

**Central Michigan Intra-Area 32 Printed Zoom Assembly Minutes from December 5, 2021**

**2022 Schedule: February 6, Perry Mi. and zoom (Hybrid);** April 3, June 5, August 7, October 2, December 4. See old business.

**CHAIR: Jon S (District 4), 6097 Colony Park Drive, Ypsilanti, MI 48197 (734) 660-8641**  
[chair@cmia32.org](mailto:chair@cmia32.org) Chairperson opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the serenity prayer. John also welcomed everyone in attendance and zoom attendees.

**ALT. CHAIR: John B.I (District 6) 12875 Chippewa Drive, Grand Ledge, MI 48837 (313) 999-8367** [altchair@cmia32.org](mailto:altchair@cmia32.org)

**Afternoon General Assembly was called to order** at 12:15 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Motion to accept the agenda seconded and approved.

**John then asked for secretary's report.**

**SECRETARY'S REPORT: James P. (District 12) 8395 Frances Road, Otisville, MI 48463 (313) 613-3703** [secretary@cmia32.org](mailto:secretary@cmia32.org) James requested that all officer and committee chair reports be forwarded to the secretary's e mail address. It is difficult to predict attendance numbers at zoom meetings.

**Alt Secretary: OPEN:** [altsecretary@cmia32.org](mailto:altsecretary@cmia32.org)

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Sherri L, (District4) 635 Woodcreek Court, Saline, MI 48176 (734) 834-5386** [treasurer@cmia32.org](mailto:treasurer@cmia32.org) Attached. was approved.

**ALT. TREASURER: Tracey G, (District 16) 6093 W. Main Street #144, Weidman, MI 48893 (989) 330-1262** [alttreasurer@cmia32.org](mailto:alttreasurer@cmia32.org) No report.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Jamie P. (District 22)** [finance@cmia32.org](mailto:finance@cmia32.org)  
beginning balance \$12,837.55: standard monthly expenses \$1500.44: committee reimbursement \$10.60: officer fuel reimbursement \$27.22: committee request \$400 website, \$300 corrections: ending balance \$10,599.29.

**REGISTRAR'S REPORT: Ted S (District 26) 317 Agate Drive, Roscommon, MI 48653 (989) 429-8100** [dist26@gmail.com](mailto:dist26@gmail.com) Registrar: signed up 2 new Groups and registered 2 new GSRs. Email: registrar@cmia32.org

**ALT. REGISTRAR: Lori C (Past Delegate Panel 69, Area 32 (District 2) 125 Hill Road, Michigan Center, MI (517) 414-7662** [altregistrar@cmia32.org](mailto:altregistrar@cmia32.org), [loriconant01@live.com](mailto:loriconant01@live.com)

**Pass Delegates recognized:** Five present.

**Group and District Announcements:** Check Area 32 Website. Also check website HVAI.org Area 34 and Lori our pass Delegate has some trivia knowledge of AA and won a Jeopardy. (Good job ladies)

**DELEGATE'S REPORT: Don Mc Panel 71, Area 32 (District 2) 6600 Portage Lake Rd., Munith, MI 49269, (517) 416-9635.** [delegate@cmia32.org](mailto:delegate@cmia32.org) report attached.

**ALT. DELEGATE: Mark M Panel 71, Area 32 (District 4) 234 Holly Hills Drive, Apartment 423, Howell, MI 48843 (517) 861-6379 [altdelegate@cmia32.org](mailto:altdelegate@cmia32.org)** Attached.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**LITERATURE REPORT: Mike K, (District 2) 2461 Steff-Ann Drive, Adrian, MI 49221 (517) 403-2764 [literature@cmia32.org](mailto:literature@cmia32.org):** Last meeting I sold \$165 worth of literature. Lots of literature out of stock. Service Manuals are here for sale. Gave literature report to finance committee. Someone asked if Mike could check on bulk orders of la-vina for corrections.

**ARCHIVIST: Jim D (District 6), PO Box 13, Holt, MI 48842, (517) 694-9753.** Pass two months there have been no events. Still a lot of work to sort through material. On the archives table there are forms to fill out for your group's history so please help us with your group's history. There are samples on the table.

