

Area 53 Assembly  
September 9, 2018  
Holiday Inn - Hilliard  
5495 Maxwell Place

**Opening of Meeting (Dan H)**

**Call to Order and (We Version) Serenity Prayer**

**Twelve Concepts (Short Form) Joe M**

**Roll Call**

GSR 29, DCM 11, Interested AA 7, Committee Chairs 5, Area Officers 11, Past Delegates 6

**Agenda (Review & Approval) (Ed A)**

*Motion to Accept – Kalen C, Second – Blair C*

**June Assembly Minutes (Review & Approval) (Matt P.)**

*Motion to Accept – Kasie A, Second – Joel K*

**Election Prep Talk (Frank G)**

**Elections (Kristi H - Immediate Past Delegate, Panel 65)**

- Kristi goes over the Three Legacies Process which appears on the projection screen.
- Jason Steven and Kalen will be assisting with distribution and retrieval of the election ballots.
- Each current Officer gives a description of their position before the vote.
- Each Candidate gives their qualifications as to why they should be considered.
- Candidates must leave the room but are allowed to vote.
- Third Legacy Procedure can be found on Page S21 *The AA Service Manual 2015-16*

**Delegate:** Stephen S is unchallenged for the position of Delegate.

**Alternate Delegate:** Donna K is unchallenged for the position of Alternate Delegate.

**Chairperson:** Ed A is unchallenged for the position of Area Chair.

**Alternate Chairperson:**

Rounds	Candidate A	Candidate B	Candidate C
<b>Candidates</b>	<b>Dan S.</b>	<b>Steve B.</b>	<b>Nita S.</b>
Round 1	26	7	32
Round 2	24	6	34
Round 3	26		41
Round 4	20		<b>45 (Elected)</b>

**Treasurer:**

Rounds	Candidate A	Candidate B
<b>Candidates</b>	<b>Diann N</b>	<b>James C</b>
Round 1	43	23
Round 2	<b>49 (Elected)</b>	15

**Alternate Treasurer:**

Rounds	Candidate A	Candidate B	Candidate C
<b>Candidates</b>	<b>James G.</b>	<b>Tom D.</b>	<b>Greg G.</b>
Round 1	24	28	15
Round 2	24	32	8
Round 3	18	<b>44 (Elected)</b>	

**(Recording) Secretary:** Martha C is unchallenged for the position of Recording Secretary.

**Alternate (Recording) Secretary:** Bruce W is unchallenged for the position of Alternate Recording Secretary.

**Registrar:** James C is unchallenged for the position of Registrar.

**Alternate Registrar:** Joe M is unchallenged for the position of Alternate Registrar.

**Web Administrator:** Ann B is unchallenged for the position of Web Administrator

**Alternate Web Administrator:**

Rounds	Candidate A	Candidate B	Candidate C
<b>Candidates</b>	<b>Dan S.</b>	<b>Heather R.</b>	<b>Andy U.</b>
Round 1	26	17	24
Round 2	35	6	27
Round 3	41		23
Round 4	<b>45 (Elected)</b>		21

**Officers Reports (Given Between Votes)****Chairperson (Dan H.)**

- Assisting with the Mini-Conference Committee
- Attended the State Convention

### **Treasurer (Donna K.)**

- \$14,042 in donations
- Officers using line items
- Line 17 PO Box is up \$6 from last year and is paid
- Line 21 “Certificate for Statue of Ohio Registration Non-Profit” - \$25 every 5 years.
- Most committees have received funds for this year.
- Projected balance of \$8570. After Prudent Reserve \$3570.

### *Questions/Comments*

Interested AA – Is the non-profit fee is that a yearly or one time fee?

Donna K advised that the frequency of the fee was not obvious.

Paul H – What is \$3011 at bottom right side of the report?

Donna – That is from when we did the 2018 budget. The 11 dollars is a typo. Should be \$3000.

Bill F – Do they contributions go up in the last quarter of the year?

Donna K – Seems like and there isn't as many bills in the last quarter. Most everything is paid up.

Brenda B – Was there a \$600 dollar donation that would go to the Mini-Conference?

Donna K – Right now its in the General Fund. The Mini-Conference hasn't asked for the money.

Stephen S – At last Assembly there was an approval for a \$1000 advance in order to make the deposit on the next Mini-Conference. The \$600 went to the General Fund. The \$1000 will be used by the Mini-Conference Committee in the next month or so. The \$600 dollars was money left over from Womens Convention.

Chris J – Regarding the Delegate expense, looks like we are near the appropriated line item. Not sure what is on the calendar. Should we increase line item for the Delegate?

Donna K – This is one of the things I would like to talk about under New Business.

*Motion to Accept – Bill F, Second by Paul F*

*26 Approved – No Opposed*

### **Financial Report – Consideration for additional funding for Delegate (Donna K)**

- Check was sent to the Delegate to cover the expenses for the East Central Regional Conference, which seems to have been lost in the mail.
  - Delegate is requesting \$128.50 to be added to the budget to cover expenses from the conference.
- Delegate has \$120 left on his line item.

### *Questions/Comments*

Ed A – Is that going to be enough for the rest of the year?

Frank G, Delegate – I don't see any other conferences that I am required to go to. I have two requests to speak at District Events. I was asked to speak somewhere on September 16<sup>th</sup> but I have not gotten any return contact. I don't anticipate any large expenses.

