

## **CENTRAL MICHIGAN INTRA-AREA 32**

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Area Assembly – December 4, 2011

District 24, Vassar, MI

**CHAIR: Kirk F., chair@cmia32.org;**

Called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.; group recited The Serenity Prayer; Kirk read The AA Preamble; the group recited The Responsibility Pledge

**SECRETARY: Jenni B., secretary@cmia32.org;**

Roll Call: In attendance: 52 guests; 52 GSRs; 6 Alt. GSRs  
5 GSRs at 1<sup>st</sup> visit to Assembly, 1 GSR at 2<sup>nd</sup> visit

Tradition 11 was discussed by Kim K., and Tradition 12 was discussed by Paul W.

Concept 11 was discussed by Lori F., and Concept 12 was discussed by Sam P.

For February's meeting in Corunna, volunteers: Tradition 1 – Sharon S.; Tradition 2 – Stanley P.  
Concept 1 – Laura H.; Concept 2 – Tom R.

Chairman called for corrections to minutes from 10-2-11; minutes approved

**TREASURER: Ted B., treasurer@cmia32.org (emails go to Alt. Treasurer Sharon S.);**

Report Approved (Report attached)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Cari F., finance@cmia32.org;**

Report Approved (Report attached) [Also "MOTIONS"]

**REGISTRAR: Kate L., registrar@cmia32.org;**

Forms used for group information changes are: New Groups Form, Group Change Form, and District Change Form; the deadline to turn in information to the New York General Service Office is quickly approaching. New groups must be past the 30 day pending period at the time of printing to be included.

**DELEGATE: Art M., delegate@cmia32.org;**

Report Approved (Report attached)

**ALT. DELEGATE: Pauline N., altdelegate@cmia32.org;**

Report Approved (Report attached)

**ARCHIVES: Jim D.**

"We had inquiries about doing local histories and questions on how AA works on Area and Regional levels – provided info on both – I am your Archivist in person only. The stuff I bring each month belongs to the Archives Committee located in Lansing, MI. Thank you for your continued interest and support."

**CORRECTIONS: Sandy E., corrections@cmia32.org; (presented by Linda K.)**

[Report presented and approved]

**COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (CPC): John S., cpc@cmia32.org;**

[Report presented and approved]

**FORUM: Tom R., forum@cmia32.org;**

All went well at the 2011 East Central Regional Forum. CMIA 32 sponsored 14 members, which included their lodging, food, and fuel. The committee was over budget

by \$5.42, which was donated by Tom R. During the weekend event, many people asked questions of the panelists and at the workshops, answered by attendees such as Ami B., Executive Editor & Publisher of The A. A. Grapevine. At today's Area Assembly, Kim K. and Jenni B. shared their experience; two other members will share at the next meeting. Four people also signed up for next year's forum today.

**GRAPEVINE: Stacy O., [grapevine@cmia32.org](mailto:grapevine@cmia32.org);**

Subscriptions in Michigan are at a low; please spread the message. One fundamental way is to have literature present in meetings. The 2012 Statewide Challenge was discussed, fliers for which are on CMIA 32, District 8, and District 10 websites.

**LITERATURE: Ray H., [literature@cmia32.org](mailto:literature@cmia32.org);**

(Report attached.)

**PUBLIC INFORMATION: Sharon S., (reported by Stanley P.) [pi@cmia32.org](mailto:pi@cmia32.org);**

Four members discussed what Districts 12 and 24 have experienced this year. Letters have been sent, books have been delivered, tables have been served, PSAs have been aired and been monitored and meetings have been held between the professionals of the community and the members of Alcoholics Anonymous.

**SPECIAL NEEDS: Lori F., [specialneeds@cmia32.org](mailto:specialneeds@cmia32.org);**

The discussion included: how AA helps its members with special needs, and how AA is always inclusive, never exclusive, especially of those members with special needs. Committee members reviewed the new Special Needs Accessibilities Kit from the GSO, and shared how participating on this Area committee has been important to their service in carrying the AA message.

**TREATMENT FACILITIES: Marc M., [treatment@cmia32.org](mailto:treatment@cmia32.org);**

Fifteen attendees, including twelve who were new to the committee, received some basic information from Marc M. and Debbie G. More information will be forwarded to members who were interested in serving at the district level. Three people received informational kits.

