fill the DCM role.
- Some Districts are expressing frustration over lack of participation.
- Sometimes it's important to put on events and Let Go and Let God. We can't control whether something is going to be a popular event.
- GSO Service CD is being used.
- Several Districts have been inviting Standing Committee Chairs to attend their meetings. This is an effort to educate GSRs as to what it going on in the Service Committees and to expose them to opportunities in those committees.
- Some Districts are doing joint events. This is useful when a District is limited on manpower.
- Last meeting had a discussion where a District was considering an event where a lead would be done by a NA Member. This lead to a discussion on Closed vs Open Meetings. Some events would have Al-Anon members speak at the meetings. This is ultimately decided by the District as to who would speak at meetings.
- One District actively reaching out to prisons and treatment centers.
- Some Districts with extra money pay Mini-Conference registration fees to increase participation.
- There was discussion on having multiple jobs like DCM and GSR. At times these jobs can be confusing. A GSRs job is for their Group until attending a District meeting. Then the job is to be a District committee member. If attending an Area function, then you would serve the Area. Sometimes when having multiple positions, it may be confusing as to which entity you would serve. Today we are acting on behalf of the Area.
- Newcomers that come to Assemblies don't know the acronyms and first names of people in the various service positions.
- DCMC attended a few workshops including the District 21, GSR School, District 26 Workshop and the CFC Workshop.
- Dan advised that a great takeaway from the CFC Workshop when a Hispanic speaker said that he takes meetings into prison because it makes him more human.
- Dan talks about the spirit of rotation. He advises that when he transitions out of a position, he will do everything he can to give an opportunity for the next person do better. He advised that we can do a better job of passing the baton.

District Reports

GSR Reports were both written and oral. Formatting varies

District 1, Garwood F, DCM –

- Meets the 3rd Sunday at 3:00pm Recovery Zone in Bellefontaine.
- Jail Meetings – Men at Logan and Harden County. Women meet at Logan.
 - Work is being done to have a jail meetings at Champaign County.
- Alternate DCM is in the process of creating a District Website. Review at next meeting

- In planning stages for the Hog Roast on August 18th at Marvin Miller State Park in Urbana. Fellowship at 1:00pm, Eat at 6:00pm, Leave at 7:30pm
- DCM is in the process of informing the GSR of the importance of Area involvement.

District 5

Lori R, Sunday Morning Big Book, GSR –

- Just had 33rd Anniversary with 60 in attendance.
- The Group has elected a new Alternate GSR and GIR.
- Would like to see more participation from men.

District 6, Marcie D, DCM –

- Meets at 6:30pm, 1st Thursday of the month at the Starkdale Presbyterian Church, Wintersville.
- Active GSRs – 8
- Discussions include participation with the Groups and GSRs.
- New Alternate DCM elected. Paul F.
- District 6 Picnic on July 15th, 1:00pm at Austin Lake with a speaker.

Paul F, Barnsville Group, GSR, Alternate DCM –

- Anniversary, August 18th at Bart Camp State Park. Fellowship 10:00am, Eat at 1:00pm with a Lead at 2:30pm.
- Meets Sunday Evening at First Methodist Church and Wednesday at the Hospital

District 12, Tom D, DCM –

- May 26th Soberfest in Springfield.
 - Picnic event with a lot of fellowship. 75 in attendance.
 - Presentations on Three Legacies. Also a presentations by the jail committee and on the hot-line and what the volunteers do.
- Jail committee in District 12 is active but could still use volunteers.
 - Problems with coordinating with local agencies in allowing individuals to go into the jails.
- Plans to show video Bill W. The idea came from Area Assemblies.
- Developed a newsletter with the idea of increasing GSR participation at the monthly meetings and to distribute information in regards to current events in District 12.

District 15, Bruce W, DCM –

- In May in Byesville, Tom V, Archivist and Frank G, Delegate gave presentations.
 - Frank gave a talk on the GSO Conference.
 - Tom V had old meeting schedules for District 15 from 40s and 50s.
- September Picnic in the planning stages with married AAs giving leads.
- December Dinner and Lead in planning stages.

