

Central Michigan Intra-Area 32 Assembly Digital Minutes from August 2, 2020 – ZOOM

2020 Schedule: February 2: District 10, Perry Township Hall; April: CANCELLED, June: ZOOM; August: ZOOM, October: District 22; December: TBD

CHAIR: Jon S. (District 4), chair@cmia32.org Jon opened the morning session at 9:39 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer. Jon asked for Group Concerns from the attendees. Lori shared that virtual meetings can register with AA but cannot use “ZOOM” in their meeting name because Zoom is a company and that is against tradition. A meeting can be called a virtual meeting.

Meeting must be operating for 30 days and then may register as a group. GSO is still working remotely so be patient.

Jon had a few group concerns: #1 related to the fluctuating Executive Orders affecting in person meetings and the need to adhere to those orders. Mark stated that as an entity AA cannot mandate what people or groups can do. Lori agreed. She also pointed out that Michigan is divided into zones and that the state may not be experiencing the same restrictions or lack thereof. All we can do is share information and ideas. Dennis offered that as groups we go into facilities that have rules. If groups cannot follow the rules of the building, we may not be allowed to continue our meetings there. Keith mentioned that the latest EO was statewide. He was in the UP at an in-person meeting observing pre-March meeting protocols. Sherri L: offered that the State has all Executive Orders by PDF according to date.

Ron: Each group is autonomous. Jon’s group concern #2: Asked why posting a Zoom code for an area meeting on the area website is any different than posting a regular (zoom) meeting code on the website? He also stated that posting codes is NOT against traditions. Asked if anyone could identify what that tradition was cited. Stated that a lot of people may have missed out on the opportunity to get the code because it was removed from the website. There was a question about the information sent in Stephanie’s e mail about the tradition in the e mail to the body. Lori clarified that she did not state that there was a tradition precluding posting Area 32 Zoom meeting information to the body via website or public posting. Secretary is looking into how this mistake happened.

Afternoon General Assembly was called to order at 1:00 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Motion to accept the agenda. Agenda was accepted.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Stephanie G. (District 18) secretary@cmia32.org, The secretary estimated Zoom attendees at 27.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Kelly D. (District 20) treasurer@cmia32.org Kelly was not available for the afternoon meeting. Tracey G. read the Treasurer’s report, attached. Motion to accept report seconded and approved.

ALT. TREASURER: Janell W. District 20 –Absent

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Tracey G., (District 20): finance@cmia32.org, \$5,304.08 starting balance. \$2,450 in expenses including DCM Committee, Forum Fund, ECR Conference, Prudent Reserve payback, and Host expense funds for October. Committee request for reimbursement for Go Daddy website fees Ted S.: \$119.88. Remaining balance of \$2,734.20 going forward. It became apparent at the morning meeting that we are running out of funds quickly. Jon and Sherri will prepare a letter for DCM’s to send to their GSR’s to inform groups that funds are needed during these tough times. We are below our prudent reserve. Tracey made a motion to distribute the letter to the Area 32 mailing list. A vote was taken. A minority opinion was requested. No further comments. Motion was approved. Motion to accept Finance Committee report was seconded and approved. Don M. reported the prudent reserve \$1,975. Tracey questioned the odd amount. Don clarified that here is a bank service charge of \$5 monthly. He will inquire why.

REGISTRAR’S REPORT: Kamesha M., (District 12), registrar@cmia32.org, **Absent.** Lori C. gave an update that GSO is backlogged by approximately 20 days with requests from registrars. There are problems with the NetSuite program for tracking registrations. A new company has been hired and is working to get up to speed on getting current and bug free.

Group and District Announcements:

Opportunity for attendees to present or discuss group events and flyers. **NONE**

DELEGATE’S REPORT: Lori C. (District 2) Panel 69, Area 32 delegate@cmia32.org This report was scheduled to be given later in the meeting under New Business.

ALT. DELEGATE: Don M. (District 2) Panel 69, Area 32 altdelegate@cmia32.org; No report from the Alternate Delegate

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LITERATURE REPORT: Mike K., (District 2) literature@cmia32.org: None

ARCHIVIST: Jim D. (District 6), None

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE: Mark M., (District 4) REPORT ATTACHED

CORRECTIONS: Keith S. - Discussion of continuing need for AA literature at facilities. Policies vary widely across the state. J Pay is experiencing problems during the lockdown. Zoom meetings pose security risks.

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY: Don W., District 12 None

FORUM: Tom R. (District 2) None

GRAPEVINE: Kate L. (District 2) None

PUBLIC INFORMATION: Currently open.

ACCESSIBILITIES: specialneeds@cmia32.org (Carol) None

TREATMENT FACILITIES: Stanley P. (District 12) None

INTERGROUP LIAISON: Kirk Faupel (District 4) saltcity@comcast.net None

WEBSITE: Jamie P., (District 22), jamie.payne@michiganpipe.com None

YPAA: Evan McKay (District 4) mckay1er@cmich.edu None

OLD BUSINESS:

Host District is still needed for the December meeting. Jon asked people to spread the word that we still need to find a host. We prefer a centrally located venue between Flint and Midland because it is a voting assembly but that is not required. District 12 is a possibility. Jon asked for any other volunteers. No one volunteered.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Lori made a motion to nominate Don M. to Delegate position. Don accepted the nomination. Jon closed the nominations for Delegate until October there being no other nominations.
- B. Ted S. nominated Mark M. for the position of Alt Delegate. Mark accepted the nomination. Don M. nominated Kate L.. Kate accepted the nomination. Jon asked for any other nominations. Brian G. GSR Sunday Nights asked for a clarification on what the Delegate and Alt Delegate positions entail. Lori read the position descriptions from the Service Manual. She also suggested that it is a good idea to have a Service Sponsor and have contacts within order to relate to other Delegates across the country. Wayne asked how many Delegates and Alt. Delegates could be nominated at one time. Jonathan said that any number could be nominated. Brian G. was nominated by Wayne but declined the nomination due to lack of experience. Kirk asked when the nominees share their service records with the body. Jon said that happens after nominations are complete in October and prior to voting in December. He then closed nominations for Delegate and Alternate Delegate.
- C. Lori C. shared her Delegate's report with the attendees which was to include slides and audio. There were technical difficulties. Lori shared her report highlights with the group. Lori will send Stephanie a link to send out so that people can view the entire report as it was intended to be seen during the August 2nd Area Assembly. A very moving report was delivered by Lori and she noted that there are Star Wars inserts to be seen so please check it out!
- D. Jon and Sherri shared the drafted letter to the area 32 e mail list regarding 7th Tradition. Group agreed that secretary will send the letter to the current e mail list of members of Area 32 as soon as possible.
- E. Lori is going to follow up with the former past Delegates to see who is willing to be nominated for General Service Committee service next year. This position is elected by the Statewide committee. Nominations are at the end of October. All 3 Areas in Michigan can nominate someone to stand for the position and then those people are voted on by the Statewide Committee. Not all areas nominate this way, but we do this as a 3-way partnership.

Motion to Close. Seconded and approved.

Meeting closed at 2:25 PM with the Responsibility Pledge recited by the group.