

Area 53 Assembly Agenda, December 10, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

DoubleTree by Hilton Columbus-Worthington - 175 Hutchinson Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43235

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9110532023?pwd=eElwUnA3c0huaEtJS202bHZDT3NDdz09>

Meeting ID: 911 053 2023 **Passcode:** area53aa **Call in Number:** (929) 436-2866

1. Opening of Assembly

- Call to Order and Serenity Prayer (We Version)
- Twelve Concepts
- Review & Approval of September Assembly Minutes – **Joe M.**

2. Officers Reports (2-minute time limit with questions after each report)

- Delegate – **Ed A. no written report**
- Chairperson – **Marcia H. attached.**
- Secretary – **Joe M. attached/verbal.**
- Treasurer – **Mac C. attached.**
- Registrar – **Chris J. attached.**

3. DCM & GSR Reports / GSR Sharing Session – Chaired by Brandi V., Group Services Chair

- *Sharing Session Topic: Inspiring Service Work Through Sponsorship*

4. Standing Committee Reports (2-minute time limit with questions after each report)

- Accessibilities – **Kathy B. attached.**
- Archives – **Teri G. attached.**
- Correctional Facilities – **Doug E. attached.**
- CPC/PI – **Nicholas B. attached.**
- Grapevine – **Danielle L. attached.**
- Group Services – **Brandi V. no written report.**
- Intergroup Liaison – **Barbara M.**
- Mini Conference – **Joel K.**
- Treatment Facilities – **Megan R.**
- CommTeam Ad Hoc Committee – **Koel D. no written report.**
- Report on National Archives Workshop – **Frank G.**

5. Old Business

- Status report on the PAI to the 74th General Service Conference regarding communications format. - **Chris J.**

6. New Business

- Presentation of 2024 Budget – **Brenda B., Alternate Treasurer**
- Motion from Finance Committee for a \$500 increase in the Area 53 Prudent Reserve Line Item – **Brenda B., Alternate Treasurer**
- Motion for a Guideline Proposal Change to Article VIII - Standing Committees of the Area 53 Assembly, Section 2) e) – **Marcia H. Chair**
- Status report on combining District 23 and District 28 – **Kyle M., DCM D28**

7. Ask-It-Basket & Post Assembly Input

8. Close Meeting – Responsibility Declaration

Officer Reports

Chairperson – Marica H.

Chair Report – December 10, 2023

- Worked closely with Communications Team Chair on news articles for the Area 53 Newsletter.
- Attended several group anniversaries and various district and area events.
- Responded to emails from and in person questions from **Area 53 GSR's, DCM's, Area Officers, and Interested AA's.**
- **A Post-Assembly** Input sheet has been placed at each seat. Please complete it and put it in the basket at the back of the room. This will provide the Area Committee with valuable input from you on how to proceed with future Assemblies.
- **“Basket of Topics”** is being passed around. If you choose to do so, please take a topic, and write a sentence or two, a paragraph or two or several paragraphs of your thoughts on the topic. The Communications Team would like to use them for a new section of the Area 53 Newsletter. You can send your submission in an email to chair@area53aa.org at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your service,

Marcia Holleman,

Chair Area 53 / Panel 73

Central & Southeast Ohio

Email: chair@area53aa.org

Phone: 614-589-1788

Attached

Proposed Guideline Change Presented to Area 53 – December 10, 2023

Proposed Change to Article VIII, Section 2) e)

(Reference: See page 5 of the Area 53 Guidelines)

Current Wording:

2) Chairpersons of Committees

e) Should a Standing Committee require support from the Area, the Chair of the committee shall submit a budget request to the Area Treasurer by **October 1st** for consideration for inclusion in the yearly budget prepared by the Finance Committee.

Proposed Wording:

2) Chairpersons of Committees

e) Should a Standing Committee require support from the Area, the Chair of the committee shall submit a budget request to the Area Treasurer by **September 15th** for consideration for inclusion in the yearly budget prepared by the **Finance Committee**.

