

Central Michigan Intra-Area 32 Assembly Minutes

February 2nd 2043 – District 10 – Corunna, MI

2014 Schedule

Apr 6th – Dist 2 - Jackson MI
Jun 1st – Dist 26 - Gladwin MI
Aug 3rd – CURRENTLY OPEN
Oct 5th – Dist 22 – Bay City MI
Dec 7th – Dist 4 - Ypsilanti MI

CHAIR, Joe G: (517) 902-6173: District 2: chair@cmia32.org: Called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.; group recited The Serenity Prayer; Joe G. read The AA Preamble; the group recited The Responsibility Pledge.

Thank you District 10 members for hosting us today!

SECRETARY, Kristan G: (989) 708-1876: District 20: secretary@cmia32.org:

Roll Call: 87 In attendance; 37 guests; 46 GSRs; - 3 Alt. GSRs; 47 Groups
7 GSRs at 1st visit to Assembly; 0 visiting for the second time

Chairman called for corrections to minutes from 12/1/2013. The following correction provided: None

Tradition 1 was discussed by Jamie.; and Tradition 2 was discussed by Don W.
Concept 1 was discussed by Dennis S.; and Concept 2 was discussed by Tom R.

For the next meeting in District 24, volunteers: Tradition 3 – Lyle T.; Tradition 4 – Dave C.
Concept 3 – Larry C.; Concept 4 – Mike K.

TREASURER, Lori F: (517) 414-7662: District 2: treasurer@cmia32.org: Report Approved (Report attached).
(Corrected Report from Oct-Nov 2013 attached.)

REGISTRAR, Linda G: (734) 482-9090: District 4: registrar@cmia32.org: No report this assembly.

FINANCE, Reported by Lori F for Finance Comm.: finance@cmia32.org: Report Approved (Report attached).

4 past delegates were recognized.

DELEGATE, Pauline N: (989) 708-7728: District, 20: delegate@cmia32.org: Reported as follows: I want to thank District 10 for hosting today. Our DCM's are busy in their districts with workshops coming up. I will be attending the Delegate Past Delegate conference in Illinois next weekend. Just a reminder that the Mock conference is coming up on March 22, 2014 at the First United Methodist Church in Mount Pleasant. The Mock conference gives the delegates from Michigan the opportunity to hear what the agenda items are for the General Service Conference. Also, at the August assembly we will be holding nominations for the Delegate, Alternate Delegate and area officers and elections will be in October.

ALT. DELEGATE, Kirk Faupel: PO Box 283, Saline, MI 48176: (734) 429-4218: District 4:

altdelegate@cmia32.org. Reported as follows: Today's GSR orientation was well attended. The agenda focused on the new GSR's and what they might consider doing initially in their first assembly, such as Group Change Forms, making sure the group is registered with GSO. Discussed the GSR packet they will receive from GSO. Flyers were made available for the Mock Conference, March Roundup and State Convention. Don W. spoke to the group about the Special Needs Committee. A brief sharing session between GSR's and our time together was at an end. Area 32 INVENTORY presented to assembly (report attached). Motion presented (SEE MOTION).

DELEGATE / PAST DELEGATE HOST COMMITTEE, Dennis S: Bay City, MI : District 22. Reported as follows: I am pleased that Area 32 will be hosting the 2015 Conference of Delegates Past and Present in District 22 (Bay City, MI) o the weekend of February 13-15, 2015. It will be held at the Bay Valley Resort, which is conveniently located one half mile off I-75 Exit 160. Room rates will be \$84 plus tax for either a king bed or two double beds. Registration will be \$25 with the opportunity to purchase the Saturday night banquet for \$30. The additional meal package which consists of a Saturday and Sunday breakfast and Saturday lunch can be purchased for \$46.25. The host committee consists of all past delegates: Jesse P., co-chair, Art M., Treasurer and Mike K., Registration. We will need volunteers for help with

registration and the hospitality room. I would invite anyone who has an interest in service to attend and see how our Regional business is handled and how as a region we get our fourteen regional delegates ready for the General Services Conference.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE, Mike K.: website@cmia32.org: Committee met. Reported as follows:

