

## Central Michigan Intra-Area 32 Assembly Minutes from October 6, 2019 – District 6, Grand Ledge

**2019 Schedule:** December 1 – District 20, Bullock Creek High School,

**CHAIR: Jon S. (District 4),** [chair@cmia32.org](mailto:chair@cmia32.org). Jon 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. Jon thanked District 6 for the venue and hospitality. He then opened the meeting for **group concerns:**

Kirk F.,- Past delegate Panel 65 – Saline having an anniversary meal at 6 PM with a speaker following November 7, there is a flyer.

John B.: After the last assembly we agreed to reconvene on the topic Cooperation with the Courts. There is information available at the registration table. A group discussion will occur during the afternoon session, hopefully culminating with a vote.

### **Announcements:**

Lori C. current Delegate Panel 65, Area 32. There are copies of the 2019 Final Report available at the registration table. Jesse P., Past Delegate, has lost his mother and his wife recently. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Afternoon Meeting was called to order** at 1:00 pm. Opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity prayer.

### **Group and District Announcements:**

Opportunity for attendees to come up to discuss group events and flyers. NONE

**SECRETARY'S REPORT: Stephanie G., (District 18)** [secretary@cmia32.org](mailto:secretary@cmia32.org), Attendance was read = 60 attendees: 34 GSRs, 1 Alt GSR, 25 Guests, including 5 Past Delegates including one Past Regional Trustee, Jack W. from 1985 – 1989. Secretary's report: motion to accept; seconded and approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Kelly D., (District 20)** [treasurer@cmia32.org](mailto:treasurer@cmia32.org) Kelly read the Treasurer's report, attached. Motion to accept report seconded and approved.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Gary M., (District 10) (absent),** [finance@cmia32.org](mailto:finance@cmia32.org). Lori read the Finance report. Finance report open for discussion. None. Motion to accept Finance report (attached), accepted and approved. Items of Note: Corrections Committee was granted \$800 for literature. Motion for Archives \$377.70 to attend a convention and a motion for \$100 for Grapevine to hold their raffle at this meeting. Open for discussion. Motion for a vote. Unanimous approval.

**REGISTRAR'S REPORT: Kamesha M., (District 12),** [registrar@cmia32.org](mailto: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. The new system from New York went live in August and they are a little backed up. If you have something in need of immediate attention, please e mail Kamesha.

**Five Past Delegates were recognized.**

**Request by the Chair for announcements from the floor. NONE.**

**DELEGATE'S REPORT: Lori C., (District 2).** Panel 69, Area 32. Please see report. [delegate@cmia32.org](mailto:delegate@cmia32.org)

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

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**LITERATURE: Mike K. (District 2)** [literature@cmia32.org](mailto:literature@cmia32.org) Cash: \$282.64, spent over \$2,500 to restock inventory. Literature sales are up and Mike thanked the body for supporting the Literature Store.

**ARCHIVIST: Jim D. (District 6)** Worked with the Area 33 & 34 Archivists at the State Convention. In September he attended the National Archives Workshop. He and Lori were on a panel together. Attended a dignitary dinner in Lansing and set up a nice display there. Thanked the body for turning in Group History forms and encouraged those who have not turned in to do so.

**ARCHIVES COMMITTEE: Mark M. (District 4)** [markmocerri@comcast.net](mailto:markmocerri@comcast.net). Encouraged attendees to fill out the archive history form for their group available on CMIA32.org. home page. Please download, print, and complete one for your home group. Mark attended the National Archives Convention at the St. Regis Hotel in Detroit Sept. 5 – 8<sup>th</sup> where he showcased and reviewed Area 32's Archives. Archives are available for review. Mark is looking at purchasing a new Archives computer. The current one is over 12 years old. More will be brought forth at future assemblies.

**CORRECTIONS: Keith S.** 8 Districts in attendance. There were 2 referrals from the Statewide Corrections Committee to Districts 4 and 18. There is a Corrections workshop in East Point on Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> hosted by Area 33. There is a need for sponsorship of women in the Milan Prison, the only women's prison in Michigan. We are currently carrying the message with 53 meetings weekly in Area 32.

**COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY: Don W.** District 12 and District 6 did a presentation in Lansing. New Business. Come up with a strategic plan when Don returns in 2 months.

**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. Tom asked three people who attended Forum on Scholarship to get up and discuss their experiences at Forum as first-time attendees. Attending Forum helps attendees put names with faces and understand further what the people in New York do. It puts in perspective where the money we send to New York goes. The attendees from New York were informative & personable just like we at the local level are.

**GRAPEVINE: Kate L., (District 2)** –Kate said there were six attendees at the GV committee meeting. She 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](mailto:specialneeds@cmia32.org) **Open Position**

**INTERGROUP LIAISON: Kirk F., (District 4)** [saltcity@comcast.net](mailto:saltcity@comcast.net) 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, he recognized differences of the past and encouraged sending a representative to the next Area meeting. No one from Unity Council has attended Liaison Assembly to date. He invited and encouraged people to attend in December.

**TREATMENT FACILITIES: Open Position**

**WEBSITE: Jamie P., (District 22)**, Has reached out to many webmasters in Area 32. Trying things on the District 22 website to see if they work well in order to consider them for the Area 32 website. Putting together a team to revamp the Area 32 Website and make in mobile friendly. Would like to get this completed before the International Convention happens. Districts who put a printable version of their meeting schedules on their websites have to purchase less schedules since people can print them independently.

**YPAA: Ethan M., (District 4)** [mckayler@cmich.edu](mailto:mckayler@cmich.edu) Working on revamping their bid letter to host the MIDYPAA Statewide Convention. Motion that Area 32 recognize MIDYPAA and if they win the bid, they will host the event around the weekend of Thanksgiving and that there be no competing Area 32 events around the time of the MIDYPAA statewide conv. There is not a set date yet. The contract date is the weekend following Thanksgiving. The vote was in favor unanimously. A second letter is to state the same request for AAYPAA. They are competing for the same event. Carried unanimously.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- December 1st Assembly is in Bullock Creek at the High School, Midland MI.
- CPC Appeal to GSO – update by John B. A CPC Committee has been studying this for 3 years. John reminded the body that this is not about excluding anyone from AA. Halfway through the committee work their tack changed, to how can we better serve the AA person. How to get Judges and Court personnel to adhere to AA. They decided that we need a new guideline. Every current one has a subtitle. The purpose of these guidelines is to assist in reaching an informed group conscience. The rewrite focuses on the traditions mentioned, and to address the tradition concerns and decide whether to sign these. This new guideline would allow groups to make informed decisions about CPC. We should be working with alcoholics ensnared in the legal system. Over 50% of people assigned to attend AA meetings are NOT alcoholics. He proposed that the Body endorse the guideline so that it may be sent forward to New York, as an appeal of a previously submitted agenda item. He presented a draft letter and requested a motion to form a committee to write a letter and present it at the December 1<sup>st</sup> Assembly. He moved that the body consider that the letter as a support for the guidelines that have been presented. Packet was distributed prior to this meeting. Motion was accepted and open for discussion: Lori C: explained about the blue card. The purpose of an open meeting, and a closed meeting, per the pamphlet What is A Group. It was suggested that this be placed on the blue card and was voted down resoundingly. Groups should decide what they do, it is not our job to dictate to them, but only make suggestions. She is opposed to the motion because of this. Jesse P.: asked a question whether it is John's intent to become an agenda item at the next General Service Meeting. John reiterated that this is the intent and asked for further discussion. Ethan: asked whether this letter is the rewrite. John: Yes. Ethan asked what is different between the two. John stated that there is material in common in both. The question has been called unanimously. Jon S. re-asked the question (vote). Vote occurred. 14 Yes 17 No. Jon asked for a minority opinion. There were none. Motion was not carried.
- Hosting Opportunities for 2020: February, April & December of 2020. District 10 is a possibility for February but will be getting back to the Secretary once they have a vote at their District meeting next week.
- There was a motion on the floor to revote on the item of the CPC item on the floor by John B. Jesse stated that since the motion has been voted on, the issue can be brought up later, but the current motion is out of order. Mark M. Agreed with Jesse and Dennis. The vote must stand for now and the issue should be brought up again at the next meeting. Jon S. stated that the Chair called the motion out of order and that the motion can be brought up again due to the lack of validity to the vote.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Accessibilities Chair, Treatment Facilities Chair, Alternate Treasurer, and Alternate Chair positions are open.
- Stanley volunteered for the Treatment Facilities chair position and will work with Accessibilities as well.
- Reese group made a motion to have a tip jar created for the Delegate and the Alternate Delegate registration fees and expenses for the 2020 convention.
- Open call for new business. Nothing was brought forth.

