

Agenda
Area 53 Assembly
March 13, 2022 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Salt Fork Conference Center | 14755 Cadiz Road, Lore City, OH 43755 and on Zoom

1. Opening of Meeting – 1:00 pm (Ann B.)

- Call to Order and (We Version) Serenity Prayer
- Housekeeping
- Twelve Concepts
- Present Agenda
- December 2021 Assembly Minutes (Chris J.) - "Review & Approval"

2. Officers Reports (Questions after all reports are given)

- Delegate (Donna K.)
- Chairperson (Ann B.)
- Treasurer (Tom D.)
- Web Administrator (Bill Y.)
- Registrar (Dan S.)
 - Roll Call

3. District & GSR Reports (Nicholas B., DCMC)

4. Standing Committee Reports (Questions after all reports are given)

- Accessibilities (Kathy B.)
- Archives (Teri G.)
- Archivist (Frank G.)
- CPC/PI (Stacia Y.)
- Correctional Facilities (Jeremy R.)
- Grapevine (Taffy J.)
- Group Services (Martha C.)
- Intergroup Liaison (Barbra M.)
- Mini Conference (Ed A.)
- Treatment Facilities (Sam K.)

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5. Inventory Report Summary

6. GSR Sharing/open mic

7. Close Meeting – Responsibility Statement

Chairperson's Report to Area 53 Assembly March 13, 2022

Over the past 3 months, I've been involved with behind the scenes work on the Area Inventory preparations and Assembly planning and preparation, and prepared the summary report from the inventory sharing session. I attended the GSR school last weekend, the Mini-Conference this weekend and also continue to attend the Area Chairs Sharing Sessions.

The Area Committee met for its quarterly meeting virtually on January 9 at 1 PM.

Twenty-four out of 58 voting members attended: Delegate and Alternate Delegate, 1 Past Delegate, 4 (out of 5) Area Officers, 5 (out of 5) Alternate Officers, 6 (out of 9) Standing Committee Chairs, 4 (out of 17 active) DCMs, the DCMC and Alternate DCMC.

Full minutes from the meeting will be posted to the Area Website and sent to the panel and GSRs when they are finalized by the secretary.

Highlights:

Dan S., Registrar, proposed a guideline change to add a provision for a virtual district within Area 53. This item will likely be on the June Assembly agenda. More information will go out to GSRs to share with groups for their feedback prior to the Assembly.

The Area Committee confirmed the appointment of Mac C. as Alternate Treasurer and Martha C. as the Group Services Chair for the duration of Panel 71.

Concerns were raised regarding length of reports at Assemblies, communication among officers between Assemblies and Area Committee meetings, and the setup and running of hybrid Assemblies.

All Officer and Standing Committee Chair positions are filled at this time.

The following Districts are in need of DCMs: 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 13/14, 18, 20 and 23. If you are a GSR in one of these Districts and are interested and/or willing to help get your district activated, contact Nicholas B., DCM Chairperson.

Included in today's handouts is a survey. This survey should take less than 5 minutes of your time and it will help inform the area committee about where to focus our energy on improving your experience with the upcoming assembly in June.

Yours is Service,
Ann B.
Area 53 Chair, Panel 71

Treasurer Report to Area 53 Assembly
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- Contributions up considerably in the new year outpacing the forecast
- Expenses are running fairly normal in the categories that are spending
 - Many categories have been historically over estimated, especially in the Officer and Committee areas
- New Line Items for financial assistance to attend the Mini Conference is showing early action
 - I expect it to really take off after the event