Tami T, 2 for 1 Group, GSR –

- Tami says that they have a couple of newcomers attending the meeting.
- Members are active in bringing meetings to the local jail.

Ty D, Byesville – Bring Your Own Big Book, GSR –

- Attendance numbers are down a little.
- 30th Anniversary in August

- Taking leads into DUI Schools and to Cambridge Behavioral Hospital.

Jonathan C, Woodsfield Group, GSR –

- Meets Tuesday and Friday at the Maco Building. Meeting formats changing to Big Book.
- September Picnic in planning stages.
- Barnsville and Woodsfield meeting are cooperating to have a picnic on July 29th and 30th.
 - Dinner and discussion at Bart Camp State Park.

Joe S, Hand in Hand Group, GSR –

- Attendance is around 20 members.
- Monthly Group Conscious meeting the first Saturday of the month.
 - Discussed how 7th Tradition money should be used and had a discussion on the Original Manuscript litigation expenses. The Group feels that the money would have been better spend on literature.
- The Group is active in Service in local jails and institutions.

District 16, Tom C, DCM –

- District is in Athens County and has 22 meetings and 100 bars.
- District meets on the 1st Sunday of the month.
 - Tom talks about the box of literature he received from GSO. Advised that the Eastern Directory has many errors. The District discussed keeping Group information up to date.
 - Discussing Therapy Animals at meetings – including “therapy snakes”.
 - Fall workshop in the planning stages. CPC/PI may be invited to give a presentation. Maybe a “Traveling Committee Roadshow.” Traveling roadshow.
- Made updated copies of phone and meetings lists.
 - The DCM has been going to meeting making distribution of the lists and promotes the District meetings.
- District Picnic, July 4th featuring fresh local produce and beef along with hotdogs.

District 17, Ryan C, Alternate DCM –

- Meets 1st Sunday at 5:00pm at Sacred Heart Church in Pomeroy.
- Next workshop in planning stages. Most likely Family Afterward.
- Updating Group information on Fellowship New Vision.
- Operating above prudent reserve. District will use money for various activities.

Dave M, Pomeroy Serenity Group, GSR –

- Group meets Thursday, Saturday and Sunday at Sacred Hearth
- Picnic planned for September 15th at the Syracuse Community Center.
- GSR will provide feedback to District on theme for a workshop. They are suggesting something involving the Grapevine.
- CPC/PI committee is meeting with the newly elected judges.
- Meeting with local treatment facilities will allow for meeting attendance around 25.

Ryan C, Pleasant Valley Group, GSR–

- Meets Monday and Thursday with 10 to 12 active members.
- 72nd Anniversary on August 25th with a lead by Amy D.

District 19, Terry U, DCM –

- District meets every other month in Sabina. They are discussing going to every month.
- Attendance at meetings is around 16.
- Discussion is on updating District Guidelines in regards to finances.
- Picnic August 4th at Cowan Lake State Park.
- Completed workshop on Steps 1 & 2 with a speaker and group discussion.
- Wilmington, Just Be There Group is having 30th Anniversary on June 18th.
- Washington Courthouse, St Andrews Group is celebrating 74th Anniversary.

District 22, Greg G, DCM –

- Meets 4th Sunday of every month. Average attendance is 3.
- Lunch and Learn, on Saturday, June 23 at Hilliard United Methodist Church.
 - Lunch at 12:00pm, Video on AA Service at 1:00pm, Panel Discussion at 1:30pm

District 26, Marcia H, DCM –

- The District is continues to bring in representative of the Area 53 Standing Committees to share.
- Recent meeting in May featured Erica C, Bridging the Gap Representative with the Treatment Facilities Committee. Discussion was about how the District could support their mission.
 - Several GSRs had questions regarding the presentation. The District will compile the questions to give to Erica. She will be invited to return at a later date.
- Developing a bookmark with QR code that will direct your device to the Area 53, District 26 web page with Distribution expected in September.
- July 14th GSR School and Safety in AA Sharing Session in cooperation with Districts 28 and 30.
 - The cooperation allows for a greater degree of networking which ultimately leads to more diversity and inclusion. This will foster more creativity and innovation which will support the future of AA.
- Contributions are down GSRs are checking with home groups regarding distributions.

