

MINUTES: Area 53 Assembly

March 13, 2022

Salt Fork Conference Center 14755 Cadiz Road, Lore City, OH 43755 and on Zoom

Opening of Meeting – 1:00 pm (Ann B.)

- Call to Order and (We Version) Serenity Prayer
 - Housekeeping
 - Twelve Concepts read by Shawn
 - December 2021 Assembly Minutes (Chris J.) - Review & Approval
- MOTION: Accept Minutes as presented. (Jo A / Heather R) Approved (48:0)

Officers Reports (Questions after all reports are given)

- Delegate (Donna K.) Presented a Verbal Report

- Chairperson (Ann B.) See Attached Written Report

- Treasurer (Tom D) See Attached Written Report

MOTION: To accept Treasurer's Report as presented (Deb P / Jeremy R) During discussion, concerns were raised when document projected on the screen did not match printed report.

MOTION: Table until June Assy. (Chris J) Motion Carried

- Secretary (Chris J) See Attached Written Report

- * Web Administrator (Erin Alt Web Admin) See Attached Written Report

- Registrar (Dan S.) See Attached Written Report
Dan presented the roll of attendees by service position. (Attached)

District & GSR Reports (Nicholas B, DCMC) See attached written report

Joel K, Alt DCMC Facilitated DCM and GSR reports.

District 11, Julie R. DCM (attached written report)

District 12, Frank G, Temp. DCM

Members in the district are now supporting meetings in the Clark Co. Jail
Grateful for some new participation in Service

District 15 Joel K, DCM

Workshop coming, "AA as a Whole"

Joe S, Barlow Hand in Hand, (attached written report)

Koel D, Barnesville Group (attached written report)

D-17 Stan, DCM

Four (4) meetings in District, Very Rural
Upcoming Workshop

Carl K Pleasant Valley Group (attached written report)

D-19 No DCM Reporting

Joann, Hillsboro Friday Night

District 21, No DCM Report

James R, Portsmouth Nooners Group (attached written report)

D-22 Heather R, DCM – See Written Report

Greg G. Into the Solution (attached written report)

Shirley C, Hilliard Sobriety Group (attached written report)

Jo A, New Beginnings (attached written report)

D-23 Debbie R, Newly Elected GSR, Open Door Group

Invited to participate in D-28 meetings while seeking to light up D-23

D-26 Deborah P, DCM – See Written Report

Nathan G, Northeast Discussion Group (attached written report)

D-28 Kyle M, DCM – See Written Report

Debby Y, Clintonville Big Book (attached written report)

Kari B, Early Evening Faith and Hope (attached written report)

Jeff, Shivering Denizens

Nancy R, Welcome Group (attached written report)

Marc C, Sober in Place (attached written report)

Virtual Meeting, Fri, Sat, Sun

D-30 Julia, Alt DCM

Women's Sunset Grp having Anniv on First Mon in May

Distict Fall Bakeoff in Discussion

Janet K, Cliffhangers,

Chery PI, Monday Night Steps and Trads (attached written)

Upcoming Anniv, April 11th, Scott K to speak.

D-33 Margie, DCM

New GSR for Poindexter has stepped up.

Mary D, GSR. First Things First,
Group is hybrid with the face to face meeting located at 645 W Broad St.

D-34, Kevin, DCM

Picnic with a Twist? Scheduled May 14th Donna K, Delegate, to report on conference experience

Erica, Three Legacies (attached written report)

Currently working toward GSR School in our District

Girl GSR, ??? Grp Anniv

Standing Committee Reports (Questions after all reports are given)

- Accessibilities (Kathy B.) Verbal Report

This committee focused on helping to ensure that all AA meetings are accessible to persons who have disabilities or other (often invisible) special needs. i.e. home bound. Committee seeking additional members. Meet 4th Sat of each month at 10am. Have informational flyer (copy for mins)

- Archives (Teri G.) Attached Written Report

- Archivist (Frank G.) Committed to visiting Archives and becoming more familiar with what's there.

- CPC/PI (Stacia Y.) We conducted one event last year. One scheduled for this year so far. Changed meeting schedule to quarterly, Have developed Flyer about CPC-PI for GSRs to take to Groups

- Correctional Facilities (Jeremy R.) CFC met Sat, Sep 5. Meeting was well attended. Approved \$6 K for literature purchase. More facilities are opening as COVID cases have dropped.

- Grapevine (Taffy J.) Absent

- Group Services (Martha C.) Attached written report

- Intergroup Liaison (Barbara M.) Attached written report

- Mini Conference (Ed A.) Attached written report

- Treatment Facilities (Megan, Info Coordinator) Attached written report

BREAK

Inventory Report Summary (See Attached Report)

Chair presented a summary of the Area Inventory Report Sharing Session. The results are being presented unedited and unfiltered. Today's exit survey is one suggestion being implemented immediately. Chair requests that GSRs and DCMs take these back for discussion and perhaps use for ideas of district workshops.

GSR Sharing/open mic

Several GSRs shared on the topic of Unity.

Close Meeting – Responsibility Statement

Note: See following pages for Attached Written Reports

1st Quarter Delegates Report Presented by Donna Keen Area 53 Panel 71 Delegate

Since the December assembly I have been very busy, in January I added the Conference of Past and Present Delegates in Appleton Wisconsin. The weekend was filled with information from our new East Central Regional Trustee. I learned that the committee workbooks and GSR packets are on backorder due to shortages of paper for printing. GSO office workers are going to be going back to work at the office on a rotating format to be determined. It was very exciting to see all the members of the East Central Region in person.

The state convention committee has continued to meet every 4th Monday at COGF 651 W. Broad St Columbus, Oh at 7:30. The planning is moving along we have covered a lot of what needs to be done to have a wonderful convention.

