

# **Central Michigan Intra-Area 32 Assembly Minutes**

**October 4, 2015-Brighton, MI**

## **Remaining 2015 Schedule**

Dec 6, 2015 – District 4 – Saline

## **2016 Schedule**

February 7, 2016-District 10-Corunna

April 3, 2015-District 2-Hillsdale

June 5, 2016-District 26-Houghton Lake

August 7, 2016-District 28-Alpena

October 2, 2016-District 22-Bay County

December 4, 2016-District 24-Vassar

**CHAIR: Kate L.: [chair@cmia32.org](mailto:chair@cmia32.org):**

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

**Thank you District 8 members for hosting us today!**

**SECRETARY: Lori C.: [secretary@cmia32.org](mailto:secretary@cmia32.org):**

Roll Call: In attendance: 77 total; 54 GSRs; - Alt. GSRs; 1 GSR at 1<sup>st</sup> visit to Assembly

**Chairman called for corrections to minutes from August 2, 2015. The following correction provided: None**

Tradition 9 was discussed by: Chris K. ..

Concept 9 was discussed by: Joyce C.

Tradition 10 was discussed by: Alex B.

Concept 10 was discussed by: Larry S,

For the next meeting volunteers:

Tradition 11– Alex B.

Tradition 12-Ted S.

Concept 11–Zak P.

Concept 12-Mike K.

**TREASURER: Tracey G.: [treasurer@cmia32.org](mailto:treasurer@cmia32.org): Report Approved (Report attached).**

**FINANCE: Pete B.: [finance@cmia32.org](mailto:finance@cmia32.org): Report Approved (Report Attached)**

**REGISTRAR: Kristin G.: [registrar@cmia32.org](mailto:registrar@cmia32.org): Updates going well. Our registrar had to resign from her position as she has moved from the area. Thank you Kristin G. for your service to Area 32.**

**Seven past delegates were recognized.**

**DELEGATE, Kirk F.: [delegate@cmia32.org](mailto:delegate@cmia32.org): Please see attached report**

**ALT. DELEGATE, Ted S.: [altdelegate@cmia32.org](mailto:altdelegate@cmia32.org): Please see attached report.**

**LITERATURE, Don M.: [literature@cmia32.org](mailto:literature@cmia32.org): Please see attached report.**

**ARCHIVIST, Jim D.:** Since the last CMIA meeting, we attended the State Convention with Area 33, 34 and Alanon Archivist. We had a nice display with a lot of interest. We also had a display at the Annual Dignitaries Dinner with around 200 people from all over the U.S. Thank you for your continued interest and support.

**ARCHIVES COMMITTEE, Phil L.:** Continues to review our projects to collect and especially digitize historical CMIA 32 materials. As we digitize, we are evaluating exactly what to discard and what to preserve in hard copy form. In addition, we are working on “little histories” of various homegroups and CMIA assembly sites.

**CORRECTIONS, Lyle T.: [corrections@cmia32.org](mailto:corrections@cmia32.org)** The statewide corrections meeting is scheduled for November in Ypsilanti (See are website for information). We elected a new treasurer and still need a secretary for the committee. Had 3 pre-releases. Divided monies by 8 Districts.

**COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (CPC), John B.: [cpc@cmia32.org](mailto:cpc@cmia32.org)**

Discussed problems with excessive court slips having to be signed at closed A.A. meetings. District 6 is making plans to have a workshop and or educate the A.A. Groups as well as the Drug Court Judges on the proper A.A. protocol as

outlined in A.A. Guidelines: "Cooperating with Court, D.W.I. and Similar Programs". District 8 has developed a draft letter to mental health providers and clergy to reach the still suffering alcoholic.

**FORUM, Debbie G.:** [Forum@cmia32.org](mailto:Forum@cmia32.org): Received the money from CMIA 32 for the forum November 13, 14, 15 in Milwaukee, WI. We will have 10 rooms, 2 persons per room. I will be calling weekly attendees for confirmation. Registration will be in the lounge at the hotel.

**GRAPEVINE, Gary M.:** [grapevine@cmia32.org](mailto:grapevine@cmia32.org): We purchased a tri-fold and the 5 grapevine slogans to put on it. Also purchased a 4ft. tall Victor E. at the state convention. We are encouraging people to become Grapevine reps for their groups. If anyone has any suggestions for the tri-fold please let us know. Starting next area assembly we will be having a raffle to give away Grapevine literature.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION, Peter S.:** [pi@cmia32.org](mailto:pi@cmia32.org): James P. filled in as chairperson for this meeting. Shared information on things to do to inform the public about A.A.

**SPECIAL NEEDS, Don W.** [specialneeds@cmia.org](mailto:specialneeds@cmia.org) No activity today.

**LIAISON, Zak P.:** Linda from Huron Valley Intergroup discussed ways committee could best be prepared to help areas wishing to create IUCC's. Discussed how H.V.A.I. works with District 4.