2022 Area 53 Budget as of 7 March								Projected from 2021
Incomes		2022	YTD	Qtr 4	Qtr 3	Qtr 2	Qtr 1	
1	January 2022 Bank Balance (Starting Balance)	\$ 30,000	\$ 28,427				\$ 28,427	\$ 30,000
2a	Group/Individual Contributions - PO Box	\$ 12,000	\$ 4,285				\$ 4,285	\$ 12,000
2b	Group Contributions - Online (PayPal)	\$ 3,000	\$ 795				\$ 795	\$ 3,000
3	Total Funds	\$ 45,000	\$ 33,507	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,507	\$ 45,000
Expenses								
Officer Expenses								
4	GSO Expense--Delegate to NY	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000				\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
5	Delegate International Fund - Current Balance \$3100	\$ -	\$ -					
6	Delegate Expenses	\$ 3,400	\$ 2,813				\$ 587	\$ 3,400
7	Alt Delegate Expenses	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,007				\$ 993	\$ 2,000
8	Chairperson Expense	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,400					\$ 1,400
9	Alt Chairperson Expense	\$ 700	\$ 700					\$ 700
10	Past Dels to CDPP/A53 Mini-Conf	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000					\$ 1,500
11	Other Officers to Area 53 Mini/State Conv/Forum	\$ 6,000	\$ 4,877				\$ 1,123	\$ 3,000
12	Other Officers or Alternates to Assembly	\$ -	\$ -					\$ 250
13	DCM Chairperson Mileage Expense	\$ 150	\$ 150					\$ 150
14	Total Officer Expenses	\$ 19,650	\$ 5,703	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,703	\$ 15,400
Operating Expenses								
15	Rent for Archive Storage	\$ 1,420	\$ 970				\$ 450	\$ 400
16	Postal and Supply Expenses	\$ 300	\$ 285				\$ 15	\$ 400
17	Copying Expenses	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000					\$ 1,000
18	Bank Service Charges	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -
19	Web Site/Web Services	\$ 600	\$ 337				\$ 263	\$ 600
20	Certificate for State of Ohio Registration Non-Profit		\$ -					\$ 25
21	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 3,320	\$ 728	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 728	\$ 2,425
Meeting & Convention Expenses								
22	DCM/Area Committee Meeting	\$ 300	\$ -					\$ 300
23	Assemblies/ ZOOM	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,952				\$ 48	\$ 1,800
24	State Convention-Hospitality Room	\$ 200	\$ 200					\$ 200
25	Total Meeting & Convention Expenses	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,452	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 48	\$ 2,300
Committee Expenses								
26	Mini-Conference	\$ 150	\$ 150					\$ 150
27	Archives	\$ 750	\$ 524				\$ 226	\$ 200
28	Archives Committee Training	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100					
29	CPC/PI	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000					\$ 1,000
30	Correctional Facilities	\$ 900	\$ 900					\$ 900
31	Treatment Facilities	\$ 500	\$ 500					\$ 500
32	Grapevine	\$ 500	\$ 500					\$ 500
33	Group Services	\$ 500	\$ 500					\$ 500
34	Accessibilities	\$ 500	\$ 500					\$ 200
35	Liasion	\$ 100	\$ 100					\$ 100
36	Committee Chairs to Area 53 Mini/State Conv.	\$ 1,350	\$ 1,200				\$ 150	\$ 450
37	DCMs and GSRs to Area 53 Mini/State Con.	\$ 5,800	\$ 5,270				\$ 530	
38	Total Committee Expenses	\$ 13,320	\$ 12,244	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 906	\$ 4,500
39	Total Expenses	\$ 39,790		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,385	\$ 24,625
40	Ledger Balance			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,122	
41	Prudent Reserve \$3500			\$ (3,500)	\$ (3,500)	\$ (3,500)	\$ (3,500)	
42	Funds Available for Use						\$ 22,622	

REGISTRAR'S REPORT TO AREA 53 ASSEMBLY

March 13, 2022

In an effort to accurately reflect the groups that exist in our Area, we have continued our effort to find those groups operating *only* virtually. Currently 10 virtual only groups geographically based in Area 53 are registered with the General Service Office (GSO) in Fellowship Connection. We have identified 14 other groups geographically based in our Area that are operating only virtually that are not registered with GSO. Outreach efforts to contact these non-registered groups and invite them to register with the GSO are underway.

On February 19, 2022 a District Committee Member (DCM) Fellowship Connection (FC) Training session occurred. District Committee Member Chairperson (DCMC) Nicholas B. and Web Administrator Bill Y. did a great job of informing attending DCMs how FC can be used as a tool to help them discover the conscience of the groups in their district, and then to pass on their district's thinking to the Area Committee and Area Delegate. Great job Nicholas and Bill! And a big thank you to our Delegate Donna K., and to all DCMs and Alternate DCMs that attended. Thanks for helping to keep our fellowship connected!

On March 8, 2022 I attended the GSO Quarterly Sharing Session for Area Registrar's. This was a collaborative discussion between Area registrar's and the GSO Operations and Group Services teams to help direct future priorities and enhancements to FC.

DCMC Nicholas B, Web Admin Bill Y, Alt Registrar Brenda B and I worked together to make sure we were collecting and presenting consistent data about our Area 53 service contacts. We want to make sure the data on our Area 53 website district and contact pages, the data on our Area 53 trifold, and the data published on our Area 53 page of the Central Ohio Group Fellowship (COGF) *Conscience Contact* publication is current and consistent. Thanks Nicholas, Bill and Brenda for your efforts!

An updated listing of all ACTIVE groups as of March 2 has been provided to the web admin team for publication on the website's group listing page, and district groups pages.

Brenda and I have been involved in planning and executing registration efforts for this event today. Thank you web admin team for again providing the online registration tool to Area 53 members!

