

Central Michigan Intra-Area 32 Assembly Minutes

December 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:

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 4 members for hosting us today!

SECRETARY: Lori C.: secretary@cmia32.org:

Roll Call: In attendance: 76 total; 54 GSRs; - Alt. GSRs; 3 GSR at 1st visit to Assembly; 22 Guests.

Chairman called for corrections to minutes from October 4, 2015. The following correction provided: Address of committee chairperson error. Will be changed in current minutes.

Tradition 11 was discussed by: Alex B.

Concept 11 was discussed by: Zak P.

Tradition 12 was discussed by: Ted S.

Concept 12 was discussed by: Mike K.

For the next meeting volunteers:

Tradition 1– Randy K.

Tradition 2-Dary P.

Concept 1–Gary M.

Concept 2-Alex B.

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

FINANCE: Pete B.: finance@cmia32.org: Report Approved (Report Attached)

REGISTRAR: Position is currently open: registrar@cmia32.org:

Five past delegates were recognized.

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

ALT. DELEGATE, Ted S.: altdelegate@cmia32.org: Please see attached report.

LITERATURE, Don M.: literature@cmia32.org: Report approved. (Report Attached)

ARCHIVIST, Jim D.: Since the last CMIA meeting we have had displays at two workshops. Good to see more young people involved at these workshops. Always doing a lot of sorting and filing going on. Thank you for your continued interest and support.

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE, Phil L.: Addressed issues concerning the computer equipment and peripherals we use to fulfill our tasks of digitalizing CMIA 32 history and photos. This includes placement of digitalized materials on our web site. We also continue to gather additional hard copy (historical) items.

CORRECTIONS, Lyle T.: corrections@cmia32.org 13 people in attendance. There is \$479.00 in the treasury. There were 3 pre-releases. The committee is looking for a secretary. The state workshop went well. The committee purchased 3 corrections kits from CMIA literature. Some grapevines were brought in and they were split up among the participants.

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (CPC), John B.: cpc@cmia32.org Members confirmed the districts are experiencing an greater influx on court mandated attendees. Discussion about the impact of recovery coaches and the affiliation of A.A. members in these positions. A report was given by John B. about the panel “A.A. and the Courts” that he attended at the International Convention.

FORUM, Debbie G.: Forum@cmia32.org

No written report.

GRAPEVINE, Gary M.: grapevine@cmia32.org: Only two people in attendance today. Will be raffling off Grapevine literature at CMIA meetings. Looking for suggestions for the area display.

PUBLIC INFORMATION, Peter S.: pi@cmia32.org: 3 members present all from the District 4 Public Information committee. District 4 P.I. Committee is putting on an information sharing session every other month in Ann Arbor at the Public Library. They are seeking to inform the public on what A.A. is and what it is not. The first of these meetings will be held January 13, 2016.

SPECIAL NEEDS, Don W. specialneeds@cmia.org Provided information to the GSR meeting regarding special needs. District 6 is experiencing special needs requests that do not fit the purpose of the committee. Referral of information has resolved these issues.

LIAISON, Zak P.: No written report

TREATMENT FACILITIES, Randy K.: treatment@cmia32.org: No written report

WEBSITE, Chris K.: website@cmia32.org: No written report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next assembly February 7, 2016-Corunna-District 10: For agenda and location see attached flyer or visit www.CMIA32.org

OLD BUSINESS:

The position of Registrar needs to be filled. Daryl P. was nominated and voted in to serve as the Registrar for CMIA 32 by acclimation.

Area 32 is hosting the State Convention in 2017. Bids were gathered and presented by Dennis Soto. The only one that proved a viable option was Comfort Inn and Suites in Mount Pleasant.

NEW BUSINESS:

Art M. was nominated and accepted the position of the Convention Chairperson for the 2017 State Convention.

MOTIONS

-A motion was made to elect two new members to the finance committee. A review of area minutes proved that two new members were elected to serve at our October meeting. There was no need to elect further members at this time.

-A motion was made to donate \$1,000.00 to the Corrections Committee and was passed.

-A motion was made to donate \$4,400 toward the delegate expenses at the GSO conference in 2016 and was passed.

-A motion was made to pay for the website domain name and hosting expenses for 3 years at a cost of \$248.35 and was passed.

-A motion was made to approve and expenditure to exceed \$750.00 between two assembly members to attend the 2016 East Central Regional Conference, August 12-16 in St Charles, Illinois. The persons accepting the sponsorship will report back to the assembly their participation and experience at the conference. All expenditures will be supported by receipts/ The motion was passed.