**ARCHIVES COMMITTEE: Tim H. (District 6)** October 10th General Assembly we fulfilled a request from district 10 DCM Kim D and who was asking for history of the establishment of the first Alcoholics Anonymous group in Owosso the digital documentation given to her also included an interview in written historical account by Don Walters about 8 member floyd bennett etc. We did two physical inventories. Working hard on organizing files.

**CORRECTIONS: Lori C. Past Delegate, Panel 69 Area 32, 125 Hill Road, Michigan Center, MI (517) 414-7662 [Corrections@cmia32.org](mailto:Corrections@cmia32.org)** The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer. The chair shared her thoughts about what she learned by attending the National Corrections Conference in November. Learned importance of continuing the Written Correspondence Service to incarcerated members. Seems to be an even greater need due to shut-downs due to the pandemic. You can sign up at AA.org and search for Corrections then Correspondence Services. Learned the need of our incarcerated members to receive a gift subscription of the Grapevine and/or La Vina' (in particular LaVina' subscriptions) purchased through the "Carry the Message Project" at aagrapevine.org. Learned about program starting in Northern California H&I Committee concerning one on one sponsorship program where an AA member is allowed into the prison facilities not for an AA meeting but to meet with one incarcerated member as an outside sponsor. Seems to be a great benefit. Some members of an online spanish speaking group asked around whether or not literature in Spanish is being or is able to be sent to the I.C.E. encampments not just the jails do you have any information about that? Much was discussed about pre-release contacts from the prison system.

**FORUM: Molly L.** The area 32 Grapevine chair and, I went to the East Central regional forum this past November 19th to 21st and I was very impressed by several things. Functioning online only meetings got the attention of GSO. About 22,000 hits a day I don't even know what to think of that a structure service structure has been created in the following way. Virtual only AA meetings have been brought together as a fictitious area called area 95. Online meetings have no ID number or affiliation with any in person AA meeting but there is an online intergroup for online AA groups. I want to point out some of the highlights from the treasurer's report. The biggest savings is , \$1,000,000 because there were no travel expenses accommodation food or etc for trustees and delegates to attend regional forums or the annual meeting this surprised me a lot. Unexpected income gains was contributions from AA groups and individual members covered a greater proportion of GSO's expenses than in past years. Kevin P., who is the

treasurer, said individuals contribute 1.4 million. average group donation \$286 per year. Average individual contribution was \$6.81.

**GRAPEVINE: Molly L, (District 4) 1502 Morton Avenue Ann Arbor, MI 48104 (734) 358-7180 [grapevine@cmia32.org](mailto:grapevine@cmia32.org)** Sales are down because of the soft transitions to online versions of this it takes time to get them up and running online and also the publishing industry has been very slow. I think they might have changed the publishers so there has been a delay in getting books and pamphlets. Good news is that online subscriptions for Grapevine has increase.

**COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY / Public Information: Keith S (District 6) 2029 Phillips Avenue, Holt, MI 48842 (517) 803-5045 [cpc@cmia32.org](mailto:cpc@cmia32.org)**

No report.

**ACCESSIBILITIES / TREATMENT CENTERS: Don W (District 6) 5253 East Hidden Lake Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823 (517) 282-4586 [specialneeds@cmia32.org](mailto:specialneeds@cmia32.org):** No report.

FYI, guidelines and checkpoints for accommodating accessibilities are available from Don and should be available at the next area meeting.

**Mock Conference Committee Report: Ted S.**

Going well, Mock Conf will be in-person unless things change.

Flier is on [Mock Conference – AA Michigan Statewide Service Committees](#)

**YPAA: Evan K (District 4) No Report**

**WEBSITE COMMITTEE: Kate L (District2) (517) 962-1445 [webmaster@cmia32.org](mailto:webmaster@cmia32.org), or [page88line8@gmail.com](mailto:page88line8@gmail.com)** Still working on the redesign of the website. Also the ad hoc committee for the hybrid which I'm sure we'll talk about in either the end of the old business or the new business we have a new gentleman from the Saginaw area that will be working with trying to in efforts to connect with the online meeting guide so that's still a large issue and that's really it for the website committee.

