# **Central Michigan Intra-Area 32 Assembly Minutes**

February 4, 2017 - District 10, Corunna, MI

#### 2018 Schedule

April 8 – District 12, Carman Ainsworth Middle School 1409 W. Maple Ave., Flint 48507

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 1:02 pm. Opened with Serenity prayer and reading of AA Preamble.

Motion to accept Agenda for meeting, seconded and approved.

Chair acknowledges District 10 volunteers for hosting the meeting.

Chair reviews the hosts for 2018 (as listed above).

**Chair presents his IDEA Regarding 2019**: for the upcoming Assemblies of 2018, we will have a sign up to offer districts who have not previously hosted CMIA the opportunity to host a 2019 meeting. The group agrees with the idea. I didn't hear a plan for determining the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. I think it would be open to a host group who has already had CMIA.

### **Committee Reports**

**SECRETARY: Doug R** <u>secretary@cmia32.org</u>. **.** Attendance = 53; 19 GSRs, 2 alt-GSRs, 32 Guests including 2 Past Delegates.

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

#### TREASURER: Cynthia R treasurer@cmia32.org.

- Motion to accept Treasurer's report (attached), seconded and approved.
- Cynthia asks 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. Paul gave the Finance Committee Report

- Motion to accept Finance Committee report (attached), seconded and approved.
- Request of \$800 for Corrections Approved
- Request for \$900 Mock Conference Approved

Volunteers for next meeting: Tradition 3: Pete G. Tradition 4: Madalaine C.

### Committee Reports (cont'd.)

**REGISTRAR:** Pete G, <u>registrar@cmia32.org</u>. Looking for a new registrar. Please send ALL group/position change forms to me at above email. Groups are doing a good job in getting their change forms to Pete.

Two past delegates were recognized. Mike K., Art M. Moment of silence for Kirk's mother who passed away Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### Announcements:

Jen: MICCYPA event Last Chance Prom @ Tribal Gym in Mt. Pleasant will have a prom (flyer)

Heidi G: Midland Event (Flyer) Lori C: March Round Up: Flyer

> Northern Michigan Flyer (KISS) Mock Conference in Mt. Pleasant Flyer

State Convention – Kalamazoo in August (Flyer)

Tracy: Old Mock Conference Flyer had a typo: correct address <a href="mailto:isgaalot@gmail.com">isgaalot@gmail.com</a>

**DELEGATE:** Ted S, delegate@cmia32.org Please see attached report.

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

Kirk – sent report to Mark

Tracy - Mock Conference Report -

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**LITERATURE:** (absent) **Don M**, literature@cmia32.org. Please see attached report.

**ARCHIVIST: Jim D,** Had a workshop in East Lansing that he had a display at. Thank you for your continued interest and support. *Report submitted.* 

**ARCHIVES COMMITTEE:** Chips C, <u>chipscc@yahoo.com</u> Have spoken to Jim D and Pete G and Mark M about committee work. Have been given all the totes and computer to scan items in for the archives.

**CORRECTIONS:** Mark H, corrections@cmia32.org. Mark left early due to weather. No report.

**COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY: John B,** cpc@cmia32.org. 6 in attendance. Dist 8 attended "Community Connect" to network with professionals; Dist 6 sent in a "request to be placed on conference agenda" to GSO, suibcmte formed to address concerns.

FORUM: Gary M, Paul gave the Forum report.

**GRAPEVINE: Kamesha M,** *Absent due to weather.* Lori C. gave GV report. Reviewed old business. New business includes submission deadlines: Service Experiences 2/5, Young & Sober 3/5, AA in the Workplace 4/5. Statewide GV developing Victor E and the slogans skit at State Convention and are looking for 12 willing souls to help fill roles.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION: Tom R** No report

ACCESSIBILITIES: Jim C: Absent

**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 (Not Present, no written report)

**WEBSITE:** *vacant chair position / no report* 

**YPAA: Jen Lovejoy:** Importance of YPAA and how it feeds new young members into CMIA. Working on getting a link for Area 32 website. Adam is working on contacting YPAA groups and inviting them to CMIA. This way in the future maybe there will be a mainstreaming of YPAA business into CMIA for combined business meetings.

**ECR Conference Report:** Dennis S - not present (not sure if this is a regular report or not)

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Next Assembly April 8 District 22 – Flint. See cmia32.org for details.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Lori nominated Chip C for Archives Committee Chair. Motion Approved.
- Lori nominated Pete G for Website Committee Chair. Motion Approved.
- Mark nominates Tracy to perform the functions of Facilities Coordinator in addition to being Alternate Chair. Nomination Accepted and Approved.