Steven - You where talking about something from last year. Was District 26 Rule 62 Day. You spoke there last year. no request to delegate

Chris J – We should provide 200 – 500 for Delegate.

Donna – As Treasurer I am thinking \$250. The \$128 is to cover what he spent at the East Central Regional Conference.

Dan S – Just a point of information, the Area Planning Committee can allocate up to \$300 without brining it to the Assembly.

Donna K – We don't have to do anything on this today.

## **Financial Report – In Regards to Archives. Line 15 and Line 29 (Donna K)**

- Line 15 was allocated \$150 and \$100 was used.
- Line 29 was allocated \$400 and \$400 was used.
- For last several years we have not gotten any bills from Archives.
- Archives have been moved to Central Office as of July.
- Area 53 received a bill for every month from 2016 from the storage unit.
  - Total cost of the bills amount to \$1674.96. These are the first bills we have received.
- Area Planning Committee Meeting advised that Line 15 and 29 amounted to \$500.
  - Leaves a balance of \$1174.96
- Need to discuss whether we are to pay the remainder today. The Archivist was willing to take payments.
- Storage at COGF is \$40 per month.
- Unknown how the line item for Archive storage was reduces to \$150 per year.

### *Questions/Comments*

Dan S. – when I was Treasurer in Panel 65, that is when the plan was made to move the Archives from the rented facility to COGF. Central Ohio Group Fellowship agreed to charge \$150 annually.

Interested AA asks where the thousand is coming from?

Donna advises that the \$1174.96 is from the storage facility. The Archives never got moved and when the bill was received, it was decided to move the Archives because it was too expensive to leave them at the storage facility. The bill for the facility was being sent to the Archivist's house. This should be avoided to keep this from happening again.

Joyce – Is there some sort of documentation to make the Archivist accountable to anyone else?

Donna K – The Archivist is accountable to us. All officers are accounted to this body.

Joyce – He hasn't said anything prior? Donna – No.

Bill F – Requesting clarification, when you say bill? Does Area 53 owe a commercial business money? Donna – No. Bill F – So the Archivist has already paid this out of his own funds.

Donna – yes – Thank you for that clarification. We do have to pay Central Office.

Dan S – In the nature of the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition and our requirements to be self supporting. We have a responsibility to reimburse, to pay for our services.

*Dan S – I would like to make the motion that we pay the bill – to reimburse the Archives.*

*Sharon F seconds.*

### *Discussion*

Frank G – Do we have enough in order not to affect our Prudent Reserve? Donna K – Yes.

Heather R – I have two questions? Was there a reason for the delay for having it transferred. Was there a medical problem? Donna K – Some of that, Yes. Heather – Was this bill in our name or was it in his name? Donna K – in his name.

Paul H – Do you know if he stored any of his personal items in the same storage area or was it all Archives? Donna K – It was all Archives.

Kayla – Is the motion to pay Central Office or just the storage bill? Donna K – Just the storage unit.

Paul F – Why weren't these bills turned in sooner so we wouldn't have such an amount? When the stuff was supposed to be transferred, why wasn't it transferred? It seems that we are paying double the amount of what we should have been paying.

Stephen S – There are all kinds of reasons why this happened. I think we need to be careful that one of our principles is that we will not be punitive. Lets not vote on this to punish somebody who didn't do what what we think they should do. The second point is that this is a “we problem” not a “him problem.” We all knew that this was happening. We have had numerous discussions over the last year why this is not being moved...We didn't do our part. There are all kinds of controls that should have been in place and weren't. This is one of those things where we acted alcoholically, we avoided a

problem, I say we bit the bullet and pay this off and we get the right to put controls in place, we learn our lessons and we move forward and recognize that alcoholics screw up.

Steve – We have known about this for a couple of years. There is wording in the 12 Concepts that state that no punitive action will be taken against any individual.

Ty – Our Archivist here? I would like to hear from him instead of hearing everyone's interpretation of what is going on.

Sharon F – One of the problems we have is that we do not have an Archives Committee.

### **Area 53 Archivist talks about the storage issue (Tom V)**

- In 2010 we had to vacate Leonard Avenue. We had a room up there and it was great. The new Central Office went to West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, there wasn't enough room for us. I moved the archives to a storage unit in Westerville. One year, either 2013 or 2014, the rent was always in the budget. Somehow it got dropped. Not sure why. None of the Treasurers after 20145 came to me and asked what to we owe you? I just kept paying the rent. When I finally moved it out, last July. Rent was up in the middle of July. The storage is gone and it's all paid up. I then gave all the receipts of all the rent, that I haven't been paid. I have been paid quite a bit since 2010, on that. Somehow it never got in the budget. When we rolled over the budget, it never had the amount we were paying a month. The new rent at COGF is \$40 a month. That is what we will be paying.

#### *Questions/Comments*

Dan S – I remember this discussion came up at the Area Planning Committee Meeting. Greg has historical information about budgets from panel 65. That item was budgeted in panel 65. The claim that the item disappeared from the budget isn't true.

Tom V – I also cleaned out Room 1, which was the room rented each month. There was a closet full of Area 53 stuff that was abandoned. I took that stuff. I didn't have only archives but other Area stuff that needs sorted. We need to figure out Area stuff and archives.

