

Central Michigan Intra-Area 32 Assembly Minutes

August 2, 2015-Hillman, MI

Remaining 2015 Schedule

Oct 4, 2015 –District 8-Howell

Dec 6, 2015 – District 4 - Saline

CHAIR: Kate L: chair@cmia32.org:

Called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.; group recited The Serenity Prayer; read The AA Preamble; the group recited The Responsibility Pledge.

Thank you District 28 members for hosting us today!

SECRETARY: Lori C: secretary@cmia32.org:

Roll Call: In attendance: 58 total; 43 GSRs; - Alt. GSRs; 0 GSRs at 1st visit to Assembly;
2 visiting for the second time; everyone else (guests);

Chairman called for corrections to minutes from June 7, 2015. The following correction provided: None

Tradition 7 was discussed by: Lyle T.

Concept 7 was discussed by: Ted S.

Tradition 8 was discussed by: Daryl P.

Concept 8 was discussed by: Sandy E.

For the next meeting volunteers:

Tradition 9– Chris K.

Tradition 10-Alex B.

Concept 9 –Joyce C.

Concept 10-Larry S.

TREASURER: Tracey G: treasurer@cmia32.org: Report Approved (Report attached).

FINANCE: Pete B: finance@cmia32.org: Report given verbally. Approved.

REGISTRAR: Kristin G: registrar@cmia32.org: Absent from this meeting. Lori C. collected group change forms from area GSR's and DCM's to mail to Kristin for GSO.

Five past delegates were recognized.

DELEGATE, Kirk F: delegate@cmia32.org: Please see attached report

ALT. DELEGATE, Ted S: altdelegate@cmia32.org: I have been in contact with District 28 and am very proud of them and their involvement in the hosting of this Augusts CMIA meeting and their interest in service. I have been working with them their well-attended GSR/DCM/Delegate workshop and on an upcoming AA Traditions Workshop in October. My panel assignment for the Michigan State Convention is the Young People and this has put me in touch with some very motivated young men and women. The panel is staffed and is ready to go for the Convention. The CMIA survey was handed out today and we have some interesting responses that will be discussed in October. There were 28 people in attendance at the GSR meeting. Group change forms and new group registration forms were discussed. There was some discussion on delays in receiving GSR packets from the GSO. GSR duties were discussed as written in the AA service manual. The CMIA inventory is attached. Please fill out and return to this email address or bring it to the October CMIA meeting.

LITERATURE, Don M: literature@cmia32.org: Please see attached report.

ARCHIVIST, Jim D.: I have been doing the usual sorting and filing. Looking forward to and having a display at the State Convention joining the archivist's from Area 33 and 34 for one large display.

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE, Phil L: Reviewed how to proceed with a re-vamped group of members who continue with the process of collecting, organizing, categorizing and digitizing historical CMIA 32 material. The information that is digitized is stored on a computer hard drive, flash drive and the cloud. It, in part, is made accessible on the CMIA website, retrieved with password access.

CORRECTIONS, Lyle T: corrections@cmia32.org: The corrections committee needs a new treasurer and a new secretary. We need a list of all jails and prisons in Area 32. We also need two female speakers for the Statewide Corrections Panel-women who received the message on the inside. Contact Suzanne J. at (734) 635-4103 or by corrections@hvai.org if interested. The Statewide corrections workshop is to be held November 7, 2015 12-4 pm in Ypsilanti. (See attached flyer)

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (CPC), John B: cpc@cmia32.org: Discussed drug court and anonymity associated with signing sheets. Discussed the need of having AA meetings for health care providers to assure their anonymity. Discussed having AA group members act as a liaison between AA groups and therapists, clergy and counselors.

FORUM, Debbie G. Forum@cmia32.org: Absent from assembly. Forum signup sheet will be mailed.

GRAPEVINE, Gary M: grapevine@cmia32.org: Absent from this meeting. Emailed report. He purchased a tri-fold for area Grapevine display. Will be looking into items to place on it. Please send suggestions to Gary. Members present discussed the Grapevine and its use for the AA member. Also discussed were the Grapevine publications for sale. The cost of subscribing to the Grapevine with the discounted rate being extended through August was also discussed.

PUBLIC INFORMATION, Peter S.; pi@cmia32.org: Discussed ongoing efforts in District 4 to get public service announcements on local radio, TV, newspapers and other print media.

SPECIAL NEEDS, Don W.

specialneeds@cmia.org : Continues to be available to fill any requests for special needs members.

LIAISON, Zak P. Absent from this meeting

TREATMENT FACILITIES, Randy K. treatment@cmia32.org: Working with the Special Needs committee to create a quality form letter to send to facilities. Also discussed was how the interaction between treatment facilities and AA is currently conducted.

WEBSITE, Chris K. website@cmia32.org: Discussed the best way to organize the Area website's events calendar. The proposal is to organize chronologically. Talked with a members of Area 32 about how to set up a web presence of their own for their District.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next assembly October 4, 2015-District 8 in Brighton, MI – For agenda and location see attached flyer or visit www.CMIA32.org

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Questions were asked about “excess funds” and what should happen with this money. The finance committee will consider this question at the next Area assembly.

MOTIONS:

To give \$1,000 to the corrections committee-Approved

To give \$500 additional to the Forum Committee for travel expenses.-Approved

Assembly closed at 2:16pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Delegate Report
Area District Committee Members
Central Michigan Intra Area
District 28

August 2, 2015

Good morning!

