

Central Michigan Intra Area

GSR/DCM Meeting, Bay City Michigan
October 4th, 2009

Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m. Adjourned: 3:30 p.m.

CHAIR: Pauline N. Pauline opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. We all joined in reciting the Responsibility Pledge

SECRETARY: Joe G.

Roll Call: 72 Groups; GSR's: 63; Alt. GSR's: 11; GSR's 2nd visit: 50 (!!); Past Delegates/Trustee's: 5;
Total Signed In: 88

- The 9th Tradition was discussed by: Jan F. / The 9th Concept was discussed by: Jim W.
- The 10th Tradition was discussed by: Sharon S. / The 10th Concept was discussed by: Moe M.

To be discussed in Saline in December:

- 11th Tradition: Delois G.; 11th Concept: Stanley P.
- 12th Tradition: Sandy; 12th Concept: Mike K.

TREASURER: Shaun O.

Beginning Balance: \$5,592.51
Income: \$3,552.14
Subtotal: \$9,114.65
Expenses: \$3,248.05
Forum Fund Balance: \$2,500.00
Approved Contribution: \$500.00
Balance: \$3,000.00
Ending Available Balance: \$5,896.60
Forum Fund: \$3,000.00
Total Checking: \$896.60
Solvent Treasury Account: \$3,000.00
Total CMIA 32 General Fund Balance: \$11,896.60

LITERATURE: Ray H.

Beginning Balance: \$1,316.45
Tax (Income): \$35.23
CMIA Corrections: \$800.00
Sales: \$587.16
Total Income: \$1,422.39
Expenses: Mileage: \$55.35
Recovery Mint: \$165.65

Literature order: \$1,861.20
Service Fee: \$4.00
Total Expenses: \$2,086.20
Current Balance: \$652.64

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Ray H.

Beginning Balance: \$5,896.60
Standard Monthly Expenses: \$1,489.51
Committee Reimbursements: \$298.07
Officer Fuel Expenses: \$242.11
Ending Expenses Balance: \$3,857.91
Committee Expenses that require Area
Assembly Approval: Corrections: \$800.00
Final Ending Balance: \$3,057.91

REGISTRAR: Adelia H.

I'm continuing to receive Groups Individual Position changes through the past, in person and E Mail. I continue to process these promptly. There are some questions about ownership of the data needed to publish a Area meeting directory, independently of the General Service Office. I will keep you informed of my progress.

FORUM: Lori D.

Six in attendance. Discussed questions on registration form if not being sponsored by Area 32. Discussed what Forum is about. If you need a registration form see Lori D. All GSR's continue to sign the sheet as we have Area every other month. The more you sign the Forum Sheet at registration you will be more apt to go to the Forum in 2011.

If you can go to the Forum and are signed up contact me. I will be calling 2 men and 2 women for backup in case this happens. I will be at the hotel early please see me when you arrive. I will have your badge and envelope with the money, and your room number. I would like to thank all Districts and GSR's for your attendance, and interest in the Forum.

WEBSITE: Kate L.

Seven members attended. First, thank you to District 22 for hosting. Correction Aug. 2nd minutes: Anonymous version of the minutes should read: www.cmia32.org. We have had requests for host committee's to include links and maps to local meetings, for those coming in from out of town.

Discussion on shared hosting was explored as a savings since we have unusual capacity on our web site. SIDE NOTE: Remember we are here to be of service to the districts, please allow us to help by sharing your AA related events.

PUBLIC INFORMATION: Delois G.

Nine members were present, representing Districts: 2, 6, 12, 14 and 16. Our speaker list is doing very well. The List will be called "Central Michigan Confidential Speaker List" Our goal is 100 members and were almost there. (87 to date!) See Delois if you would like to be added to the

list. District 2 was visiting to learn about our committee.

District 6 is hosting a public information seminar on "What AA is and what it is not" in March of 2010. District 12 hosted a recovery conference on September 25th and 26th, over 100 people attended.

District 12 attended a health fair in District 14, presented information, and gave a presentation on what Alcoholics Anonymous What it is and what it isn't.

District 16 is working on getting people interested in service work. Our committee discussed the role of the PI committee in getting people interested in District work.

CPC: Steve R.

Old Business:

1. Checked in regarding committee to contact members of the professional committee per month since August 2009 CMIA meeting.
2. Status of letter to Michigan Secretary of State regarding the requirement that individuals submit affidavits from sponsors to Secretary of State.

New Business: Focus of clergy for three per month until December 2009 CMIA meeting.

ARCHIVES: Jim D. We had a display at the Annual Dignitaries Dinner in Lansing. There was over 200 people in attendance from all over the United States and they appreciated and enjoyed the display.

CORRECTIONS: William H.

21 people present, representing 10 Districts. Allocation of \$800 from CMIA, Allocation of \$200, which allowed 4100 for each District. Treasury starting balance: \$35.44/Reserve: \$448.85.