ARCHIVIST, Jim D: (517) 694-9753: District 6. Verbal report provided. We have a display at CMIA this Sunday. We have invited the Archivists from Areas 33 and 34 to participate in the State Convention in Lansing in August. The stuff I display at each CMIA meeting belongs to the Archives Committee located in Holt MI. Thank you for your continued interest and support.

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE, Theron B: (989) 633-9318: District 20: Archives@cmia32.org Committee met. Reported as follows: Eight members present. Committee approved reimbursement to chairperson for purchase of scanner for digitizing area minutes and delegates papers. Theron will next take this request to Finance Committee at April 2014 Assembly. Committee reviewed five years of minutes from 1950's and '60's for keywords. This supports development of an archives finder's aid. We have a number of historical AA pamphlets to the archives section of the CMIA32.org website.

CORRECTIONS, Sandy E. for Pete B: (989) 484-0201: District 18: corrections@cmia32.org: Report attached.

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (CPC), Margie P: (517) 230-4742: District 6: cpc@cmia32.org: Committee met. No report provided. Margie P. elected as CPC chair during general assembly.

FORUM, Donald "Moe" M: (810) 789-4227: District 12: Forum@cmia32.org: Reported as follows: Fourteen people in attendance that LMI sponsors - \$65.00. Seven rooms sponsored. Sign up sheet at assemblies for next forum on Nov. 13-15 in Milwaukee WI. Mark provided feedback of his experience at the Forum which was his first attendance and sponsored by the area.

GRAPEVINE, Ronald B: (810) 350-0050: District 12: grapevine@cmia32.org: No meeting or report this assembly.

LITERATURE, Ray H: (989) 729-0120: District 10: literature@cmia32.org: Report approved (report attached).

PUBLIC INFORMATION, Peter S: (734) 223-2998: District 4: pi@cmia32.org: Reported as follows: Six in attendance, 4 districts. District 12 reported new chair for PI, contact GSO get copies of PSA's and approach local TV stations to see if they will air. Success in past. Post Big Book and 12&12 purchased for library system – look into. Pamphlets in professional offices. Participate in Health fairs. District 8 reported they don't have a PI chair. CPC absorbs. PI comes from Ann Arbor/Detroit radio & tv. Participate in community org/service fair. Selective about literature. Network with other orgs. District 6 reports collegiate recovery program with MSU. PI workbook, pamphlet to discuss anonymity.

SPECIAL NEEDS, Donald W: (517) 351-0917: District 6: specialneeds@cmia32.org: Reported as follows: District 16 wants to know of Special Needs Committee resources provided. Appointed as an ad-hoc committee to look into having the Service Manual printed in braille. There is an indication that there is a software that converts printed word into Braille. Exciting possibilities. Got a demonstration of reading in braille from Jamie as well as information on some of the things which are useful and meaningful to him.

LIAISON, Chris L: District 4: No meeting or report this assembly.

TREATMENT FACILITIES, Debbie G: (810) 577-0473: District 12. (elected new chair this meeting): treatment@cmia32.org: Reported as follows: Eight in attendance. Three new. Talked about Dist. 12 how they got their committee going. Doug H explained and will email information to Randy. Workshop – March 2011. Geared toward professionals. All day workshop, great contact list made, all committees made presentations to professionals (CPC, PI, Treatment etc.) Gen co. got on same page with professionals – what AA is and what AA is not. Gen County has three treatment center meetings per week. District 4 has set up committee meeting, 2x has changed date. Randy from district 4 will be alternate chair.