Rationale:

Changing the date to September 15th will give the Finance Committee ample time to meet as many times as necessary, to discuss, make changes and prepare a budget to be presented to the Area Committee at the October meeting (**2nd Sunday in October**).

Secretary - Joe M,

P73/A53 serving Central & S.E. OH.

Joem 707007@gmail.com and secretary73@area53aa.org

(614)680-1153

Guideline change... volunteers

DCM&GSR Written Reports.

2023 Area 53 Budget vs Actual

Income		2023	10/31/2023	8/31/2023	5/26/2023	2/28/2023	Balance
1	January 2023 Bank Balance (Starting Balance)	22,000				19,535	
2a	Group/Individual Contributions - PO Box	20,000	3,669	4,985	3,194	3,327	4,825
2b	Group Contributions - Online (PayPal)	3,000		1,699	1,318	1,626	(1,643)
3	Total Funds	45,000	3,669	6,684	4,512	24,487	3,183
Expenses							
Officer Expenses							
4	GSO Expense--Delegate to NY	3,000		1,200		1,800	-
5	Delegate International Fund - Current Balance \$3000	-					-
6	Delegate Expenses	4,000	98	548	2,013	348	993
7	Alt Delegate Expenses	3,000	468		1,621	435	476
8	Chairperson Expense	1,000		286	428		286
9	Alt Chairperson Expense	500					500
10	Past Dels to CDDP/A53 Mini-Conf	3,000		366	1,638	901	95
11	Other Officers to Area 53 Mini/State Conv/Forum	3,000		80	310	486	2,124
12	Other Officers or Alternates to Assembly	250		323	113		(186)
13	DCM Chairperson Mileage Expense	150					150
14	Total Officer Expenses	17,900	565	2,803	6,123	3,970	4,439
Operating Expenses							
15	Rent for Archive Storage	564					564
16	Postal and Supply Expenses	400	66	225	60	90	(41)
18	Bank Service Charges	-	49	81	24		(154)
19	Web Site/Web Services	800	67	187		659	(113)
20	Certificate for State of Ohio Registration Non-Profit	25		5	25		(5)
21	Total Operating Expenses	1,789	182	498	109	749	251
Meeting & Convention Expenses							
22	DCM/Area Committee Meeting	300		50	50		200
23	Assemblies/ ZOOM	3,000	1,409	51	50	16	1,474
23a	Copy Expense	800	148	137	197		318
24	State Convention-Hospitality Room	200					200
25	Total Meeting & Convention Expenses	4,300	1,557	238	297	16	2,192
Committee Expenses							
26	Mini-Conference	150			145		5
27	Archives	1,776	92	55	241	73	1,315
28	Archives Committee Training & Travel	4,000	616	1,500			1,884
29	CPC/PI	1,000			1,000		-
30	Correctional Facilities	900		450		450	-
31	Treatment Facilities	1,600	869		189	228	314
32	Grapevine	400			400		-
33	Group Services	500	116	108		229	47
34	Accessibilities	595	204				391
35	Liaison	100				98	2
36	Committee Chairs to Area 53 Mini/State Conv.	1,000		80	300		620
37	DCMs and GSRs to Area 53 Mini/State Con.	5,000	29	200	2,870	100	1,801
38	Total Committee Expenses	17,021	1,926	2,393	5,145	1,178	6,379
39	Total Expenses	41,010	4,231	5,932	11,674	5,913	13,260
40	Ledger Balance	3,990	11,863	12,425	11,413	18,574	
41	Prudent Reserve \$3500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	
42	Funds Available for Use	490	8,363	8,925	7,913	15,074	

Respectfully Submitted: Malcolm C., Area 53, Panel 73 Treasurer

2024 and 2023 Area 53 Budget

Income		2023	2024
1	January Bank Balance (Starting Balance)	22,000	19,000
2a	Group/Individual Contributions - PO Box	20,000	20,400
2b	Group Contributions - Online (PayPal)	3,000	3,060
3	Total Funds	45,000	42,460

