

DRAFT MINUTES
Area 53 Assembly, March 10, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Salt Fork State Park Conference Center
14755 Cadiz Road, Lore City, OH 43755

- **Opening of Assembly**
 - Call to Order and Serenity Prayer (We Version)
 - Twelve Concepts – **Steve B.**

- **Officers Reports (2-minute time limit with questions after each report)**
 - Delegate – **Ed A.**
 - Chairperson – **Marcia H. (*Written Report Submitted for this Assembly*)**
 - Secretary – **Joe M.**
 - Review and Approval of September 2023 **both reports.** Approved unanimously.
 - Review and Approval of December 2023 Minutes
 - Treasurer – **Malcolm C. Taffy J/Keith H 64/0**
 - Registrar – **Chris J.'s attendance report is attached.**

- **DCM & GSR Reports & Sharing Session – Chaired by Kevin D DCMC., Group Services Chair**
 - *Sharing Session Topic: 7th Tradition Contributions: Where Does the Money Go?*
 - *Announcement Joel K with Mini Conf report. Given.*

- **Standing Committee Reports (*Written Reports Submitted for this Assembly*)**
 - Accessibilities – **Kathy B.**
 - Archives – **Teri G.**
 - Archivist – **Frank G.**
 - Correctional Facilities – **Doug E.**
 - CPC/PI – **Nicholas B.**
 - Grapevine – **Danielle L. workshop**
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 - Group Services – **Brandi V. (NR)**
 - Intergroup Liaison – **Barbara M.**
 - Mini Conference – **Joel K.**
 - Treatment Facilities – **Megan R.**
 - COMM Team Committee – **Koel D.**

- **Old Business**
 - Presentation of 2024 Budget – **Malcolm C., Treasurer Chris J/ Donna K 66/0**
 - Vote on Guideline Proposal Change to Article VIII - Standing Committees of the Area 53 Assembly, Section 2) e) – **Marcia H. Chair 72/9**
 - Vote on Combining District 23 and District 28 – **Kyle M., DCM D28 54/20 73% 2/3s PASS**
 - Status report on the Proposed Agenda PAI to the 74th General Service Conference regarding communications format. - **Chris J.**

- **New Business**
 - **No Items of New Business have been Submitted.**

- **Close Meeting** – Responsibility Declaration **1:55 pm All in favor/substantial unanimity**

Chair Report – March 10, 2024

Dear Area 53 –

Since January 2024 I have humbly served as your Area Chair. In doing so, I have sent out numerous emails and texts, made dozens of phone calls and coordinated and/or facilitated several meetings. While I do not consider one task, meeting, or event more, or less important than the other, I have listed below what I believe best reflects the service I have provided for Area 53 for the past few months.

- Worked with Communications Team Chair on news articles for the Area 53 Newsletter.
- Attended 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.
- Provided Zoom assistance for Standing Committee meetings.
- Attended Standing Committee meetings.
- Attended Mini Conference Committee meetings.
- Planned for the January Area Committee meeting.
- Planned for the March Assembly.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,

Marcia H., Chair
Area 53 / Panel 73
Central & Southeast Ohio
Email: chair@area53aa.org
Phone: 614-589-1788

2023 Area 53 Budget vs Actual - FINAL

	Income	2023 Budget	2/28/2023	5/26/2023	8/31/2023	12/31/2023	Total	Balance
1	January 2023 Bank Balance (Estimated)	22,000						
2a	Group/Individual Contributions	23,000	4,953	4,512	6,684	6,997	23,146	146
	Total Revenue	45,000	4,953	4,512	6,684	6,997	23,146	146
	Expenses							
	Officer Expenses							
4	GSO Expense--Delegate to NY	3,000	1,800		1,200		3,000	-
5	Delegate International Fund - Current Balance \$3000	-					-	-
6	Delegate Expenses	4,000	348	2,013	548	98	3,007	993
7	Alt Delegate Expenses	3,000	435	1,621		468	2,524	476
8	Chairperson Expense	1,000		428	286		714	286
9	Alt Chairperson Expense	500					-	500
10	Past Dels to CDDP/A53 Mini-Conf	3,000	901	1,638	366		2,905	95
11	Other Officers to Area 53 Mini/State Conv/Forum	3,000	486	310	80	218	1,094	1,906
12	Other Officers or Alternates to Assembly	250		113	323		436	(186)
13	DCM Chairperson Mileage Expense	150					-	150
	Total Officer Expenses	17,900	3,970	6,123	2,803	784	13,680	4,220
	Operating Expenses							
15	Rent for Archive Storage	564					-	564
16	Postal and Supply Expenses	400	90	60	225	77	452	(52)
18	Bank Service Charges	-		24	81	48	153	(153)
19	Web Site/Web Services	800	659		187	67	913	(113)
20	Certificate for State of Ohio Registration Non-Profit	25		25	5		30	(5)
	Total Operating Expenses	1,789	749	109	498	192	1,548	241
	Meeting & Convention Expenses							
22	DCM/Area Committee Meeting	300		50	50	50	150	150
23	Assemblies/ ZOOM	3,000	16	50	51	1,313	1,430	1,570
23a	Copy Expense	800		197	137	984	1,318	(518)
24	State Convention-Hospitality Room	200					-	200
	Total Meeting & Convention Expenses	4,300	16	297	238	2,347	2,898	1,402
	Committee Expenses							
26	Mini-Conference	150		145			145	5
27	Archives	1,776	73	241	55	507	876	900
28	Archives Committee Training & Travel	4,000			1,500	772	2,272	1,728
29	CPC/PI	1,000		1,000			1,000	-
30	Correctional Facilities	900	450		450		900	-
31	Treatment Facilities	1,600	228	189		1,183	1,600	-
32	Grapevine	400		400			400	-
33	Group Services	500	229		108	116	453	47
34	Accessibilities	595				316	316	279
35	Liaison	100	98				98	2
36	Committee Chairs to Area 53 Mini/State Conv.	1,000		300	80	80	460	540
37	DCMs and GSRs to Area 53 Mini/State Con.	5,000	100	2,870	200	1,830	5,000	-
	Total Committee Expenses	17,021	1,178	5,145	2,393	4,804	13,520	3,501
	Total Expenses	41,010	5,913	11,674	5,932	8,127	31,646	9,364
	Net Surplus/(Deficit)	3,990	(960)	(7,162)	752	(1,130)	(8,500)	
	Cash Beginning Balance	19,767						
	YTD Contributions	23,146						
	YTD Expenses	31,646						
	Cash Ending Balance	11,267						