**State Convention Committee:** Dennis S. Got proceedings started and got some dates. Paperwork included.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

February 6, District 10 hosting committee location 2770 W. Ellsworth Rd Perry MI 48872, April area 20 will be hosting in June area 28, in August, area 26 in October area 22. December open. Please connect with Kate our website chair if your district is hosting an area assembly. Just to reiterate the assembly has agreed to hybrid meetings until further notice. Alternate secretary position is still open. Tabled and moved on to new business.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

One of the things I did is met with quite a few people getting past the point we're not arguing about what is what. We need a committee that is going to handle this itself and how that looks our thoughts were One, almost every conversation was somebody who would be on the online portion handling the break out rooms and as a greeter and a co-host and somebody who could explain the process, this is where you got somebody who might be familiar with the process of area assembly and technology. Area assembly is not supporting in that they do not have their own zoom account which can handle the breakout rooms and the meetings over the minimum free account time we would like to see that area get their own zoom account so the committee that comes out of this we're hoping would then be able to practice with those and not just one person our goal above all is to support the members both in person and virtual to support the assembly chair in their duty to run the assembly efficiently and effectively. There is not one person that can handle it all. Co-chairs both a person who's handling the virtual component and the online component. We wanna go out and solicit more volunteers this is something that will help people at their Home group and their district. The the goal is we really want to make it better for in person and virtual. We have six or seven Amazon fire tablets that can be used however we think that Area should have their own account so we don't have to limit stuff so people aren't going into personal members credit card. The committee should come up with a standard operating procedure. \$199.90 for a business zoom account which is \$50 more than what we're paying now a year. Empowering our committee chairs our delegate could give a report and people could attend from all over. We need to embrace what's going on and make it more accessible to people. There was much discussion concerning making motions. John B made the original motion and Linda seconded that motion, that the area should be self supporting and move ahead with the recommendation of the ad hoc committee to better facilitate hybrid Area meetings. The chairperson also asked that anyone making a motion please be as clear as possible concerning your motion. So, the motion that area 32 purchase a pro version of zoom has carried. John made a second motion, based on the recommendation of the ad hoc committee temporary service committee to facilitate productivity of an area assembly during the time of hybrid be formed and that committee have two Co chairs and seek out volunteers to enact their recommendations. Seconded and passed. Lori suggested we find someone to chair this committee. Ileen and Brad were nominated. The Internet went out twice and there was a motion to close, motion accepted and passed and we closed with the "responsibility statement".

Alternate Delegate Report  
CMIA 32  
Sunday December 5, 2021  
Houghton Lake, MI

At today's GSR Orientation and General Service Meeting, there were 30 in attendance, including 14 GSR's and of those 4 were first time attendees.

We covered the suggested areas of service and responsibilities attached to the GSR position, from the new A.A. Service Manual and also took a brief overview of it. In addition, we looked at Tradition ~~and Concept of Service~~ 11, inviting participation from all in attendance and looking at particle applications ~~it, the, we, in, and, from, to.~~

Since the last assembly, I also had the opportunity to offer a GSR Orientation and General Service Meeting remotely in District 20, Midland. There were 35 in attendance. The meeting went over quite well, and a discussion took place about the district hosting the April, 2022 Area 32 assembly, which it since has OK'd by the District Committee. A brief mention, that I spent time at meetings in Bay City, (The Log Cabin), and District 24 in Pigeon, Bad Axe, and under the water tower in Caseville, having to step over county highway road equipment, to make my way to a cinderblock maintenance building for a four-person meeting, (including myself). It was quite amazing where and how the message of A.A. carries itself and keeps us from picking up that first drink.

In Love and Service,  
Mark M  
Alternate Delegate  
Area 32/ Panel71

Delegate report  
December 2021 Houghton Lake  
Don Mc Panel 71 Area 32

Hello all,

First, I'd like to say as I close in on the end of my first year as your delegate I have one thing to say, thank you. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to serve and to grow from the experience. I am definitely looking forward to the next year to see what growing opportunities are presented.