Expenses

Officer Expenses			
4	GSO Expense--Delegate to NY	3,000	3,000
5	Delegate International Fund - Current Balance \$3,000	-	-
6	Delegate Expenses	4,000	4,000
7	Alt Delegate Expenses	3,000	3,000
8	Chairperson Expense	1,000	1,000
9	Alt Chairperson Expense	500	500
10	Past Dels to CDPP/A53 Mini-Conf	3,000	3,000
11	Other Officers to Area 53 Mini/State Conv/Forum	3,000	3,000
12	Other Officers or Alternates to Assembly	250	250
13	DCM Chairperson Mileage Expense	150	150
14	Total Officer Expenses	17,900	17,900

Operating Expenses			
15	Rent for Archive Storage	564	564
16	Postal and Supply Expenses	400	400
18	Bank Service Charges	-	120
19	Web Site/Web Services	800	850
20	Certificate for State of Ohio Registration Non-Profit	25	25
21	Total Operating Expenses	1,789	1,959

Meeting & Convention Expenses			
22	DCM/Area Committee Meeting	300	300
23	Assemblies/ ZOOM	3,000	3,000
23a	Copy Expense	800	800
24	State Convention-Hospitality Room	200	200
25	Total Meeting & Convention Expenses	4,300	4,300

Committee Expenses			
26	Mini-Conference	150	150
27	Archives	1,776	1,550
28	Archives Committee Training & Travel	4,000	2,500
29	CPC/PI	1,000	1,000
30	Correctional Facilities	900	1,200
31	Treatment Facilities	1,600	1,300
32	Grapevine	400	500
33	Group Services	500	1,000
34	Accessibilities	595	855
35	Liaison	100	100
36	Committee Chairs to Area 53 Mini/State Conv.	1,000	1,000
37	DCMs and GSRs to Area 53 Mini/State Con.	5,000	-
38	Total Committee Expenses	17,021	11,155
39	Total Expenses	41,010	35,314
40	Ledger Balance	3,990	7,146
41	Prudent Reserve	3,500	4,000
42	Funds Available for Use	490	3,146

REGISTRAR'S REPORT TO AREA 53 ASSEMBLY

DECEMBER 10, 2023

Groups in Area 53 – Currently there are 861 registered groups in Area 53. These include 693 Active groups with a contact. 687 are Regular Meetings and 6 are Virtual. There are 168 Unknown groups with no contact.

168 Unknown Groups – General Service Office is requesting a more vigorous effort throughout the fellowship to investigate the status of Unknown Groups. These are groups for which there is no GSR or Mail Contact. Some of these 168 groups have probably closed. I need help from the DCMs in determining which groups in their districts have closed?

Proposed Agenda Item – At the September 10th Area 53 Assembly we voted to submit a Conference Agenda Item for the 74th General Service Conference concerning mail format. I was asked by the Chairperson, Marcia H to write the submission form. After completion, the PAI Submission Form was shared with the Chair, Delegate, and several Past Delegates and Past Trustees, requesting feedback prior to submission. My thanks to those who replied and to Delegate, Ed A for his role in submitting the official document on behalf of Area 53. Later in today's meeting I will provide a status report on that topic.

East Central Regional Forum – I attended the ECR Forum over the weekend, November 17-19, 2023. I have no documents to share because none were provided in hard copy. There was a QR Code provided and the Trustees indicate that these will be provided with the Forum Report which is to be emailed to all participants. My primary purpose in attendance was to ask questions related to the Proposed Agenda Item.