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

2023 and 2024 Area 53 Budget v7

		Income	2023	2024	Reduction Amount	
	January Bank Balance		22,000	10,114		
2a	Group/Individual Contributions		23,000	23,460		
	Total Funds		45,000	33,574		
		Expenses				
Officer Expenses						
4	GSO Expense--Delegate to NY		3,000	2,200	800	
5	Delegate International Fund - Current Balance \$3,000		-	-	-	
6	Delegate Expenses		4,000	3,685	315	21%
7	Alt Delegate Expenses		3,000	2,770	230	16%
8	Chairperson Expense		1,000	925	75	5%
9	Alt Chairperson Expense		500	460	40	3%
10	Past Dels to CDDP/A53 Mini-Conf		3,000	2,760	240	16%
11	Other Officers to Area 53 Mini/State Conv/Forum		3,000	2,760	240	16%
12	Other Officers or Alternates to Assembly		250	225	25	1%
13	DCM Chairperson Mileage Expense		150	140	10	1%
	Total Officer Expenses		17,900	15,925		
Operating Expenses						
15	Rent for Archive Storage		564	444	120	
16	Postal and Supply Expenses		400	400	-	
18	Bank Service Charges		-	200	-	
19	Web Site/Web Services		800	850	-	
20	Certificate for State of Ohio Registration Non-Profit		25	25	-	
	Total Operating Expenses		1,789	1,919		
Meeting & Convention Expenses						
22	DCM/Area Committee Meeting		300	200	100	
23	Assemblies/ ZOOM		3,000	3,000	-	
23a	Copy Expense		800	800	-	
24	State Convention-Hospitality Room		200	200	-	
	Total Meeting & Convention Expenses		4,300	4,200		
Committee Expenses						
26	Mini-Conference		150	-	150	
27	Archives		1,776	470	1,080	
28	Archives Committee Training & Travel		4,000	2,000	500	
29	CPC/PI		1,000	925	75	5%
30	Correctional Facilities		900	1,100	100	6%
31	Treatment Facilities		1,600	1,000	300	
32	Grapevine		400	460	40	3%
33	Group Services		500	500	500	
34	Accessibilities		595	600	255	
35	Liaison		100	50	50	
36	Committee Chairs to Area 53 Mini/State Conv.		1,000	925	75	5%
37	DCMs and GSRs to Area 53 Mini/State Con.		5,000	-	-	
38	Total Committee Expenses		17,021	8,030		
	Total Expenses		41,010	30,074		
	Net Surplus/(Deficit)		3,990	3,500		

REGISTRAR'S REPORT TO AREA 53 ASSEMBLY

MARCH 10, 2024

Groups in Area 53 – Currently there are 852 registered groups in Area 53. These include 688 Active groups with a contact. 682 are Regular Meetings and 6 are Virtual. There are 163 Unknown groups with no contact.

163 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 163 groups have probably closed. Thank you to Paul T, DCM for District 34. Thanks to his efforts, we have reduced the number by 5. Thanks to the District Committees for District 33 and 37 for the effort you are currently giving as well. However, there is still much more to do as we try to improve the integrity of our data.

Group Information Updates – I have been receiving several group information / GSR updates and DCM updates in this first quarter. These have all been entered to the database. Any new GSRs or DCMs or any other group information changes, please send them to me either by email or phone.

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 serve as the Area 53 contact concerning this topic. The Conference Coordinator declined the submission. Furthermore, we have recently received a reply from the AAWS Board in which they inform us that they would not be allowing choice of mail format. While this was disappointing, we are heartened by the mention in the AAWS Board Highlights that they are discussing a survey regarding the question of need to make **Box 459** available in print. I have sent an email to the AAWS Board Chair asking who will be receiving the survey, by what mean and when it will be distributed?

Respectfully,
Chris J, Registrar
Area 53 General Service

**Area 53 Assembly
10-Mar-24
Registrar's Attendance Report**

Service Position	In Person	Online	Total
Voting Members			
Group Service Reps (GSRs)	45	5	50
District Comm Member (DCMs)	9	2	11
DCM Chairperson	1		1
Standing Comm. Chairs	5	2	7
Area Officers	4	0	4
Alternate Area Officer	3		3
Delegate	1		1
Alternate Delegate	1		1
Past Delegates / Trustees	6	1	7
Total Voting Members	75	10	85
Non-Voting Members			
Alt GSRs	2		2
Interested AAs	22	1	23
GSO Staff	1		1
GSB Trustee	1		1
Total Non-Voting Members	26	1	27
Total Assembly Attendance	101	11	112

GSR and DCM Reports

Thursday Night Mad River #2 Group, District 1

Brenda P, GSR

Submitted: 02/27/2024

Meeting Format: Open Discussion

Meeting Time & Location: 8:30-9:30 pm, Urbana, OH,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Transfer of leadership

Finding people willing to commit to service positions in groups. Eg. Secretary, Treasurer, GSR, etc.