WEBSITE, Ted S: (989) 821-1062: District 26: website@cmia32.org: No meeting or report this assembly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next assembly April 6, 2014 Jackson - Location: Tecumseh Masonic Hall, 700 Bishop Reed Circle, Tecumseh, MI
Host committee: District 2

Schedule

- 9:00 - Coffee and Doughnuts
- 9:30-10:30 - Finance Committee
- 10:00-11:30 - GSR Meeting
- 10:30-11:30 - DCM Meeting
- 11:30-12:30 - Standing Committees
- 12:30-1:00 - Lunch
- 1:00-2:30 - General Assembly Meeting

Open meeting, all are welcome to attend.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Sharon S. has resigned her position as CPC Chair.[See motion] Margie P. nominated and elected.
- Two Finance Committee members are rotating out. Phillip H. and Mac M nominated and elected.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The need for a hosting district for 8/2014 assembly was announced and discussed.

MOTIONS:

- MOTION to elect new CPC Chair (Tabled from 12/1/2013 Meeting). Margie P nominated and elected.
- MOTION to elect new CPC Chair (Tabled from 12/1/2013 Meeting). Phillip H and Mac M nominated and elected.
- MOTION: CMIA suspends conducting a bi-annual area inventory effective 2014. In place of the inventory an area suggestion box will be made available for the membership to use in offering guidance to the assembly throughout the entire year. The CMIA area chair will have created a suggestion box for use by the assembly. The chair will provide writing instruments and paper of suitable size for members to use in writing their suggestions. Further, the chair, or his assign, will regularly review the suggestions placed in the box. Moved: Kirk Faupel. Seconded: Randy Karr. Yeas: 17. Nays: (way more than 17)

Assembly closed at 3:34 pm with the Lord's prayer.

Central Michigan Intra-Area 32
Treasurer's Report
December 2013-January 2014
District 10

Beginning Available Balance: **2,889.16**

Income:

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| 1. 7 th Tradition | 82.75 |
| 2. GSO Coffee Pot | 39.94 |
| 3. Group Contributions | 3,626.73 |
| 4. Donation from CMIA 32 Literature Committee | 1,000.00 |

Total Income: **4,638.58**

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| 1. Archives Committee | 100.00 |
| 2. Corrections Committee | 800.00 |
| 3. Registrar Expense | 0 |
| 4. Secretary Expense | 172.67 |
| 5. Treasurer Expense | 112.87 |
| 6. Chairperson Expense | 87.04 |
| 7. Forum Fund | 250.00 |
| 8. GSO Coffee Pot | 39.94 |
| 9. DCM Committee | 0 |
| 10. Host Fee-District 10 | 700.00 |
| 11. Alternate Delegate Expenses/Copies | 79.49 |

Total Expense: **\$2,342.01**

Ending Available Balance **\$5,296.57**

Forum Fund	250.00
Checking Account Balance	5,296.57
Solvent Treasury	3,500.00 (cap)
Area 32 General Fund	\$9,046.57

Central Michigan Intra-Area 32
Treasurer's Report
October-November, 2013
District 24

Beginning Available Balance:	\$419.33
Income:	
1. 7 th Tradition	91.41
2. GSO Coffee Pot	48.78
3. Group Contributions	3,403.08
4. Reimbursement from Area 33/State Convention	3,867.30
5. Reimbursement from District 8/Host Fee	700.00

Total Income: 8,529.90

1. Archives Committee	100.00
2. Corrections Committee	800.00
3. Registrar Expense	0
4. Secretary Expense	240.00
5. Treasurer Expense	118.35
6. Chairperson Expense	41.60
7. Forum Fund	250.00
8. GSO Coffee Pot	48.78
9. DCM Committee	1,000.00
10. Host Fee-District 24	700.00

Total Expense:	\$3,298.73
Ending Available Balance	\$5,231.17

Forum Fund	0	Checking Account
Balance	5,231.17	
Solvent Treasury	3,500.00 (cap)	
Area 32 General Fund	8,731.17	

This is the corrected report from this period with the addition of \$3,000 which had been subtracted 2 times from the previous submitted report.

