

Central Michigan Intra-Area 32 Assembly Minutes

AUGUST 5, 2018 – District 28, Houghton Lake, MI

2018 Schedule

October 7 – District 22 – Bay City Central High School, 1624 Columbus Ave., BC MI 48708

December 2 – District 4 -

CHAIR: Mark Moceri, 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 Graft (District 18) secretary@cmia32.org. Attendance = 60; 31 GSRs (4 new), 5 Alt GSRs, 29 Guests, and 5 Past Delegates: Dennis, Mike, Art, Jesse, Kirk

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

TREASURER: Cynthia Rowley, Absent, treasurer@cmia32.org. Alternate Chair Tracy attended Finance committee meeting and read the Treasurer's report. Motion to accept Treasurer's report (attached), seconded and approved. Tracy reminds the assembly how important it is to donate to Area at the group level. The treasury is very low.

FINANCE: Jon Sutherland, finance@cmia32.org. John opened with the statement that District 26 did not accept any funds from Area to subsidize the luncheon. Area 32 treasury is very low, beginning balance is \$2,253.50. Motion to accept Finance Committee report (attached), seconded and approved. Area 32 is obligated to donate \$75 for the Statewide Corrections Workshop. Approved. Request of \$600 for Corrections – Approved. **Ending balance is \$5.05.**

Committee Reports (cont'd.)

REGISTRAR: Pete Garzoni, (District 2), registrar@cmia32.org. Pete thanked the assembly for their cooperation in identifying over 200 bad addresses and are down to 0. He has also eliminated all unknown meetings from the meeting registry. Send changes to Pete directly in order that they be expedited. New York is understaffed.

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

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

A picnic at Grass Lake was announced, A Labor Day picnic near Meijer in Essexville celebrating 1 year, The Friend of Bill W. Picnic near Sterling, 25th anniversary @ Oasis Lake, August 12th. CMIA in Bay City – Oct. 7th - Parking behind the building on 14th street. Steph announced raffle for 1st Edition Big Book in Saginaw on Labor Day.

Mark reminded people to send flyers to the CMIA webmaster Dan to have them posted on the Area 32 website.

DELEGATE: Ted Straubel (District 26), delegate@cmia32.org. Attached report.

ALT. DELEGATE: Lori Conant (District 2), altdelegate@cmia32.org. Please see attached report.

Gen. Service Info Meeting on Oct. 7 in Bay City Volunteers are as follows to explain:

Concept 9: Margi B, Concept 10: Mark E., Tradition 9: Mark M., Tradition 10: Mark H.

UPDATE ON EAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE – Dennis Soto – Past Delegate – Report Attached

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LITERATURE: Don McLean, literature@cmia32.org. Please see attached report. A new person needs to step forward to take over the Literature responsibility at term's end. Don's term is ending in December, No Matter What!

ARCHIVIST: Jim Dyer (District 6), We are not a glum lot in AA. Jim had a display at the Tecumseh workshop and will be at the State Convention in collaboration with Areas 33 and 34 with a room dedicated to archives.

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE: Chips Conant, (District 2) chipscc@yahoo.com. Looking forward to State Conv.

CORRECTIONS: Mark Howell (District 22); corrections@cmia32.org. 21 attendees, 8 Districts split the \$600. Committee working on hosting the October Statewide Corrections Workshop for Area 32 in Dist. 18 October 27th in Pinconning. Jail Pails are money for literature in Prisons. Discussion of how to promote Jail Pail locally.

Discussion of encouraging home groups to donate their older Grapevines for Corrections. Please bring extras issues of GRAPEVINE to next CMIA32 in Bay City and they will be divided up by the Corrections committee.

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY: John Bethell (District 6), cpc@cmia32.org. District 12. 6 Districts represented. Last Dec. an agenda item was submitted in NY. They formed a subcommittee who turned it back to the full committee to continue studying it. He will keep us updated. Participated in 2 Health Fairs.

