

Central Michigan Intra-Area 32 Assembly Minutes from August 4, 2019 – District 28, Hillman, MI

2019 Schedule: October 6 – District 6, Grand Ledge City Hall, 300 Greenwood St. Grand Ledge, 48837; December 1 - TBD

CHAIR: Pete G., (District 2), chair@cmia32.org Pete opened the morning session at 9:30 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer followed by the Responsibility Pledge. Motion to accept the agenda as printed was approved. Pete thanked District 28 for the venue and hospitality. He informed the body that there is a card to sign for Gary M. who is experiencing health problems.

He then opened the meeting for group concerns:

John B. said that District 6 has split and will host the next Area Assembly in October and there are maps on the registration table.

ALT. CHAIR: Jon S., (District 4), altchair@cmia32.org

Afternoon Meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm. Opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity prayer. Motion to accept Agenda for meeting, seconded and approved.

Group and District Announcements:

Opportunity for attendees to come up to discuss group events and flyers.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Stephanie G., (District 18) secretary@cmia32.org; Attendance was read = 58 attendees: 22 GSRs, 6 Alt GSR, 31 Guests, including 4 Past Delegates.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kelly D., (District 4) treasurer@cmia32.org Kelly read the Treasurer's report, attached. Motion to accept report seconded and approved.

ALT. TREASURER: Heidi G. (District 2), has resigned due to moving.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Gary M. (District 10), finance@cmia32.org. Tracey read the Finance report. Motion to accept Finance report (attached), seconded. Corrections Committee was granted \$800 for literature, motion to approve and seconded by the body.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT: Kamesha M., (District 12), registrar@cmia32.org. Kamesha went over the new Group Change Forms and the DCM forms. If the group remains the same one does not need to fill out areas of the form that have not changed. Plans to do a mail merge of districts / groups. New system goes live August 5th. More information will be presented in October.

Four Past Delegates were recognized.

DELEGATE'S REPORT: Lori C., (District 2)

Panel 69, Area 32. Please see attached report. delegate@cmia32.org

ALT. DELEGATE: Don M. (District 2) altdelegate@cmia32.org; Please see attached report. Started at 10:05 AM. Traditions and Concept 7 & 8 were covered. Don had committee chairs for Grapevine, Website and YPPA who highlighted what they are working on. Closed at 11:10.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LITERATURE: Mike K., (District 2) literature@cmia32.org

ARCHIVIST: Jim D. (District 6), Absent

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE: Mark M., (District 4) archives@cmia32.org Encouraged attendees to fill out the archive history form for their group available on CMIA32.org. home page. Please download and print off and complete one for your home group. Mark will be attending the National Archives Convention at the St. Regis Hotel in Detroit Sept. 5 – 8th. Block of rooms and AA bus tour are both sold out, but they are working on expanding opportunities to attend. GSO members and Trustees will be there. Please attend and learn something. Forms on back table. Archives are available for review. Individual Group Histories are requested. They are short and simple forms. Scan them and e mail or take a pic and send via phone or bring copy to next Area Assembly.

CORRECTIONS: Keith S. 8 Districts in attendance. There is a workshop in East Point on Oct. 16th. Info is on Statewide website.

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY: Randy K. (District 4) cpc@cmia32.org –Don C. was nominated and accepted the position of Chair for CPC. Randy resigned.

PUBLIC INFORMATION: **Open Position.**

FORUM: Tom R., (District 2) Area 32 sponsored 11 people, 9 showed up. Heather attended Forum and enjoyed the Q & A sessions held. There was a lot of information disseminated. Sherri L. also attended and shared with the group on the amount of time spent by Trustees who support AA. She also reminded everyone how important it is to donate. 8.06 drive. It is easier and much cheaper for GSO to process donations online than to process checks. Ethan also attended Forum and enjoyed learning about what the ppl in NY do. He appreciated the stipend given by Area 32.

GRAPEVINE: Kate L. (District 2) –Kate conducted four giveaways using ticket drawings. If you would like a presentation on Grapevine at your group meeting, please contact Kate.