Blair C, Rise and Shine, GSR –

- Meets at New Life Church in Gahanna on Saturday 8:00am. 60 to 80 in attendance.
- Elected new Alternate GSR.
- Upcoming Events, Clippers Game on Monday, June 25th.

Jayne C, Womens Sobriety and Serenity Group, Interested AA –

- Meets Wednesday at Church of the Redeemer,
- Closed Meeting, Women Only with Babysitting
- Rotating format.

Don B, Southeast Breakfast Group, GSR –

- Meets Sunday 9:00am, Speaker Meeting, Mt Carmel East Hospital.
- Had recent Anniversary.
- Will be involved with District Workshop in July

Cheryl S, Solution Group, Interested AA –

- Meets Monday at 7:00pm Westerville
- Group contributes to District 26 as District 10 is inactive.
- No GSR elected because previous GSR moved.
- Meeting discussions involve focus on conference approved literature.

- Group Conscious is monthly, Business meeting is quarterly.

Dominique M, Creekside Recovery Group, GSR –

- Recent Group Conscious discussion involved whether to make the meeting a “Coin Meeting”. This was voted down.
- Group voted to continue to read “To Wives” from the Big Book.
- Added 4 new home group members in the past 2 months.
- All Service Positions filled.

Joy D, Ghanna Early Bird Group, GSR –

- Recent discussions involve reviewing pamphlets focusing on the newcomer and service.

District 28, Taffy J, DCM –

- Meets 1st Sunday of the month at Panera’s in Clintonville.
- Recent discussions include a recent event which involve the showing of Bill W movie which was received well.
 - Event also featured a report from Dave C. CPC/PI.
- Planning GSR School and Safety in AA on July 14th with Districts 26 and 30.
- New GSRs have been attending the meeting.

James C, Clintonville Big Book, Alternate GSR –

- Meets Tuesday night at 8:00pm at 7 West Henderson Road.
- Active Group with all service positions filled.
- The Group sponsors a meeting at Madison Correctional Facility on Monday and Wednesday.
- The Group also sponsors a meeting at the YWCA on Monday nights.
- Newcomers meeting on Tuesday night, that was started last year, now averages about 20 people.

Mary S, Cliffside 12 & 12, Alternate GSR –

- Group meets Thursday at 7:30pm at Glen Echo United Presbyterian Church.
- A braille 12 and 12 book is available and wheelchair accessible.
- Basket contribution can now be made electronically. Possibly the first Group in Area 53.

Amy J, Women’s Early Bird, GSR –

- Recent discussions involve the H.O.W. Anniversary.
- Possible relocation of the meeting. Current church facility has too many restrictions.

District 30, David F, Alternate DCM –

- Dave C, chairperson of CPC/PI gave a presentation at the District meeting.

David F, Nitty Gritty Group, GSR –

- 12 & 12 meeting on Thursday at 7:30 at Meadow Park Church in Columbus.

Peggy K, Women’s Serenity Group, GSR –

- Peggy is new to the position.
- Discussion meeting at 11:00am on Wednesday at Meadow Park Church
- 25 members in regular attendance.
- Group makes quarterly contributions.

Rob W, Common Solution Group, GSR –

- Two topic closed discussion, Monday 8:30pm at Riverside United Methodist Church
- Last Group Conscious completed group position assignments.
- Anniversary Dinner in May, about 50 in attendance with AA and Al-Anon leads.

District 33 –

Kris L, Upper Room, GSR –

- *Kris turned in a GSR Report form with only with the group name. No oral report.*

District 34, Paul H, Reporting –

- Event to be held at the Desert Island Club Sober Club. August 4 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm.
 - Two panels with an Area 53 presentation. Potentially the AA Service DVD.
 - May request Area standing committee chairs to participate.

