

# Central Michigan Area 32

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## GSR/DCM Meeting - Bay City, MI.

October 7, 2007

### CHAIR: David T.

Dave T. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, A.A. Preamble, and the Responsibility Pledge.

### SECRETARY: Sharon S., Email: secretary@cmia32.org

Roll Call: 58 GSR's and Alternates were in attendance.

6 New GSR's attended.

2 GSR attended for their second time.

The 10th Tradition was discussed by Kevin T., and the 10th Concept was discussed by Cari C.

The 11th Tradition will be presented by .., and the 11th Concept presented by .. in Flint, MI.

### Minutes were accepted.

### TREASURER: Kirk F.

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| <b>Beginning Balance:</b>                         |          | <b>4,545.69</b> |
| <b>Income:</b>                                    |          |                 |
| Group Contributions                               | 1,463.30 |                 |
| Baskets   | 63.95    |                 |
| Coffee Pot (GSO)                                  | 39.12    |                 |
| Statewide Convention (55 <sup>th</sup> Kalamazoo) | 1,000.00 |                 |
| <b>Total Income:</b>                              |          | <b>2,566.37</b> |
| <b>Expenses:</b>                                  |          |                 |
| DCM's   | 400.00   |                 |
| Archives  | 50.00    |                 |
| Secretary Seed Money (Sharon S.)                  | 206.31   |                 |
| GSO (Coffee Pot)                                  | 39.12    |                 |
| Forum Fund - 2007 (internal transfer)             | 150.00   |                 |
| Treasurer (Kirk F.)                               | 90.03    |                 |
| Host (Houghton Lake/Prudenville)                  | 575.00   |                 |
| Corrections Committee (CMIA Literature)           | 400.00   |                 |
| Ofc. Fuel exp. (reimbursement)                    | 11.98    |                 |
| Public Information                                | 47.97    |                 |
| Web Server  | 43.05    |                 |
| Solvent Treasury (internal transfer)              | 200.00   |                 |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                             |          | <b>2,213.46</b> |
| <b>Ending Available Balance</b>                   |          | <b>4,898.60</b> |
| <b>Ending Balance:</b>                            |          |                 |

**LITERATURE: Lyle T.**

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| <b>Beginning Balance:</b> | <b>\$1,710.34</b>  | <b>Expenses:</b>                           |                    |
| <b>Income:</b>            |                    | Purchases                                  | <b>\$ 389.25</b>   |
| Sales                     | <b>\$ 932.43</b>   | Travel Expenses                            | <b>\$ 152.00</b>   |
| Committees & non taxable  | <b>\$ 494.25</b>   | Storage                                    | <b>\$ 57.00</b>    |
| Sales Tax                 | <b>\$ 55.95</b>    | <b>Total Expenses:</b>                     | <b>(\$ 598.25)</b> |
|                           |                    | <b>Ending Balance:</b>                     | <b>\$2,594.72</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL Income:</b>      | <b>\$ 1,482.63</b> | <b>-tax acct. (-\$531.62)=Spend. Bal.=</b> | <b>\$2,063.10</b>  |

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Chuck C.**

**Number of members present: 7**      ***\*Reminder\* - Finance Committee Begins at 9:30 am\****

**Beginning Balance : \$4,898.60**

**Expenses & Reimbursements: (\$ 1,935.21)**

**Ending Balance: \$2,963.39**

**REGISTRAR: Pauline N.**

The DCM's are doing a great job in getting the changes to me for their groups. Good job. I have changes for groups in the following districts: 2, 4, 8, 16, 20, and 26. I also registered 4 new groups last month. Last month we discussed deleting the inactive groups from the DCM's list of meetings. I did email N.Y., and they responded that yes, it could be done, they sent me the instructions and I looked at it, then when I followed the instructions it is in Excel. It was not in District # order. I really don't know if it will mess up the district files so at this time I'm not going to chance it. I am going to the ECR Forum, and hopefully get together with some other Registrar's and hopefully I will be able to get more information. Any questions? It's an honor and privilege to serve.

In Love and Service,

Pauline N. - Registrar, CMIA 32.

**FORUM: Adelia H.**

The Forum Committee and members who will be sponsored by CMIA heartily thank CMIA for the money that gives us the opportunity to have a forum experience. Thank you All. I know it will be a sacrifice, but I need all people that CMIA is sending to the Forum to meet at the Forum Committee table at 11:15am, before the regular committee meeting, next month in Flint. I promise to take no more than 15 minutes out of the time allotted to your other meetings. I would like to remind all who will be sponsored by CMIA that they will probably be asked to tell this body about what experiences they had at the Forum. CMIA members that are confirmed that they will attend the East Central Regional Forum on November 9, 10, 11, 2007, in Arlington Heights, IL. As CMIA sponsees are: Doug K., Pauline N., Lori D., Orvil T., Carina C., Brian M., Todd M., Sean O., Dave B., Bob B., Lee Ann B., Tom R., Delois G. Adelia M. I still have to get final confirmation from Stormin P. and Bob B. Thank You,  
Adelia H.

**WEBSITE COMMITTEE: Raymond H.**

No report.