PUBLIC INFORMATION: Tom Rogers (District 2), PSA's will be on WHFN until year end. Listener supported radio with approx. 9,800 members in Jackson, Branch, Hillsdale, Calhoun, and Eaton Counties. The parent company of the radio station has determined that funds are more readily available from opioid related recovery entities rather than AA, so they will focus on more drug PSA's. Jackson County is experiencing drug court requiring addicts to AA.

FORUM: Gary Maciejewski (absent) (District 10)

GRAPEVINE: Kamesha Muggins (District 12). Working on Grapevine skit for Statewide. Attended Sober fest and passed out materials. Keeping outreach displays stocked. Discussed nominations for Area Grapevine Chair.

ACCESSIBILITIES: Jim Clare (absent): specialneeds@cmia32.org. (No accessibilities written report submitted)

LIAISON: No report, vacant committee chair position.

TREATMENT: Thomas (Lou) Furlo (District 18) Absent. No Report.

WEBSITE: Pete Garzoni, (District 2), 7 attendees.

It has been agreed that the current Website will be rewritten. GODADDY account is paid in advance a few years but the basic framework of the new website has been created. Next step is that the website committee will be looking at web developers and costs. Looking to get 3 distinct costs. Add a "young People" link to the website.

YPAA: Jen Lovejoy: Did not attend the area assembly last time. Jen attended Dennis's committee chair meeting and there was much useful discussion about developing a process for starting young people's meetings. Jen is actively compiling the list of Young People's meetings in MI to be added to the website.

Opening Rounds for Nominated Positions:

Mark M. reviews the process: The correct terminology is called "Standing for a Position". A nomination is sufficient. The individual either accepts or declines. There does not need to be a second.

Nominations were made, seconded and then accepted by the Nominees as follows:

DELEGATE: Lori C., **ALT DELEGATE:** Don M. and Mark M., **CHAIR:** Pete G., **ALT. CHAIR:** Randy K., Jon S., **TREASURER:** Kelly D., **ALT TREASURER:** TRACEY G., **SECRETARY:** Steph G., **ALT SECRETARY:** Jen L., **REGISTRAR:** Tracey G.

Second Round of Nominations for Elected Positions will be held on October 7 in Bay City.

Mark encourages people to have service resumes on hand so they can be read for the body if requested.

If there are multiple persons for the same position, all service resumes will be read and the person will step out of the room for hand counted voting.

OLD BUSINESS: None from floor.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) A motion was made by Jon S. regarding Officer Fuel Reimbursements that they be immediately reduced from the current rate to a rate of .20 cents per mile. The old rate was based on the delegate rate which includes wear and tear on the vehicle because of the high mileage the Delegate puts on his vehicle. The new rate would only be for fuel. Discussion about gas reimbursements for officers. This could be an area of reduction to save the treasury money. Jon said the Treasury paid out \$667 and at the new proposed rate that would have been \$330. The rate was set by the IRS at 41.5. The rate should stay. Jesse: The reimbursement is a STIPEND toward travel, not a straight reimbursement. There are other ways to raise money such as workshops, etc. Art M: People provide service at the District levels with no reimbursements at all. This is a fellowship providing service, and if it possible that this is a service related donation by the individual then that would be appreciated. Lori: When she originally started, it was .32 cents a mile. She proposes that the stipend be cut back to .32. Friendly Amendment. Mark asks if Jon accepts the friendly amendment. Jon does not accept the friendly amendment. **20 votes for the fuel reduction. 7 votes for the fuel rate to say the same.**
- 2). Dennis: We are hosting the 2020 National Convention. Recommends that we put in bids in for a hotel in December and form a committee. So moved!

Motion to close. Meeting Adjourned at 2:20 PM.

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Delegate Report to Area 32

General Manager Greg T. provided the following report:

Administration – Since the conclusion of the 68th General Service Conference, the General Service Office has been implementing Conference Advisory Actions, as well as sharing additional committee considerations for appropriate follow-up. The office is also supporting the General Service Board's Communications Audit with the involvement of staff members on the core team and the ad hoc committee of the General Service Board.