I have been working with the Mini Conference committee meeting monthly to plan the conference. We had a stuffing folder party at my house with some DCM's, GSR's and committee members, we had a fun time. I am looking forward to attending our mini conference to get our area's group conscience.

I also attended Area 55 Mini Conference which was a great success.

Thank you area 53 for letting me participate in these events for the 1st quarter of 2022 and I look forward to doing the business of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Donna K
Area 53 Panel 71 Delegate

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

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

Guidelines Updated - Available on area website. Paper copies will be printed.

Mailing Process: Area e-mail list based on info in Fellowship Connection database. It is critical that GSRs and DCMs keep the contact info up to date.

Guideline Proposal - Submitted to Chair regarding this cooperation between Secretary and Registrar regarding contact lists. Expect this to be discussed in April ACM.

Respectfully,
Chris J, Secretary
Area 53 General Service Assembly

Treasurer Report to March Assembly
March 13, 2022

- 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 AREA 53 ASSEMBLY MEETING REPORT – March 13, 2022

Roll Call

| <i>Position</i> | In-person | Online | Total |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Alternate Area Officer | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| Alternate Delegate | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Area Officer | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| DCM | 9 | 0 | 9 |
| DCM Chairperson | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Delegate | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| GSR | 13 | 10 | 23 |
| Interested AA | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| Past Delegate | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Standing Committee Chairperson or Alternate | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Total | 42 | 19 | 61 |

REGISTRAR'S AREA 53 ASSEMBLY MEETING REPORT – 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

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

CPC-PI Comm Report to Area 53 Assembly
March 13, 2022

Greetings & Salutations,

Our committee is deeply affected by the pandemic & have nothing to report besides we had one in-person event for CPC last year and so far, only one CPC event coming up this year taking place next week.

We have decided to go quarterly & only meet on the 4 months of 2022 that do not have a mini conference or assembly held in that month. Our next mtng will be held in May at its usual day & time which is the first Sunday of the month at 2-3:30pm.

We have also decided to focus the rest of the year on PI work only unless or until things change. See Flyer created for this conference/assembly for a call to arms for volunteers. Any questions or concerns please contact me or any active committee member.

Thank you,

In Service,

Stacia Yoakum CPC/PI Chair

cpcpi@area53aa.

Group Services Committee Report
For Area 53 Assembly March 13 2022

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

Report to March 2022 Area 53 Assembly from Intergroup Liaison Standing Committee

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.

Barbara M, Intergroup Liaison

Mini-Conference Committee Report to Area 53 Assembly
March 13, 2022

The area 53 Mini-Conference was held March 11-13 at Salt Fork State Park and Conference Center. We had 85 pre-registrations & approximately 5 walk-ins.

Patrick C. (GSO Public Information Coordinator) was in attendance (first trip since GSO re-opened travel).

We discussed 17 agenda items from the agenda of the 2022 (72nd) general Service Conference to be held in Brooklyn New York in April.

We tried out a new reporting system received from Area 55, that seemed to work well.

From the open mic session: we heard most members had a good time. Also, members would like the agenda items sooner, so they may be discussed on a group level., How to implement this is currently being investigated. We also had a great response to our evaluation form.

A full report will be forthcoming, including a PowerPoint presentation.

Submitted in service

Ed A

Panel 71, Area 53

Alternate Delegate & Area 53 Min-Conference Chairperson

Treatment Facilities Committee Report
Area 53 General Assembly, March 13, 2022

The Treatment Facilities Committee has continued to meet monthly on the third Saturday of the month at noon. We now meet in person at COGF with a Zoom-in option available by request. We have had growing attendance and inquiries for getting involved with the committee, which is fantastic. We have on average 15 attendees at our monthly meetings. Due to the size of Area 53, there is plenty of service opportunities for those interested. **The committee would like to emphasize the importance of a Group Treatment Representative**, which is an AA group's link to the activities of the standing committee. If your homegroup is looking for service positions to fill, we encourage you to send representatives to join our committee.

The committee lost a few members who held officer positions, so these positions have been replaced with active members who have the willingness and availability to be of service. We have a new secretary, Ali, and a new treasurer, Christey.

The committee also created a new position, Information Coordinator, held by Megan A. This position was created in order to help raise awareness of our committee and distribute information about what our committee does/can do. Megan has begun meeting with DCMs and attending district meetings to help raise awareness of the Treatment Facilities Committee among members of Area 53.

Meetings

Since the last assembly, the committee has successfully helped fill 1 meeting at Mary Haven and 2 meetings at OCCS detox and residential rehab.

Update on P.O. Box

We officially have a PO Box where groups can send contributions:

Area 53 Treatment Facilities Committee

PO Box 82431

Columbus, OH 43202

This can also be found on the TFC web page on area53aa.org.

Funds

The Treasurer and the Chair have been meeting at the bank and working on opening a bank account. We hope to have a bank account soon.

The committee has a total of 340.65 from contributions. In accordance with our committee bylaws, these funds will be used for the purchase of AA literature. Due the size of our area and the high level of need, we encourage groups to either make contributions to our committee OR institute a "treatment can" to collect contributions for the Area 53 Treatment Committee, similar to the Corrections Committee jug. Each group is autonomous and may decide for themselves if or how they contribute to the Treatment Committee. Contribution of any amount are greatly appreciated!

Because we now have contributions from Area 53 AA groups and members, in accordance with our committee bylaws, we will now start posting Treatment Committee Treasurer Reports each quarter on the Area 53 website. There has been a slight delay here with the change of Treasurers, so we hope to have this by next Assembly and uploaded on the website.

Thank you
In service,
Sam K.
Chair, Treatment Facilities Committee
Area 53, Panel 71