On November 5 – 7 I attended the virtual East Central Regional Forum. It was a great way to spend some time with fellow AA's and GSO staff. As always, GSO staff and especially our ECR Trustee Cathi C., was awesome in answering questions. My question, concerning letting Panel 70's attend as visitors because they are the only panel that has not attended a General Service Conference in person, was answered directly. There was also a presentation that was put on by Area 33 Delegate Russ R. on the brand-new Service Manual. This coincided with the release of the print version of the brand new one size fits all service manual. Folks, this is worth a look through as it a complete redesign of the old one.

As part of the conference approved shared workload of the conference committees the new preliminary agenda items were sent out. They are preliminary until after the January board weekend meeting of the General Service Board where they will set the final conference agenda.

Work continues on the preparations for the Mock conference in March. The date is March 26<sup>th</sup> 2022. As of right now it will either be presented as an in person OR virtual with no hybrid option.

I have made my reservation for the 2022 Conference of Delegates Past Present which is being held in person in Appleton Wisconsin on February 11-13<sup>th</sup>.

Lastly, as I close out this year and start getting ready for a new one I can't help but reflect on everything that has happened this year. First, as I said in the opening Thank you for the opportunity to grow from this experience. Also, thank you for doing your part to make this the best damn area in the US and Canada. We might not always agree on issues but we come together with unity in our hearts and only good can come from that. I wish you all the very happiest of whatever holiday you observe.

In Love and Service,

Don Mc.,

Delegate Panel 71

Area 32

# CMIA - 32

## Finance Committee Report

Today's Date: 12-5-21

Location: HOUGHTON LAKE

Beginning Balance: \$ 12,837.55

Standard Monthly Expenses:

\$ 1500.44

Committee Reimbursements:

\$ 10.60

Officer Fuel Reimbursements:

\$ 27.22

COMMITTEE REQUESTS \$ 400 WEB  
\$ 300 CORRECTIONS

Ending Balance: \$ 10,599.29

Committee Requests that require approval of the Area Assembly



Zoom: Join Zoom Meeting Area 32 Assembly, December 5, 2021  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2286886128?pwd=Z0U3M1hjdGRnVmdFa25qY0ZDaXRnZz09>  
Meeting ID: 228 688 6128 Passcode: 123456

East Central Regional Forum  
November 19, 2021- Nov. 21

Report on Highlights,  
Molly L., Area 32, Grapevine Chair

The AA Forum is a two-day event, sponsored by the General Service Office (GSO) in New York. Speakers included GSO staff, Grapevine/LaVina editors, past and present Trustees, past and current Delegates (Panel 72), and District CM's and General Service Reps of individual meetings.

The programming includes panels by Trustees, GSO staff, and Delegates, but the more interesting offerings are the workshops which concern the AA Community and have opportunities to ask questions and voice opinions.

Attending the Forum is the best way to find out what is being discussed in AA by people who hold positions with great responsibility and what people without high-level service positions think of issues raised.

The following summary concern (1) Virtual Meetings (2) AA Finances, and (3) The Newcomer during the Pandemic.

**I. "Accepting Virtual Groups in the AA Service Structure" Presentation by Gordon N., Delegate P72/ A21 CPC Rep.**

A. The need for attention to virtual AA meetings is clear from the numbers:

- Prior to the Pandemic: 175 online only AA groups
- During the Pandemic: 1700 on-line meetings
- Since January 2021: 3000 on-line meetings of any kind: hybrid or Zoom only.
- The on-line AA meetings get 22,000 views every day..

B. What part of the AA Service Structure has been created for on-line meetings?



1. Virtual only AA meetings have been brought together as a fictitious Area 95
2. Online meetings have no ID number or affiliation with an in-person AA meeting
3. “Online Intergroup” is a website with monthly meetings for online AA groups.

## **II. GSO Treasurer’s Report on AA finances in 2020**

A. Treasurer Keven P. gave a terrific presentation.

1. GSO’s biggest savings--\$1 million—

2. because GSO did not have to pay Trustees and Delegates for travel, food and accommodations to regional forums and the annual meeting.