2013 CMIA AREA INVENTORY

1. IS CMIA CARRYING THE A.A. MESSAGE AND OF SERVICE EFFECTIVELY TO THE GROUPS AND TO THE DISTRICTS? WHAT DO YOU SEE THE ASSEMBLY COULD DO TO IMPROVE CARRYING THE MESSAGE?

- KEEP DOING WHAT PAST ALT. DELEGATES HAVE DONE FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS.
- MANY MORE PRINCIPLES AND A LOT LESS PERSONALITIES.
- WELL... WITH ALPENA BEING "DARK"... ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT.
- CONTINUE.
- WOULD LIKE TO SEE DELEGATE / ALTERNATE DELEGATE OR AREA CHAIR ATTEND ALL DISTRICT MEETINGS TO KEEP DISTRICTS IN TOUCH W/AREA. LOTS OF FOLKS ATTEND DISTRICT THAT DO NOT ATTEND AREA.
- GENERALLY.
- HAVE AN A.A. MEETING IN MORNING DURING THE COFFEE AND DONUTS SEGMENT OF THE AGENDA.

2. HAVE YOU ATTENDED THE GSR ORIENTATION MEETINGS? AS A RESULT OF YOUR ATTENDANCE DO YOU HAVE BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE A.A. STRUCTURE (I.E. GROUPS, DISTRICTS, AREA, AND THE GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE ETC.)? IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT INFORMATION SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE ORIENTATION THAT WOULD BENEFIT NEW GSRS?

- THE LAST SIX YEARS HAS PRODUCED THE VERY BEST THAT COULD BE OFFERED FOR OUR GSR TRAINING AND UNDERSTANDING.
- YES
- YES BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF A.A. STRUCTURE. LESS INFORMATION FOR 1ST TIMERS. HAVE CHECKLIST OF WHAT TO DO TODAY.
- DOING GOOD JOB KEEP IT UP.
- YES.
- GSR MEETINGS ARE VERY INFORMATIVE.
- I THINK THE GSR MEETINGS TRY TO ACCOMPLISH WAY TOO MUCH. NEEDS TO BE SIMPLE. GIVE AN OVERVIEW OF A.A. STRUCTURE AND A COMPREHENSIVE A.A. READING LIST. HOW TO GET INVOLVED, WHAT TO EXPECT. SPLIT ORIENTATION INTO TWO PARTS
 1. NEW GSRS
 2. RETURNING ALREADY ORIENTED GSRS'S SHARING SESSION:
 - GO OVER BACKGROUND ISSUES FOR ISSUES ON THE FLOOR, CANDIDATES, CONFERENCE ITEMS.
 - WE NEED SPACE PRIOR TO THE BUSINESS MEETING.
 - WE NEED SOMETHING TO DO AND A PLACE TO DO IT AT THE ASSEMBLY.
 - THE BUSINESS MEETING JUST GOES WAY TOO FAST / CONFUSING TO THE NEW GSR.

3. HOW CAN CMIA BETTER ASSIST YOU, YOUR DISTRICT, OR IN YOUR GROUP DUTIES?

- TALK WITH THE GSRS'S ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF ATTENDING AREA ASSEMBLY, DISTRICT AND MOCK CONFERENCE.
- IT DOES THAT WELL.
- I THINK CMIA DOES WELL.
- KEEP DOING WHAT THEY ARE DOING.
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- I THINK CMIA COULD MAKE IT EASIER TO FIND THE INFORMATION WE NEED. IF NO LOCAL INFO AVAILABLE THEN HELPING TO FACILITATE COMMUNICATION WITH GSO COULD BE HELPFUL.

4. HAS CMIA PROVIDED YOU WITH AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE MOCK CONFERENCE, THE EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL FORUM, STATE CONVENTIONS, AND OTHER FUNCTIONS OF A.A. BEYOND YOUR GROUP OR DISTRICT?

