

Central Michigan Intra-Area 32 Assembly Minutes

December 5, 2017 – District 2, Clinton, MI

2018 Schedule

February 4 – District 10, Corunna, MI

April 1- District 18

June 3 – District 28

August 5 – District 26

October 7 – District 22

December 2 – District 4

CHAIR: Mark M; chair@cmia32.org

Meeting called to order at 1:15 pm. Opened with Serenity prayer followed by reading of AA Preamble and Responsibility Pledge

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

Chair acknowledges District 2 volunteers for hosting the meeting.

Tradition 11 was discussed by Stephanie G

Concept 11 was discussed by Kamesha M

Tradition 12 was discussed by Kate L

Concept 12 was discussed by Lori C

Volunteers for next meeting: Tradition 1: Margi

Concept 1: Jack

Tradition 2: Kate L

Concept 12: Mark M

Committee Reports

SECRETARY: Doug R; secretary@cmia32.org. Attendance = 62; 26 GSRs, 3 alt-GSRs, 32 Guests

- Motion to accept October 2017 meeting minutes, seconded and approved.

TREASURER: Cynthia R; treasurer@cmia32.org

Not present, no report.

FINANCE: Jon S; finance@cmia32.org

- Jon S motions to approve \$800 for corrections committee, seconded and approved.
- Jon S motions to approve \$100 for pamphlets and service manuals, seconded (Tim C) and approved.
- Jon S motions to add Lori C to Solvent Treasury Account, seconded (Tim C) and approved.
- Lori C motions to accept Finance Committee report (attached), seconded and approved.

REGISTRAR: Pete G; registrar@cmia32.org. Attended AA Records Workshop at ECRF and learned about new security provisions set forth by the group to ensure our information privacy. Also learned that ~5,000 pieces of mail are returned each year to GSO, as such I have asked DCMs to review and update information for group in their respective districts.

DELEGATE: Ted S; delegate@cmia32.org. Please see attached Delegate's Report.

ALT. DELEGATE: Lori C; altdelegate@cmia32.org. Please see attached report.

LITERATURE: Don M; literature@cmia32.org. Please see attached report.

ARCHIVIST: Jim D; Working on group histories, have guides out at the Archives Display Area. District 6 workshop coming up, thank you for your continued interest and support.

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE: Vacant chair position/no report

CORRECTIONS: Mark H; corrections@cmia32.org Mark absent, Nadine standing in as chair. 12 in attendance, \$305.00 in treasury. Five copies of new DVD "A New Freedom" purchased. Midland having trouble getting people to go into jails, new people for men stepping up. Purchased 2 boxes of old grapevines, 6 GV/District. Report on Jail Pail as way to generate funds. Small attendance at Corrections Workshop likely due to illness, distance, prior commitments.

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY: John B; cpc@cmia32.org. Joint meeting with PI unanimously decides to combine the two committees, will make motion in new business.

FORUM: Gary M; Not present, no written report.

GRAPEVINE: Kamesha M; Attendance: 4, alt-delegate from 32 and 34 present. Last month to submit "How was GV/LV used in your recovery? Jan 5 deadline for prison stories. Attended ECRF presentations on GV operations and LV editor. Discussed reaching out to Latino/Latina community.

PUBLIC INFORMATION: Tom R; Joint meeting with CPC unanimously decides to combine the two committees, will make motion in new business.

ACCESSIBILITIES: Jim C; specialneeds@cmia32.org. Committee didn't meet

LIAISON: Vacant chair position/no report

TREATMENT: Thomas (Lou) F; *Not present, no written report.*

WEBSITE: Vacant chair position/no report

YPAA: Jen L; Focusing on Young People's meetings and younger members in AA rather than on "YPAA/MCYPAA conventions" to emphasize the difference and inclusion in AA.

- Karina L nominates Jen L for chair of YPAA, seconded, approved.

ECR Conference Report: Dennis S; Five topics set, will be sending invitations to all panel 67-68 delegates to be panelists. 14 delegates and 15 spots so ECR Trustee will share at one of the workshops. Hope to have all filled by Feb 2018.

OLD BUSINESS: Chair Mark M. calls for volunteers or nominations for open chair and finance committee positions.