Respectfully,
Chris J, Registrar
Area 53 General Service

GSR Reports:

Fairway Group, District 26

Lillian Bass, GSR

Submitted: 12/7/23

Meeting Format: Lead Meeting

Meeting Time & Location: Saturday 8pm, 1340 Crest Rd Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

None

Small group need members to sign up in order to maintain the meeting. Otherwise we could go dark

Reynoldsburg Women’s 12x12 Group, District 26

Tamara Moore, GSR

Submitted: Dec 7th 2023

Meeting Format: Steps and traditions

Meeting Time & Location: 10 am, 1055 McNaughten rd.,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

16th anniversary March 2024

Rise and Shine Group, District 26?

Michael Devany, GSR

Submitted: 12/7/23

Meeting Format: Closed / 2 topic discussion

Meeting Time & Location: 8:00am, New Life Church Gahanna,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

NA

Stepping Stones Group, District 26

Jason Fink, GSR

Submitted: 11/26/23

Meeting Format: Open, Speaker

Meeting Time & Location: 7:30pm, Saint Phillip the Apostle School, 1555 Elaine Rd, Columbus, OH 43227,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

New Albany Sobriety Society Group, District 26

Cassie Tramontana, GSR

Submitted: 11/3/2023

Meeting Format: Big Book Discussion

Meeting Time & Location: 7 PM, New Albany United Methodist Church 20 3rd St New Albany, OH,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Area 53 Assembly Meeting Accessibilities Committee Report December 10, 2023

The Accessibilities Committee hold their meetings on the fourth Saturday of the month at 11 am on zoom. The committee would like to welcome anyone interested in serving.

We are currently focusing on the following projects:

- Communication avenues to reach out to as many AA's needing reasonable accommodations as possible
- Purchasing Grapevine issues and AA brochures that focus on disabilities, special needs, and accessibilities to provide educational resources for AA membership
- Reaching out to nursing home activity directors to provide literature as well as identifying meeting possibilities
- Tabletop displays for meetings and special AA events to communicate about the committee
- Reaching out to other Accessibilities Committees in Ohio and other states for best practices

The committee wanted to stress to our AA members with disabilities and/or special needs that we would like to help whenever possible. If you need a reasonable accommodation to attend an AA event or to have access to AA resources, please contact us at accessibilities@area53aa.org.

The next meeting will be Saturday, January 27th at 11:00 am.

Respectfully,

Kathy B., Chair, Area 53 Accessibilities Committee

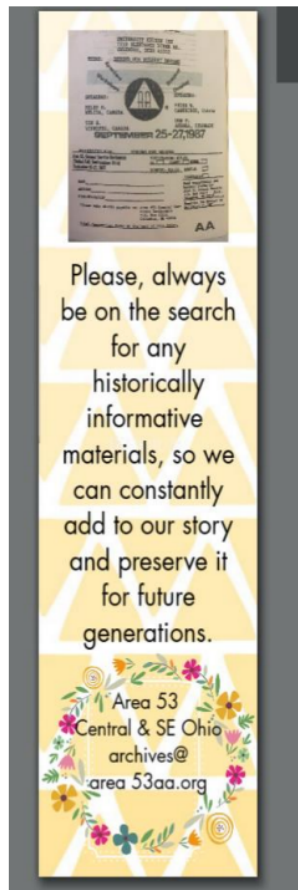
Area 53 Archives Committee Quarterly Report

December 10th, 2023

Archives Committee Mission Statement

The Area 53 Archives Committee works to aid groups, districts, and the Area Committees in preserving our AA story. This includes maintaining a repository of valuable artifacts and records from our past and present to ensure the integrity of Area 53 history.

- The Archives Committee encourages Groups to select representatives (AGR's) for the Archives Committee. All members of AA are welcome to attend a monthly Archives Committee meeting to learn more about the Area 53 Archives Committee.
- The Archives Committee is interested in partnering with groups and districts to discuss how to support AA's primary purpose. We can assist in facilitating workshops, and a brief presentation at your group's business meeting or anniversary.
- The Archives Committee conducts a monthly meeting on the fourth Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom; refer to the Area 53 website for details [Committee: Archives – Area 53 General Service \(area53aa.org\)](https://area53aa.org/Committee-Archives-Area-53-General-Service).