- YES (KEEP IT UP).
- YES DONE VERY WELL.
- I HAVE NOT ADDED ANY OF THOSE.
- YES.
- GENERALLY GOOD INFO.
- YES.
- YES, GREAT JOB OF PROVIDING INFORMATION.

5. DO YOU ATTEND AREA ASSEMBLIES ON A REGULAR BASIS? WHY DO YOU ATTEND THE ASSEMBLY, OR WHY HAVE YOU STOPPED ATTENDING?

- ALWAYS ATTEND ON REGULAR BASIS. BECAUSE MY VOTE COUNTS. AND INFORMATION I RECEIVE AND SHARE WITH OTHERS COUNTS.
- I ATTEND ON A REGULAR BASIS BECAUSE IT IS A SERVICE COMMITMENT. I AM DISAPPOINTED BY CONTINUAL PERSONALITIES OVER PRINCIPLES.
- YES REGULAR. I HAVE MISSED 2 OUT OF SIX DO (SIC) TO WORK, VACATIONS.
- YES. TO FIND OUT HOW OTHERS PEOPLE SERVE THEIR GROUPS. SEE OLD FRIENDS STILL STAYING SOBER.
- I MISSED 2 AREA MEETINGS IN 8 YRS, SO I GUESS I'M A REGULAR.
- YES-I DO ATTEND BECAUSE I GET GOOD INFORMATION TO BRING BACK TO THE GROUPS I ATTEND HERE IN THE DISTRICT.
- I DO ATTEND ALL ARE MEETINGS. I DO IT BECAUSE IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY TO MY GROUP AS GSR.

6. ARE YOU A MEMBER OF ONE OF THE AREA COMMITTEES? IS THAT COMMITTEE HELPING TO CARRY THE MESSAGE?

- YES AND YES.
- YES—VERY MUCH.
- YES! WEBSITE AND CORRECTIONS.
- YES—YES.
- YES, ARCHIVES. YES.
- YES, WE ARE MOVING FORWARD AFTER A LONG DARK PERIOD.
- I AM A COMMITTEE MEMBER. THE COMMITTEE DOES CARRY THE MESSAGE BUT I FEEL IT COULD DO BETTER IN THE WAY I DESCRIBED IN QUESTION 3.

7. IN YOUR OPINION, DO WE CHOOSE OUR OFFICERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS, DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE WITH CARE?

- 90% OF THE TIME. "YES"
- I AM NOT SURE - IT IS THE HUMAN ELEMENT THAT MAKES THIS DIFFICULT.
- YES, IMPRESSIVE.
- AS BEST WE CAN - YES. I AM AMAZED AT THE EXPERTISE WE HAVE AT THIS LEVEL OF SERVICE.
- YES.

7. (CONTINUED)

- GENERALLY - BUT AS GSRS'S WE DON'T GET A GOOD SERVICE RESUME ON A LOT OF THE CANDIDATES.
- I BELIEVE ALL OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS ARE CHOSEN TO THE BEST OF AREA'S ABILITY.

8. DOES CENTRAL MICHIGAN INTRA AREA ASSEMBLY USE ITS TIME IN THE MOST EFFICIENT MOST EFFECTIVE WAY POSSIBLE BETWEEN 09:30 AND 3:00 P.M.? WHAT, IF ANYTHING NEEDS TO CHANGE AT OR ABOUT THE ASSEMBLY TO MAKE THE ASSEMBLY MORE PRODUCTIVE, MORE ATTRACTIVE?

