

Central Michigan Intra-Area 32 Assembly Minutes from December 01, 2019 – District 20, Bullock Creek

The record will show that there was inclement weather and many attendees could not make it due to storm.

2020 Schedule: February 2: District 10, Perry Township Hall; April: District 20; June: District 28; August: District 26, October: District 22; December: OPEN and 2020 is an election year so we would prefer it be centrally located in MI if possible.

CHAIR: Jon S. (District 4), chair@cmia32.org Jon opened the morning session at 9:45 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer. Jon thanked District 20 for the venue and hospitality.

He opened the meeting for **group concerns:**

Ken stated that his group would be having a group conscience meeting later Sunday evening and asked for pointers from the body.

Stephanie brought up the question whether Caduceus AA is a recognized group by GSO. District 18 received a request from a local group to be added to the District 10 meeting schedule (printed and online). Discussion ensued. She will consult D18 Intergroup.

Afternoon Meeting was called to order at 12:30pm. Opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity prayer. Motion to accept the agenda. Agenda was accepted as printed.

Group and District Announcements:

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

Lori C. (in absentia) asked that the following 2 announcements be made:

International Kickoff meeting for volunteers for International Convention – Sat Feb 8, from 1 – 4 PM COBO Center Hall E. See flyer.

Michigan Mock Conference, Saturday March 28, 1st United Methodist Church, 9AM to 4PM, Mt. Pleasant. See flyer.

Cynthia – Jan 25th District 20 workshop at Trinity Lutheran in Midland, 9 AM. Topic Good Meetings / Bad Meetings, trying to bring back meeting format and protocol the way AA used to be. Flyer to come.

Flyer from Area 32 Treasurer: PO Box address change for Area 32 group contributions. Zip code for donations is 48642.

District 4 will be hosting a workshop. Details to follow and flyer will be posted on CMIA 32 website.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Stephanie G., (District 18) secretary@cmia32.org, Attendance was read = 35 attendees: 14 GSRs, 21 Guests, incl. 3 Past Delegates. Approved as written.

Three Past Delegates were recognized.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kelly D., (District 20) treasurer@cmia32.org Kelly read the Treasurer's report, attached. Motion to accept report seconded and approved. ERC money has not been claimed yet. Note: Treasurer's written report was revised in Finance Committee. A corrected report will be forwarded to the Secretary for distribution with the minutes from today.

ALT. TREASURER: OPEN POSITION – Kelly D. Nominated Janelle – appointed through acclamation

LITERATURE REPORT: Mike K., (District 2) literature@cmia32.org: Stated that beginning balance was approx. \$1,700 with \$600 or \$800 approx. in cash. Stated that Jim received a tax bill for sales tax and that Mike is working with Don to address. Update to occur at next Area Assembly.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Tracey G., (District 20): finance@cmia32.org, Tracey read the Finance report. Items of Note: Corrections Committee was granted \$800 for literature. Motion for \$3,000 by Finance committee. Area 33 had a deficit of \$9,000 following the Statewide Convention. It is customary for any deficit resulting from a convention deficit to be covered equally by each of the three areas. The reasons for the deficit are numerous. The previously used facility in Dearborn was shut down and finding a location in the Detroit area was difficult. Attendance was low and it was exacerbated by having to pay higher fees for certain services related to hosting the convention. Motion is to take \$3,000 to pay back Area 32's portion of the Statewide convention loss from the Solvent Treasury (prudent reserve). It was proposed to pay back \$250 per month OR \$500 per Area Assembly meeting beginning today and occurring for five consecutive assemblies until the \$3,000 (voluntary) obligation is met. Vote was unanimous to use funds from the Solvent Treasury to pay Area 33 the \$3,000 immediately. Open for discussion. Motion for a vote. Unanimous.

A motion for \$94.90 was made by Grapevine Committee for two anniversary kits, passed unanimously. Report was approved.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT: Kamesha M., (District 12), registrar@cmia32.org, (Absent)

DELEGATE'S REPORT: Lori C. (District 2) Panel 69, Area 32 delegate@cmia32.org (Absent) Lori's report was read by Don M. During the report, a vote was taken per Lori's request about the Lord's Prayer use at the International Convention at the end of the large speaker meeting. The vote by the body at today's assembly was in favor of using the Lord's Prayer.