Bill F – Tom thank you for your service for looking after our archives. Our archives used to be kept in people's garages. Sometimes they would move, there was no expense. A person out of service and sacrifice would look after our archives. One time they were moved by Bill M from Zanesville to Johnstown and we didn't even know that the archives had moved. I support the idea of reimbursing you for your expenses. I appreciate that someone has looked out for our archives because we have been snoozing for a few years. We need to decide how important our archives are to us. I heard someone mention a committee. It's not a bad idea. We need to figure out what we want to do in the future.

Ed A – Just for clarification and the committee coming up. Archives storage was changed in the 90s. Why wasn't this issue brought forward at each budget meeting? How can we remedy that?

Chris J – Eating a 1184 dollar expense may not be palatable to this committee, I would like to point out that last year a line item wasn't spent. The fact is we haven't occurred any expense for the storage in previous years.

Pat, Interested AA – Why don't you go paperless on the Archives?

Donna – I just want to point out that not only did Tom look out for the Archives, he also paid the bill. If he didn't pay the bill, we would have lost all of our Archives.

Greg G – The records I have, September 2015 there was \$710 budgeted for the archives, June 2016 there was \$190 and in June 2017 it was \$150.

Dan S – That was mid panel in panel 65. That is when we were told archives were being moved from the rented facility to COGF. The delay was between mid-Panel 65 and July.

*Call the question, Sharon F.*

*Motion was to reimburse Tom V for the storage expense of \$1174.96*

*58 Approved, 1 Opposed*

*No minority opinion*  
*Motion Passed*

### **Delegate (Frank G)**

- Thanks the Assembly for allowing him to serve.
- 2019 General Service Conference Theme: “Our Big Book - 80 Years, 71 Languages”
- Last event attended was the 66<sup>th</sup> Michigan State Convention Central Regional Conference.
  - Presented “Today's Alcoholic – Inclusion, Not Exclusion
  - Presentation is on the General Experience of most AAs.
- Conference Report is not available to Assembly until late September.
  - Report is longer than in previous years in part because of the manuscript issue.
  - Some Delegates wanted punishment over the manuscript issue, but all items resulted in no action .
- Beginning September 17<sup>th</sup>, Patrick C will be taking a position at the General Service Office
- General Service Board is considering a process to create an acceptable procedure on how to address the Board.

### **Web Administrator (Bill Y. – Acting)**

- No Report
- The Area Assembly thanks Bill Young for his years of service as Web Administrator.

### **Registrar (Nita S.)**

- 75 in attendance in 12 service positions
- 1 Delegate, 1 Alternate Delegate, 8 Officers, 1 DCMC, 13 DCMs, 2 Alternate DCMs, 26 GSRs, 4 Alternate GSRs, 9 Interested AAs, 3 Past Delegates, 6 Committee Chairs, 1 Past Trustee.
- Fellowship New Vision Statistics: New Groups 0, Pending Active 3, Pending Inactive 0, Incomplete 1, Unknown 165.
  - An unknown group is any group that doesn't have a GSR or does not have a meeting time or place. DCMs and Homegroup members should double check to check to see that information is all there. GSRs should check with DCMs.
- Updated group listings are sent as an excel spreadsheet file to the Web Administrator. This should be done in a couple of weeks. Area 53s website is not correct at the moment.
- New groups can send information to the General Service Office or the Area 53.
- Changes to group information such as address or time of the meeting should be forwarded to the Registrar. This will allow the website to be up to date and for GSO to have current information.
- Marcie D continues to update the Conscious Contact page on COGF's website.
- As we near the end of this panel. Some information on the Tri-Fold will appear as TBD – To be determined.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### **Archives/Archivist (Tom Van K.)**

- As of July 2018 the Archives have been moved to Central Office on West Broad Street.
- Many items from Room 1 at the old Leonard Ave has to be sorted as these items were abandoned in 2010.
  - Many items are from the Area Officers and Standing Committees in 2010.

- The Access at Central Office will be much better for all of us and we should consider having a committee as there will be some room to work.
- Some of the stuff is pretty valuable like our First Edition Big Book which is secured in a safe.

#### *Questions/Comments*

Mike M – Where the material is at COGF will there be a room where people could view the stuff and how could Districts interact with you or Archives to get the items brought to their events. To get the stuff displayed for members.

Tom V – Just call me. At COGF once we get the stuff sorted and get some more room, people could come and read the stuff. The only thing we ask is the the Area 53 or COGF Archivist is present. The Archivists do not have the keys to the room. Patty has the keys. Each District and Home Group can write their own history. I spoke at a group anniversary recently and they had a flow chart of how that group worked and everything else. We are going to get a copy of that stuff. That is the kind of thing that is meaningful. Nobody in that homegroup new where is really started. I remember when they started that group. We loose this stuff and thank God they wrote it all down. Groups and Districts can write their own histories and we can be the repository for it.

Frank – Our Archives separate in a separate room?

Tom V – We have a certain section and COGF has a section. In the office space we have a filing cabinet and they have filing cabinets. It's all separated.

Frank – With a new panel will you still be Archivist? Tom V – Yes. Panels come and go but the Archives stay the same.