Finally, the Area Committee's feedback to the proposal to add a new district for virtual-only groups, which was considered at our January meeting, was carried back to our ad hoc committee on virtual-only group registration. The suggested language to limit virtual-only group registration to groups based within the geographical boundaries of Area 53 was added, and the proposal was resubmitted to the Area Chairperson for reconsideration at our April Area Committee meeting.

Respectfully,

Dan S.
Area 53 Registrar, Panel 71

DCM Committee Report to Area Assembly

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Meeting held via Zoom on January 9th, 2022

In attendance were 9 DCMs, and 6 others of various Area service positions. Everyone introduced themselves, the DCMs reporting about their respective districts - notable events, and concerns.

Ed A., Alt-Delegate and Mini-conference chair, presented info about Mini-conference, announcing that registration was open. Joe M. requested that we consider helping out at the registration desk.

Sam K., Treatment Facilities Chair, explained the objectives of this committee - informing us that groups can connect through Treatment Representatives; parts of Area 53 could have regional coordinators to help facilitate meetings in treatment centers . Also, Groups can financially contribute to this committee directly.

Dan S., Registrar, explained Fellowship Connection, emphasizing its importance to the DCMs as a tool to connect with their district's groups. Also, if info therein is inaccurate, DCMs could help correct and update this database.

New business was solely concerned with March Assembly District reports and the constraints on time. We voted on whether GSRs should report, as well - unanimously agreeing they forgo their reports and forward any pertinent items to be included in their respective DCM's district report (this decision has seen been overturned - GSRs will report).

Nicholas B.
Area 53 DCMC, Panel 71

DCM REPORTS TO AREA 53 ASSEMBLY

MARCH 13, 2022

District 22, Hilliard/Dublin

Heather R, DCM
Submitted: 3/6/22

District Meeting: First Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm, Zoom & Dublin Community Church 2nd floor parlor

Active GSRs: 8

District Report on Events and Discussions:

We are in discussion about having a service manual workshop.

Have been going over each concept at each district meeting and opening it to discussion.

We are interested in receiving NYC agenda items prior to mini-conference so we can take back to groups for discussion.

District 26, New Albany, Reynoldsburg, Whitehall, Gahanna

Deborah P, DCM
Submitted: 3/6/2022

District Meeting: Third Saturday monthly at 9:30 a.m., 525 Bernhardt, Whitehall, Ohio

Active GSRs: 10

District Report on Events and Discussions:

District 28, North Linden, Clintionville, North Columbus

Kyle M, DCM
Submitted: 03/09/2022

District Meeting: First Sunday of Month at 4:00 PM, 1180 Shanley Drive, Columbus, OH 43224

Active GSRs: 8+

District Report on Events and Discussions:

Spring Event In Planning, Please continue to check COGF & Area 53 Website for updates.

Currently we are working hard to get the district back in order after the pandemic. A lot of new service positions and new GSR's Stepping up!

Added Cash App and Pay Pal for 7th Tradition Donations. \$codistrict28aa & email for PayPal
codistrict28aa@gmail.com

District meeting is hybrid, also on / Zoom 380-079-0168 (no passcode)

DCM REPORTS TO AREA 53 ASSEMBLY CONT'D

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District 33, Near East Side of Columbus

Margie J, DCM

Submitted: 03/07/2022

District Meeting: 00/00/0000 at 00:00, None

Active GSRs: 1

District Report on Events and Discussions:

No

Poindexter has a GSR attending the assembly. I have not been successful in connecting with them.

GSR REPORTS TO AREA 53 ASSEMBLY

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District 11

A Way Out Group, District 11

Mikayla G, GSR

Submitted: 3/4/2022

Meeting Format: Big Book

Meeting Time & Location: 7:30, First Presbyterian Marysville,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions: None

Marysville AA Rise and Shine Group Group, District 11

Cherie B, Alt GSR, GSR

Submitted: 03-06-2022

Meeting Format: Rotating - Big Book/Discussion

Meeting Time & Location: Saturday 9:30-10:30am, 207 S Court St, Marysville, OH 43040,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions: None

Monday Noon 2nd. Shifters Mtg Group, District 11

Lisa H., GSR

Submitted: 03/05/2022

Meeting Format: Literature: Came to Believe, As Bill Sees It

Meeting Time & Location: 12 pm, Wings,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions: None

We like a lot of other mtgs are having a hard time filling our service positions; Secretary as well as Chair people. The attendance has been good and continues to grow. Thank you.