- YES. (KEEP TELLING THE GSR TO SIT IN EACH OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING).
 - YES.
 - WELL DONE. GOOD USE OF TIME.
 - NO CHANGE.
 - OPEN TO IDEAS.
 - I THINK IS PRETTY EFFICIENT. THE EFFECTIVENESS REALLY OR INEFFECTIVENESS RESTS WITH US GSRS.
 - SOME COMPONENTS TO THE MEETING SHOULD BE ADDED.
- ORGANIZED SHARING SESSION FOR GSR'S TO GET UP ON WHATEVER MAY BE GOING ON AT THE TIME WOULD BE INCREDIBLY USEFUL.

9. DOES OUR ASSEMBLY PARTICIPATION REPRESENT A GOOD CROSS-SECTION OF THE FELLOWSHIP? WHAT SHOULD THE ASSEMBLY CONSIDER ADDING, MODIFYING, OR ELIMINATING TO MAKE SERVICE AT OUR AREA ASSEMBLY MORE ATTRACTIVE?

- (YES) ADD AT BOTH GSR MEETING AND THE ASSEMBLY GATHERING TO BRING SOMEONE TO CMIA.
- VERY OFTEN OUR BUSINESS MEETINGS ARE HELD HOSTAG BY OUR PAST DELEGATES-RATHER THAN THE GROUP VOTES.
- I THINK THE GSR ORIENTATION NEEDS TO HAVE "NEW GSR SECTION." WHAT TO DO AT FIRST AREA ASSEMBLY. (ILLEGIBLE?)
- MAKE SURE GSRS GET THE FLYERS TO THE NEXT CMIA DISTRIBUTED IN THEIR DISTRICTS AND GROUPS.
- LIKE TO SEE MORE PARTICIPATION FROM DIST. 28 AND HILLDALE/LENAAWEE COUNTIES IN DIST. 2. NOT SURE HOW TO GT MOR FOLKS INTERESTED.
- PROBABLY NOT. BUT WE WANT PEOPLE TO ATTEND. LESS THAN 1 IN 10 GROUPS ATTEND DISTRICT OR CENTRAL OFFICE BOARD MEETINGS AND THOSE ATTENDING INTRA AREA ARE LESS THAN ONE OUT OF FOUR.
- I THINK THE ASSEMBLY REPRESENTS A GOOD CROSS SECTION OF THE A.A. POPULATION IN OUR AREA.

10. ARE YOU ATTENDING AREA ASSEMBLIES REGULARLY? WHY?

- (YES) IT IS HOW I CAN BE INFORMED AND INFORM MY HOME GROUP OF WHATS GOING ON.
- YES - SERVICE KEEPS ME WELL AND HEALTHY.
- YES. FOR FUTURE ALCOHOLICS TO HAVE A.A. HERE.
- YES. HABIT - LOVE BEING HERE.
- SAME AS QUESTION 5.
- YES - I LIKE TO, IT'S MY DUTY AS A GSR.
- I DO ATTEND ASSEMBLIES REGULARLY. I DO THIS FOR TWO REASONS: FIRST-BECAUSE IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY TO MY GROUP, I ALSO ATTEND BECAUSE I HAVE BECOME AWARE THAT THERE IS A WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE THAT CAN BE FOUND AT THE ASSEMBLY THAT IS USE FUL IN OUR LOCAL UNDERTAKINGS.

11. IF YOU HAVE ATTENDED AN ASSEMBLY ONCE, BUT YOU NO LONGER ATTEND, WAS IT THE ASSEMBLY ITSELF YOU FOUND UNATTRACTIVE OR SOMETHING ELSE?

- I ALWAYS ATTEND ASSEMBLY BECAUSE THAT'S MY SERVICE TO SELF AND TO OTHERS.
- THERE IS A DEFINATE UNDERCURRENT OF MICRO MANAGING-QUESTIONS AND INABILITY TO ACCEPT REASONABLE EXPLANATION AND SUPPORT COMMITTEE WORK.
- N/A
- ALWAYS ATTEND.
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- N/A

12. WHAT, IF YOU COULD CHANGE ONE THING, SHOULD THE ASSEMBLY CONSIDER CHANGING TO MAKE ATTENDANCE AT THE ASSEMBLY MORE ATTRACTIVE?

