

## Area 53 Assembly December 8, 2019

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### 1. Opening of Meeting

A. Ed A., Area Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM. He led us in a recitation of the Serenity Prayer

B. Krystal read short form of the Twelve Concepts

C. James C. (Registrar) took Roll Call. Delegate-1, Alt Delegate-1, Area 53 Officers-8, DCMC-1, DCMs-17, Alt DCMs-2, GSRs-23, Alt GSRs-3, Interested AAs -3, Past Delegates-3, Standing Committee Chairs -4

D. Ed A. moved to accept Agenda. Unanimous vote.

E. Area Officer and Standing Committee Chairpersons introductions.

F. Ed A moved to accept September 2019 Assembly Minutes. Unanimous vote.

G. Treasurer Report (Tom D., Allternate Treasurer) Gave copies of current budget and 2020 proposed budget.

-Highlights: Projected 2019 donations was \$29,213; currently received \$29,563. Some Line Items didn't spend all allocated money, may have proposed changes in New Business? Have spent \$21,906 for 2019 and will probably spend less than originally proposed for year. Current balance is: \$7,657. Don C motioned to accept Treasurer's Report, Seconded by James C. Unanimous vote.

### 2. Unfinished Business

#### A. Area Inventory

Donna K (Alt Delegate) Read 2015 GSO statement on Area Inventory and explained rules for the procedure. Donna passed out questions with written responses. Verbal input from December Assembly is below if applicable.

Q1) No input.

Q2) No input.

Q3) What could Area 53 do to make business meeting/Assemblies more efficient and productive? Should one person be responsible for distributing info to GSRs before Assembly? Was this a past practice? Minutes are already on website but not always timely.

Q4) Do you feel the GSR, DCM and Service Committee Reports at Assemblies encourages participation and/or attendance? GSR is liason for groups and the larger AA structure and reports are critical and should be a priority. Encourages GSRs to attend and participate. More definitive form for GSR Report. Too much talk about time, take as

much time as needed. Gives people an idea of what is happening around the Area.

Q5) No input.

Q6) Is the Assembly attracting attracting alcoholics from different backgrounds? Go back as trusted servants and invite to Assembly. What is our community at large compared to our AA community? People don't want to be treated as anything other than an alcoholic. Talk to different people about service but just as other alcoholics.

Q7) Does your group understand how the Area 53 Agenda is developed? Ed A explained Area Planning Committee and voting members process and to contact Area Chairperson if you want an item added to the Assembly. Some of these responses are from the perspective of home groups and not individuals. Groups need to know how agenda is set so they can items. Home groups might have items to be discussed at Assemblies and need to be made aware they can. Incorporate GSRs more into Assembly so they learn how agenda is set.

Q8) Does your GSR understand their role at Area 53? If not, why? GSRs are not informed, one page write-up may provide more guidance for new GSRs. More GSR schools and DCM schools. Schools need more detail. Contact Dan H about changing GSR school. Information is in pamphlets and GSR packets. Service sponsorship needs promoting. Ask questions -it's GSRs responsibility to learn.

Q10 through Q16) No input

Q17) What can Area 53 do to help the Groups and Districts? Officers attend events and District meetings.

Q18) Do you feel there are barriers to full participation by any member of Area 53? Room is small and makes it difficult for people with physical disability. Getting out from center aisle. Microphone accessibility. Financial constraints on renting space by budget allocation.

Q19 through 23) No input

#### *B. Guideline Change -Treasurer Duties (Diann N)*

-Submitted to Area By Diann N on August 11, 2019. Presented to Area Planning Committee on Aug 11, 2019. APC unanimous vote for on Aug 11, 2019. Presented to Area Assmebly on September 8, 2019.

Tom D. (Alt Treasurer) explained the change is to update to modern banking usage and language. Guidelines state all disbursements should be made by check. Area currently uses bank card and electronic banking. There are provisions to change the holders of these.

Dan S motioned to change guideline. Chris J seconded. Unanimous vote for approval.

### **3. New Business**

*A. 2020 Proposed budget (Tom, Alt Treasurer)* Anticipated expenses: \$24,825. Spent \$25,875 in 2019.

-Motion by David R to increase Line Item 24 from \$1,800 to \$2,700. Line Item 24 concerns assembly meeting space rental for June, Sep and Dec 2020 Assemblies.

-Ed A explained what we need in meeting space: eating nearby, accessibility, screen for presentations, coffee, etc...

- If we increase amount now, we know how much we have to work with.

- Is this space available?

-If we find a space first, we can increase exactly what we need or may not need an increase.

Dave C called the question

Motion failed 30 votes to 16. No minority opinion.

-Stephen S made motion to accept 2020 budget as proposed. Donna K seconded.

-Budget approved (45 for, 1 against) with change for Line Item 32 (Treatment Committee) to \$500.

-Minority Opinion: Chris J; Concerns about priorities in budget. We had more money at end of 2019 than expected. Should we increase amount to GSO Conference for Delegate? And Officers to Mini-Conference? No votes changed. Budget passes.

*B. Location of 2020 Area Assemblies (Ed A., Area Chairperson)*

-Need seating for 100-125, Wheelchair access, Wi-fi, nearby eating.

-Is there a larger room at the current building? No

-Area Planning Committee is responsible for finding location.

-Should we try telecommunications with the physical Assembly for people that can't commute?

- Place in North Columbus and in Cambridge to look at.

-Any ideas for location should be recommended to Ed A.

*C. AdHoc Committee for Area Archives Committee*

-Stephen S (Delegate) Attended 2019 National Archives Convention to gather information about archives.

- Committee members -Brenda B (DCM Dist 11), Mike M (Past DCMC), Andy (DCM Dist 28), Tom V (Area Archivist), Taffy J (Past DCM) Rodney B (Area 56 DCM), Mark and Walt from COFG Archives Committee.

- Using Area and GSO Guidelines and information form other Areas to gather ideas. Decided to get a permanent committee established again. Committee chairperson would represent Archives at Assemblies and not the Archivist. Propose Area Chair appoint an Archives Chair for a 1 year term and then the Committee will vote for a chair.

Current Archivist will serve a member of the Committee. Any AA member that has a home group in Area 53 is welcome to join the Archives Committee. First meeting will be in January of 2020.

*D. Bill F, Past East Central Region Trustee- Will be hosting a dinner on Thursday July 2nd Before the AA International Convention, in Detroit. Needs volunteers to help: 1. Help decorate tables. 2. Make sure people have tickets. 3. Act as host for dinner. 4. There will be speakers. 5. This is not for Convention volunteers. 6. Contact Bill if you would like to help.*

*E. Closing*

Dave R moved to adjourn at 2:38p.m.

Ed A closed meeting with the Responsibility Declaration.