The Records department continues to process incoming work as well as cleaning up the database in preparation for the migration of information into the new ERP (enterprise resource planning) database.

Archives – Since the beginning of the year, Archives staff has responded to over 670 inquiries. The temporary scanning assistant has completed deciphering and typing Dr. Bob's handwritten letters. The collection consists of 92 letters written by Dr. Bob and addressed to either Ruth Hock, Bobby B. or Bill W. They span more than a decade, from September 1938 thru September 1950.

C.P.C. – As liaison to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, the C.P.C. coordinator attended their quarterly Advisory Council meeting and participated with the local C.P.C. committee staffing a booth at the VA Healthcare Summit.

Public Information – The video public service announcement "Changes" is in post-production. This will include French and Spanish versions. The young people's video approved at the 2018 General Service Conference is being added to aa.org.

Web sales: Total web sales (A.A.W.S. Online Bookstores) for April stand at \$759,744, which accounts for about 68% of total sales for the company. Sales for April on the B2B online store (primarily intergroup/central offices and other bulk orders) are \$510,870, and B2C sales (individual customers) stand at \$248,874.

Digital books: Total e-book gross sales through April stand at \$75,050, with 19,156 units distributed. Participation at 25th Annual Red Road Convention: GSB chair Michele Grinberg (Class A nonalcoholic trustee) and Publishing Director David R. attended the 25th Annual Red Road Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to deliver a presentation celebrating the completion of the Navajo Big Book.

Around Area 32, your Delegate has been delivering Delegate Reports, answering questions, and having a wonderful summer.

Plans are in the works for the upcoming Corrections Workshop in October, and I for one am looking forward to participating in it as well as the Michigan State Convention/ECR Conference this month.

I was honored to be asked to give a "short" Delegate Report at the MCYPAA Advisory Campout. It was well received and the upcoming Michigan Convention of Young People in AA will be attended by all 3 Michigan Delegates as we will be serving ice cream and manning our General Service outreach Table.

Call/Text/email Ted Straubel, Area 32, Panel 67, Delegate for Central Michigan

Alternate Delegate Report

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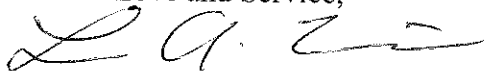
Today at our General Service Information Meeting ^{50 plus} members were in attendance.
We welcomed 4 new GSK's into service.
We discussed Traditions 7 and 8 and Concepts 7 and 8.

I discussed information from A.A. about Safety Concerns in Alcoholics Anonymous and how groups can handle such concerns within the Traditions of A.A. I gave some personal stories as to issues such as these and how myself and my group resolved them.

Since our last CMIA 32 meeting, I attended the Statewide Service Committee Meeting. I sat in on the CPC Committee, the Corrections Committee, the Grapevine Committee and the General Statewide Service Committee meeting. All Committees are preparing for the State Convention and ECRC in Kalamazoo Michigan on August 24-26, 2018. The Statewide Service Committee's are also gearing up for nominations and elections in all committees on October 21, 2018. These positions will be filled and performed in 2019-2020. Please consider attending one of these Sunday events filled with experience, strength and hope in service from the state of Michigan. They are held at the Westside Alano Club in Lansing, Michigan on the third Sunday each quarter.

My next service commitment is at the Michigan State Convention and East Central Regional Conference to be held in Kalamazoo, MI at the end of this month. I will lead a panel of delegates on Sunday morning for the ECRC portion of the convention. It promises to be a fabulous weekend for all attendees. Sunday morning our former Chairman of the Board and Class A Trustee, Ward Ewing will be the spiritual speaker. I have had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Ewing in the past and he is definitely a true "friend" of A.A. I look forward to hearing his message.

With Love and Service,



Lori Conant

Alternate Delegate Panel 67; Area 32

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