- I AS AN INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT AND LOVE OUR VOTING. AND NOT THE VOTE OF ONE. IF I SEE A NEED I KNOW HOW TO BRING IT BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY.
- BETTER SOUND - THE LARGE CAVEROUS ROOMS WITH ECHOS MAKE ME WANT TO LEAVE. ALSO, BREAK OUT ROOMS FOR COMMITTEES DO (SIC) TO SOUND.
- MAKE SURE THE HOST COMMITTEE PUTS OUT AN ATTRACTIVE FLYER IN ADVANCE AND ENCOURAGE GSR + DCM'S TO DISTRIBUTE THM IN THEIR DISTRICT.
- I WOULD AGAIN REFER BACK TO MY ANSWERS FOR QUESTIONS 1, 2, & 3 TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION.

13. IS THERE SOMETHING IS THIS INVENTORY ON WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT?

- NO.
- OVERALL A+ ON EVERYONES TIME AND ATTENTION.
- CMIA IS DOING WELL - FLYERS NEED TO BE MORE WIDELY DISTRIBUTED IN DISTRICT AND BY GSR & DCM. FLYERS - INFORMATIVE & ATTRACTIVE.
- NOPE.
- WE NEED SOME SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS AND DIRECTION REGARDING COURT ORDERED ATTENDEES AND WHO IT EFFECTS (SIC) EROSION OF SO MANY OF OUR TRADITIONS FOR CLOSED A.A. MEETINGS.
- IN THE SERVICE MANUAL ON PAGE S39 TYPICAL NON-ELECTION ASSEMBLY, AGENDA ITEM 2 SUGGESTS THAT THE CHAIR WOULD BE A PART OF A COMMITTEE THAT WOULD HAVE A REPORT OF SOME KIND. WHAT DO YOU THINK THAT IS? AN AREA STEERING COMMITTEE MAYBE?

Please keep in mind that this or any inventory are words on a page; nothing automatically changes as a function of this inventory. The inventory, once completed, will be summarized and announced at an upcoming assembly. If you want specific changes to take effect, then the assembly itself decides whether to change, alter, amend, or delete current practices. Thank you for filling out the inventory. The inventory is just the beginning. To effect change, you or some other member of the assembly should make the suggested change in the form of a motion to be brought before the assembly for discussion and a vote. As in Step 3, making a decision is only part of the equation. We must take action to effect change.

An area inventory is taken every other year in the last portion of the year. Wide participation with in a group, a district, area, a region or the Conference itself yields valuable insight into how the participants view the conduct, the necessity and the value of the work being done. A bi-annual assessment, or "how-goes-it," has been the practice of Central Michigan Intra Area for many, many years now. An inventory wherein less than ten percent (10%) of the attendees participate is not nearly the useful tool it would be if say fifty percent (50%) or every-other-one of us took the time to measure and reflect on the conduct of the assembly.

In speaking with many of the folks who have conducted bi-annual inventories in the past at area I have found this year's participation to be the norm rather than the exception. So, the question comes to mind as to whether to stop conducting inventories altogether and find another means to measure mood, attitudes, effectiveness and to garner suggestions as to new ways the assembly might choose to do business.

This past year's inventory had costs attached in printing, time involved and other measures as well. The 7th Tradition monies spent, the time involved and the lack of universal participation by the assembly suggests we may want to explore a different medium to achieve the results hoped for in the first place. 7th Tradition monies are precious and we all share in the sacred trust of putting those monies to the best and highest use possible.

An area suggestion box would be a suitable substitution for an area inventory. A suggestion box could be placed anywhere in the assembly meeting room. Pencils, pens and tear-off pads of paper placed nearby would suffice. The chairman of the assembly, or whomever the chair assigns, would, from time to time, review the suggestions and bring them to the floor or to an appropriate committee for review and or implementation. A suggestion box offers year round access and availability, not limited to once every other year. The area chair would be responsible for the safe keeping of the area suggestion box and its contents.