ALT. DELEGATE: Don M. (District 2) altdelegate@cmia32.org; Please see attached report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ARCHIVIST: Jim D. (District 6), (Absent)

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE: Mark M. (District 4) markmocer@comcast.net. A review regarding the content of the archives, in relation to a possible update of what is available on the CMIA 32 website has begun. There are a great number of items to review and it may take some time before any changes to what is currently on the website is presented. Any changes would need to be in accord with AA Archives Guidelines and traditions, plus what Area 32 finds permissible to its standards. Further updates will be reported as they become available.

CORRECTIONS: Keith S. gizmotry@yahoo.com (absent) Stephanie gave the committee report: 8 Districts in attendance.

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY: Don W., District 12 (Absent)

PUBLIC INFORMATION: Cynthia R.

FORUM: Tom R. (District 2) (Absent)

GRAPEVINE: Kate L., page88line8@gmail.com (District 2)—Kate said there were 2 attendees at the GV committee mtg. She conducted four using ticket drawings. If you would like a presentation on Grapevine at your group meeting, please contact Kate.

ACCESSIBILITIES: specialneeds@cmia32.org Stanley P. (District 12) (Absent)

INTERGROUP LIAISON: Kirk F. (District 4) saltcity@comcast.net (Absent).

TREATMENT FACILITIES: Stanley P. (District 12) (Absent)

WEBSITE: Jamie P., (District 22) 2 people present, discussed the meeting guide app. Jamie is working on getting his district updated with Meeting Guide which involves using Google Sheets. Once he gets that done, he will work on getting other Districts updated. Goal is to work on getting the website updated in 2020. Kate L. volunteered assistance with the website if needed.

YPAA: Ethan M. (District 4) Evan came up and updated the group regarding the activities of the YPAA convention for 2019. Oakland County will be hosting 2020 convention. The goal is win a bid during in 2020 to host an event the next year as there was much work put into trying to secure a bid this year to host an event in 2020. If any District is interested in putting a bid together for a MCYPAA event, see the website. There is help available to help your district put it together.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Vacant Alternate Treasurer position: Janelle from District 20 was nominated by Kelly D. Appointed by acclamation
- Vacant Alternate Chair: Evan volunteered and was elected by acclamation

NEW BUSINESS:

- Open call for new business. Nothing was brought forth.

Motion to close. Meeting Adjourned at 1:36 PM.

CMIA 32 Delegate Report, Lori Conant Panel 69, 12/1/19 Bullock Creek H.S., Midland, MI

My first trip during the last two months took me to Milwaukee, WI to the East Central Regional Conference in October. While I always wanted to go to Milwaukee when I was drinking to visit with Laverne and Shirley at the Shotz Brewery, I got to go there sober and sit on a committee for Accessibilities. As per usual at East Central Regional events, I got to see a lot of old friends and met some new ones (Panel 70 Elected Delegates).

We had a Statewide Service Committee meeting at the end of October in Lansing. The news to come out of that meeting was the Michigan State Convention for various reasons, lost a lot of money in 2019 making around a \$9,000 shortfall. In order to allow this convention to go forward in 2021, the Statewide Service Committee is asking for a \$2,999.00 donation from each Delegate Area which can be paid either in full or in installments whichever works for our Area. This is simply what we do when an Area has a loss on a State Convention. We step up as an Area and cover the cost associated with the event.

Then last weekend I had the privilege of attending MYCPAA in Detroit at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. This place was alive with the young members of our fellowship there was a lot of energy surrounding the entire weekend in speaker meetings and panel discussions. The Delegate Areas in Michigan manned an outreach table to help the young people see that while they are not an official part of the General Service Structure, their service at MYCPAA bid committees and young person's groups make them a great candidate to enter into General Service work and bring their unique talents to this forum. We also had the opportunity to host the Hospitality room on Sunday morning and while not as energetic as the other events, we shared our service with the younger members of which they were appreciated. Area 32 was represented by two bid committees at this event. MIDYPAA and AAYYPAA put on cute skits and had wonderful, well put together bid packets to share with the Advisory Committee. Neither were chosen to host MYCPAA in 2020 although I felt they did a great job in their presentation. OCYPAA was chosen as the host for the 2020 MYCPAA Convention so the event is planned for the weekend before Thanksgiving (just as this year's) and will be held in Sterling Heights, Michigan. I am sure if our two bid committees stick together and do as well as they did this year in their bid presentations, Area 32 will be the host of MYCPAA soon.

