

CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES
CONTAIN SOME LAST NAMES
Area 53 Panel 71, Area Committee Meeting
July 10, 2022
Virtual Meeting on Zoom Meeting Platform

Opening

- Meeting began at 1pm. Marcia H, serving as Chair
- Serenity Prayer
- Composition and Purpose of the Area Committee (Read by Melvin H, DCM 8,9)

Officer Reports

- Delegate – Donna K.
 1. Preparing for Ohio State Convention
 2. Delegate's Report of 2022 General Service Conference was shared at June Assembly and is available on the Website. Donna indicated that she'd be happy to make a presentation about the conference upon request.

- Chairperson – Marcia H.
 1. Recently assumed role of Chairperson due to resignation of Ann B, due to poor health.
 2. Busy working on Agenda items

- Treasurer – Tom D. (See attached)
 1. Tom Presented the 2nd Quarter Budget Report – See Attached Contributions and expenses running about half of the Q1 rate.

 2. Invited Standing Comm. Chairpersons to Contact him if they need information about their remaining line item balance.

 3. Ohio State Convention stipend / reimbursement- If you wish to be compensated for Ohio State Convention complete form and return without payment via e-mail or postal mail.

Q&A

Donna asked Tom to change posting of Mini-Conference expenses from Delegate line item to Mini-Conference line item.

Chris asked about copy expenses. Tom indicated that they have all been posted to Assembly line item.

- Secretary – Chris J. (Approval of April Area Committee Minutes)
Minutes from April 10, 2022 Area Committee presented for consideration.
Motion: (Heather / Taffy) To Approve minutes as presented (25: 0)
 1. Minutes through June Assembly are completed. Will distribute June to GSRs with the September Assembly Announcement / Agenda.
 2. Remain willing to send out service announcements to the mailing list upon request.
 3. Wo/rking with the new Chair, Marcia H, in preparing for the September Assembly. Appreciate having been included in planning.

- Web Admin – Bill Y
 1. Sent one Area 53 Newsletter June 17
Currently 381 subscribers – 124 read. 43 others visited area website.
 2. Received Question on Panel Distribution List problem. Nothing found to be wrong. Please send any concerns with e-mail security or website access to contact@area53aa.org

Melvin, DCM 8/9, asked how to get Area 53 News? Bill invited him to visit area53aa.org and sign up via the button on the home page.

- DCM Chair – Nicholas B.
 - * At this morning's DCM Committee Meeting, there were 11 DCMS and 2 GSRs Also, Alt Delegate, Ed A and Group Services Chair Martha C were present.
 - 1. Heard Reports of Ad Hoc Comms.
 - 2. DCMs have Unanimous Desire for a Hybrid DCM Meeting and will be looking for locations. Not sure how this would work with Area Committee Meeting?
 - 3. Sharing Section on Attraction and Participation.

- Registrar – Dan S.
 1. 31 people in attendance. 5 Area Officers, 3 Alt Area Officers, Delegate, Alternate Delegate, 8 DCMs, DCMC, 2 GSRs, 1 Interested AA, 3 Past Delegates, and 6 Standing Committee Chairpersons.
 2. We have three new DCMs. Terry M, D7; Suzette H, D10, and Julia P, D30.
 3. June 29th, participated in Assembly Planning Mtg, including development of a "to do list" for assembly planning.
 4. Will be participating in GSO hosted Sharing Session for Registrars re: Fellowship Connection.

Committee Reports

- Nomination Committee Chair – Frank G.
 1. Prepared open letter to invite members to service by standing for open positions for Panel 73 elections.
 2. Asked to be included in September Assembly Planning concerning elections.

Old Business - None

New Business

- Bank Account – Donna K, Delegate, informed AC that past Treasurer and Alternate Delegate Diann N-H still remains as a signor for 2 Area 53 checking accounts.
Motion: Authorizing the Delegate, Donna Keen and the Treasurer, Tom Davis to have Diann Nelson-Hauser removed as an authorized signor on any and all Area 53 bank accounts. (Chris J / Heather R)
Motion carried 25:0
- Heather R. (DCM 22 and Ad Hoc Com Chair) – “Agenda Items For Area 53 Mini-Conference” Ad Hoc Committee. (See Attached Report)
In response to member concerns that many members and groups are not receiving information about General Service Conference agenda items, Ann B, prior to her resignation as chair, created an ad hoc committee to investigate the following:
 1. How other Areas conduct mini-conferences and opportunities for delegate to share about agenda items throughout area?
 2. How do we distribute agenda items so we can take them to our groups and develop an informed group conscience?
 3. How did other Ohio Areas Distribute Agenda Items? Opportunities to meet with districts?

Heather R shared the attached report offering suggestions to our delegate and mini-conference planning committee. The body received the report with appreciation. Discussion followed. This report will be delivered to the assembly and any motions to implement changes will be considered in that body.
- Joel K. (Alt DCMC, DCM 15 and Ad Hoc Committee Chair) – Area Inventory Ad Hoc Committee.
Purpose of the committee is to review most recent area inventory with an eye toward actionable items. Joel outlined some of the suggested changes presented in the report.

