

Akron Multidistrict News

March 2009

The Akron Multidistrict Committee represents all of the AA Groups in Summit County.

The Akron Multidistrict Committee meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month at the Paradise Club in Cuyahoga Falls, OH at 4:00 p.m.

The Northeast Ohio Area 54 Assembly meets quarterly on the Sunday following the AMC meeting at The 12 Step Recovery Club in Brunswick, OH at 2:00 p.m.

Join us at any meeting or call the AMC DCM, Roosevelt T. (330) 573-1630 to sign up for service.

The Akron Multidistrict Committee Meeting

Winter Meetings:

This quarterly newsletter will be reinstated with the goal of informing the AA members in our district about matters relevant to our membership, to educate AA members about the district's service structure, and to encourage AA members to get involved in service. Julie G. W. was voted

into the position of Editor. The AMC extends thanks to Akron Intergroup for agreeing to assist the AMC with distributing the newsletter.

Our district still needs more members willing to serve as GSRs and DCMs.

AMC will host a seminar in 2009 aimed at providing additional information to attendees on a subject of interest to AA. The GSRs took

the possible topics to their home groups for a collective group conscience decision and based on a majority vote at the February of 2009 AMC meeting, the topic of the seminar will be "Sponsorship".

Akron Intergroup historically makes contributions to the AMC.; they will not make contributions to AMC in 2009. AMC modified the projected 2009 budget.

The Northeast Ohio Area 54 Assembly

1/18/09 Meeting:

75% of Area 54 has GSRs/DCMs. In our district, District 4B, The Dry People's Club, does not have representation. Volunteers are encouraged!

A motion was made/passed for District 13, the area surrounding Canton, to be restructured to allow better conference representation.

An ad hoc committee will revise/update the GSR Fact File. An ad hoc committee will review any potential savings on mail if we secure a not-for-profit registered entity status.

Anyone interested in enclosing AA related materials in the Area 54 newsletter may do so at a low rate.

Reconciliation of the 2008 Treasurer Report revealed an unexplained \$1,000.00 surplus. The 4th quarter Treasurer Report was approved with a request

for details on the \$708.61 amount cited for contingency costs.

Akron Intergroup historically makes contributions to N.E. Ohio Area 54; they will not make contributions to the Area in 2009. Area 54 modified the projected 2009 budget.

A motion was made/passed to approve the 2009 budget.

Acronyms:

AMC = Akron Multidistrict Committee

GSR = General Service Representative

DCM = District Committee Member

Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous Trivia Question

In the 4th Edition of the Big Book, there is a chapter titled, "Acceptance Was The Answer"

What was this same chapter titled in the 3rd Edition of the Big Book?

The answer is on page two.

How the Voice of the Each AA Group is Heard by the AA World

The GSR takes the decisions of the home group conscience that affect AA as a whole to the AMC.

For Example: The home group conscience believes that AA as a whole should change the written definition of a closed meeting.

The home group's GSR presents the group's request/opinion to the AMC, which is attended by other GSRs in Summit County.

If other GSRs agree with that home group's request to raise the topic at the next N.E. Ohio Area 54 Assembly, then the DCM, who represents the AA groups in Summit County, pre-

sents the topic at the Assembly. (The Assembly is a meeting of all of the GSRs and DCMs throughout N.E. Ohio, where topics are presented and ruled upon.)

The Assembly rules on the issue by way of the Third Legacy Procedure. (The Third Legacy Procedure is when an issue is won by two thirds of the votes, instead of the customary process wherein issues are won by anything more than 50%.)

If the issue wins (carries) at the Assembly, then the topic will be taken to the annual AA General Service Conference that takes place each Spring.

The Area Delegate is the representative from N.E. Ohio who carries our message to the Conference. (The Conference is the final authority on issues effecting AA as a whole and it is attended by Area Delegates from around the world.)

If the issue carries at the General Service Conference, the decision is implemented throughout the world by AA World Services, located in New York City.

For Example: The home group's recommended change to the written closed meeting definition is reworded in all AA Conference Approved Literature.

“Besides, we have stopped fighting anybody or anything. We have to!”

**Page 103,
Alcoholics
Anonymous,
3rd Edition**

“The AA Conference structure is the framework by which general services are carried out.

It is a method by which AA's collective group conscience can speak forcefully and put its desires for Conference wide services into effect.”

The A.A. Service Manual

Answer: “Doctor, Alcoholic, Addict”

Home Group > GSR > AMC > DCM > N.E. Ohio Area Assembly > General Service Conference

Upcoming Events

Akron Multidistrict Committee Meeting

34th N.E. Ohio Mini-conference

4/3/09 – 4/5/09
Hilton Cleveland East

3/21/09 @ 4:00

4/18/09 @ 4:00

Paradise Club
Cuyahoga Falls

N.E. Ohio Area 54 Assembly

3/15/09 @ 2:00
The 12 Step Recovery Club
Brunswick