Now for some not so great news: We had a District in our Area lose quite a bit of money due to theft from their treasurer. While this was difficult for the District to deal with and was quite emotional for many people, the DCM utilizing the upside-down triangle, got ahold of all groups within the District to share with them what happened and why it happened to the best of the District's knowledge. The membership of the entire District was invited to attend the next District meeting to vote on how the District wanted to handle this theft. I felt this was the correct use of our service structure, informing the District members of the situation and then allowing them to make the decision rather than just keeping the information among those members who attend District. In the end, it was voted on to not press charges against the treasurer citing Concept 12 Warranty Five as it's guideline in making this decision.

Now, on to the great news. AA has recently released an updated American Sign Language DVD of the 4th Edition Big Book for sale. The updated 12 and 12 is coming out for sale very soon. You can view these updated versions on aa.org if you are interested in seeing why the GSO felt they needed to be updated. Bottom line is, ASL is a dynamic language utilizing not just the words but facial and body language to convey the message. Our new DVD's do just that making them much more capable of sharing with our members who are deaf. They can also be used to help hearing members share with members who may be deaf the language of our recovery program. In addition to this nod to accessibility

issues, AA has also made the AA Service Manual combined with the 12 Concepts available in an audio format. These three items get me excited about the direction we as an organization are taking to help those in need.

At the General Service Board's meeting held in November some of the news out of that is A: There is a newly formed Communication Department came about as a result of the Board's Strategic Plan. The scope of this department is to provide "Robust-Public Information to the entire Fellowship". It is to be headed by Clemet C. B: The International Convention reported that as of October 7, 2019, over 21,000 people had registered for the International Convention. This is slightly below Atlanta but ahead of San Antonio. The Housing Bureau was able to process over 6,000 reservations in the first 24 hours. I personally have heard from people who wanted to stay in Downtown Detroit but were unable to however, only 3,000 room were available for this convention. C: The operation of the new NetSuite enterprise system which went live August 5 still has some gaps and shortcomings but overall the system is functioning. D: Finance: For the nine months ended September 30, 2019 revenues were 2.59% higher than budgeted and 3.76% higher than the nine months ended September 30, 2018. Contributions were at \$6, 197,296 which is 6.29% higher than budgeted and 6.29% higher than September 30, 2018.

I did pass out to the DCM's a volunteer flyer for the International Convention which will be meeting in Detroit February 8, 2020. Also, the GSO is extended the deadline for manuscripts outlining experiences in working with Cooperation with the Elder Community activities and extended the deadline for stories from older alcoholics to be considered for an updated and revised pamphlet "AA for the Older Alcoholic-Never Too Late".

One other issue that has gained some steam across the fellowship is the saying of the Lord's Prayer at the end of the large speaker meeting scheduled for the International Convention. Some members do not want this prayer to be used and of course, some do. There is talk of making this agenda item, but I need to get a vote from you, our members as to how you feel about this issue. (Take a vote at this point). As we close out another year of fun, exciting service opportunities for me, I want to take this time to wish everyone of you and Happy, Joyous and Free Holiday Season. I look forward to additional service opportunities in 2020.

In Love and Service, Lori Conant, Panel 69 Delegate, Area 32

CMIA 32 Alt. Delegate Report, Don M., 12/1/19 Bullock Creek H.S., Midland, MI

At today's General Service Information meeting there were 10 attendees. We greeted 2 new GSR's.

We discussed the importance of communication between groups and the various service entities.

We discussed traditions 11 & 12 and concepts 11 & 12.

We also reviewed and discussed the 2019 Area Inventory.

Thank you,

In Loving Service,

Don M.