**WEBSITE: Kim K., [website@cmia32.org](mailto:website@cmia32.org);**

Contact info for the Area Archivist will be posted on [cmia32.org](http://cmia32.org) for AA's researching meeting group or district history. The Area Literature Committee will receive more of a presence on the home page of the Area Website; there is a shipping, but not a handling fee for ordering material through the Area. To abide by AA Traditions, [cmia32.org](http://cmia32.org) does not post AA events that include a fee to attend. An exception is the posting of conventions. A committee vote decided the inclusion of New Year's Eve events for 2011 also. Voting will ensue for future, similar events. Email [website@cmia32.org](mailto:website@cmia32.org) or visit the committee meeting in February for guidance on district web pages.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Nominations re-opened for 2 at-large Finance Committee members:

- a. Stanley P. nominated and declined.
- b. Jessica R. nominated and accepted.
- c. Motion for nominations to be closed; nominations closed.
- d. Motion for Kate L. and Jessica R. to be elected by acclamation; motion approved. [Also “**MOTIONS**”]

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Request by Art M. for \$2000.00 to fund GSC Delegates [Also “**MOTIONS**”]
2. Request by Kirk F. for \$450.00 to fund Mock Conference [Also “**MOTIONS**”]

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. 4 Past Delegates were recognized
2. Please bring 100-125 flyers for your District events to each CMIA 32 Assembly, including flyers for the next CMIA meeting.
3. Events can be posted on [www.cmia32.org](http://www.cmia32.org) if the digital information is emailed to [webmaster@cmia32.org](mailto:webmaster@cmia32.org).

**MOTIONS:**

Finance Committee - \$800.00 for Corrections Committee: APPROVED

\$289.70 for 10 subscriptions to the AA Grapevine: APPROVED

Art M. - \$2000.00 from CMIA 32 Prudent Reserve to increase DCM funds: APPROVED

Old Business – Kate L. and Jessica R. to be elected to Finance Committee by acclamation: APPROVED

Kirk F. - \$450.00 from CMIA 32 General Fund for Mock Conference Committee: APPROVED

Motion; Chair adjourned meeting at 2:57 p.m.

## DELEGATE:

Welcome, introductions of the DCM's, LCM's and Past Delegates by name and CMIA32 District represented were followed by sharing of information about workshops, seminars, and other functions taking place in DCM's districts.

AA events in Area 32 districts in the past few months and upcoming in the future were discussed and continue to grow in the area. Posting of the events in districts on our area website [www.cmia32.org](http://www.cmia32.org), was encouraged with suggested distribution of notices at the area assemblies.

Our CMIA32 Webmaster spoke about posting of events and of services related to their websites that districts can request of the CMIA32 Website Committee.

A review of the conference structure and the service relationships of the various entities were discussed. Quick review of attendance by the Delegate and others from the area at the recent AA Forum in OH and regional and other functions were briefly noted. The upcoming Mock Conference and value to the Delegate in preparation for the conference and general knowledge of all in service was also discussed. GSO literature brochures, General Service reports and other materials were distributed to update DCM's and Past Delegates in attendance.

A discussion took place about the funds to be shared with the GSO for by CMIA32 for the Delegates attendance at the 2012 Conference in Rye, NY. It was voted that the DCM committee assembly would request additional committee funds from CMIA32 to provide adequate funds for the contribution to the GSO for the 2012 conference attendance by the Delegate. That payment being due in January and the total contribution requested and approved was for four thousand dollars to the GSO. This required an approved request of two thousand dollars from CMIA32 to the DCM account.

After a brief review of literature brought by the Delegate DCM meeting attendees and available to those attending the assembly, the meeting was adjourned.

Gratefully in service,



Art M., Delegate, Panel 61, Area 32

## ALTERNATE DELEGATE:

Our GSR Meeting was very well attended. There were 50 people in attendance, including 9 new GSRs.

Today one topic was the purpose of the GSR Orientation.

Thanks to Secretary Jenni B. for her presentation on being the Area Secretary. Also thanks to Marc M. for his presentation on being Chair of CMIA Treatment Facilities Committee.