Jon S stands for Finance Committee Chair, notes he inherited an incomplete term and would like to serve the next full two years. Jessie P: Assembly body can only elect members of the Finance Committee, the Finance Committee decides Chairperson internally.

- Jon S stands for additional 2-year position on Finance Committee, seconded, approved.

Kirk presents final proposal from ad-hoc committee in nine motions, all of which were made and seconded by the committee (see attached report for additional details):

1 - The committee recommends the committee name change G.S.R. Orientation meeting to General Service Information meeting.

Motion passes unanimously.

2 - The committee recommends the creation of an Area Service Committee meeting.

Motion passes unanimously.

3 - The committee recommends the addition of greeters to the host district responsibilities. The committee further recommends that with the adoption of this recommendation, the additional host responsibility of providing greeters be reconsidered at our June 2018 assembly.

Motion passes unanimously.

4 - The committee recommends the adoption of the Hosting Guidelines. And, with the adoption of the Guidelines for Hosting, they will be reconsidered at our June 2018 assembly.

Jon S- shouldn't we take more time to peruse this packet before deciding? Lori et al- these are guidelines and will not prohibit districts from hosting. Art M- isn't the ad hoc committee supposed to propose a single package of changes and we vote on the whole package? Pete G- we uncovered facilities issues during our discussions which was out of the scope of our original mandate, so we decided they be brought as individual motions.

Motion passes unanimously.

5 - The committee recommends a Facilities Coordinator service position to assist districts hosting the assembly with the myriad of details necessary for a productive area assembly. The coordinator would assist in site selection and in set-up and take-down. The committee recommends the new service position of Facilities Coordinator. With the adoption of the of this recommendation, the service position of Facilities Coordinator be reconsidered at our June 2018 assembly.

Jon S- doesn't the packet we just adopted recommend facilities coordinator? Are they obliged or is it suggested? Kirk F- host districts are not obliged, it is assistance should they desire it. Jon B- sounds like it is an advantage to the host district to have help.

Two opposed to motion

0Minority opinion: Mike K- this is how we've been doing it and it has been the Chair and Alt-Chair who ideally coordinate the facilities with the host district. Tracey G- there are heavy items that not everyone can lift.

- Motion to re-open discussion on original motion based on minority opinion. 14 in favor, 11 opposed, motion carries.

Jon S- we have open service positions now, doesn't seem prudent to create more. Jon B- goal is to facilitate more/new/dark districts to serve and gain experience with assistance. Joyce- seems like a waste of position and superfluous. Paul- facilities up north aren't as nice. Dennis S- some facilities are much more money, now you want to

spend up to \$1,000, bring all of these items and increasing the production of the assembly, which presents a burden for those in the future.

Tracey G- getting things facilitated and streamlined via guidance, lots of different approaches available for hosting CMIA32. Kate L- understanding was always that it was the Alt-Chair's responsibility to help coordinate location. Mark M- facilities have been a problem over the past year and maybe this is worth trying out. Jen L- can't we amend the original motion to say Alt-Chair responsibility?

- *Mike K calls the question, all in favor of voting on original motion.*
- *Seven in favor or original motion, 16 opposed. Motion defeated.*

6. The committee recommends that the area assembly open at 9:30 a.m. on assembly Sundays. If this recommendation is adopted, the assembly meeting time be reconsidered at our June 2018 assembly.

Motion passes unanimously

7. The committee recommends the addition of a period of time for Group Concerns in the morning assembly opening. If this recommendation is adopted, the addition of Group Concerns on the morning agenda be reconsidered at our June 2018 assembly.

Mike K- didn't we just vote on this? Ted S- in favor, if adopted group concerns can be discussed throughout the day in the various committee meetings. Kate L- in favor, nice to get more experience back to the groups.

Motion passes unanimously

8. The committee recommends the addition of a period of time for Group & District Announcements be added to the afternoon business meeting agenda. If this recommendation is adopted, the addition of Group & District Announcements be reconsidered at our June 2018 assembly.

Motion passes unanimously

9. The committee recommends that our Area Committee be regularly convened to assist the area chair in service issues, agenda preparation, assembly attendance, and the smooth running of area business. The committee further recommends that with the adoption of this recommendation, the area chair report to the assembly on merits of utilizing the Area Committee at our June 2018 assembly.