Mary S – We have \$150 for archives rent for several years. Now COGF will be charging \$40 per month, which is \$480 per year. How did that happen? We had an agreement with COGF as \$150 and now it's \$480.

Donna K – As far as the budget went I am not sure how it got to be \$150. We are going to Central Office and find out why this is happening we will bring it back.

Ed A – This will also be brought up at the budget committee meeting.

Sandra – How are the archives being sorted? What is the criteria for the documents.

Tom V – Some of it is recreated and some of it is new creation. We have a lot of past delegate material that hasn't been sorted. The Past Dels just dumped it on us and said that you can use some of this and you can't use some of it. There is a workbook that gives guidelines on what we save.

Sandra – Is that your job, do you have help sorting those things.

Tom V – We are going to ask for help.

Joe M – Are people going to classes to learn to handle archives.

Tom V – You can go to the National Archives Conference will teach preservation. There is one coming up in September in Chicago. Last year I went to on in Winnipeg.

Joe M – Are people from Area 53 actually doing preservation?

Tom V – We combined our Grapevines with COGF's Grapevines, now we have one big set. It's an option on our part if we want to preserve them.

Bill S – Past COGF Intergroup Archivist. We have directions on categorization that is written in a notebook. We have digitized all material that COGF has which is on secure CD which is taken off-site every time it is updated. This is all available to anyone that wants to look at it, it's Area 53 Archives combined with Central Ohio Group Fellowship. We have a new computer that isn't hooked up to Internet. It's intent is for storage of our archives material. There is a printer and fax machine connected to the computer. We tried for last 7 years at COGF to stick to standard archives procedures. No we don't have all in archival safe folders and boxes. The treasurer would be upset on cost if we did. No that they are combined, they are in good shape. We don't have a lot of room, at least we made the transition of combining two archives. There is a new archivist named Mark. Call and make an appointment.

Tom V – I have boxes of old reel tapes of George M leads that could be digitized but would cost a lot. I also have Calvin's tapes, 13 boxes of audio tapes. The materials needed to digitize, would cost a lot. It's all there. My job is to sort through and catalog this stuff. We have 3 reel tape players. I have tapes of treasurer and committee reports of Area 53 on small reel tapes. Once we get an idea of what we have, we may come to you and ask what you would like to preserve.

Kayla K – Thank you for your service. Do we have a written agreement or contract with COGF?

Tom V – We will when Don and I sit down with Patty.

### **CPC/PI (Dave C.)**

- A CPC-PI School will be held Sunday October 7th from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at 7 West Henderson Rd, Maple Grove United Methodist Church.
  - First CPC-PI school and should be a lot of fun and good information.
- Thanks to the Groups of Central and Southeast Ohio for their great contributions.
- Since the June Assembly our CPC-PI committee has staffed an information displays at the Addiction Studies Institute in Columbus and at the Columbus Convention Center Employee's Health Fair.
- CPC-PI plans to attend the Hope Works Job Fair, The CPC-PI School and the City of Columbus Employee Health Fair all in Columbus.
- The Committee regularly meets the first Sunday of the month in Room 3 at Maple Grove United Methodist Church at 2:00 pm.
- Currently updating the web page on the Area 53 website.

### **Correctional Facilities (Chris J.)**

- AA members around Area 53 continue to carry important 12th Step work, attending meetings at many prisons, jails, CBCFs and transitional control facilities around the Area.
- Others are engaged corresponding with persons who are incarcerated and serving as pre-release contacts.
- Thanks to all members who provide donations in the Spare Change Jugs. These donations amounted to \$7353.50 during this past Quarter. All of this money will be used for literature purposes so Outside Sponsors can provide AA literature for Inside Groups.
- Area Assembly approval for this year's line item of \$900 provided the means to pay for such expenses as rent, copies, postage for correspondence, PO Box, website and more. Because of this line item, CFC uses all Spare Change Jug for literature
- Area Assembly approval for \$400 provided to the CFC Workshop assisted with the cost of a Spanish Interpreter. Although this did not attract as many Spanish speaking people as hoped, CFC is confident that God will build upon this outreach effort.
- CFC provided a display and gave a short talk during the District 34 Workshop held July 28th. CFC would like to thank Alternate Chair Brandi V for her leadership.
- A CFC presentation was given at District 28's meeting.
- CFC would be willing to speak at other District meetings and workshops.
- CFC provides information and support for several AA members with questions ranging from, "Where do I send jug money?" to "How can I order literature for an institution meeting?"
- Regarding Madison-B side and Marion institutions.
  - Appears there may be more AA outside support. A Member has stated willingness to go to Marion and arrangements are underway.
  - The Madison volunteer list is growing. Hope to get enough guys to cover both sides.