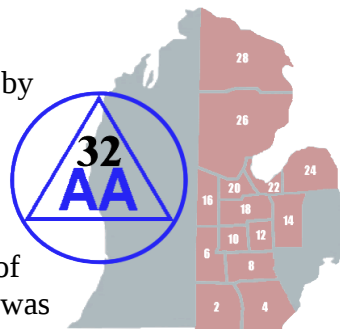
Results from the CMIA 32 Inventory were distributed. (See attached)

We then talked about being a home group member through questions and answers.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

In Love & Service,

Pauline N., Alt. Delegate, Panel 61, Area 32





## CENTRAL MICHIGAN INTER-AREA32 INVENTORY RESULTS DECEMBER-2011

The Inventory questions were handed out at the Oct. Area Assembly and were also taken to Groups and to Workshops. The results are from those who gave or sent me their responses. The number received back was 45.

1. IS CMIA CARRYING THE AAMESSAGE AND OF SERVICE EFFECTIVELY TO THE GROUPS AND DISTRICTS?

Yes---40 No---2 Sometimes ----3

Comments- We could do better if people stayed longer for the day. Come to our District Meeting. Many people leave early.

2. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE SERVICE STRUCTURE OF THE AREA, DISTRICT AND MEETING GROUP?

Yes---41 No---2 Somewhat---2 New to Mi. and learning how it works here.

3. DO YOU WANT MORE AREA ASSISTANCE IN YOUR DISTRICT?

Yes---35 No---11 No answer --- 2 Comments Higher level of accountability regarding Traditions At district level.

4. DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE MOCK CONFERENCE IS ?

Yes---33 No---12 No comments

5. DO YOU ATTEND THE AREA ON A REGULAR BASIS?

Yes---28 No---15 No answer ---2 No comments

6. DO OUR COMMITTEE'S EFFECTIVELY CARRY THE MESSAGE TO THE AA COMMUNITY?

Yes---25 No---11 No answer---9 Comments Sometimes, I don't think many committee's are present at the District level.

7. ARE WE CHOOSING OUR OFFICERS WITH CARE AND NOT A POPULARITY CONTEST?

Yes---38 No---7 Comments---Don't know, New GSR

8. DOES THE AREA USE IT'S TIME IN THE MOST EFFICIENT, EFFECTIVELY WAY POSSIBLE FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, DCM MEETING, COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND GENERAL SESSION?

Yes---37 No---8 Comments Too much down time around lunch, New GSR.

9. IS CMIA GETTING A GOOD CROSS-SECTION OF THE AA COMMUNITY FOR SERVICE?

Yes---35 No---10 No comments.

10. IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND AREA ON A REGULAR BASIS, WHY NOT? PLEASE EXPLAIN.

Comments New Mi. Resident, No longer hold an elective office, My own ignorance and busy life, New in program, Don't know when they are. My first time here, but I'll be attending regularly. Distance, lameness. AA meetings, my priority 10 mos. sober. Not informed. It's basically for GSR and DCM.

11. ARE THERE ANY OTHER CONCERNS ABOUT THE AREA ASSEMBLY THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ADDRESSED IN THE PRECEDING INVENTORY QUESTIONS ? IS OUR FORMAT EFFECTIVE ? SHOULD CHANGES BE MADE ? WHAT ? HOW ?

Comments Why every other month rather than like in the past once a month, would ove to ave a healthy food options, inancing upprting CMI and local District Unity, Send an officer to District Meetings, Delegate once a year, All good, Stop paying for lunch, brown bag it. Great improvement for GSR Meeting, Do this each year, then open to discussion at General Session then implement changes. I don't have enough knowledge to answer fairly.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS INVENTORY, AND THANKS FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE OF SERVICE .