Bellefontaine Thursday Night Group, District 1

Dave O, GSR

Submitted: 03072024

Meeting Format: 12 & 12

Meeting Time & Location: 7:00 PM, First Presbyterian Church,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Tuesday big book meeting Group, District 1

David W, GSR

Submitted: 3-11-24

Meeting Format: Literature

Meeting Time & Location: 730pm, 236 Scioto St. Urbana, Ohio,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Attendance is low.

We In Recovery Group, District 1

Robert B, GSR

Submitted: 02/28/2024

Meeting Format: Open Discussion

Meeting Time & Location: Noon, Lutheran Church 20 W. Sandusky Ave. Bellefontaine Ohio 43311,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Monday Night Women's AA Group, District 1

Susan I., GSR

Submitted: 02272024

Meeting Format: Open Discussion

Meeting Time & Location: 6:00 pm, Episcopal Church of the Epiphany,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Learning about sobriety BB Group, District 7

Lue G, GSR

Submitted: 10 March 2024

Meeting Format: Big Book reading

Meeting Time & Location: 5 PM Wednesday, 554 Moxahala Zanesville,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Attendance and contributions down a good core group of home group members eight.

We get many newcomers from area halfway houses floor Matt has read a chapter in the Big Book discussed the chapter.

Friday as Bill sees it Group, District 7

Mary P, GSR

Submitted: 10 March 2024

Meeting Format: Read and discuss three pages

Meeting Time & Location: 4 PM, 554 Moxahala Ave,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Sidenote, we have dinner and play euchre fun as Fellowship

District 11, Union and Madison Counties

Mela K., DCM

Submitted: Feb. 25, 2024

District Meeting: First Monday of the month at 6 pm, 1st Presbyterian Church, 210 5th St., Marysville

Active GSRs: 6

District Report on Events and Discussions:

We have a new event coordinator and will plan 2 events this year. We are working on the following: a budget for this year and updating group information. An old-timer donated a lot of materials which we have offered to the district Archive.

Primary Purpose Big Book Study Group, District 11

Frank P, GSR

Submitted: 02/28/2024

Meeting Format: big book study read for 30 minutes then comment

Meeting Time & Location: noon, Marysville 309 Oak St,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Our group was missing a lot of service representatives when i first start coming to this meeting a few years ago. So we are taking what experience we have had in the past at other meetings and trying to stay organized or at least get more organized. We have

regular home group meetings once a month. We had issues with how we make contributions to the central office and local offices. We had questions as to how much to have in prudent reserve.

New Beginnings Group, District 11

Brenda B, GSR

Submitted: 03/02/2024

Meeting Format: Rotating Format

Meeting Time & Location: 7:30 PM, Nazarene Church, Marysville, OH,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Pizza / Speaker meeting last Monday every month

Rise and Shine Group, District 11

Molly R., GSR

Submitted: Feb. 25, 2024

Meeting Format: Big Book / Open Discussion

Meeting Time & Location: 9:30 AM, Cornerstone Global Methodist Church, 207 S. Court St., Marysville,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

We do not want changes to the Big Book's first 164 pages. It is a historical document.

The Fourth Dimension Group, District 11

Jay B., GSR

Submitted: 02/27/2024

Meeting Format: Mini-lead/Discussion

Meeting Time & Location: 7:00 pm, Cornerstone Global Methodist Church 207 South Court St. Marysville Ohio,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

On Mtg of Alcoholics Anonymous, District 11

Lisa H.

Submitted: 02/17/2024

Meeting Format: ORF

Meeting Time & Location: 12:00 noon, 729 Walnut St Marysville 43040

We have been reading As Bill Sees It. Members pick two topics to choose readings from, and comment. Good participation average attendance 8-9.

Marysville Friday 12 & 12 Group, District 11

Sandy B, GSR

Submitted: 3/1/2024

Meeting Format: 12 & 12

Meeting Time & Location: Noon, Wings Support and Recovery, 729 S. Walnut St., Marysville, Ohio 43040,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Woodsfield Group, District 15

Brian S., GSR

Submitted: 3/10/2024

Meeting Format: Big book study

Meeting Time & Location: Tuesday and Friday at 7pm, Nazarene Church,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Anniversary picnic on August 10th.

Sunday Night Variety Group, District 15

Chris U, GSR

Submitted: 02/28/2024

Meeting Format: Discussion

Meeting Time & Location: 730, First Congregational Church,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Serenity Group, District 15

Jennifer F, GSR

Submitted: 03/02/2024

Meeting Format: Sunday (1 pm): 12&12; Monday (noon): As Bill Sees It; Monday (men's): open discussion; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday (noon): open discussion; Saturday (7 pm): open discussion; Tuesday (women's): A.A. literature Wednesday (noon): Big Book

Meeting Time & Location: Monday-Saturday @ 12pm; Sunday @ 1pm; Monday @ 7:30pm (men); Tuesday @ 5:30pm (women); Saturday @ 7pm, Marietta, OH,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Our home group has had discussions about adding a safety statement to our meeting script.

