



September 15, 2018 –

Inventory Assembly

Minutes Prepared by:

Sandy H – Recording Secretary

Meeting was opened by Laura G.

10:00am – Serenity Prayer Please silence all cell phones and other potential distractions
 Readings Preamble - read by Alicia; A Declaration of Unity – read by Alec; Why Do We Need A
 Conference? – read by Ali; Area 56 Mission Statement – read by John.
 Past Delegates Introductions Hank 04-05; Alicia 10-11; Laura 16-17.

AA Anniversaries - Allie 13; Hank 37; Nancy 29; Tom 34; Andrea 13; Laura 36.

AA Announcements

Please limit announcements to AA events. Provide one copy of announcements to Holly for the Web Site and one to Sandy for inclusion in the minutes.

Ron H District 12 & 13 will be hosting "Share A Day"

Allie District 28 will be hosting "Corrections Fest" Saturday, November 10

Alicia Cincinnati Intergroup will be hosting "Traditions Workshop", Saturday, September 22
 Campus Group 38th Anniversary Meeting, 9/27 from 6-8:30

Laura Ohio State Convention Planning Committee Meeting, Sunday, October 7
 Program Committee Meeting, Saturday, September 22

Angie Trotwood Group Anniversary Eat & Meet Next Thursday, Lead at 7 food at 6

New GSR Introductions - 5 in attendance

New Business (Motion Details were distributed and a copy is attached)

- Motion to change the date of Unity Day next year, from May 2019 to June 2019
 Read by Jenny C. Carried 26 / 1
- Motion to change the name of our Treatment Facilities/Special Needs Committee to the Treatment-Accessibilities Committee Read by Jenny C. Carried Unanimously
- Motion to forward item concerning Chairmanship of Trustees Committees as a potential Agenda item for the 2019 General Service Conference Read by Laura G. Carried 22 / 3

Comments: Hank was in agreement except for finance. Jon had a number of questions which were addressed. Alicia didn't feel good about it either way. Laura F. clarified that we are only asking for them to take a look at it. After the initial vote a minority opinion was offered. No one wanted to change their vote based on this so the motion carried.

- Motion to return to a one-year budget cycle Read by Bob H Carried Unanimously

Ron H – who originally put this together wanted us to know that he had no opposition to this

Allie – Wanted to know the benefit of going back to a 1 year budget. Nancy – 2 year budget is less accurate

- Motion to approve budget (2019 only) Laura reviewed and explained – a number of changes were made. Hospitality added, extra money to church in June as a Thank you (1 months rent), some numbers didn't carry over to total – these were adjusted, once all agreed upon adjustments were made Carried 29 / 1

- Motion to permit the Area Committee to make an appointment to fill vacant positions on the panel if nobody stands or is elected *Read by Jenny C. Carried 27 / 3* Hank commented that it is a sad state of affairs that we have no alternates to step in. Ray thought this motion was premature Cortney thought it was unnecessary. Minority Opinion was heard – 1 person wanted to change their vote We voted to revote and there were not enough votes to carry it.

- Election *Laura explained the election process and then reviewed each of the open positions – reading out of the Service Manual and the Area 56 Handbook*

Area Chair / Alternate Delegate – Nancy was the only one left standing and will serve in this position for the remainder of the rotation

Treasurer – Annette S. & Jon S remained standing for the position and after several votes Annette will serve in this position for the remainder for the rotation

Annette will be vacating the Group Services Chair and Dianna volunteered to fill this position

- Area Secretary report *There was a vote to approve the minutes from the last assembly – Carried unanimously*

- Area Treasurer report *Laura presented what we have and let the assembly know that what we have is incomplete which means we are unable to vote on this. Once the reports are cleaned up they will be presented to the Assembly for a vote.*

- Area Registrar report *Andrea presented – we currently have 405 in active groups. She stressed the need for more updated information from the groups. Any and all help with this is appreciated.*

- Area Delegate report *Jenny C – She reported that she is on the Agenda Committee. Discussed an opening for GSO Staff members and read the qualifications to apply. Told us about possible conference themes and asked for suggestions for the 2020 conference.*

Lunch

Concepts 9 - 12 or GSR School -- Concepts 9-12 were presented by Nancy F.