In Love and Service  
Pauline Newas-Alternate Delegate  
Panel 61 Area 32

Central Michigan Intra-Area 32  
Treasurer's Report  
December 4, 2011  
Hosted by District 24 at Vassar  
Begin 10/01/11 – End 11/31/11

Beginning Available Balance:		\$3,715.77
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Income:

1. 7 <sup>th</sup> Tradition	55.93	
2. GSO Coffee Pot	40.10	
3. Group Contributions	3,591.75	
4. Forum Fund Transfer	3,000.00	
5. State Convention Contribution-Unrestricted	1,000.00	
6. State Convention Contribution-Restricted	300.00	
 Total Income	 \$7,987.78	 \$11,703.55

Expense:

1. DCM Committee Request	1,200.00	
2. GSO Coffee Pot	40.10	
3. Secretary Expense	143.07	
4. Registrar Expense	29.24	
5. Delegate Printing Expense	17.48	
6. Webmaster Expense	173.88	
7. Treasurer Expense	54.97	
8. Archives Committee	100.00	
9. Corrections Committee	800.00	
10. Treatment Committee	51.91	
11. Forum Fund	3,250.00	
12. Grapevine Fund	300.00	
13. Annual Corporation Fee	20.00	
14. Host Expense/Dist 24/Vassar/December	600.00	
15. Host Expense/Dist/28/Alpena/August	600.00	
 Total Expense	 \$7,380.65	 \$7,380.65

Ending Available Balance:		\$4,322.90
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Forum Fund		\$250.00
Grapevine Fund		\$300.00
Checking Balance		\$4,872.90
Solvent Treasury		\$3,500.00
Area 32 General Fund		\$8,372.90





## Finance Committee Report

Today's Date: 12-4-11

Location: Vassar

Beginning Balance: \$4322.90

Standard Monthly Expenses: 2256.10

Committee Reimbursements: 43.18

Officer Fuel Reimbursements: 212.18

Ending Balance: 1811.44

Committee Requests that require approval of the Area Assembly

Corrections: 800.00

10 Grapevine Subscriptions  
28.97 ea. Other: (289.70) (amount reflected in  
treas. report)

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Pending Approval 800.00

Final Ending Balance: \$1011.44

# Balance Sheet

Description

Starting Balance

\$1,925.78

C.M.I. Literature

Date	Item Description	Received	Payment	Balance
10/2/2011	check from C M I A for Corrections for October & November	\$800.00		\$2,725.78
10/2/2011	literature sale taxable	\$848.84		\$3,574.62
10/2/2011	Taxes	\$50.00		\$3,624.62
11/27/2011	AA World services		\$838.00	\$2,786.62
12/4/2011	AA Grapevine		\$662.00	\$2,224.62
11/26/2011	to cmia in Vassar, mi @ .45		\$54.00	\$2,170.62
11/26/2011	MCYPAA 33 is in Lansing mi 80 @ .45		\$36.00	\$2,134.62
11/10/2011	literature sale at MCYPAA 33	\$464.93		\$2,599.55
11/30/2011	The Latest Thing Inc		\$70.00	\$2,529.55
11/30/2011	Service Fees October & November		\$4.00	\$2,525.55
11/26/2011	Recovery World		\$41.50	\$2,484.05
11/26/2011	Taxes	\$29.68		\$2,513.73

