

# Central Michigan Intra-Area 32 Assembly Minutes

April 2, 2017 – District 18, Saginaw, MI

## 2017 Schedule

June 4 – District 26, East Tawas

August 6 – District 28, Hillman

October 1 – District 8, Brighton

December 3 – District 2

**CHAIR: Mark M;** [chair@cmia32.org](mailto:chair@cmia32.org)

Meeting called to order at 1:04 pm. Opened with Serenity prayer and Responsibility Pledge followed by reading of AA Preamble from Tausha.

- Motion to accept Agenda for meeting, seconded and approved.

Chair acknowledges District 18 volunteers for hosting the meeting.

Tradition 3 was discussed by Jack R

Tradition 4 was discussed by Paul W

Concept 3 was discussed by Matt D

Concept 4 was discussed by Mike K

Volunteers for next meeting:

Tradition 5: Nathan B

Tradition 6: Lori C

Concept 5: Tom R

Concept 6: Kamesha M

## Committee Reports

**SECRETARY: Doug R;** [secretary@cmia32.org](mailto:secretary@cmia32.org). Attendance = 77; 35 GSRs, 2 alt-GSRs, 40 Guests.

- Corrections to February 2017 minutes: October Area 32 meeting in Brighton, MI is District 8 not “District 1”. Phil L. is the Finance Committee Chair, not Tim C.
- Motion to accept February 2017 meeting minutes as corrected, seconded and approved.

**TREASURER: Cynthia R;** [treasurer@cmia32.org](mailto:treasurer@cmia32.org)

- Motion to accept Treasurer’s report (attached), seconded and approved.

**FINANCE: Phil L;** [finance@cmia32.org](mailto:finance@cmia32.org)

- Motion to approve \$800 for corrections committee, seconded and approved.
- Motion to accept Finance Committee report (attached), seconded and approved.

**REGISTRAR: Pete G;** [registrar@cmia32.org](mailto:registrar@cmia32.org). Over 40 group changes and 10 position updates logged in database since last meeting. Pleased with level of effort put into getting updates to GSO. Any further group changes should be submitted by Mid-May for inclusion in next Eastern US AA Directory printing from GSO. Changes can be submitted directly to Registrar, via email, fax, or US mail.

**Six past delegates were recognized.**

**DELEGATE: Ted S;** [delegate@cmia32.org](mailto:delegate@cmia32.org). Please see attached report.

**ALT. DELEGATE: Lori C;** [altdelegate@cmia32.org](mailto:altdelegate@cmia32.org). Please see attached report.

**LITERATURE: Don M;** [literature@cmia32.org](mailto:literature@cmia32.org). Please see attached report.

**ARCHIVIST: Jim D;** Sent invitations to other 3 archivists to participate in State Convention. Workshop in Tecumseh later this month. Going to be a fun and busy year – love it.

**ARCHIVES COMMITTEE: Phil L;** Discussing ongoing concerns regarding histories of homegroups in CMIA 32. Drawing up a final copy entitled “Group History Form” on one side and 20 questions on the other to launch reports. These will be available on registration table at future assemblies and making frequent announcements for requests and results.

**CORRECTIONS: Mark H;** [corrections@cmia32.org](mailto:corrections@cmia32.org) Attendance: 14. \$368 available balance, need to look into customary expenses for committee. Nine districts in attendance will split \$800 distribution at \$88.88 each. Discussed whether pictures being taken at jail entryways an issue; most volunteers know this is a requirement for entry and have agreed to accept terms. Starting to set-up J Pay for email communication with inmates. Chair will look into getting meetings into Saginaw jail.

**COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY: John B;** [cpc@cmia32.org](mailto:cpc@cmia32.org) Flint/District 12 was given lead on church that wants to offer meeting space. Discussion and support provided about role of intergroup and districts in CPC work. Discussion of four areas of CPC: clergy, medical, legal, education. Discussions emphasized importance of explaining what AA can and cannot do early in CPC relationship.

- Motion to send District 6 CPC report to email list via secretary, seconded.

Discussion: What's the point/end game for this information? The information is meant to convey CPC experience from District 6 for consideration. It's merely informational. CPC report took great effort and there seems to be no way to get this info to groups. Concern that using the email list is breach of trust and could open door to other committees to take advantage of this list.

- Motion amended to state that information be posted onto website where it can be downloaded, maintaining anonymity. Amendment seconded, *vote to approve motion 36 in favor, 9 opposed.*

Minority opinion: Could open doors to using website as mass deposition. Should get info directly from source (GSO, Conference approved literature), not from one group's interpretation of the source. Could use sign-up sheet for committee to distribute. Concern that the information in the report has not been read, not sure what actually would go on the website. *Voters wish to change vote based on minority position. Voted in favor of reopening discussion on amended motion.*

Discussion: GSRs asked for the report so it can be referenced when discussion brought up to avoid emotional responses. Attending Area and its standing committee meetings is the proper way to distribute/access this information. *Voted on amended motion: 6 in favor, 31 opposed. Motion defeated.*

**FORUM: Gary M;** ECRF is Nov 17-19<sup>th</sup> in Springfield, IL. Please sign Forum sign-up sheet at the registration table if you haven't already and wish to go.

**GRAPEVINE: Kamesha M;** Attendance: 11, 5 GVRs, 2 packets given out. Discussed establishing GVRs District-wide, ordering info and subscriptions, price increases in March. GV committee organizing skit for 65<sup>th</sup> State Convention: "Victor E. and the Slogans". Contact committee if interested in participating. Limited time savings of subscription renewals online. Winner of the Grapevine Sweepstakes: Area 32!

**PUBLIC INFORMATION: Tom R;** Attendance: 4. Discussed being proactive in getting PSAs out for playing and compiling a list of stations in Area. Ordering work kits for committee members. Looking deeper into what committee can do. Had lively discussion about utilizing social media.

**SPECIAL NEEDS: Lisa R;** [specialneeds@cmia32.org](mailto:specialneeds@cmia32.org). Four people in attendance at committee meeting. Stanley came with many helpful suggestions and info. Ted stopped by to seek suggestions. GSO requests changing committee name from "Special needs" to "Accessibilities".

**LIAISON:** No report, empty committee chair position.

**TREATMENT: Thomas (Lou) F;** (no written report)

**WEBSITE: Jason D;** Met with Dan and discovered we are limited in our ability to make changes to website and can only update content unless we want to make a platform change and serious overhaul. This is our current main area of focus. We are also monitoring traffic on the website to determine what is content priority.

**YPAA: Matt D;** Good progress being made to get YPAA member on each panel for State Convention. Discussed how MCYPAA/YPAA does and could fit into general AA service structure.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Motion to change Special Needs/Accessibilities committee to Accessibilities, seconded.
- Motion to close meeting, seconded and approved. Meeting closed at 2:55 with Lord's Prayer.