New Beginners Group Group, District 11

Chris P, GSR

Submitted: 3/5/2022

Meeting Format: Rotating Format

Meeting Time & Location: 7:30p.m., 1126 N. Maple St, Marysville, OH 43040,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

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District 22

Dublin Hope for Hurting, District 22

Lydia G, GSR

Submitted: 3/6/22

Meeting Format: Big Book and 12 and 12 readings

Meeting Time & Location: 7:30, Wednesday, Dublin Hope for Hurting Group, Dublin , OH,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:: None

Hilliard Sobriety Group, District 22

Shirley C, GSR

Submitted: March 7,2022

Meeting Format: Discussion

Meeting Time & Location: 7:00, Avery Rd,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions: None

New Beginnings Group, District 22

Jo A, GSR

Submitted: 3/13/22

Meeting Format: discussion, speaker last Sat.

Meeting Time & Location: 8:00a.m. Sat., Brand Rd, Dublin,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Agreed to GSR job responsibilities on 2/12/22.

Agreed to pay full amount of GSR expenses to attend Mini Conference.

Will be reviewing Agenda topics in sharing sessions throughout March and April forwarding group opinions to delegate prior to the General Service Conference.

Am hopeful Area will begin doing workshops or panels at Assembly. Some examples are: how to get a group conscious, how to move away from meetings and more toward groups, how to add service positions at the groups, how to utilize pamphlets at meetings, how to initiate a group inventory.

GSR REPORTS TO AREA 53 ASSEMBLY CONT'D

MARCH 13, 2022

Early Evening Faith and Hope Group Group, District 28

Kari B, GSR

Submitted: 03/09/2022

Meeting Format: Rotating Formats

Meeting Time & Location: (7 days a week) 5:45 pm everyday expect for 5:30 On Wednesday, 1180 Shanely Dr, Columbus, OH 43224,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Working on planning an event with District 28, keep checking Area 53, and COGF Website for updates.

What is going on with the grapevine committee meetings for our Grapevine Reps? Meetings have been canceled and no response from NY.

*Area 53 Committee Meeting
Archives Committee Report
March 13, 2022*

- The Archives Committee continues to meet once a month on the fourth Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom; please refer to the Area 53 website for details [Committee: Archives – Area 53 General Service \(area53aa.org\)](#)
- On January 31st several folks assisted with moving the materials back to COGF
- The Committee meets in person to continue the work related to sorting the materials and digitizing the audio collection
- Stephen S. is scheduling dates to collect oral histories from our Area 53 past delegates
- The Archives Committee has two new members and welcomes all interested AAs to join us
- The Archives Committee's current balance is \$524.00
- The Archivist and Committee Members are available to meet with groups and districts to discuss ways to support each other

Respectfully,

Teri G

Area 53 Archives Committee Chair

Group Services Committee Report
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In January I discovered that the Group Services Committee did not have a chair and was not currently meeting. I had previously been a member of the committee and volunteered to become the chair. I was appointed by the Area 53 chair to that position.

On Sunday March 6 we held a virtual GSR school by Zoom. 22 people attended. Attendees were a mixture of GSRs, DCMs and a few Area Committee members. Feedback was very positive

I am available to host in-person or Zoom GSR schools for any districts that would like to have me present.

I am currently seeking committee members who would like to help with GSR schools, DCM “colleges”, and plans for how the Area can best support Groups and GSRs.

One future plan in the works is to hold a brief “GSR Assembly Orientation” directly before each Assembly, starting with June of 2022. This would be designed to introduce new GSRs to the agenda, give a brief idea of what to expect, let them know how to give a GSR report, and answer any questions. I expect this would last about half an hour, perhaps from 9:15 to 9:45 before the assembly begins.

Martha C, Group Services chair

groupservices@area53aa.org

614-581-8381

Intergroup Liaison Report to Area 53 Assembly

March 13, 2022

The Intergroup Liaison Standing Committee was not able to meet during the first quarter of 2022.

A display trifold was made for the Mini-Conference's Meet & Greet Area 53 Standing Committees.

COGF

- reported 170 Big Books (hardcover) are still available at \$7.50 sale price as well as many other AAWS titles on sale as long as COGF supply lasts.
- said they are about to verify and expand names and numbers on its 12-Step Call List.

LAI

- Steering Committee meets this month, 3rd Wednesday at 6 pm: Secretary and Assistant Office Manager positions open.

MAGF

- Monthly business meetings on hold until Diana back in office.
- 77th Anniversary Celebration of 1st Marion Area AA Meeting, May 21, 2022, Life Link Church, Olney Ave, Marion, OH.

AOIO

- Advisory Board meets monthly, maintains online schedule of meetings south of Columbus, has public service announcements on WKKJ in Chillicothe, sells literature and coins.