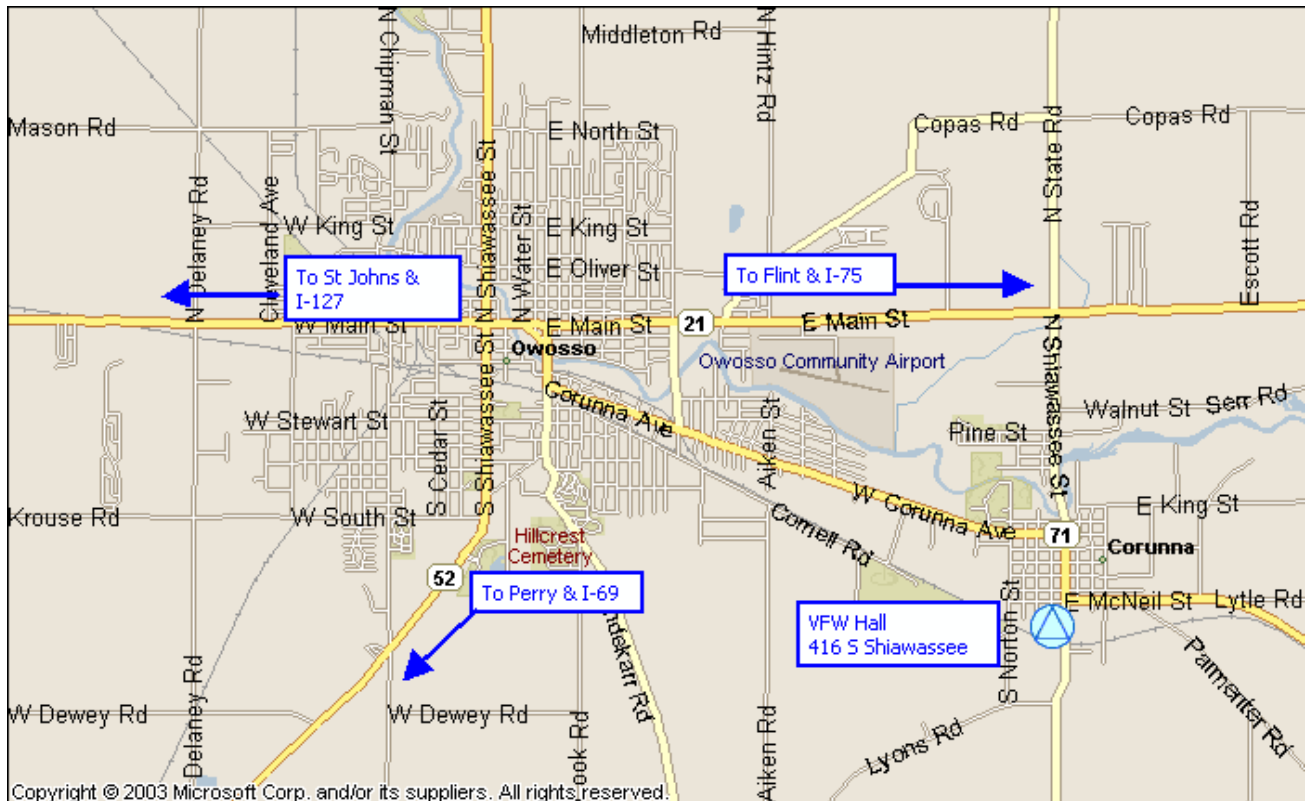
Receivable \$2,193.45  
 Payables \$1,605.50  
 Current Balance \$2,513.73

## ***CMIA (Central Michigan Intra-Area) Area 32 Assembly***

***Feb 5, 2012***

***VFW Post 4005, 416 S Shiawassee St, Corunna, MI***

- Fellowship hour 9:00 AM - Coffee and donuts
- Finance Committee 9:30-10:30
- New GSR Orientation 10:00 -11:30
- DCM Meeting 10:30-11:30
- Standing Committees Meeting 11:30-12:30
- Lunch 12:30-1:00
- General Assembly Meeting 1:00-2:30
- Hosted by ShiaCoaa (District 10 Area 32)



## **CMIA 32 ASSEMBLY**

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### **Agenda for February 5, 2012**

**Hosted by ShiaCoaa, District 10; Corunna**

Open/Call to Order – Kirk F., Chair

Serenity Prayer

A.A. Preamble

Responsibility Pledge

Welcome to New GSRs; Recognition of returning and new GSRs

Secretary's Report, including roll call – Jenni B.

Tradition 1 – Sharon S.

Tradition 2 – Stanley P.

Concept 1 – Laura H.

Concept 2 – Tom R.

Treasurer's Report – Ted B.

Finance Committee Report – Cari F.

Registrar Report – Kate L.

Delegate's Report – Art M.

Alt. Delegate's Report – Pauline N.

#### **Committee Reports**

\*Please turn in all committee reports to the Secretary; thank you.

Archives – Jim D.

CPC – John S.

Corrections – Sandy E.

Forum – Tom R.

Grapevine – Stacy O.

Literature – Ray H.

Public Information – Sharon S.

Special Needs – Lori F.

Treatment Facilities – Marc M.

Website – Kim K.

Old Business

New Business

Announcements

Thank you District 10 for being our Host this month!

See you in District 8 in April!

Motion to Adjourn

Prayer