Subjects brought up by one of the Districts that they don't have the money to cover all their jails, several other Districts said they have the same problem. Solutions suggested: To cut costs take in pamphlets, not books; ask your groups for jail pail or possibly donations from Unity. Double check (?) where your books are going. If not being used ask for them back. Suggest to inmates that they could have family or friends purchase through Amazon and send in. Or the District can supply to general assembly for an increase just for them.

Motion: To take \$200 from reserve fund & add to this months allocation. PASSED.

Requests to try and get volunteers to get involved with the campaign for inmates. Reports: Last months workshop in Jackson prison went well 17 outsiders attended and 100 inmates.

GRAPEVINE: Sharon S.

Six members attended. We discussed the purpose of the Grapevine Committee as promoting Grapevine Magazine issues and learning some history of Alcoholics Anonymous. We would like find out if there are GSRs in our Area 32, and have spoken with Sandy C., DCM secretary, who will help us learn this information by contacting DCMs in Area 32.

Larry volunteered to contact the Grapevine to get some updated subscription applications. We considered giving away subscriptions by raffle but learned that it had been done in the past and didn't seem to help.

Mike K stopped by and shared a new book with a collection of humor from AA members. "A Rabbit Walked Into a Bar" will have one chapter devoted to Victor E.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Felicia W.

Report District 12 : Special needs in District 12 has a goal set for December 2009 to set up a meeting at least once a week for the death of a special needs member, and have a member that will start the meeting.

Meeting time and place is still being sought. District 12 is also getting information to treatment facilities. District to treatment facilities, and Recovery center to let them know about Special Needs availability.

TREATMENT FACILITIES: Cari C.

The committee met with six persons attending. An overview of the committee purpose and guidelines. Workbooks were given to four new committee members.

An explanation of "seed" money and providing literature to the Alcoholic in treatment was also discussed. If you know of a treatment center in your District that could use literature or the support of AA please contact the chairperson by email or phone.

MOTIONS: To move \$500 from checking to solvent treasury for Area operating expenses. Solvent treasury to be \$3500; MOTION APPROVED.

MOTION: To continue Area Assembly meeting every other month for 1 more year 1 Minority opinion given; MOTION APPROVED.

MOTION: That Alcoholic Anonymous have one single order sheet for all of AA literature of whatsoever nature whether it be AAWS or the Grapevine. This is to be given as a motion by the Delegate Mike K for the next General Service Conference; MOTION APPROVED by unanimous vote.

MOTION: That the General Service Board initiate/take action to create a position of Alternate Trustee to discharge the responsibility of a seating trustee that either passes away or become incapacitated. (To be taken as a action by the Delegate Mike K.); MOTION APPROVED by unanimous vote.

MOTION: To bring proposals to Area Assembly for the State Convention locations to be presented; MOTION APPROVED.

NEW BUSINESS: 2 positions for Finance Committee end Dec. 31st. Nominated: Lyle T., Don D., Sandy C., Cari C. Election in December.

GSR Meeting AGENDA

CMIA32 (Central Michigan IntraArea 32) – in Bay City
Sunday, October 4 - 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

PURPOSE and OBJECTIVE

The GSR is the most important service person in our AA community. The purpose of this meeting is to “connect the dots” of AA service and provide greater clarity about GSR services and where more assistance is available to GSR’s and meeting groups. The objective is to assist Area 32 GSR’s to aid their meeting groups and districts to provide growing and responsible AA service to the “still sick and suffering” alcoholic.

WELCOME and INTRODUCTION

Introduction to attendees by name, district. Sign in sheets distributed

The meeting and GSR service purpose and agenda by leader (Art M.)

Review of GSR responsibilities with supporting literature with upside down chart and Circle of Service and reference to the AA Handbook of Service.

WHO ARE WE and HOW OTHERS KNOW - Introductions

IMPORTANCE of OUR AA SERVICE with reference to GSR pamphlet and about Group Conscience meetings and how they are brought about in groups.

SERVICE - HOW WE GROW FROM IT and how to APPLY THE AA PRINCIPLES TO IT and in turn to ourselves. This presentation is to be made by Jack W., Past Trustee and Delegate, and Judy W., Past Delegate.

HOW MEETING GROUPS, DISTRICTS AND CMIA32 WORK TOGETHER for the benefit of all in AA. Workshops or other services? Do you want Area 32 officers and committee Chair’s to attend your home district meetings?

Questions from GSR’s and others in attendance to presenters are encouraged. Before the end of the GSR meeting, general questions about GSR services will be welcome. The GSR committee will provide answers and/or introductions to those on site who can give direct assistance when that is possible.

Please complete and return the attendance form. Information requested that is best handled by written follow up will be mailed to all attendees at this meeting. SHARE your questions during this GSR meeting so that we can all learn and grow our services and Spiritual Experiences together.

BE SURE TO SIGN UP TO RECEIVE THE CMIA32 MEETING MINUTES before you leave the meeting. See the CMIA32 Secretary, Joe G. at the officers table.

In service as your GSR Meeting Leader,

Art M., Area 32 Alternate Delegate
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