Motion:

CMIA hereby suspends conducting a bi-annual inventory effective 2014. In place of the inventory a suggestion box will be made available for the membership to use in offering guidance to the assembly.

The CMIA assembly chair will have created a suggestion box for use by the assembly. The chair will have provided writing instruments and paper of suitable size for members to use in writing their suggestions. Further, the chair or his/her assign, will regularly review the suggestions placed in the box and the doable suggestions brought to the floor for discussion or given to an appropriate committee for further action.

Moved: Kirk Faupel

Second:

Yeas: # Nays: #

CMIA 32 Corrections Committee Meeting Agenda

Open with the Serenity Prayer

Old Business – 12.1.13

- One Kits for District 10 and n0 Workbook given out.
- District 4 Workshop February 8th 2014
- Trifold information board for area meetings and workshops
 - Volunteer forms
 - Do's and Don'ts with court system forms
 - Make it to be modified and changed
 - Ask Kenny Kats about his boards
- Any other Old Business?

New Business – 2.2.14

- Attendance and Literature sign in sheet.
- 2 Prerelease requests.
- Treasure's Report. \$486 + 18.55 = \$504.⁰⁹
- GSO Corrections activity update.
- Any new business?

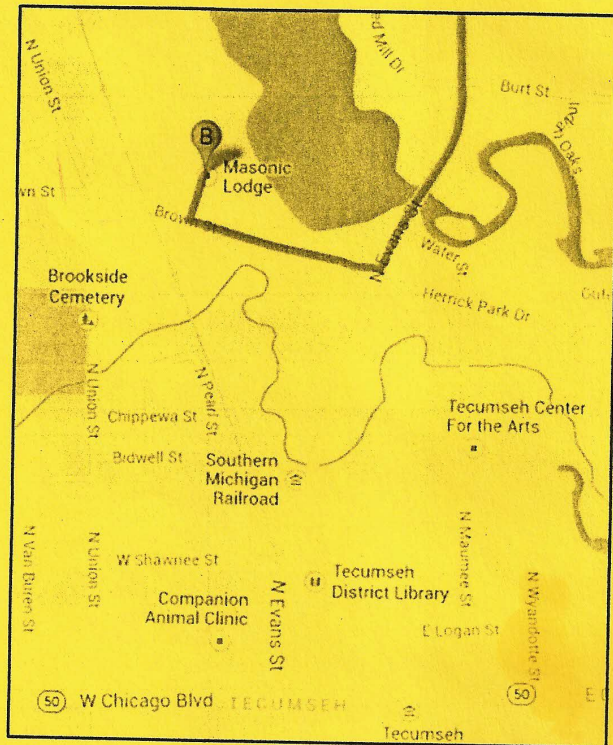
8 Attendees

Close with the Lord's Prayer.....

CMIA April Area Assembly

Tecumseh Masonic Hall
700 Bishop Reed Circle
Tecumseh, MI 49286

9:00 AM: coffee & doughnuts
9:30 -- 10:30 AM: Finance Committee
10:00 -- 11:30 AM: GSR Meeting
10:30 -- 11:30 AM: DCM Meeting
11:30 -- 12:30 PM: Standing
Committees
12:30 -- 1:00 PM: Lunch
1:00 -- 2:30 PM: General Assembly



Directions:

From U.S. 127:

Take U.S. 127 South, turn left onto U.S. 12, turn right onto M-50, turn left onto N. Evans St., turn left on Brown St., turn right onto Bishop Reed Circle.

From U.S. 23:

Take U.S. 23 South, turn right onto U.S. 12, turn left on Tecumseh St. (this will become Tecumseh- Clinton Hwy. then N. Evans St.), turn right on Brown St., turn right onto Bishop Reed Circle.