ACCESSIBILITIES: specialneeds@cmia32.org Need an accessibilities Chairperson

TREATMENT: John M. (District 4) NEED REPORTS –Absent 2x in a row I believe

INTERGROUP LIAISON: Kirk F., (District 4) Four groups were represented. Discussed the relationships between the Districts & Central Offices. He feels these two groups can work together. If you have a Unity Council or an Intergroup or Central Office, Kirk encourages sending a representative to the next Area meeting.

WEBSITE: Ted S., District 26) Gave information about the Meeting Guide App. Jamie will be the new website chair. He will be contacting the Meeting Guide App and streamline this process and get it up and running. Website is working on becoming more mobile friendly. Tracy suggested getting a link where all current flyers are uploaded. Safe Site certification issue is on hold for the time being.

YPAA: Ethan M., (District 4) 3 attendees. Camp Unity (flyer) is an upcoming event. Sober rave in Ann Arbor Aug 17th. Young People Pamphlets - pamphlet will be updated by NY see additional information under New Business.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mark M. explained how Area 33 holds all meetings at the same building and the host district changes. He stated that he thought that the Emergency Services Building could possibly be a centrally located place within Area 32 to consistently host Area Assemblies. John B. expressed concerns about districts at the outer edges of our Area hosting so that their GSR's and AA's in general can attend in their area. Lori C. stated that Area 33 is a confined area and 32 is much large. Rotation around our entire Area works because the varied locations. Ted S. suggested that if we do vote to switch to a central location, a set donation amount will be given to the host district according to the 7th tradition. Each district determines whether to use the stipend.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Pete and Heidi G. resigned their positions as they are moving to a new Area. Jon S. was introduced as the new Chair. John S. reviewed the reservations for hosting 2020 Area meetings. Charlie from Hillman (28 will take June 2020, and 26 will take August due to the elections coming up for 2021). Feb 2, April 5, and December 6th are available for 2020. Mark said that it is likely that District 10 will host February 2020. Stephanie offered that District 18 could host December in 2020 (in Howell) but it was suggested that District 18 look for a venue within its parameters as there is ample time to find one.
- Ethan read his request letter to the body regarding a request that GSO publish a YPPA pamphlet for AA. (use letter for reference) Signed by Lori, Don and Ethan. Ted requests that bid letter be accepted and submitted with proofreading and corrections by Secretary prior to mailing. Traci mentions that YPAA meetings are listed on meeting schedules and they want to get rid of a separation between AA and YPAA. Lori stated that YPAA was brought up at the GSO convention but did not make it to the trustee committee for Agenda. She stated that the young people have a lot to offer and we have a lot to learn from the way they do things. It needs to keep resurfacing until it gets attention. Motion carried to send letter.
 - Lori C. – International Convention – the Delegate does not get reimbursed for attendance at the International Convention. She is asking for funds for the registration and room fees etc. for the Delegate and Alternate Delegate to reimburse them for the International Convention in 2020. The trustee from ECR assumes that the delegate and alt delegate will be participating in the convention itself. She is asking for \$230 total to cover registrations. Dennis is a past delegate and says he wishes Jack were there, this event is a convention and not a business meeting. No previous delegate has ever been given money for this convention. Heidi stated that she would rather see the money spent to send a newcomer to the convention. It was voted on and determined that Area 32 will not spend extra funds to pay the registration fees for the delegate and the alternate delegate for the 2020 International Convention.
 - John B. stated that attending Forum more than once allows a person to become familiar with how it runs. The more seasoned a person is, the more likely they would be to ask questions and make suggestions. Sometimes when a person attends meetings, they see a need for something to be provided that is not. He started the CPC meeting. There are many ways to address the alcoholic ensnared in the court system. He said he has many sponsees who have completed the 12 steps and go on to service who came into the program "on paper". He put together an agenda item to rewrite the present guideline. The current guideline reads like an ad. They presented evidence and more information. They formed a subcommittee to study it. That committee came back that the desk should rewrite it. A new person was elected, and a new guideline was written but they ignored what was brought to them. John would like this body to discuss it, in an informed manner, and eventually decide. He brought his ideas to forum and this what feedback he got. He has rewritten a draft guideline to assist groups in having an informed group conference. The packet seeks to find a way to be more effective finding people who need our help. Less than 50% of drunk drivers are alcoholics. There is a synopsis of the agenda item. There are 2 CD recordings about how we are sending misinformation.
- He would like the group to review 2 documents and then comment about whether a new agenda item or an appeal be made. Pete suggested that the body take the copies back to their groups to come back in October ready to discuss with the body. Kate stated that the synopsis needs to cite the source of the information. John is passing out his e mail for further questions.
- Pete thanked District 28 for hosting and that a few people stay behind to help clean up.