District 15, Morgan, Monroe, Nobel, Washington County

Koel D, DCM

Submitted: 3-10-24

District Meeting: 4th Tuesday Every Month at 6:30, 221 Main St, Belle Valley, OH 43724

Active GSRs: 8

District Report on Events and Discussions:

District 15 will be having a Traditions Workshop

May the 4th 2024

Speakers and a Traditions Skit

Lunch Provided... Desserts welcomed

First Presbyterian Church

501 4th St. Marietta, OH 43718

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Join us for Fun, Food, and Fellowship

Byesville bring your own book Group, District 15

Michael, GSR

Submitted: 10 March 2024

Meeting Format: Big Book study

Meeting Time & Location: 7 PM Tuesday night, Byesville stop 9 Church of Christ,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

See home group for pie chart breakdown

Woods field, Big Book Study Group, District 15

Gary D, GSR

Submitted: 10 March 2024

Meeting Format: Big Book study

Meeting Time & Location: 7 PM, Tuesdays/Fridays, Woods field OH,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Barlow Hand-in-Hand Group, District 15

Tyler L, GSR

Submitted: 2/27/2024

Meeting Format: Open Discussion

Meeting Time & Location: 730pm, Barlow Methodist Church, Barlow, OH,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

District 16, Athens Ohio small

Shean M/alt Travis H, DCM

Submitted: 10 March 2024

District Meeting: First Sunday of the month at 5 PM, United Methodist Church College Street

Active **GSRs: 7**

District Report on Events and Discussions:

Fourth picnic talks workshop in the fall

Friday night 12 and 12 Group, District 16

Travis H, GSR

Submitted: 10 March 2024

Meeting Format: Literature, 12 Steps and Traditions last Friday

Meeting Time & Location: 7 PM, Christ of King Church 141 Mill St.,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

District 17, Meigs Gallia, Mason, Vinton, Jackson

Stan B, DCM

Submitted: 10 March 2024

District Meeting: 1st Sunday of the Month at YGIG AS MINE, Sacred Heart, Church
Pomeroy Ohio

Active **GSRs: 2**

District Report on Events and Discussions:

Getting groups to participate

Pleasant Valley, Group, District 17

Ryan C, GSR

Submitted: 10 March 2024

Meeting Format: Book Study

Meeting Time & Location: Thursday 7:30 Monday 7:30 Zoom platform, 714 Main St.Pt
PL,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Anniversary hog roast 8-24 4th Saturday

Wilmington Tuesday Night Group, District 19

Beth F, GSR

Submitted: 10 March 2020

Meeting Format: 4D step study Big Book meeting

Meeting Time & Location: 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM, 50 East Locust St., Wilmington, OH,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

We do celebrate home group member sobriety with Cake to go around the room and
share how that person has grown

Rule 62 group, District 21

Steven Y, GSR

Submitted: 03/30/2024

Meeting Format: Speaker

Meeting Time & Location: 10 am, 11605 Gallia Pike Rd, Wheelersburg, OH 45694,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Into the Solution Group, District 22

Greg G, GSR

Submitted: 10 March 2024

Meeting Format: Mini leads

Meeting Time & Location: Saturdays 6 PM, Hilliard, United Methodist Church,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Increase in attendance by Recovery house members

New Freedom, AA Group, District 22

Ron B, GSR

Submitted: 10 March 2024

Meeting Format: Varied

Meeting Time & Location: 7:15 AM, M – S, Dublin Ohio,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Needing attendance, strong, 20+ people average where the money goes/self-support, ban district savings from rent renting in-person meeting room to zoom platform horizontal strong vertical needs prayer concern. Pray for HP to develop people's conscience to become GSRs and DCMs #22.

Saul, Darby 12 and 12 Group, District 22

Teri B, GSR

Submitted: 10 March 2024

Meeting Format: Rotating where last Tuesday's chairperson's choice

Meeting Time & Location: 6 PM Tuesdays, Hilliard, United Methodist Church 5445 S. Darby Hilliard Ohio,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Annie March 19 Reyan C, Alison, C, from Point Pleasant WV Lead

Our DCM will be retiring district sack has retired. The district is looking to have these open positions filled see home group for the pie chart and breakdown of contributions our group believes in treating every new person to AA or our group as a family member.

District 26, Gahanna, New Albany, Reynoldsburg, Westerville, and Whitehall

Maria C, DCM

Submitted: 2-28-2024

District Meeting: 3rd Saturday of the Month at 9:30 am, Whitehall United Methodist Church, 505 Bernhard Rd 43213

Active GSRs: 16

District Report on Events and Discussions:

Courage To Change Group, District 26

Alison B, GSR

Submitted: 02/28/2024

Meeting Format: Big book discussion

Meeting Time & Location: 6:30, 1340 Crest,

407345 Group, District 26

Ashley W, GSR

Submitted: 3/8/2024

Meeting Format: Chairperson's choice

Meeting Time & Location: 6:30 pm, 901 S. Sunbury Rd, Westerville, OH 43081,

Wake Up Into Action Group, District 26

Gregory R, GSR

Submitted: 3/1/2024

Meeting Format: Rotating Format

Meeting Time & Location: 7 AM Weekdays, 8 AM Saturday, Zoom only Sunday, 901 South Sunbury Road; Westerville, OH,

Stepping Stones Group, District 26

Jason F, GSR

Submitted: 2/28/24

Meeting Format: Open, Speaker

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

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Group anniversary 6:00-8:30 pm, Sunday, 3/31. Pizza served at 6 pm. Speaker at 7:30 pm.

Easy Does it Beginner's Group, District 26

Joe W, GSR

Submitted: 3/2/24

Meeting Format: Open Discussion, Chairperson's Choice

Meeting Time & Location: Wednesday, 7 pm, Summit Station,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

The 16th group anniversary will be held on April 10 with food and a guest speaker. We are also having a Group Inventory in early Spring

What to do with members who are at times disruptive to the meeting and sometimes want to take control.