- The Archive's Committee purchased a scanner (Epson Perfection Scanner V39II) to use for scanning/digitizing our collection and a couple of external hard drives for storage.
- The work to develop the finding aid and increase the understanding of what we hold in our collection is on-going. The goal in mind is to have information available on our web page in the future.
- Materials pertinent to Area 53's history are very important to telling our Area 53 AA story. Please contact the Area 53 Archivist at archivist@area53aa.org to place items in our collection.
- The Committee continues to interview Area 53 AA members' oral histories. We are prioritizing past delegates and folks with service experience within Area 53. Refer to this link: [Committee: Archives – Area 53 General Service \(area53aa.org\)](https://area53aa.org/Committee-Archives-Area-53-General-Service).

Respectfully submitted, Teri G., Area 53 Archives Committee Chair

DECEMBER 3, 2023

AREA 53 CFC QUARTERLY REPORT

1. THE COMMITTEE HELD IT'S QUARTERLY MEETING ON 12/2/23 WITH 37 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MEETING ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- A. COLLECTED \$8,412.57 FOR THE 4ND QUARTER THROUGH 11/30. CUMMULATIVE TOTAL FOR 2023 \$30,891.79
- B. APPROVED \$8,412 FOR NEW LITERATURE PURCHASES
- C. FULFILLED REQUESTS FOR 3282 PIECES OF LITERATURE WHICH REPRESENTS 96.64% OF TOTAL REQUESTS. FULFILLED (417) BIG BOOKS AND (329) 12 & 12'S
- D. RECEIVED 19 ORDERS FROM 13 CORRECTION FACILITIES
- E. SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTED ANNUAL CFC WORKSHOP ON 10/14/23 AT PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN GAHANNA, OH. OVER 60 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE
- F. CURRENTLY CONDUCTING MEETINGS AT ALL STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.
- G. PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.AREA53CFC.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION

2. WAYS TO SERVE

- A. SPEAKERS NEEDED FOR MEETINGS AT FACILITIES
- B. ENCOURAGE GIR'S TO REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE AND ATTEND MEETINGS

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

DOUG E

Cooperation with the Professional Community
& Public Information Committee
Report for Area 53 Assembly
December 10, 2023

Our Committee is currently made up of about 10 members, mostly representing groups in Franklin Co. We meet monthly at the Franklinton Branch Library on W. Town St. on the 3rd Sunday at 3:30 pm. We provide virtual access to those who are not able to attend in person.

Two of our members attended Veterans Stand Down last Month. Our next scheduled event is in January at Heartland High School. We will be giving a talk about AA and sharing some of our stories to youth in a Recovery School.

We have printed new material to circulate either within our Fellowship, an informative flyer about this committee, and in the public sphere, 2 postcards for the potential alcoholic.

In Service,

Nicholas
Area 53 CPC & PI Chair

GVC report

Danielle Lawson <ddl1922@yahoo.com>

Sun 12/3/2023 8:30

To: Joseph Macklin <joem707007@gmail.com>

Hey Joe,

I know I'm late submitting this but wanted at least you to have it. I can print off copies next week before the assembly. Thank you for all your hard work. I hope you have healed up nicely after your surgery.

The Grapevine committee has slowed down for a bit. With the new year coming we are planning our next workshop and we will be representing The Grapevine at anniversaries and other AA events. Keep an eye out for us in 2024! As discussed before we requested \$500 to continue to represent The Grapevine and attract new members as we continue our work.

Thank you for your consideration.

Danielle Lawson, LSW

Area 53 Grapevine Committee Chair

740-616-4322

December 10th , 2023 Area Assembly

Report from Liaison Committee

Central Ohio Group Fellowship

COGF will continue to have Hard Back Books on sale at \$9.75 and the 75th Anniversary First Edition Big Books for \$5. Other AA World Services literature that we can get before January 15 will stay at the prices that they have been prior to the recent price increase by AAWS. They have a literature sale going on until January 15, 2024 that we are trying to take advantage of.