B. Unexpected income gains:

1. Best news: contributions from AA groups *and* members covered a greater portion of GSO’s expenses than in past years.

2. Prior expressed Gratitude for the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition saying that people really “stepped up to the plate” during the Pandemic.

3. Individuals contribute \$1.4 million!!!

4. Many AAs who had registered for the International Conference in Detroit gave their registration money to GSO.

C. The breakdown of donors

1. \$6 million donated by AA Groups

a. 30 percent of the 71,000 AA Groups in the USA gave to GSO

b. Average group donation: \$286.00

2. Individuals gave \$1.4 million to GSO in 2020

a. The average individual gift to GSO was \$6.81.

b. GSO appreciates the smaller gifts because they add up.

## **III. Workshop “Keeping the Newcomer and those on the Fence” Marilyn F. Area 20, moderator**

1. This workshop supplied information on ways to keep the newcomer interested in the AA meeting.

2. The focus was on applying strategies already used at In Person meetings.

a. Welcome newcomers to the meeting

- b. Remember the names of the newcomer
  - c. Give your telephone number to newcomers
  - d. Make the newcomer feel comfortable at their first AA meeting or first time at your meeting.
  - e. Explain meeting's format.
3. On Zoom meetings slight alterations can accomplish these strategies.
- a. We welcome a newcomer to our meeting when they join the Zoom meeting.
  - b. We can see his or her name on the screen shot.
  - c. If the person's face is not on the Zoom window, we do not insist that they put it up.
  - d. We give our phone numbers in the chat.
  - e. We ask the newcomer for *their* phone number, preferably before or during the meeting, because new people often leave the Zoom site quickly.
  - f. Then we call them on the phone. "How are you doing? Do you have any questions?"
  - g. Established members of the group can post their favorite virtual AA meetings on the chat.
  - h. A workshop participant suggested that we invite the newcomer to meet us at a virtual meeting the next day

Treasurer's report

Registrar Ted S

Past Delegates recognized

Group Concerns

Delegates' Report Don Mc Panel 71

Alternate Delegate Mark M Panel 71

Archives Report, Jim D

Literature Report, Mike K , formerly Agenda Committee

Archives Report, Tim R. District 6

Correction Committee: Lori C

State Convention Committee, Dennis S

# CENTRAL MICHIGAN INTRA-AREA 32

## TREASURERS REPORT

December 5, 2021

Temp Freeze approved by Area in Dec 20  
Capped

### STARTING BANK BALANCE:

\$13,491.77

FORUM ACCOUNT BALANCE  
ECRC CONFERENCE BALANCE

\$1,750.00  
\$750.00

### 1ST ADJUSTED CHECKING BALANCE:

\$10,991.77

### INCOME:

7TH TRADITION  
GSO COFFEE POT  
GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS  
HOST EXPENSE REFUND

\$59.00  
\$45.00  
\$3,074.46  
\$0.00

### INCOME TOTAL

\$3,178.46

### 2ND ADJUSTED CHECKING BALANCE

\$14,170.23

### EXPENSES:

DATE	TO:
10/10/21	DCM Standard Expense
10/10/21	Secretary
11/20/21	Literature - Corrections District
10/10/21	GSO Coffee Pot

### CHECK#

2530  
2529  
2531  
2528

### TOTAL

\$1,800.00  
\$87.68  
\$200.00  
\$45.00

TRANSFER FOR FORUM  
TRANSFER FOR ECRC CONFERENCE

(FOR EXPENSE PURPOSE ONLY)  
(FOR EXPENSE PURPOSE ONLY)

\*Check Outstanding

### TOTAL EXPENSES:

\$1,332.68

### TOTAL AVAILABLE CHECKING BALANCE:

\$12,837.55

### FORUM FUND:

\$1,750.00

### ECRC FUND:

\$750.00

### SOLVENT TREASURY

\$3,500.00

### AREA 32 GENERAL FUND

\$18,837.55

SAL 12/14/21