- CFC was contacted by GSO regarding AA members inside institutions requesting AA support and literature. There was a complaint indicating that literature isn't available. CFC will work with Outside Sponsors to see if more can be done to assist.
- Quarterly Meeting took place September 1, 2018.
  - Approximately 35 people in attendance including 12 Outside Sponsors and 11 Group Institutional Representatives.
  - Elections were held for Panel 69.
    - 9 of 14 positions were filled
    - Brandi V. elected as Chair.
  - CFC hopes to fill remaining vacancies at December Quarterly.
- Upcoming Events
  - Area 53 CFC Steering; Saturday, November 10, 10am, COGF
  - Area 53 CFC Quarterly; Saturday, December 1, 10am, COGF
  - National Corrections Conference, November 2-4, 2018, Portland ME
- CFC continually receives requests from AA members reaching out from behind the walls.
- CFC continues to have opportunities for willing AA members to correspond, serve as pre-release contacts or attend the meetings of inside groups.
  - Services require Cooperation, Communication and Commitment.
- CFC encourages Groups to elect a Group Institutional Representative who will then be a member of CFC. For small groups that cannot elect a GIR, the GSR is always welcome to represent the Group at CFC Meetings.
- More information available at <http://www.area53cfc.org>

#### *Questions/Comments*

Ed A-- I heard that the four Areas in the state of Ohio were going to get together to make a proposal to host the National Convention, do you have more information on that?

Chris J – The Area 53 Steering Committee has considered the question of whether Area 53 would submit a bid to host the National Corrections Conference. It was the Group Conscious that we didn't think that it was responsible to make the commitment for a future panel. The decisions are made for an event two years in the future. Area 56 has taken the lead to recruit some active, corrections minded, AA member from around Ohio to put together an Ohio Panel. This can be a great thing for corrections service in this area. It would provide some tremendous sharing in your own back yard.

#### **Grapevine (Ann B.)**

- The long awaited publication, One Big Tent (Atheist and Agnostic AA member's stories) will be available September 20th.
- The Grapevine in began their fellowship Feedback Packet this month. It is an on-line survey that takes about 5 minutes to complete. They are looking for feedback on content, subscription models, how you use the Grapevine, etc. The survey is at [aagrapevine.org](http://aagrapevine.org)
- Grapevine is excited to announce that on Saturday, October 27th from 10:00am to 1:00pm, will be hosting a Writing Workshop at COGF.
  - For anyone interested in the possibility of becoming part of AA's living history, Grapevine will be presenting information on how to put together and submit your story either in written or audio format, as well as providing time to actually write your story.
  - There will be trivia questions along with fun and ridiculous prizes. Lunch will include pulled chicken sliders.
  - Fliers are available for the event.

### **Group Services (Dan S.)**

- Group Service Chair is an appointed positions. Please let the Area Chair know that you would like to be considered for the position.
- District 26, 28 and 30 GSR schools were well attended.
- The DVD that was purchased by Area 53 is continuing to be lent out and viewed by several Districts. Though the presentation may appear to be dated the information is up to date.
- No events for Group Services are pending. Just a reminder that a GSR school can be brought to your District.

### *Questions/Comments*

Paul F – how long is the video? Dan S – 22 minutes.

### **Intergroup Liaison (Ed S.)**

- The Intergroup Liaison has visited COGF, Appalachian and Marion.
- Barbara M visited Lancaster
- Plans to visit Newark in the next few months.
- During visit with COGF Liaison about having a gathering of Intergroup Chairs, Officers and Managers.

### **Mini Conference (Stephen S.)**

- The 2018 Mini-Conference was held at Salt Fork State Park on March 9<sup>th</sup> to 11th.
  - A final report was published in June.
- The 2019 Mini-Conference will be held March 8<sup>th</sup> to 10th 2019 at Deer Creek State Park.
  - Registration will be available by mail or on-line before the December Assembly.
- The Mini-Conference Committee meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at Maize Manor UMC at 6:30pm.
- DCMs – please consider having a district representative attend the meetings. Groups are also encouraged to have a representative.

### **Special Needs Committee (Pam/Terri)**

no report

### **Treatment Facilities (Robert H.)**

- Thanks to Taffy J, District 28 for staffing a AA Group at a OSU Psychiatric Care Facility.
- Saturday, June 23rd meeting at COGF
  - Erica C. was the Bridging the Gap contact for Franklin County.
  - Went over the list of treatment centers in Franklin County.
  - Discussed the letter to be sent out to treatment centers.
- Next meeting was Saturday, July 27, 2018 at 1:30pm at the Chillicothe Lighthouse.
  - 4 people in attendance. 3 counties represented.
  - Discussed comments in the mail.
  - Discussed how to get Big Books to a STAR hospital if it were a locked down place.
    - It's possible that the STAR hospital has some Big Books.
- The August meeting was at COGF on Saturday August 25th
  - Discussed the 9 letters sent to Franklin County Treatment Centers.
  - The letters contained a Volunteer, Request, Bridging the Gap and "Where Do We Go From Here" fliers and a two sided informational sheet on More about AA.

- Next meeting will be Saturday, September 22nd at 1:30pm in Chillicothe.

### **Ohio State Convention Planning Committee Report (Frank G.)**

- Theme is Big Book 80 years, 79 Languages.
- The State Convention is August 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> in 2019 hosted by Area 56.
- November is the next Planning Committee Meeting.

### **Questions**

Stephen S – For the State Convention. Are we moving the November meeting?? The State Planning Committee Meeting is the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in November at the Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 2480 West Granville Road in Dublin.

Frank – Area 56 is hosting the meeting but all Areas have input.