Mark and Lori mentioned the need for position descriptions of elected seats. Especially in election years. Pete G. stated that there are position descriptions for all the elected positions and they are on the website. He said that they may be hard to locate. He will work on getting them to be more accessible.

Art M says that in Announcements during a CMIA meeting that a very specific description should be given for all open positions. We need to provide education to people regarding position descriptions before they are expected to take on a position. This way they know what they are getting into and can make an informed decision as to whether to accept a nomination. Then at the following meeting we should follow up and find out who is willing to be nominated, and accept the nomination. Then in a third meeting we could have the election where the nominations become appointments. This would be a three meeting process. Art says that the job of a DCM is to present this information to the DCM's area fellowship try and bring more people to CMIA and actually participate and get involved. CMIA should be explained in a way that it does not seem that it is for experienced business people but rather can be participated in by anyone with an interest in getting involved in service. More novice participation needs to be emphasized.

Meeting closed at 1:50 with Responsibility Pledge followed by Lord's Prayer.

Good day fellow recovering alcoholics. The DCMs attending the DCM Meeting this morning gave a report on activities in their District and we discussed District ByLaws or Guidelines.

The atmosphere in New York and within committees all over North America has been one of enthusiasm for this years General Service Conference. Preparations are in place for conference calls from my two committees, Finance and Archives. A final list of Agenda Items has appeared on the Dashboard and I have circulated it along with the proposed Items as food for thought to the Area Committees. Anyone wanting a copy please email me and I will send to your email address.

Of particular interest to me, was an item suggested by a Group in southern Indiana that went to the District with their concern and with their encouragement went to their Area assembly, received an endorsement that was forwarded to GSO and will be an Agenda Item for the Corrections Committee this April. So, please keep in mind that your participation in the Area, your District, and your home Group could, have an effect on the well being of Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole for today and for the future.

I want to personally invite you all to our annual Mock Conference in Mt Pleasant on April 7. This will be your opportunity to see how the Conference operates and what your part is and could be. Our East Central trustee Mark E will be speaking the night before at the Alano Club. Please come by and welcome him.

Next week we will be off to the East Central Regional Conference of Delegates Past and Present. This will be just one opportunity to prepare your Delegate to properly represent you at the Conference.

In Service Ted Straubel Delegate, Area 32, Panel 67

## Alternate Delegate Report

### February 4, 2018

Today we had our first General Service Information Meeting and 20 members were in attendance.

Since our last area assembly in December 2017, not much was happening in General Service work for this Alternate Delegate. However, my home group stays open during the holiday season and I spent many an hour keeping the meeting location open during the Christmas and New Year's Holiday. As always, the fellowship during this time helps keep the program fresh as I get to meet a lot of people who are newer to sobriety and having a difficult time staying sober during these stressful family oriented holidays.

Last Sunday, I did attend the Statewide Service Committee meeting and I sat in on the CPC Committee, the Corrections Committee, the Grapevine Committee and then attended the Statewide Service Meeting in the afternoon.

At the CPC Committee, the discussion was on ways to reach those who may need Alcoholics Anonymous and how to best to share who and what the program of A.A. serves and how to help those who may need it. Area 33 reported on a meeting that they held on "A.A. and the Courts". It was reported that approximately 125 people attended this workshop and a lot of valuable information was shared. The outline and some of the panel discussions will be made available to those of us who serve on the Statewide CPC committee.

The Corrections Committee reported on the Statewide Corrections Committee Workshop that was held in October. Area 32 will be hosting the 2018 Statewide Corrections Workshop on October 27, 2018.

At the Grapevine Committee it was with regret that we accepted the resignation of Gary M. from Area 32 as Chairperson of that Committee. Kamisha M. from Area 32 has been named the Chairperson of this committee to continue to carry the message through our "A.A. Meeting in Print".

As February starts, I look forward to the following upcoming events. February 9-11, 2018, the Conference of Delegates Past and Present, March 2-4, 2018 the March Round-Up in Dearborn and finally the Mock Conference in Mount Pleasant April 7, 2018. I should be busy and full of gratitude as I serve this area as Alternate Delegate Panel 67.

With Love and Service,

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Lori Conant

Alternate Delegate Panel 67, Area 32

Tradition # 3: Pete 6. Tradition 4: Madalaine C.