Motion to close. Meeting Adjourned at 2:31 PM.

## **CMIA 32 Delegates Report**

### **Lori Conant Panel 69**

**October 6, 2019**

**Grand Ledge, MI**

Just as usual for my service position, I have been busy traveling, sharing and doing service as asked throughout our state of Michigan.

I attended the Michigan State Convention in August in downtown Detroit and had a wonderful time in fellowship with the members I came in contact with. I did lead one of the panels and learned about concerns from our members at the various workshops held throughout the weekend. Area 32 had a team of members who participated in a competitive game of A.A. Jeopardy which was a lot of fun. I also learned that Detroit is holding true to its promises of revitalizing the downtown area and the area is much improved aesthetically and safer than it has been in the past. It should be already to go by our International Convention in July 2020.

I then returned to downtown Detroit and attending one day at the National A.A. Archives Convention and learned some things about archiving that I had previously not known. My eyes have been opened as to why we have saved so much of our history in A.A. and how it is really important to our fellowship.

My husband was charged with the task of getting us registered and getting a hotel room on September 9 when the registration went live for the International Convention. After about an hour and half online and many refreshes later, he had us registered and a hotel room booked in Greektown for the International Convention. He did well all things considered and I am excited about attending my first International Convention in 2020.

I was asked to come to Bay City on Saturday September 14 and present my Delegates report at an open speaker meeting at the Log Cabin. I have always loved the Log Cabin's ambiance and warm welcomes every time I have been invited there and this time was no exception. I had the opportunity to speak to gentleman who was newly sober before and after my presentation who had no idea of the variety of service opportunities in A.A., He was so enthused that when I returned the next morning to attend a closed meeting, he had stepped up to lead that particular meeting with three weeks sobriety. He told me that I had "inspired" him. What he doesn't realize is that it was him who inspires me to continue to serve.

I then was asked to come to Alpena last weekend to do a Delegates report for the District members on Saturday morning and then share at an open speaker meeting on Saturday evening. They kept thanking me for traveling the distance to do this, but as usual, it was the members that I met whom I thank for inviting me. They have a small but active group of District members who have an enthusiasm for the services they provide and plans are already underway for next years Sober Saturday and Area meeting in June of next year. I had the opportunity to speak to a

Past Delegate from Ohio who served the General Service Conference when Jack W. was our East Central Regional Trustee and his wife Judy served as Delegate for Area 32. He shared some of the stories around the "blue card" that we use as a service piece for open and closed meetings and I shared how one of the agenda items we had this year concerned that very same "blue card". It was humbling to hear from him that he felt I gave a very informative Delegates report in the time allotted to me and told me to "keep up the good work".

As we move throughout this year, I have no more Delegates reports scheduled but I believe I have been asked and attended all the Districts in which they have the participation at the District level in which such a report would be valuable to their members.

I look forward to attending the East Central Regional Conference October 18-20, 2019 in Milwaukee, WI and sharing on a panel discussing Accessibilities work in A.A. I am also planning on attending the Statewide Corrections Committee Workshop on October 26, 2019 in Eastpointe, MI and the Statewide Service Meeting in Lansing on October 27, 2019.

I will continue to serve our Area in any capacity as we close out the year and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you, your group or your District may have.

In Love and Service,

Lori Conant

Panel 69 Delegate, Area 32

10-6-2019

Good afternoon all. Today there were 30 attendees at the General Service Information Meeting. Nearly all were GSR's. Congratulations! Today's meeting we went over some of the duties of the GSR including group inventory and group conscience. There were many questions and much lively conversation. The meeting closed at 11:15 AM.

For service  
Dan Melan  
Alt. Delegate