GSR School was presented by Annette S.

District Presentations

Diana K – 12 & 13 “Share a Day” will be held 10/13 from 9 am – 4 pm They will also be having a New Year’s Event Elections are coming up

Nacho – 23 Elections in November

Allie – 28 They have met 3 times since the last assembly 11/10 Corrections Fest will be held – they have approx. 30 people working on the committee. 100+ Living Sober books were donated by an AA member and are being distributed among different correctional facilities and parole officers. Their PI/CPC committee has been focusing on parole officers They are working on their first official district budget.

Rodney – 21 Average 9 people per meeting Smith Wilson Reunion will be held next weekend – all are invited They are trying to get into some correctional institutions

Central Office and Intergroup Presentations

Ray – Cincinnati Intergroup Liaison They have set up a board of trustees and are in need of four at large trustees. They are looking for experienced members of AA. Trying to relight districts 1-10. He reminded us that Intergroup provides a valuable service but is not in the service structure. They have committee positions open. Traditions Workshop will be held next weekend

Jon – Manager of Cincinnati Central Office Always seeking volunteers to answer the phones

Dayton Intergroup Will be hosting their annual Breakfast on 11/4 – call Dayton Central Office for information and tickets

Area Standing Committee Presentations

Archives --Nacho – discussed a workshop he recently did and that he is available to display archives items at events

Communications -- Chuck – was not present

Corrections --This position is currently open – Courtney volunteered to help with it

Finance -- Bob H. – no report other than what has already been presented today by Laura

Grapevine -- Laura F – she has fielded a few calls and her display is also available for events. She thanked us for letting her serve.

Group Services -- Annette – Thanked everyone for their help and participation in today's GSR school

Scavenger Hunt –

Was Fabulous (Thank you Annette) -a great time was had by all and we got to know each other better.

Area Inventory We divided into 4 groups and discussed the following questions – general responses follow each question which were reported to the group as a whole:

- How does the spirit of service and sacrifice (Third Legacy) function in your life?
 - They are a big part of my life
 - AA has given me a life
 - Keeps me connected to AA – not a sacrifice
 - Helps me to get out of self
 - I was taught that service has to be a central part of my life
 - Become a giver instead of a taker
 - Keeps me sober and hanging with the winners
 - Helps me keep my ego in check
 - Service helps me learn from my mistakes
- Have you found a place to belong in service?
 - Most everyone said yes but they also need to find balance
 - Don't rotate off – just rotate
 - Area, homegroup, driving people to meetings

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- How can we attract more people to Area service? What is the connection between Area service and your recovery?
 - Talk to your sponsees
 - Educate groups as to how important it is
 - Make it attractive (we are not a glum lot)
 - Be an example
 - Sharing the traditions and concepts – all 36 principles
 - Be more transparent about area committee meetings
 - We need to have fun
 - Make sure YPAA is connected with us
 - Need a functioning outreach committee
 - Teach people that it is not politics
 - Why are there not more active Districts?
 - Lack of communication, interest, understanding
 - Needs to be purposeful and attractive
 - Many of the services are being duplicated by clubhouses and intergroups
 - We don't have healthy groups
 - How can the Area better serve the Districts?
 - We need to ask them what they need
 - Redistrict
 - More outreach from the area to the groups and districts
 - District maps are hard to read
 - How can we keep the flow of communication going back and forth?
 - Speak up
 - Better website
 - Announcements
 - By showing up and having GSR's

Reconvene to report out:

- Group 1 - Laura F.
- Group 2 - Andy
- Group 3 - Nancy F
- Group 4 - Bob H

4:00 Close with the Responsibility Statement

Next Area Committee Meeting - 12 noon, October 21

Mini Conference Planning Meeting - 2 pm, October 21 (following the committee meeting)

2019 State Convention - Planning Meeting - 1:00 pm, Sunday, October 7, 2018

Next Area Assembly - 10:00 am Saturday, February 16, 2019--- St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
470 South Gebhart Church Rd., Miamisburg OH 45342