We have been able to acquire several hundred pocket Big Books for Area 53 Treatment Facility Committee at a reduced price and have saved Area 53 CFC Committee a very good chunk of change in the past several months by purchasing as much softback literature that they typically buy to take into facilities as we could. We look forward to continuing to work with all committees to serve any still suffering alcoholic that we can.

COGF has registered our first Russian speaking meeting in our area. It is Wednesday night at 7pm at King Ave. UMC 299 King Ave. Columbus, OH 43201.

We are excited to share that at our upcoming elections on December 8 at 10am at 645 W Broad St. many of our existing Advisory Board Members are planning to stand for other positions to give us some continuity on the Board which is greatly needed and appreciated.

Licking County Intergroup Office

LICO's office manager, Ben H., attends the weekly Zoom Office Managers meeting of Intergroup/Central Offices of AA. Currently 39 meetings. For the IGR Orientation Meeting in September and the Quarterly IGR Meeting in October, he visited meetings in Licking County to share about selecting an intergroup representative, volunteering in the office, and making regular contributions to fund the office.

The office ran a Gratitude Campaign in November, and the Volunteer Committee and the Steering Committee held a 24-hour open house at the Church for Thanksgiving. They plan to expand the hours to 8 pm to 8 pm for open houses over Christmas and New Year's.

Since LICO opened back up in July, the office phone (740 345-7060) came on in August, two new meetings have started, and office hours are now Thursdays 10-2 and Fridays 3-7pm.

Steering Committee meets monthly. IGRs receive minutes and financials by email. Meeting schedules are updated quarterly and the office sells literature, coins, cards, and customized speaker certificates.

Central Ohio On-Line Alcoholics Anonymous Intergroup

COOLAA.ORG, started in May 2023, is contacting AA online-only meetings in Area 53 about being listed in The Meeting Guide. Contact COOLAA.ORG at coolaa.intergroup@gmail.com for information about registering with GSO and getting a group service number.

Lancaster Area Intergroup

LAI serves 66 groups in Lancaster and towns in and surrounding Fairfield County. Their "Be Committed" contribution campaign helps to pay the office rent. Their Steering Committee includes officers and two Trustees; meets quarterly; the next one, Wednesday, December 20, 2023.

Appalachian Ohio Intergroup Office

AOIO lists 77 meetings south central and southeastern of Columbus on its website aoio.org; answers

(brought forth)

calls on its phone line (740 774-2646); and gets literature and coins to people on an as-needed basis. Its Advisory Board meets monthly and the Quarterly IGR Meeting on December 9th will be on Zoom as well as in person.

Fwd: TFC Report for December Assembly

megan ault <meganault08@gmail.com>

Sun 12/3/2023 19:21

To: secretary73@area53aa.org <secretary73@area53aa.org>

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **megan ault** <meganault08@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Nov 22, 2023 at 5:06 PM

Subject: TFC Report for December Assembly

To: <secretary73@area53aa.org>

Hello Trusted Servants!!

Your Area 53 Treatment Committee NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!!

We are in need of Meeting Sponsors for the following facilities:

1. Basecamp-Needs MALE meeting support Monday 5PM
2. Minerva Park Womens Meeting- Sunday 5:30
3. Columbus Springs East Monday 7PM (MUST GO THROUGH ONBOARDING PROCESS QAT DUBLIN SPRINGS PLEASE CONTACT KATE G IF INTERESTED 614-638-4488) must be able to provide ID and Covid card

We recently purchased 300 books-THANK YOU TO ALL THE GROUPS WHO HAVE VOTED IN A GTR!!!!!!

If you are interested in being a part of your Area 53 Treatment Facilities Committee we meet the 3rd Saturday of the month at COGF at 12 (NOON) PLEASE JOIN US!!

Thank you for allowing me to serve!

Megan Rush

TFC Chair/Panel 73