Motion to close

Meeting Adjourned at 2:16 PM.

CMIA 32 Delegates Report

Lori Conant Panel 69

August 4, 2019; Hillman, MI

Since our last Area meeting and my presentation of the modified Delegates report at that meeting, I got to work and have prepared a more comprehensive, thorough Delegates report that I now have available to our members. Please see my table for more information on getting the report. I am willing to share it in the way that works best for you.

I have been busy in July presenting this Delegates report in a Power Point Presentation around our various Districts and everyone seems receptive to this way of presentation. I make it more personal with photos and personal stories than I am able to convey in my written report. If your group or district would to invite me to attend a meeting or gathering of some sort, I do have the time and the willingness to come to you to do so. I have three differing presentations depending on time constraints and am willing to work with you to get this valuable information out from my time spent at the General Service Conference.

I also received an invitation from the General Service Office to share a presentation at the Forum July 12-14, 2019. I chose the topic "Enthusiasm in Service" and had many a compliment on not just what I wrote, but on the enthusiasm in my verbal presentation.

Not only did I do this presentation at this forum, but I also got to play a part in our Regional production of "Dorothy Goes to the International Convention" complete with singing. We had a great time getting out of ourselves in our various roles and there are some of the performances I will remember with joy through the years to come. The skit ended with a rousing rendition of "Dancing in the Streets". So please remember to get your registration in for the International Convention. Online registration starts September 9, 2019 with online registration opening at 10:00 am. Remember that housing registration is done on a first come first served basis so you will want to register early to get the housing closest to the downtown area where the majority of the events scheduled will take place.

At the East Central Regional Forum which we typically sponsor some of our members, we seemed to have wonderful attendance. It has been reported that attendance this year was 326 registrations and **207 First Time Attendees!!!!** This proves to me that service is still alive and well within our region of Alcoholics Anonymous and hopefully, we are getting more and more members to be fully enthused about providing valuable service to A.A.

The next items of importance are the Michigan State Convention hosted by Area 33 August 23-25; the 23rd National A.A. Archives Workshop September 5-8, 2019 also in Detroit, we then will head to Milwaukee October 18-20, 2019 for the Area 75 and East Central Regional Conference in which I have been asked to sit on a panel for Accessibilities. And if this is not enough for you, we will have a Michigan Statewide Corrections Workshop Saturday October 26, 2019 in Eastpointe, MI. A busy time is planned and all flyers are available on our website or in copy form.

As per usual, this is also the time for group picnics so there is an abundance of things which to attend in which I look forward to attending allowing for time and distance to travel.

I have been having a wonderful time serving as your Delegate for Area 32 and I look forward to this continued service. Please remember to contact me about Delegates reports for your groups, unity councils and/or Districts. I want to share my enthusiasm for service with as many members that I can. It is not only my privilege, but my responsibility.

In Love and Service,

Lori Conant

Panel 69; Area 32 Delegate

ALT. DELEGATE REPORT - DON M.

August 4 2019 Hillman
We started the meeting at 10:05. Had many attendees and G.S.R.'s in attendance. ~~The~~ Traditions 7 & 8 were discussed along with concepts 7 & 8.

Kate talked about the Grapevine with questions and answers Ted discussed Website with special attention to the Meeting Finder App. Ethan talked about the YPNA committees, activities. He answered questions afterward.
the meeting closed at 11:10.