Ed A – As an Area Officer you are automatically part of the state planning committee

### **District & Group Reports (Mike M, DCMC)**

- DCMC reads the GSR Preamble.
- DCMC advises on how important it is to listen to District and Group reports.
- Last DCM meeting discussion on what the DVD on General Service teaches.
- Many Districts sponsored events that featured the theme, “The Family Afterward.”
- Active Districts will sponsor dark Districts to get them involved with Service.
- Many Districts are reaching out to local jails, prisons and treatment centers.
- Some Districts are adding content to the Area 53 newsletter.
- At the DCM Meeting there was discussion regarding what the DCMs get from doing Service.
  - Opportunities see people that really cared about their sobriety and motivated the DCM to take new ideas back to their Districts and “supercharged” them regarding Service.
- There was discussion on inviting “new” people to District events i.e. workshops, District meeting or an Area Assembly. Invite new people, people with questions, sponsees.
- During discussion it was discovered that some people treat their service as one of the meetings they go to. Area Assemblies, Committee Meeting are looked at as just part of their sobriety.
- Couple of great quotes, “The best time to rotate out is when you’re still enthusiastic about the job your are doing.” and “Sharing helps us to create enthusiasm.”
- Mike says that he has been grateful over the past two years to have been part of what I think was an excellent group of DCMs, an excellent group of GSRs. The events that people put on and the enthusiasm, excitement and reaching out to alcoholics to find ways of doing that, it has been personally very inspirational for me.

### **District 6, Paul F, Alternate DCM –**

- History of AA, Sponsorship and Service Workshop scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 10:00am. Held at Thorburn UMC in St. Clairsville, Ohio.
  - Two people are to speak from Akron.
  - Brian V is to be a Service Sponsor speaker.
  - Event includes Sloppy Joes, Pop, Coffee, Chips and side dishes are welcome.
- Well off financially at the moment. Looking for ways to responsibly spend.

Paul F, Barnsville Group, GSR, –

- Picnic held two weeks ago and was very successful. Had a good time.
- Donates \$150 to District from the Group.

### **District 11, Brenda B, DCM –**

- District 11 became “lit” in January 2018.

- Treasurer left and District is still trying to track individual down.
  - Anonymous Donor and Group made contributions. \$75 in bank account.
- About 5 Active GSRs, all elected positions filled.
- GSRs wanted to sponsor an Inclusive Sponsorship Workshop
  - Many people go to both NA and AA. The question was if it were ok to have NA speakers.
    - DCM brought up the topic at the DCM Meeting, contacted Delegate and GSO. Also made contact with NA.
    - The Consensus was that as long as the outside entities were not on the flier and it is a public event, they would be invited.
  - People in the AA Community would talk amongst themselves and one person came to the District meeting and voiced their opinion.
  - At the meeting the DCM had to decide whether to vote on the event or talk about minority opinion. The decision was made to ask if there was a motion to revote on the event and there was. They revoted
    - Only AA Speakers would be at the event. They felt that having NA speakers were against the Traditions.
  - Event will be on October 27<sup>th</sup> at First Presbyterian in Marysville. 1:00pm to 4:00pm. There will be 6 speakers. 3 Women, 3 Men. Topics are on the dos and don't s, Why do I want to be a sponsor, am I ready to be a sponsor and how do I sponsor.

#### **District 12, Tom D, DCM –**

- Discussions at DCM meeting include how we can better exercise an outreach program to provide information to other agencies in the county.
  - How much funding to set aside for outreach and what to do with it.
- Doing a presentation of the Bill W Video on September 15 at 2:30pm at High Street Methodist Church.
  - The idea to do the presentation came from a DCM meeting.
- The District has been discussing how to get better access to jails. There is a Jail Chairperson on the Committee but he runs into red tape on how to get that done. Although it hasn't been easy, there seems to be some success on allowing people to do jail meetings.
- Yearly Gathering on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Dinner and Speakers. Event attracts 60 to 100 people.
- District produced a monthly flier “ Things Going On in District 12 in AA”
  - Produced in hopes of distributing information to all Groups and Individuals.
- Fairly good finances at present. Prudent reserve of \$175 and a reserve for printing schedules.
- Several Groups are providing regular contributions to the District which helps with planning.

#### **Kenny L, Springfield Alano Club 12&12 Group, GSR –**

- Attended first Assembly in June as an Interested AA Member.
  - Came back with a lot of information and appreciated all the experience, strength and hope.
  - Made a big difference in my recovery.
  - A bigger view of the AA structure is a stabilizing factor.
- Group has been around for 20 years and still attracting new members.
  - 2 new members this summer.

#### **District 15, Bruce W, DCM –**

- Reports for Groups during the Election Assembly.

- “The Family Afterward Picnic” September 22<sup>nd</sup> at Buckeye Park in Marietta featuring Husband and Wife speakers.
- Dinner and Speaker meeting in the planning stages for December.
- Alcothon scheduled for Christmas Eve.
- District Elections scheduled for December.

Jonathan C, Woodsfield Group, GSR –

- Big Book Study on Tuesday and Friday with 10 to 15 in attendance.
- Group Picnic on 9/8/2018 with around 40 in attendance.

James H, Byesville BYOB, GSR –

- Currently participating with 2 DUI Schools and at Cambridge Behavioral Health.

Heather R, GPS Group, GSR –

- Changed status from Closed to Open Meeting.

