

# Central Michigan Intra-Area 32 Assembly Minutes

June 3, 2018 – District 28, Hillman, MI

## 2018 Schedule

August 5 – District 26 – Houghton Lake Elks Lodge, 4932 W. Houghton Lake Dr. Houghton Lake, 48629

October 7 – District 22

December 2 – District 4

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

Meeting called to order at 1:08 pm. Opened with Serenity prayer and reading of AA Preamble.

Motion to accept Agenda for meeting, seconded and approved.

Chair acknowledges District 28 volunteers for hosting the meeting.

## Committee Reports

**SECRETARY: Stephanie G (District 18)** [secretary@cmia32.org](mailto:secretary@cmia32.org). . Attendance = 47; 30 GSRs (5 new-GSRs), 17 Guests (4 Past Delegates)

Motion to accept meeting minutes without corrections, seconded and approved.

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

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

Cynthia reminds people to use the donation envelopes for Area 32. Sending checks to past Treasurer address is causing problems with checks deposits.

**FINANCE: (absent) Jon S,** [finance@cmia32.org](mailto:finance@cmia32.org). **An alternate rep. gave the Finance Committee Report**

Motion to accept Finance Committee report (attached), seconded and approved.

Request of \$800 for Corrections – Approved

## Committee Reports (cont'd.)

**REGISTRAR: Pete G, (District 2),** [registrar@cmia32.org](mailto:registrar@cmia32.org). Working on updating invalid addresses in the database.

This helps GSO. Discussion of what info is needed for change and new group forms to be accepted by GSO. CMIA website has made an improvement in offering forms 2 ways (PDF and WORD) and by adding registrar e mail for easier submission of forms to GSO. Thanked the many districts working hard to update info.

## **Recognition of 5 Past Delegates by Mark and meeting attendees. Thank you for continued service.**

Announcements / Flyers (F) for events that Flyers were available for:

June 23 – Sponsorship Panel in Saline, and a Picnic in Flint ( Fx2), AA Sponsorship for Women in Prison (F), July 22 - Flint Unity Council Picnic at Blue Bell Beach (F), Sat & Sun Aug 4&5- Houghton Lake Alano Club (F), Picnic in Flint (Flyer), State Convention – Kalamazoo August 24 – 26th (F), MI Area 32 Statewide Corrections Workshop Oct 27<sup>th</sup> in Pinconning (F), MCYPAA XL at Amway Grand Rapids, Nov 23 – 25 (F), A mtg room is available in Pinconning for Dist 20, 22, 26 (F). Extra Flyers to Aug mtg.

**DELEGATE: Ted S (District 26),** [delegate@cmia32.org](mailto:delegate@cmia32.org). Ted filled us in on his trip to New York for the Delegate's Conference. Attached report.

**ALT. DELEGATE: Lori C (District 2),** [altdelegate@cmia32.org](mailto:altdelegate@cmia32.org). Please see attached report.

## **UPDATE ON EAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE – Dennis S – Past Delegate – Report Attached**

**UPDATE ON ELECTIONS:** Mark reminded group of upcoming elections and three step process we will follow to do so. (1) Identify vacant positions and the scope of responsibility of each, (2) nomination process including accepting nominations and providing nominee qualifications where necessary, (3) election process itself. It was mentioned again that new people are encouraged to get involved with service. DCM's can encourage attendance from the local level.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**LITERATURE: Don M,** [literature@cmia32.org](mailto:literature@cmia32.org). Please see attached report. A new person needs to step forward to take over the Literature responsibility at term's end.

**ARCHIVIST:** *(absent)* **Jim D**

**ARCHIVES COMMITTEE:** **Chips C, (District 2)** [chipscc@yahoo.com](mailto:chipscc@yahoo.com) Have been given all the totes and computer to scan items in for the archives.