Paul H, 3 Legacies on Broad, GSR –

- Group meets on Sunday at 7:00pm at 2930 W Broad Street.
- Meeting format is Step, Tradition and Concept with a speaker on the fourth week. Fifth week is Chairperson's Choice.
- Group Inventory on August 18th

District 37 –

- District not present at the Assembly.
- Mike M advises the Area has received a check payable to District 37. Area 53 is attempting to contact Ossian M, DCM, to advise.

Unfinished Business

Information / Sharing Session – September Elections – Panel 69 (Stephen S.)

- Stephen S, Alternate Delegate, gives a presentation on the upcoming elections process that takes place in September.
 - Handout for this topic is available at <http://area53aa.org/main/about/area-53-assembly> under Area 53 Panel 69 Election Procedures

Area Inventory – Do an Inventory at September Assembly in non-election years. (Ed A)

- Ed advises that the Area Planning Committee confirmed that the Area Inventory is important. As of now there isn't anyone willing to chair the inventory on a continuing basis.
- Based on a suggestion at the Area Planning Committee Meeting by Garwood F, that Area 53 completes an inventory at the September Assembly in Non-Election years.
 - There is no vote on this. This topic is being brought up for consideration.
 - Steven S clarifies that on non-election years the Area would only have reports and inventory during the September Assembly.
 - The decision to adopt this process would involve a Guideline change. The introduction of the change would likely take place in December.
 - Stephen S says that the Area will gather information from other Areas on how they complete an inventory.

Questions/Comments

Garwood F advises that Area 56 has success with an inventory in September. It gives a mid-term review of the Area Committee between elections.

Dan S likes the suggestion. Advises that the reason for the previous format was to have then inventory embedded in our process rather than an event. He said that there is evidence of actionable items, where changes are made.

2019 Mini-Conference Venue Deposit Advance (Stephen S.)

- This is a request for the Area 53 Assembly to authorize an advance to the Mini-Conference Committee of no more than \$1,000, to place a deposit on a venue for the 2019 Area 53 Mini-Conference.
- Stephen clarifies that this is a contingency motion. A deposit will be needed within the next two months to make a deposit on a venue. The Assembly doesn't meet until September.
- The money would be a loan to the Mini-Conference Committee and will be returned once income is achieved through registrations.

Questions/Comments

Frank G – One of Area 53's responsibilities is to support the mini-conference.

Sharon F, Motions to authorize the advance, Second by Blair C.

28 For the Motion – Unanimous Approval

Donation to Area 53 from “Women to Woman Conference” (Ed A)

- The Area received a donation from Woman to Woman Conference for \$603. In past the Area will use donations as housing for the mini-conference.
- Ed makes a motion to forward the money received to go to the Mini-Conference Committee.
- Donna K, Treasurer, clarified that the donation came from an AA group made up of women. This group will also send money to GSO. We determined that we can accept the money.
 - In the past Area 53 would earmark donations for Cabins.
- Ed advises that he would like to see the money go to the Mini-Conference Committee in general this year potentially to be used a “seed money”.

Questions/Comments

Stephen S advises that if this motion passes, the need for the Venue Deposit Advance will not be needed. Stephen advises that he feels that the money should go to the general fund because the prudent reserve is being pressed. If the motion passes, the Committee may just need an additional \$100 dollars for the venue deposit.

Garwood F, moves that the \$603 dollars go to General Fund. Second by Mike M.

23 For the Motion – Unanimous Approval

Other New Business (Ed A)

- Donna K, Treasurer, advised that an additional \$300 is needed to cover expenses of the current Assembly location at Holiday Inn – Hilliard. Request is being made at the Assembly due to the amount.

Garwood F motions to increase the amount. Second by Joel K.

28 For the Motion – Unanimous Approval

Ask-It-Basket

- No questions in the Ask-It-Basket.

Close Meeting – Responsibility Statement