Rise and Shine Group, District 26

Michael D, GSR

Submitted: 2/28-24

Meeting Format: Closed Discussion

Meeting Time & Location: 8:00 am, New Life Church Stygler and McCutcheon,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Northeast Discussion Group, District 26

Cynthia S., GSR

Submitted: 3 March 2024

Meeting Format: Discussion

Meeting Time & Location: 7 PM, 5600 Sunberry Rd.,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Contributions center office, New York District literature in general supplies

Reynoldsburg Women's 12x12 Group, District 26

Tamara M, GSR

Submitted: Feb 28th 2024

Meeting Format: Steps and traditions

Meeting Time & Location: 10 am, 1455 McNaughten Rd,

Clintonville Big Book Group, District 28

Debbe Y, GSR

Submitted: 02/27/2024

Meeting Format: Big book study

Meeting Time & Location: 8:00 pm, Maple Grove Church,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

The Plug in the Jug Group, District 28

Kathy C, GSR

Submitted: 2/27/2024

Meeting Format: Open speaker

Meeting Time & Location: 7:30 pm, 55 E Blake,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

The group is donating food/cash to assist with the hospitality room at the Area 53 mini-conference.

Quarterly business meetings are now being held on different dates - same location per group conscious in hopes of eliminating feelings of being rushed.

The group is working on ways to have fewer disturbances during speaking.

Cocktail Belles Group, District 28

Jenifer T, GSR

Submitted: February 27, 2024

Meeting Format: Women's Literature Meeting

Meeting Time & Location: 5:30 pm, St James Episcopal Church,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Early evening Faith and Hope Group, District 28

Michael W, GSR

Submitted: 10 March 2024

Meeting Format: Varied

Meeting Time & Location: 545, 1180 Shanley Dr.,

Welcome, Group, District 28

Nancy R, GSR

Submitted: 10 March 2024

Meeting Format: Open speaker

Meeting Time & Location: 7 PM, 1479 Morse Road,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Need more home group member

District 30, Between Scioto and Olentangy Rivers to the county line.

Mark H., DCM

Submitted: Feb. 27, 2024

District Meeting: First Wednesday of the month at 6 pm, Tremont library

Active **GSRs: 6**

District Report on Events and Discussions:

Big Book, 12&12 scavenger hunt, Saturday, April 20 at Meadow Park Church. 2to 4.

District 30, Between Scioto and Olentangy rivers

Mark H, DCM

Submitted: 10 March 2024

District Meeting: First Wednesday of the month at 6 PM, Tremont library

Active GSRs: **Eight**

District Report on Events and Discussions:

Big Book, 12 and 12 scavenger hunt April 20 two through 4 PM at Meadow Park Church
big event and planning for late summer

Monday Nite Steps & Traditions Group, District 30

Anne R, GSR

Submitted: 3/1/2024

Meeting Format: 12 & 12

Meeting Time & Location: 7:00, Meadow Park Church of God -Bethel Rd,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Anniversary 4/8 dinner (chicken) at 6 speaker at 7- bring a side dish

Saturday afternoon live Group, District 30

Janet K, GSR

Submitted: 10 March 2024

Meeting Format: Closed discussion

Meeting Time & Location: 1 PM, City view Church, St. Luke's Grandview, fifth Avenue
and Virginia,

Women's Serenity Group, District 30

Kris H, GSR

Submitted: 10th of March 2024

Meeting Format: Discussion with last week, Lead

Meeting Time & Location: 11 AM, Meadow Park, Church of God, 2425 Bethel Rd.,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

46 Annie March 13, 11 AM meeting noon potluck with Lead

Women's Sunset Group, District 30

Lori R, GSR

Submitted: 10 March 2024

Meeting Format: Closed speaker meeting

Meeting Time & Location: 7 PM, 50200 Riverside Dr. Upper Arlington,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

27th, Annie April 15 speaker Chris C Dash Coshocton separate basket for Annie home group numbers, continued home group provides city barbecue potluck for side dishes For contributions see home group for a specific percentage breakdown

Bexley, beginners and discussion Group, District 33

Becky R, GSR

Submitted: 10 March 2024

Meeting Format: Closed discussion beginners

Meeting Time & Location: 7 PM Monday, 333 S. Drexel Ave., Saint Albans Episcopal,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Meetings changed drastically after COVID-19 getting members involved in service rather than just going to meetings taking off right away bolstering fellowship group for a listing of members' names and home group member

Bexley Discussion Group, District 33

Shelly B; alt James, GSR

Submitted: 10 March 2024

Meeting Format: Open discussion

Meeting Time & Location: 7 PM Wednesday, 2657 E. Broad Street,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

May we have the 34th anniversary.

Old Cota group, District 34

Alicia I, GSR

Submitted: 10 March 2024

Meeting Format: Open speaker

Meeting Time & Location: 7 PM Friday, 501 Josephine Ave., Desert Island Club,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

we just had an anniversary for the first time having food for the anniversary
Nine home group member attendance 75 to 100 lots of newcomers from treatment
voted to change money distribution group conscience, COGF, 100%

Sunday Funday Group, District 34

Kayla K, GSR

Submitted: 3/10/24

Meeting Format: Rotating Literature & Young Peoples

Meeting Time & Location: 12 pm Sunday, COGF,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Volleyball @ Audubon Metro whenever the weather allows!

Still a new meeting and getting inventory & financials established.

New Destiny Group, District 34

Keith H, GSR

Submitted: 10 March 2024

Meeting Format: Rotating Grapevine 12 and 12, topic

Meeting Time & Location: 6:30 PM, 225 Schoolhouse Ln.,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Made 11th district 34 annual picnic Gants Park spirituality where the money goes see
home Group for specific the % breakdowns.