Thank you all for being here. The longer I am in this Fellowship the more I realize how much I need you, how much we truly need each other. I am blessed to be in your company and safe in your presence. Thank you.

2015 Delegate General Service Conference Report

I ask each DCM that wishes to have a 2015 Conference delegate report for his/her district, to arrange with me the date, time and place you are requesting that report be given. To date I have either given, or arranged to give, the Conference report for districts 2, 4, 8 and 18. I e-mailed or snail mailed this request to all the DCM's I had contact information for. Please, if you want a delegate report to your district complete the form being passed around and return it to me.

2015 Michigan State Convention

The 2015 Michigan State Convention is fast approaching. You, the CMIA DCM's volunteered to moderate the panels assigned to central Michigan. We're all interested in hearing from you as to your preparations for the panels.

The McCamly Plaza Hotel is the venue selected by WMAA 34. It appears to be a very nice hotel. The hospitality room is required by contract to purchase all their food & drink from the hotel itself. The costs of "in house" food and drink is necessarily more costly than bringing those supplies in from outside the hotel. Some of our CMIA districts have seen fit to lend a helping hand by donating money to assist in offsetting the additional costs. Something we may all choose to consider doing.

2018 East Central Regional Conference

Our past delegate, Dennis S., noticed a scheduling anomaly of sorts in the calendar of events for the East Central Region (ECR). Namely, CMIA is scheduled to host the ECRC Convention (ECRC) in 2018. Notably, CMIA is scheduled to host the 2017 Michigan State Convention. Both events, as they now are scheduled, are "stand alone" events, months apart.

The difficulty, as it now stands, is that the ECRC can be expected to generate plus or minus #100 attendees from far and wide. Whereas the state convention generates several hundred additional registrations. Normally the two events occur simultaneously in conjunction with each other.

It is not probable that hosting a stand-alone ECRC will not be cost efficient without a co-mingled state convention.

So, what to do? Well, I contacted my senior counterpart in area 34 Russ L. and we discussed the issue. I asked if area 34 would consider taking on the hosting of the 2018 ECRC since they are scheduled to host the state convention that year? Russ asked if I would make the request in writing (e-mail)? I complied and sent the same request to Russ in the form of an e-mail.

Russ added that if area 34 acceded to our request to incorporate the 2018 ECRC into the state convention weekend he will suggest that area 32 agree to be "in charge" of the ECRC portion of the convention weekend. That being in charge entails picking panel topics, selecting panel moderators etc., etc..

It should be noted there is an urgency associated with the request to area 34. Planning, preparing, staffing and arranging a convention takes time. 2018 may *seem* off in the bye-n-bye but reality says otherwise.

The area 34 assembly met on July 19 and deferred/tabled the *action* in order to receive group input and to hear what Statewide Service Committee concerns might be. Statewide Service Committee met on Sunday, July 26 in Lansing. On that date and after some discussion the Statewide Service Committee tabled the item for further consideration at the October meeting.

In the interests of time I'll briefly mention the following items for the D.C.M.'s to be aware of and consider: (give me your mailing address and I can mail you copies of the following upon your request)

- Upcoming East Central Regional Forum November 13-15 Milwaukee. I ask all area 32 DCM's register and attend. Ask your GSR's to register and attend. Have your GSRs obtain registration forms and invite their group members to attend.
- The licensing to re-produce and publish A.A.W.S. literature was awarded to the Russian GSO known as RSO. The other Russian GSO known as FOAA was not awarded licensing. Both entities have been notified.
- Grapevine Board met June 13, 2015. Print sales are appreciably below already reduced budgeted amounts.
- AAWS Board met June 12, 2015. 1st four months of 2015 sales were substantially below estimates. Unit sales on all major book categories are lower than budget/lower than last year. Contributions are also under budget. Restructured operations is however showing a cost savings.
- Lastly, two (2) Class A trustee vacancies will occur at the end of the 2016 Conference. Deadline for qualified resume submissions is this month July 24, 2015. Class A's are chosen from a variety of professional backgrounds. If you have a candidate call me.
- 2014 Membership Survey pamphlet is now available.
- The Public Service Announcement "Doors" is available. Full information is available at the Public Information desk at G.S.O. The new PSA is up on www.aa.org
- (a.) The 2015 Final Conference Report, (b.) The Conference Inventory Report, and (c.) The 2015-2016 edition of the A.A. Service Manual are expected to be available late summer or early fall.
- A.A. Literature in response to the 2015 Conference actions is working on: (a.) "A.A. and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic," (b.) Developing literature for the alcoholic with mental health issues, and (c.) revising the A.A. pamphlet "A.A. for the Woman."
- The Corrections desk is working on the new film update requested by the 2015 Conference.

In His service,

Kirk Faupel, Delegate

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Subject: CORRECTED DATES East Central Regional Conference

Hello Delegates and Past Delegates of the East Central Region

After choosing two dates that conflicted with two different State Conferences.

We have chosen the dates August 5-7, 2016, combined with the Illinois State Conference at the Pheasant Run Resort, in St. Charles Illinois. Not too far west of the City of Chicago.

We hope these dates allow the opportunity for all of you, and others in your respective Areas to attend.

As flyer and information come out we will keep you informed

THANK YOU

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