**TREATMENT FACILITIES: Stanley P.**

6 members were present. We opened with moment of silence & serenity prayer. We introduced ourselves and gave updates of what is happening in our districts. Jackson (#2): reports contacting Washington Way, regarding singleness of purpose. There is a Friday night open speaker mtg. And a Friday 10am Big Book Study in a Jackson treatment facility. Ann Arbor (#4): reports a large number of treatment facilities in this district and a lot of help is needed so recruitment is underway including asking groups to create a treatment rep. Also, Huron Valley Area Intergroup elected a new treatment chair. (#24):

has one treatment facility that has a Wed. night AA mtg. & a Thurs. night NA mtg. Both open to outside members. They could use support. Suggestions that were mentioned: CPC chairperson has offered to help us if there are no treatment facilities in your district. You can carry the message into nursing homes & hospitals. We need to follow the traditions & guidelines when carrying the message. (#12): reports no large treatment center in the district but one may be re-opening in January because they received the funding.  
Stanley P.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION: Sean O'C.**

11 members in attendance, including 1 new member. We opened with the Serenity prayer. We discussed distribution of the public service announcements (PSAs), to a radio media outlet located in Flint (#12). We are encouraging local contact. Moe will take the contact information to the next district 12 meeting. Needs for further support will be brought to the Finance Committee. District 22 is also interested in supporting this effort. We discussed the process for ensuring that local media received the PSAs. We also discussed copyright and anonymity issues. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.  
Sean

**CPC COMMITTEE: Art M.**

Received via email: October 15, 2007: The following is a thought, just a thought, about relationship between DCMs and Area 32/CMIA. This thought is shared thinking that it may be of some assistance in planning ways to stimulate greater attendance and participation in CMIA functions. I have noted, and it is just my personal observation, that when DCMs come to CMIA functions that they do receive a substantial amount of good information from our delegate, the majority of which is about national or regional AA matters. I note that only a very small amount, if any, is more specifically about how a DCM can best serve their local districts and the meeting groups. It is my thought that if our Alternate-Delegate were to follow up the delegate meeting with a meeting with DCMs and that meeting focused on DCM responsibilities, that DCMs could be better equipped to help districts provide service to meeting groups and vice versa. DCMs might better assist GSR's, various committees and meeting groups in their Districts and find greater opportunity in service with this type of exchange of information. Would it not then be possible for a previous delegate or some other person to be given the responsibility for FSR orientation allowing our alternate DCM to perform this function? I thank our present and past Delegates for their service to and information for us all but know that the time is very limited at DCM meetings for the huge amount of material that they have to share. Would it not be a good idea to have the DCMs able to go the other way around by bringing to the CMIA opportunities for discussions about matters that concern them or education for them about how they should or could serve their districts? I appreciate you letting me express my thoughts and ideas for discussion in this manner. It is sent hoping to bring more dialogue on this subject to CMIA to improve our interaction at IntraArea meetings. With my best regards and gratitude for your service and fellowship,  
Art M., Email: [cpc@cmia32.org](mailto:cpc@cmia32.org)

**ARCHIVES: Jim D.**

(no report, received)

**CORRECTIONS: Chuck L.**

We opened with the Serenity Prayer. We still need volunteers to write to inmates, and to hold AA meetings in jails & prisons. We have pre-release forms for those willing to help prisoner's re-entry to society. Closed with Lord's Prayer.  
Chuck L.

**GRAPEVINE: Doug K.**

We opened with the Serenity Prayer. 5 members present. We discussed responsibilities of being a GVR & the materials that are available to be of service. We shared how we as GVR's are carrying the message by creating & utilizing our ideas to pass flyers & info to our groups. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.  
Doug K.

**SPECIAL NEEDS: Eddie J.**

5 members present. We discussed needs for communications and accessibilities for those of us in need. While there are no special AA members, there are members with special needs. Blind/visually impaired, Deaf/hearing impaired, Chronically

ill, Homebound, Physically Limited, Reading Limited, Language Limited. The goal is to make AA meetings accessible to every alcoholic who wants them. Members of the Special Needs Committee explore, develop and offer alternatives to make the AA message and participation in our program available to everyone who reaches out for it. Hi, my name is Eddie, I have been asked to step up to replace Brenda F. Her work has taken her to Columbus, Ohio. She will be missed. I will try very hard to dedicate myself to those in the program with Special Needs. Finding those in need, I could really use your help. Please help me locate all the above. Knowing where they are will help me focus better on how to better serve. With each passing day of our lives, may everyone of us sense more deeply the inner meaning of AA's simple prayer - Serenity Prayer. Thanks, Eddie J.

**GSR ORIENTATION: Mike K.**

Opened with the Serenity Prayer. 6 new GSR's, 2 alternates, and 2 guests attended. Discussed duties and responsibilities of a GSR. Talked about the GSR as part of the service structure in making sure that their home group is well informed. Gave each a copy of the area handbook service manual, and various pamphlets. Discussed area assembly structure and purpose. Gave some of my own experience in service within area, district, and group service. Hope to see many of those who attended to return to Area Assembly, next month in Flint. Mike Kimling - Alternate Delegate

**CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIR: Dennis S.**

**2008 Michigan State Convention Report**

Everything is going well at our monthly meeting. All committees are busy. Please get your room reservations early. Our committee can really use volunteers for registration, greeters and our hospitality rooms as we get closer to our Convention date, which is August 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

**DELEGATE: Larry S.**

(See attached report.)

**\*\*Next Month CMIA will be meeting in Flint, MI., November 4, 2007 (see attached flier).**

**2008 & 2007 - AREA 32 - ASSEMBLIES:**

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| <b>January - Owosso - District 10</b>     | <b>July - Gladwin</b>  |
| <b>February - Jackson - District 2</b>    | <b>August - Alpena - District 28</b>                               |
| <b>March - Washtenaw Co. - District 4</b> | <b>September 9<sup>th</sup> - Houghton Lake - District 26</b>      |
| <b>April - Pinckney - District 8</b>      | <b>October 7<sup>th</sup> - Bay City - District 22 * also 2008</b> |
| <b>May - Cass City - District 24</b>      | <b>November 4<sup>th</sup> - Flint - District 12</b>               |
| <b>June -</b>                             | <b>December 3<sup>rd</sup> - Adrian - District 2</b>               |