Three. Legacies. Group, District 34

Todd H, GSR

Submitted: 10 March 2024

Meeting Format: Rotating literature/fourth-week open speaker

Meeting Time & Location: 7 PM to 8 PM, Hoag Memorial Church, 2930 West Broad St.,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

District 34, picnic 11, May 2024. Three Legacies group conscious first June 2024.

Downtown First Things First Group, District 37

Mary D, GSR

Submitted: 2/3/2024

Meeting Format: Rotating

Meeting Time & Location: 7:00 am, M-F 200 E Livingston Av,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions: Downtown First Things First has a
Thriving hybrid meetings, we participate in our monthly contributions and our
Members are very involved in Service Work

The Lunch Bunch Group, District 37

Meyar S, GSR

Submitted: 10 March 2024

Meeting Format: Rotating floor mats

Meeting Time & Location: 1 PM to 2 PM Monday through Friday, 1325 S. Ohio Ave.,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Fifth anniversary April 26, Food 12:15 PM

To share, we only buy from the Central office to support them. Had Group conscious to move jail money to literature. We have a new GTR we support all entities.

Poindexter Group, District 37

Richard F, GSR

Submitted: 3 March 2024

Meeting Format: Open speaker

Meeting Time & Location: 8 PM Friday, 455 Saint Dominic's North 20th,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Work with new people from treatment centers

From the Heart Group, District 37

Thomas F, GSR

Submitted: 10th March 2024

Meeting Format: Rotating

Meeting Time & Location: 11 AM Monday through Saturday, 1325 S. Ohio Ave.,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Balancing love intolerance with disrupted people by monitoring the unity of the group

Boiled Owls Group, District 28

Gaebrial F, GSR

Submitted: 3/9/24

Meeting Format: Literature Meeting

Meeting Time & Location: Sundays 6:30 PM, Crestview Presbyterian Church 350 E Tulane Rd, Columbus, OH 43202,

Standing Committee Chair Reports

Area 53 Assembly Meeting Accessibilities Committee Report March 10, 2024

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:

- Providing accessible resources and materials for those members who submit requests (Braille Big Books, Big Books and 12 and 12 on CDs, Grapevine subscriptions)
- Reaching out to senior assisted livings and nursing homes to provide literature and resources
- Communication avenues to reach out to as many AA's needing reasonable accommodations as possible
- Tabletop displays for meetings and special AA events to communicate about the committee

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, March 16th at 11:00 am. (third Saturday this month due to a schedule change just for March!)

Respectfully,

Kathy B., Chair, Area 53 Accessibilities Committee

Area 53 Archives Committee Quarterly Report

March 10th, 2024

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 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://www.area53aa.org/committees/archives).
- 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 has requested \$2,914.00 for this year's budget; (reduced \$1,136.00 from original request).
- The Archives Committee will establish an ad-hoc committee in partnership with COGF's Archive's Committee to develop a process for AA groups in Area 53 to submit a group's history electronically. If you are interested in serving on this Committee, please contact the Area 53 Archives Chair at archives@area53aa.org.
- The Archives Committee Members continue to work on cataloging, developing the finding aid, and collecting oral histories in Area 53. 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://www.area53aa.org/committees/archives).

Materials pertinent to Area 53's history are very important to telling our Area 53 story. Please contact the Area 53 Archivist at archivist@area53aa.org to place items in our collection.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri G., Area 53 Archives Committee Chair

Area 53 Archivist Goes to Canada 2023 Archivist National Convention

I was privileged to attend the 26th National AA Archives Workshop, September 7-10, 2023, in Sudbury Canada. The area is known for being the most important mining center in Canada, rich in nickel, copper, silver platinum and gold. We got to see Sudbury's smokestack, 1250ft, the tallest chimney in Canada and the Western Hemisphere. There were some glitches in my travels such as lost luggage and delayed flights. I was pleased to find the Canadians were extremely helpful, polite, and friendly. I was amused to be asked many times in a curious manner "you're American?"

Attendance was over 135, mostly District and Area Archivists, a good representative of our fellowship from America. Many Canadians spoke both French and English, a few attendees spoke only Spanish.

The weekend consisted of many informational presentations.

- Encouraging group and district histories
- Organize by People, Places, or Things.
- Get a signed "Deed of Gift," when an item has great value.
- Some liked "M-DISC" with an external drive, longevity 1000y
- Importance of Provenance, story of the person, place, or item

It was stressed no matter how advanced or hi-tech you are, speak at a level that keeps the member's interest and desire to learn.

I am pleased to announce that Area 53 Archives Committee did contribute to the 26th National Archives Workshop. The "archives bookmarks," that Teri G. and the committee designed and printed were well received and were gobbled up quickly. I introduced the Pamphlet "History of AA in Central Ohio" produced by Mark C. and COGF. Linda P. Archivist of Area 84 and one of the presenters, appreciated the piece. She has a copy and will use it as an example of preserving or AA History in her presentation.

Profound moments for me

One of the sessions, was a recording of Bill W. speaking. What really hit me hard, Bill said "Ebby could not stay sober because he could not get the concept of giving." (Without demanding in return}

The archivist room was a splendid display of artifacts from all over America and Canada. An endless supply of books, letters, pictures, and trinkets. All having a value of preserving our AA History. In the back of the room were many wooden framed 3'X 4' pictures of the many early members that had an influence on AA. One Picture especially caught my eye, Henry P. (Hank) was essential in getting the Big Book Published, he was a very sharp looking man and brilliant in getting business matters accomplished. I was saddened to read his bio, after four years of sobriety he went on a terrific bender and drank until his death. I pray that I NEVER FORGET, I will always be an alcoholic and the understanding "We work our solution on the spiritual as well as an altruistic plane."