Delegate, Donna K and Chair, Marcia H thanked Heather and Joel for their reports

Joe M, (Alt Secretary) supported the idea of a special area assembly to consider GSC agenda.

Chris J, (Secretary) encouraged ad hoc committees to hone down suggestions to a couple actionable items for the assembly to consider.

- Assembly Logistics “To-Do List”

Chair explained that assembly planning is complex and so has initiated development of an Assembly Planning Checklist. Collaborative effort with tech, web, secretary, registrar. Have asked Bill Y to present work to this point.

Bill Y (Web Admin) Currently collaborating with area officers to list items each is responsible to do in preparation for the September assembly, This info is in a Google document that all can edit. After some practice, we plan to place it on the Area 53 website. This document will help define who is responsible for particular tasks to be completed. Each item to be marked off as completed. In the future we envision that any area committee member might be able to view the document to see where we are. Currently in development so not ready for sharing quite yet.

- Assembly Concerns:

1. How does the Area propose to conduct Zoom voting for the elections at the September assembly?

Discussion

Kathy B, (Access Chair) Willing to learn Zoom Polling. Martha C states that she is familiar with Zoom Polling feature which is anonymous. These two ladies will meet to plan the “how-to” of voting by persons on Zoom.

Ed A, (Alt Delegate) cautioned that we will need to look at the specifications of our Zoom account to confirm that we have the capacity to do that many polls?

2. Does the Area wish to continue to have screen sharing of documents at the Assembly (reports, etc.)?
 - a. If so, who is responsible (Officer or Standing Committee or AA member) for providing this service?
 - b. Does the Area wish to continue to have Hybrid Meetings at the Assembly? If so, who is responsible (Officer or Standing Committee or AA member) for providing this service?

- c. What technology is needed to provide this service? (i.e. laptop or Chromebook, spare bulb for the projector, Bluetooth speakers, microphones, webcam, etc.) Who approves the expense?

Discussion

Kathy B, (Access Chair) believes that continuation of hybrid meetings is critical. She supports the idea that Area 53 needs a technical group.

Donna K, (Delegate) Believes that there is a difference between accessibilities issues v's people choosing not to come because of inconvenience.

Marcia suggested an appeal via Area News to invite members to join an Ad Hoc Tech Team. Hope that tech team could take responsibility to open meetings on Zoom, manage AV equipment, etc...

Koel D (GSR, Barnesville Grp) Offered to help with AV responsibilities.

Erin P (Alt Web-Admin) Stated that we need to define the list of responsibilities and skills required for a tech team.

Martha C. (Grp. Svcs Chair) Offered to help w/ tech team. She has considerable Zoom experience.

- Does the Area feel it is necessary to continue to have two Zoom Accounts? Zoom1 has been used for Assembly, Mini Conference, GSR School, DCM College, Zoom 2 has been used for Standing Committee meetings.

Discussion

Stacia, CPC-PI Chair Asked why a standing chair cannot open their own meetings? Marcia responded that constraints on access are necessary for account security.

Tom D (Treasurer) Asked who is responsible for the accounts? One paid by PayPal and one by Bank. Would like to know who is responsible for each account? Kathy B. indicated that she would find out.

Consensus: Hearing no compelling reason to continue holding a 2nd account, we'll plan to drop it at the appropriate time.

- **Problems/Concerns** - District, Standing Committee or Area problems and concerns

Motion: Delegate asked for increase of \$150 to Delegate line item.

Motion Carried, Vote 18-0

- **Set Agenda for September Assembly**

The body discussed the upcoming September assembly and the consensus was for the following agenda.

New Bus – Elections

Reports: Officers, Registrar reports last. 2 min limit. Questions after each report. GSR / DCM

Standing Comm Reports

Ad Hoc Comm Reports –

Note: December Assembly will consider Guidelines changes that were introduced at June Assembly and actionable items from ad hoc committee reports.

Activities - Review of scheduled activities over the next three months. For District and Standing Committee Meetings, please see the Area Calendar at area53aa.org/events

- September Assembly – September 11, 2022
DoubleTree Hotel - 175 Hutchinson Avenue, Columbus, OH 43235
- Correctional Facilities Workshop – September 24, 2022, 10-3PM
Maple Grove United Methodist Church, 7 W Henderson Rd, Columbus, OH
- State Convention
- GSR School, Wed Aug 10, 7-8:30 pm,
- Sept 7th, Introduction to A53 Elections
- GSR Orientation preceding September Assembly
- Grapevine Workshop Shared Experience, Grapevine
- July 16, 8a-4p, PST Virtual Special Forum hosted by GSO,
- Chair encouraged all to put events on Area Calendar

Motion to Adjourn (Joe M / Taffy J)

Passed w/ Acclimation. Adjourned at 3:40pm

Closed with the Responsibility Statement