Joes S, Hand in Hand Group, GSR –

- Discussing how Service works and rewards from doing so, going into jails and success stories.
- Also discussed, Not regretting the past nor shutting the door on it combined with Step 9.

**District 16, Tom C, DCM –**

- Discussion on increasing GSR participation at the meeting. Talks of having a “Nudge Campaign.”
- In process of updating meeting information at COGF, Area53’s website as well as the National Directory.
- Discussing tentative workshops including one themed, “Stinking Thinking while Trudging the Road of Happy Destiny.”
- Financially sound with plans to use the money for the upcoming workshops and to support attendance at the mini-conference.
- Long time member, known for organizing the pig roast, John Metz passed away.
- District meeting has become fun and informative.

*District 17 advised Area 53 that they were not able to attend due to flooding in their area.*

**District 18, Barbara M, DCM –**

- District has been lit for one year.
- No officers or finances, but contacted District 26 on how to get GSR participation.
- Had a pizza party and Tom talked about how he got his District going.
- Picnic held in August with 20 in attendance and the District now has seed money for next event.
- Next District meeting will discuss plans for the next event.

**District 18, Terry U, DCM –**

- 12 GSRs. Would like to see better participation.
- District meetings are held at the municipal building in Sabina.
- Working on revising the District Guidelines.
- District is seeking two Treasurers. The last Treasurer went somewhere. Terry said “to me that is a problem with the group – not making the the Treasurer responsible. Are you having those Treasurer reports... Are you listening to what’s going on. If you have a very high amount of money in your account, it’s time to question are you making the donations? Are you sending them off to the proper places?”

- Picnic was held on August 4<sup>th</sup> at Cowman Lake. 120 in attendance. Activities included face painting and corn-hole tournaments.
- Workshop on Steps 1 and 2 on May 19<sup>th</sup> with about 80 in attendance.
- Planning Into Action Workshop for November 17<sup>th</sup> in Washington Courthouse at St. Andrews.
- Open Discussion Campfire Meeting at lake Cowman on October 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:00pm.
- Financially stable at the moment. Picnic was way under budget and workshops provided a profit.

Joanne L, Sisters in Sobriety, GSR –

- Thursday night at 6:00pm at St Mary's Episcopal Church
- Group makes contributions to COGF, GSO, District and Area 53.

**District 21, Thomas M, DCM –**

- Tom gave the Group Report at the Election Assembly.
- 7 Active GSRs with no GSR active in Lawrence County. Lawrence County made a decision to go to Area 26 in Kentucky.
- Discussion at meetings include Unity and Singleness of Purpose of Groups in the District.
- District 21 works closely with District 17 in setting topics for Workshops.
- In planning is a Tradition 1, 5 and 12 workshop.
- Last spring District 21 had a DCM and GSR Workshop.
- Prudent reserve of \$250 contributing to whichever service entity the Group Conscious is led to contribute at the time.

Arron B, 12&12, GSR –

- Donations contributed to District Picnic, Area 53, GSO and COGF.

Don C, Portsmouth Nooners, GSR –

- Meets at the Presbyterian Church at 8<sup>th</sup> and Waller. The meeting has been moved from the basement to a 1<sup>st</sup> floor room to allow for higher capacity.
- Organized a lunch meeting, Labor Day, with approximately 38 attending.
- Contribute to CFC, District, COGF, GSO and AOIO (Appalachian Intergroup Office).
- Don is a member of CFC in District 21 and would like to thank the CFC Committee for the contribution of books they take into STAR.

**District 22, Greg G, DCM –**

- Elections to be held in October for officers.
- Discussions include having a OYPAA liaison with the decision that OYPAA should be sending a representative to District instead of the other way around.

Jillena R, Hilliard Sobriety Group, GSR –

- Anniversary on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, Fellowship at 6:30, Lead at 7:45 on Hilliard Run Road – Hilliard Church of Christ.
- Ongoing Group Inventory which spurred many good discussions.
- Very good attendance with a split into two discussion groups.
- Last Tuesday of the month is a lead.
- Recently elected a Grapevine Rep.
- Voted to continue to close the meeting with the Lord's Prayer vs. the Responsibility Statement.

Ed S, Secular Sobriety and Freethinkers, GSR –

- Attended the Secular International AA Conference in Toronto last month.
- Approximately 400 Secular meetings in the United States and Canada.
- Received an advanced copy of "One Big Tent."

**District 26, Marcia H, DCM –**

- Marcia had GSRs stand to be recognized. *All Reports are written and included here.*
- Rule 62 Day Family Cookout to be held Sunday, September 16 from 10:00 am to 2:00pm at Hanna Park in Gahanna with an AA and Al-Anon lead. Al-Anon Lead is the Mother and the AA lead is the Son. Great food and also a short skit.
- District 26 has a bookmark with District information. There is a QR Code on the bookmark which will take you to the District page on the Area Website.
- District 26 is continually updating their web-page.
- Financially very well. Continue to encourage Groups to make distributions to all the entities.
- District elections are coming up in October and the DCM is having GSR chair for a month to get a feel of doing that.
- Considering appointing a Mini-Conference Committee Representative from the District.

Blair C, Rise n Shine, GSR –

- Group has been discussing changing format to allow for more time.
- Participating in Rule 62 Day at Hanna Park.
- Considering having a movie night.