Alcoholics Anonymous, Area 53 and District 12 has allowed me to be of service all over Ohio, several different states and now Canada. Because of these experiences, I got an education in the human and Alcoholic condition. These opportunities have given me a great appreciation and respect for our thirty-six principles and to be effective in passing on AA message.

Gratefully Submitted,
Frank G.

March 3, 2024

AREA 53 CFC QUARTERLY REPORT

1. THE COMMITTEE HELD IT'S QUARTERLY MEETING ON 3/2/24 WITH 34 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MEETING ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- A. COLLECTED \$9,718.63 FOR THE QUARTER
- B. APPROVED \$9,700 FOR NEW LITERATURE PURCHASES
- C. FULFILLED REQUESTS FOR 1169 PIECES OF LITERATURE WHICH REPRESENTS 95.27% OF TOTAL REQUESTS. FULFILLED (192) BIG BOOKS AND (91) 12 & 12'S
- D. RECEIVED 15 ORDERS FROM 9 CORRECTION FACILITIES
- E. CURRENTLY CONDUCTING MEETINGS AT ALL STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.
- F. PURCHASED \$35,830.70 OF LITERATURE IN 2023.
- 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

Communications Team

We need your news.

We have been filling request to add events to the area Calendar and sending out a newsletter when we get news to deliver. We need your help to spread information throughout the area.

As Spring approaches and the weather improves, we look forward to receiving your upcoming event flyers at Contact@area53aa.org

Have you attended an event and want to share what the rest of us missed out on?? Write up a few paragraphs for the newsletters and let us know how great the event was so we will be sure to make it next time,

- DCM's and Committee Chairs: you each have your own page on the site and if you wish to work with our team together, we can make any changes possible that you see fit. Just contact us and we can work together.
- If anyone has any suggestions on how the website could be of better service to the area or better yet the next sick and suffering alcoholic please feel free to contact us at contact@area53aa.org

We will be working with the area Chair to get an item on the June Assembly agenda to formalize this AdHoc Committee adding it to our standing committees. We feel this format is working well and is the best path for the Area to follow going forward.

As always it is my great pleasure to be of service, Koel D. --

Comms Chair

Cooperation with the Professional Community
& Public Information Committee Report
March 10, 2024

Our Committee has 8 committed members, who meet monthly on the third Sunday at the Franklinton Branch Library, from 3 - 4:30 PM. We have extended our meeting time to accommodate the extensive sharing of valuable insights from the members to explore ways of getting the AA message out in our respective communities.

In January, 3 of our members volunteered to talk to students at Heartland High school, which incorporates recovery themes into their general educational curriculum. We look forward to the possibility of future events with this institution.

Our next engagement is at the 2024 FaithLink Summit at the end of this month, an event which links faith leaders and their congregations with free or low-cost mental health providers. We hope to build relationships with these groups and add to our contacts.

We are continuing to circulate postcards and business cards around the community, which have links to meetings and other relevant information for the prospective alcoholic, and welcome any member of AA in Area 53 to be a sponsor of a site where our information is permitted. A sponsor would check-in with their site to ensure whatever material we have provided is maintained and stocked. You may contact me via email if this service opportunity interests you.

In Service

Nicholas B.
Area 53 CPC & PI Chair

TFC REPORT FOR MARCH 2024

TO ALL GSR'S-WE HAVE POSITIONS TO FILL!! Our committee is in need of an Alt. Chair, Alt. Bridging the Gap Coordinator, Alt. Information Coordinator, Alt. Literature Coordinator. Please share this information with your Home Group!!!! We have Meeting Sponsor positions available if you are interested in being a part of the Area 53 Treatment Facilities Committee!!!

Thank you for the continued support of your Area 53 Treatment Facilities Committee. The TFC has put in place an Ad-Hoc committee to review our Policies And Procedures Manual. The members are Teri G, Greg G, Mary Jane S., Antonio R, Deborah P. We have two alternates if needed. They are Taffy J, and Erica C. Due to recent discussions at our committee meetings concerning confusing language and how we identify ourselves at treatment meetings the committee feels an Ad-Hoc committee and an informed group conscious is the best way to rectify any concerns or issues.

We recently purchased 200 books from COGF. We currently have \$110 in our Area Budget and \$300 in our literature budget.

Thank You

Megan R-TFC Chair

AREA 53 MARCH 10th, 2024 ASSEMBLY
INTERGROUP LIAISON REPORT

The Liaison Committee is made up of the following intergroup offices in Area 53:

Central Ohio Group Fellowship (COGF) (614) 253-8501 aacentralohio.org
651 W Broad St Columbus OH 43215.

Lancaster Area Intergroup (LAI) (740) 653-4869 723 Slocum Ave Lancaster OH 43130.

Appalachian Ohio Intergroup Office (AOIO) (740) 774-2646 aoio.org
291 S Paint St Chillicothe OH 45601; mail address P. O. Box 772 Chillicothe OH 45601.

Central Ohio OnLine Alcoholics Anonymous Intergroup (COOLAA) (614) 407-4323 coolaa.org.

Licking County Intergroup (LCIG) (740) 345-7060
76 E Main Street; mail address, #117 1067 N. 21 St, Newark, OH 43055.

We met February 22, 2024 on Zoom to share about our offices with one another. Below lists what our intergroup offices have been doing. Intergroup offices only accept contributions from AA members and AA groups.

COGF strives to keep book prices as low as possible with some AA Conference-approved literature still at pre-increase prices due to the bulk ordering. Prices for non-AA-conference approved items have been changed as minimally as possible. "Talking to people when they are at COGF about the increases has seemed to help people understand the changes," says Office Manager, Patty B.