**CORRECTIONS:** **Mark H;** [corrections@cmia32.org](mailto:corrections@cmia32.org). *10 Attendees.* Committee working on hosting the October Statewide Corrections Workshop for Area 32 in Dist. 18. Also discussed the pre-release program's organization. The program is similar to Bridging the Gap with Treatment Centers.

**COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY:** **John B (District 6),** [cpc@cmia32.org](mailto:cpc@cmia32.org). District 12. 6 in attendance. A Safety workshop was held April 28<sup>th</sup> – great discussion and Q&A. Also, John reports increasing group disagreements re: signing court papers.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION:** **Tom R,** 3 attendees. Discussion of how to download PSA's from GSO. Approaching program directors at Radio Stations about running PSA's on their station format. This looks promising and a decision will be made in June regarding one director with a large exposure range.

**FORUM:** **Gary M** *(absent)* **(District 10)**

**GRAPEVINE:** **Kamesha M** Discussion about donating subscriptions to people inside prisons or to prison groups. Shared info about subscription contest. Ways to use subscriptions as gifts (open talk incentive, giving mag to newcomers at meetings, outreach displays), discussion about play at the State Convention and all the ways Kamesha promotes Grapevine by attending festivals, health fairs, etc.

**ACCESSIBILITIES:** **Jim C (absent):** [specialneeds@cmia32.org](mailto:specialneeds@cmia32.org). *(No accessibilities written report submitted)*

**LIAISON:** *No report, vacant committee chair position.* John asks what Liaison is. Mark replies that it is the connection between AA and Intergroups and Central Offices.

**TREATMENT:** **Thomas (Lou) F (District 18)** 3 attendees. Received 2 temporary contact signatures. Possible future Bridging the Gap workshop with other Areas.

**WEBSITE:** **Pete G, (District 2),** 7 attendees.

Committee voted to do research for alternate website hosts. Correct site cannot be easily modified. Committee goal is to rewrite the CMIA32 website. Discussed content and improvements planned for new website. **Group input is important.**

**YPAA:** **Jen L:** no report

**OLD BUSINESS:** None from floor.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Items up for review- the 3-month trial of the 8 Temporary Assembly Day Modifications recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee is up. Following is the outcome of the voting for each proposed assembly day modification:

**PASSED:** 1. **Area Committee:** It was agreed that an Area Committee be regularly convened to assist the area chair in service issues, agenda preparation, assembly attendance and the smooth running of area business. 2: **Greeters** will now be provided (if desired) by the hosting district to assist with the registration and welcoming process leading up to the start of the meeting. 3. **Hosting Guidelines** will be available to any hosting district interested in utilizing any portion of the adopted guideline package. 4. **Area Service Committee Meetings:** the service committee chair will meet with one or more past delegates at an Area Service Committee Meeting to discuss their duties, concerns, and to share information. This will assist them in effectively conducting their duties as committee chair. 5. **General Service Information Meeting** (formerly GSR meeting): The meeting name will change to include more attendees at the informational meetings for both new and returning attendees.

6. **Assembly Opening Time:** The assembly will officially open at 9:30 a.m. The Finance Committee will meet from 9:45 to 10:30 am. 7. **Group Concerns:** It was agreed that following the opening of the assembly at 9:30 AM, concerns that might best be dealt with by the entire body will be heard. 8. **Group / District Announcements:** It was agreed that a period of time will be set aside during the afternoon assembly where any attendee wishing to announce an upcoming AA event in their area may do so the entire body can be made aware of speakers, workshops, mini conferences, and other events that are planned for the good of AA. This is in addition to the flyers which will continue to be provided near registration. **FAILED:** 1. Facilities Coordinator: It was agreed that a Facilities Coordinator to assist districts hosting the assembly is not needed at this time.

B. Dennis S (past delegate) suggested that approval by a show of hands instead of ballots at the upcoming elections would be prudent. 2 non-voting members would be (hand / vote) counters. This was agreed.

**Meeting closed at 2:15 with Responsibility Pledge followed by Lord's Prayer.**