Amy P, Westerville Women's Recovery Group, GSR –

- Scheduling a Group Inventory and Safety Plan for October

Steven B, Fellowship Hall, GSR –

- Group has a new Grapevine Representative

Don B, Eastside Breakfast Group, GSR –

- Participating in Rule 62 Day at Hanna Park.

Andrea J, Women's Sobriety and Serenity Group

- Group is excited to have a regular Babysitter again!
- Upcoming events include a Holiday Party on December 12 with Fellowship at 5:30pm, Food 6:00pm and a speaker at 7:00pm
- Considering having a closed Women's Event.

Dominique M, Creekside Recovery Group, GSR –

- Meets Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 4:30pm. Tuesday is Big Book, Wednesday is 12&12 and Thursday is Discussion.
- Participating in Rule 62 Day at Hanna Park.
- Anniversary is coming up in November.

Joy D, Gahanna Early Bird Group, GSR –

- Group discussions include new group positions
- Anniversary is coming up in December.

**District 28, Taffy J, DCM –**

- Meets first Sunday of the Month at Panera Bread on High Street.
- Working on a November event with COYPAA (Central Ohio Young People in AA) on the topic of Service which will include a fun activity – maybe a pie eating contest.
- Two new GSRs are attending.
- Financially stable with a \$150 reserve.

Kayla K, Grant Us the Laughter, GSR –

- Meets on Friday at 7:30pm on OSU Campus. Considered a young peoples meeting (YPAA)
- Many attendees are in treatment or sober living. Attendance is 50 to 75.
- Make regular contributions District, Area, COGF and GSO
- Elections were held in August.
- Group has trouble filling positions due to driving restrictions and curfews
- Group uses the AA Group pamphlet to take a regular inventory.
- COYPAA Conference is September 14<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup>.

James C, Clintonville Big Book, GSR –

- Meet Tuesday at 8:00pm at West Henderson.
- Big Book Discussion and a beginners meeting that runs concurrently.
- Anniversary is on November 13<sup>th</sup>, Potluck. Group will provide turkey and mashed potatoes. Side dishes are appreciated. 5:30pm Fellowship, 6:30 Eat, 7:30pm Lead with Bill F.

Mary S, Cliffside 12&12, Alternate GSR –

- Makes regular contributions to all entities.
- Group reads the short form of the 12 Concepts on the last Thursday of the month. Several members of the Group are new and the Concepts are baffling to them. One member suggested in addition to the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, to also go over a Concept from time to time. To address the question a few members will be attending the Sunday night meeting of the Three Legacies Group which is their Concept meeting to see how it's done.
- The Anniversary, called Halloween-A-Versary, is October 25<sup>th</sup>. Clothing is required but costumes are optional.

**District 30, Martha C, DCM –**

- Meets the first Wednesday at Panera Bread on Bethel Road.
- Event scheduled in November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm, Safety in AA with assistance from Bill Y. which will present an interactive program. This coincides with the November Bake-Off.
- Planning an event on Big Book history with an out of town speaker.
- Financially well off at present. Considering a District library of videos and cds to lend to Groups and GSRs.

Don L, Simply Sober, GSR –

- 15 to 20 in attendance. Discussion except last Friday of the month is a lead.
- Group Inventory recently.
- Group Conscious is scheduled for November.
- Don is a New GSR and this was his first Assembly.

Joyce C, 164 Page Winners Group, GSR –

- Listens to the Joe and Charlie CDs and then discuss.
- Group makes regular contributions to COGF, Area 53, District 30 and GSO.
- Group Conscious on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- A lot of long term sobriety.
- Group voted in an IGR, Ted K.
- First opportunity to be a GSR

Jeff B, Monday Night Steps and Traditions, GSR –

- Meeting attendance has increased to about 30 to 40 per week.

### **District 34 –**

Paul H, Three Legacies Group, GSR –

- Group Inventory in August
- Will be visiting a detox facility to carry the message. A homegroup member works there.
- Sponsorship Workshop scheduled for next spring. This will be training on how to be a sponsor, not sponsorship in general.
- 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary is the first week in November with a special cake and speaker.

### **District 37, Ossian M, DCM –**

- Ossian is going to try to hit every meeting in his District to get to Group Conscious meetings. He wants to educate the Group on being part of AA as a whole.

Ossian M, German Village Sunday Night Group, GSR –

- Two Topic Discussion Meeting.
- Attendance is 30 to 35 people.
- Very diverse, with about 16 active home group members.

In Conclusion Mike M talks about assisting new people as they come into elected positions. To make sure that the next person that steps into the positions will have the tools to do the job better than the previous person.

### **Nothing in the Ask-It-Basket**

*Panel 69 members should come to Area Planning Committee Meeting in October.*

*Chris J Motions to Adjourn the meeting and Marcia H Seconds*

*Unanimous Approval*

### **Close Meeting**

### **Responsibility Statement**

### **Upcoming Events**

**October 14, 2018 DCM Meeting (10 am) & Area Planning Meeting (1 pm)**

**ALL COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REQUESTED TO ATTEND THE "APM"**

**Affordable Care Health Clinic**

**104 North Stygler Road**

**Gahanna, Ohio 43230**

**TBD**

**Area 53 Finance Committee–2019 BUDGET**