The latest COGF's meeting schedule booklet is in, with a new listing: the first Russian-speaking meeting in Area 53. *Support COGF and become a "Faithful Fiver" through their website or mailing address.*

In Lancaster, **LAI** is open Monday through Saturday, 10-2 pm, and fully staffed with volunteers who answer phones and sell literature and coins from their well-stocked office where there are now nine AA meetings. *Support LAI's "Be Committed" Campaign by mail or through PayPal.*

AOIO, out of Chillicothe, maintains a phone line (740 774-26460, an updated meeting list of its 70 member meetings on aoio.org, and sells literature and coins on an as-needed basis. *Support AOIO by mail to P.O.Box 772, Chillicothe 45601 or on their website.*

COOLAA started last May to enable online-only meetings, based in Area 53, to get listed on The Meeting Guide by registering with coolaa.org. Its next focus will be on how to start an online meeting.

LCIG, in Newark, is now staffed with office volunteers and open Thursdays 10-2 and Fridays 3-7. *Support LCIG in their Gratitude Campaign with a suggested \$1-5/number of years sober to mailing address, #117 1067 N. 21 St, Newark, OH 43055.*

Request for Guideline change for District 28 & District 23 Combining

District 28 is requesting to combine District 23 with District 28. District 23 has been Dark since 1997 (Del Lindsay past DCM). *Unless anyone can give me other information.* That is 26 Years without a DCM, I would consider that unwillingness to light it up.

There are currently 26 Meetings in District 23 and 2 Active GSR's that both attend District 28 Meetings.

The Meetings that are currently in participation in our district are.

- *Open Door Group (Debbie Robberts - GSR)*
- *Worthington Group (Mark Clemons - GSR)*

I have printed the DCM Letter and GSR information packet and interacted with several District 23 Meeting with no objections to combine. This process started about a year ago and is now something that I would like to bring to the body of the Assembly.

District 28 voted on this issue at the district meeting, and I have asked for the vote of the DCM Meeting and both votes were substantial unanimity in favor of the change.

I have asked for this to be included in this assembly and the Area Planning Committee voted to add this to the agenda for the vote.

I motion for District 28 to be combined with District 23 as follows.

The guideline change would be as follows...

AREA 53 Guideline Change

1. ADD Article X – Districts of the Area Assembly

Table of Contents is missing...Article X – Districts of the Area Assembly.

Add... Article X – Districts of the Area Assembly

2. No Change (reference)

Article X –

6) District Committee Member Chairperson

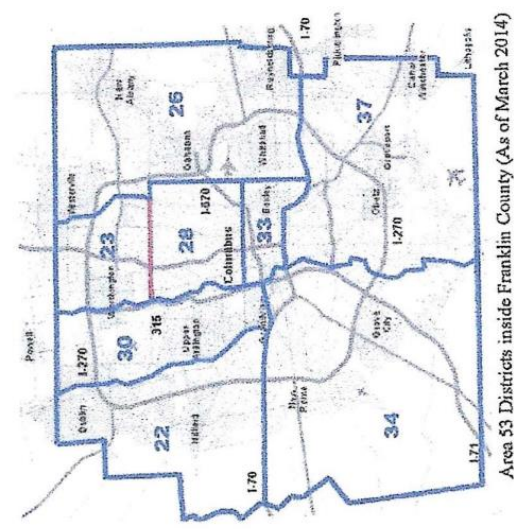
d) District Boundaries

i) District Boundaries are shown approximately on the map in appendix A

3. Change Boundary Map. Remove District 23 (strikethrough) & Change District 28 description in... [Appendix A See Attachment(s)]

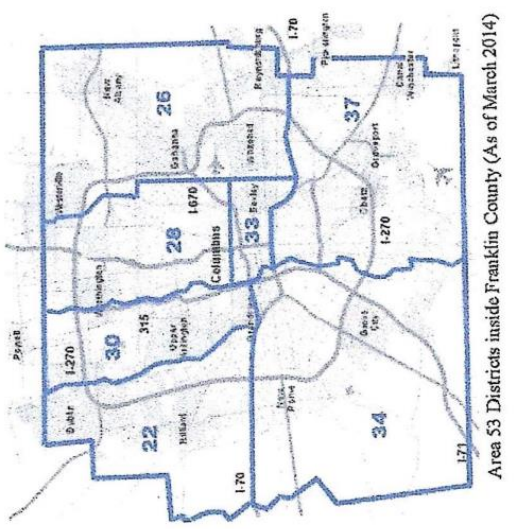
See Reverse for Map Change

Request for Guideline change for District 28 & District 23 Combining



- District 22**
N: Franklin-Delaware County Line
S: I-70
E: Soloto River
W: Madison County line
- District 23**
N: Franklin-Delaware County line
S: I-70
E: Olentangy River
W: Soloto River (to the confluence)
- District 26**
N: Morse Road
E: Alum-Creek
W: Olentangy-River
- District 28**
N: Franklin-Delaware County line
S: I-70
E: Franklin-Licking County line
W: Alum Creek to Morse Road and Stelzer Road to I-70
- District 28**
N: Morse-Road
S: Fifth Avenue to Stelzer Road
E: Stelzer-Read
W: Olentangy River
- District 30**
N: Franklin-Delaware County line
S: I-70
E: Olentangy River
W: Soloto River (to the confluence)
- District 33**
N: Fifth Avenue
S: I-70
E: Stelzer/James Roads
W: Olentangy River
- District 34**
N: I-70
S: Franklin-Pickaway County line
E: Soloto River
W: Franklin-Madison County line
- District 37**
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S: Franklin-Pickaway County line
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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).