Motion passes unanimously

NEW BUSINESS:

- Tom R motions to combine the PI and CPC committees.

Jon S- you would lose half of your \$50/assembly seed money. Tim C- if this is recommended by committees we should trust their judgement. Mike K- in the past we had them combined, but our lack of volunteers and committee chairs suggests it may be time to combine them again. Tom R- yes, but we can always request more from the body if needed.

Motion passes unanimously.

Dennis S mentions we are in need of two more finance committee members.

- Jack stands for vacant position on finance committee, unanimously approved.

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Meeting closes at 3:25 with Lord's Prayer.

Delegate Report
Statewide Service Committee

Oct 21, 2017

From GSO, the Technology and Communications Services Committee reviewed progress reports and updates on G.S.O.'s A.A. website software and analytics and heard reports from the director of IT and the Group Services assignment. The director of administration and staff services provided a brief progress update on the website design project and shared that the YouTube account has been set up and the YouTube page for A.A.W.S. is currently under design. With anonymity protection, of course.

The G.S.O. seven-month unaudited financial report revealed that net sales were \$8,351,000 or \$333,000 (4.16%) more than budget; contributions were \$504,000 more than budget and an improvement from the June 30 over budget condition of \$443,000. Contributions and sales were up in August and expenses have been mostly on budget, as a whole. Overall, a bottom line profit is expected for the year.

Area 32 adhoc Committee has made a few recommendations of changes to our Area Assembly Agenda. These will be voted on by the Assembly in December.

There have been six Delegate Report Outs to the Area Districts since our last Statewide Service Meeting with ten in all out of 13 active Districts.

On October 14th I visited the Area 34 Assembly and assisted in the election process for Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chair, and Secretary. It is always great to see our brothers and sisters on the other side of the state.

The outreach table for the Michigan Convention of Young People in AA next month has been arranged with their Outreach Chair. Areas 32, 33, and 34 will hand out information on their respective Areas along with preliminary 2018 State Convention fliers and will also have buttons for sale. Also, your Delegates and alternates, if available, will be serving ice cream Saturday afternoon at the Convention.

The bid process for the International Convention of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous called MINTYPAA is active and wanting to bring the convention to Michigan in 2019. As a part of the bid process they would like to do a service project in Michigan perhaps in partnership with Areas 32, 33, and 34. More on this later as and if it develops.

Ted Straubel

Delegate Area 32, Panel 67

Alternate Delegate Report

December 3, 2017

Today at our meeting we had 30 G.S.R.'s and others in attendance. We welcomed 3 new G.S.R.'s to our meeting.

At the meeting we discussed Concept 11 and 12 and talked about the Warranties listed in Concept 12. We also learned how if we wanted to change something in the Warranties, we would need to have $\frac{3}{4}$ of all listed A.A. groups in the world give a written consent to do so.

I also passed out some information to all members present at this meeting that are valuable to groups in Area 32.

We also discussed the pamphlet, "A.A. The Group" and why this pamphlet in particular is a valuable source of information to G.S.R.'s and others who perform service work at a group level and beyond. We emphasized the importance of a group inventory and discussed ways in which one could be done. We reviewed the group inventory example in the above-named pamphlet.

I then shared with them some of the information that was brought to the recent East Central Regional Forum in Springfield, IL. The 2016 Financial Highlights and the G.S.O. Staff Assignments revised in May of 2017. These items are attached to this report.

We then discussed why knowledge of the type of information is valuable to them as G.S.R.'s and their groups. The last item for discussion was the nomination of Delegate, Alternate Delegate, CMIA 32 Officers and Committee Chairpersons that will take place beginning in August 2018 and continue through December 2018. We shared how we should already be looking for a "replacement" to our current service positions and how and why to get involved in such service.

We then reviewed the information that has been shared at this meeting and discussed how and what the G.S. R's would like at this meeting coming in 2018.

As this first year of my service to the Area as Alternate Delegate comes to a close, I shared with the group some of the information I have learned, some of the mistakes I have made and my gratitude and love for their continued support. I also shared some of the joys of service and why I continue to look for ways in which to serve my home group, my district, my intergroup and CMIA 32.

In Service and Gratitude,



Lori Conant

Alternate Delegate Panel 67; Area 32.