**TREATMENT FACILITIES, Randy K.:** [treatment@cmia32.org](mailto:treatment@cmia32.org): Discussed current happenings in our districts regarding treatment facilities AA meeting support. There were 2 districts that requested literature or money from the committee to support outreach. Discussed "Bridging the Gap" programs. Districts that have these programs explained the process.

**WEBSITE, Chris K.** [website@cmia32.org](mailto:website@cmia32.org): Discussed how to create a mobile-friendly website. Also viewed a mockup of the new Statewide Service Committee website and agreed to a link if that is approved at the next Statewide meeting in December. Reminder that if you see any out of date or incorrect information on CMIA 32.org, please contact the webmaster.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Next assembly December 6, 2015 in Saline-District 4 – For agenda and location see attached flyer or visit [www.CMIA32.org](http://www.CMIA32.org)

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Area 32 is hosting the State Convention in 2017. We are looking for bids and locations. These will come back to the assembly in December for discussion and voting.

We are looking for a member to serve until December 2016 at Registrar as Kristin G. resigned. Will continue to ask for nominations to this position.

#### **MOTIONS**

-Phil L. and Alex B. were elected to the finance committee by acclamation

-\$1,000 donated to the Corrections Committee

Assembly closed at 2:47 pm with the Lord's prayer.

**Central Michigan Intra Area**  
**Delegate Report to the Assembly**  
**Sunday, October 4, 2015**  
**District 8**  
**Brighton**

Good Afternoon,

I have given a more comprehensive report to the District Committee Members this morning. These comments are a bit more focused. Your DCM can share with you additional details.

If your district has not yet heard the 2015 Conference report, I am available to give to you that report if you tell me when and where and at what time.

In August I reported that we had a conflict in 2018 regarding our hosting of the East Central Regional Conference. Area 34 our neighbors in Western Michigan have agreed to host that conference in conjunction with their hosting the 2018 Michigan State Convention.

If you attended our A.A. State Convention in Battle Creek this past August, you know Area 32 provided four of the panels and that they were all well attended and very informative. A thank you to those that participated.

The biennial East Central Regional Forum will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on November 13 thru 15. The last day for obtaining a discounted room rate will be Wednesday, October 14. There is no charge for registration for the Forum. The Forum is a weekend of sharing and informational sessions designed to help the General Service Board, A.A. World Services, Inc., the Grapevines Staff, and the General Service Office Staff stay in touch with the membership. See the Forum Committee for details. Area 32 assembly sponsors a number of general service members to the Forum.

The latest report from the General Service Office is that, once again, our group donations to G.S.O. are below the 2014 levels, and those donations as well were below the 2013 levels. Please consider asking your group to consider making regular donations to this life-saving organization. Pamphlets--*Self-Support: Where Money And Spirituality Mix* and *The A.A. Group Treasurer*-- contain suggestions for the groups as to how they may choose to disburse their Seventh Tradition monies. Those pamphlets are available at our area literature table.

The General Service Office is consolidating all services to the 11th floor at 475 Riverside Drive, New York City. Grapevine is in the process of moving from the 10th floor to the 11th floor. All of the G.S.O. Grapevine services will take place on the 11th floor.

Staff rotation at G.S.O. took place on Monday, September 14th. And, our new General manager is Greg Tobin, who began his new service this past Thursday, October 1st.

The 80th Anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous was held in Atlanta this year on July 2-5.

Fifty-seven (57,000) thousand folks attended with over 1,000 speakers and 250 panels. The 2020 International Convention will be next door in Detroit, Michigan.

We all should have received our 2015 Fall edition of Box 459. Also available today is the 2015 Conference Report detailing the 2015 Conference. Take one and read it; share it with your fellows. If more copies of the report are needed, I will order more.

Thank you all for allowing me to serve you.

Kirk

Delegate, Panel 65  
Central Michigan Intra Area  
Grapevine

## **Alternate Delegate Report**

**10/04/15**

It has been busy here. I attended the Michigan State Convention in August and was privileged to chair the "Young People's Panel". Three great speakers all gave encouragement to the audience.

On September 19, I attended a Sponsorship Workshop in District 8, gave an open talk in Muskegon and received a Big Book that belonged to a man I had sponsored 28 years ago and had recently passed.

Then the next day, I attended an Area 34 assembly and was asked how our bimonthly assemblies were working. I responded that some of us missed the fellowship but it has made us focus more on being prepared for our next meeting.

On September 26, I visited District 28 which has been functioning quite well and does appreciate our support. They are anticipating hosting CMIA next August and are holding a Delegate Report/Traditions Workshop on October 31 in Hillman.

I will be attending the Statewide Service Committee meeting October 25 in Lansing.

I will be in Milwaukee in November 13-15 for the East Central Regional Forum and MCYPAA November 27-29.

Ted Straubel

Alternate Delegate Panel 65