Assembly closed at 2:53 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

DELEGATE REPORT
**Central Michigan Intra Area
Area Assembly**

December 6, 2015

Good afternoon:

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

At the D.C.M. meeting this morning I gave a more comprehensive report to your district committee member as to what has transpired at our General Service Office since our last assembly in October. That report can be shared at your upcoming district meetings.

As the year comes to an end, it seems the pace has slowed down a bit for me. I have given seven delegate reports to the fourteen districts beginning in June and ending in November.

In those reports I have tried to emphasize the importance of districts' visiting the groups within their districts. Often registered groups don't have a G.S.R., or if they do have one, their G.S.R. hasn't been seen at a district meeting or an area assembly. Please arrange for annual group visits to both the registered groups and those many unregistered groups. In the Fellowship we all need each other. The groups, their members, need to be connected to A.A. as a whole. We can all try a bit more in the coming months to do what we can to reach out to those groups whom we need here to share their experience, strength, and hope.

Some of the nuts 'n bolts:

General service Office - A.A. World Services

A.A.W.S. publishing through September had gross sales 15.07% below the budgeted estimates.

Revenues in general were 9.7% less than budgeted in the first nine months. Contributions were nearly \$100,000 dollars below budget and 25,000 less than the same time last year. The net loss for the period was \$284,000 compared to the budgeted profit of \$63,000. The projected loss for 2015 is \$200,000.

A likely reason for the year-over-year loss can be attributed to the Big Book price increase in October 1, 2014. Groups, individual, Central Offices, areas etc. all sent in large orders for Big Books before the price increase became effective.

Grapevine/La Viña

A.A. Grapevine sales are YTD ahead of projections; in fact, they are \$322,000 ahead of projections. Through September A.A. Grapevine had a budgeted projected loss of \$21,000 but realized a net income of \$208,000 and interest from the Reserve Fund of \$35,000 more than projected. This was coupled with a significant decline in expenses that accounted for the gain rather than loss.

Circulation of the print magazine averaged 72,495 for the first nine months, and that was 2,307 ahead of budget. That number, however, was 1,759 lower than the same period in 2014. Budgeted gross profit for 2015 is forecasted to be \$45,222 less than in 2014.

The North American A.A. Grapevine subscription challenge ends in two weeks on December 20th. The challenge has been not so much in increasing print subscriptions but in stemming the tide of decreasing subscriptions. If you don't subscribe, consider subscribing. The cost is \$28.97/year for 12 issues. Each issue has 62 pages or more, 20 or more stories--sharing on that month's Step and Tradition. The cost is less than .08¢ a day.

La Viña income is ahead of budget by \$4,201 but still had a shortfall for the period of \$99,673. Circulation was 10,310 or 297 copies less than budgeted. Cost and expenses for the nine months ending September 30 were \$11,118. La Viña is a service piece to the Spanish-speaking community. And as a service piece the magazine is not required to make a profit.

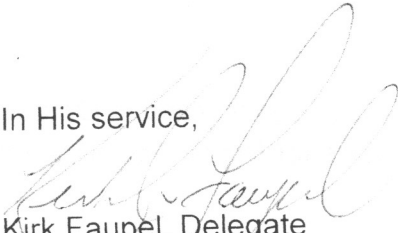
2015 International Convention

The 2015 International Convention held in Atlanta, Georgia had *nearly* 57,000 attendees garnering revenues of \$5.9 million dollars. Expenses, however, were \$6.1 million dollars. The costs exceeding revenue are being attributed to higher numbers of attendees requiring more hotels located farther away from downtown, significantly more buses traveling more miles, more security, more equipment for those with special needs.

There is much, much more information to be had. If you have questions, I'll attempt to answer them or provide you with answers from the people I have met who do know.

I thank you all for allowing me to represent Central Michigan Intra Area at the annual General Service Conference, the Statewide General Service Committee, the Conference of Delegates Past and Present, the East Central Regional Conference, our State Convention and many other venues. The journey in A.A. I have found to be limitless. Thank you all for being here, and more importantly for being there for the still sick and suffering. Please take copies of the 2015 General Service Conference Final Report; take one for yourself and for anyone else who would find the information useful.

In His service,



Kirk Faupel, Delegate
Central Michigan Intra Area
Panel 65
Grapevine Committee

CMIA Alt Delegate Report Dec 6, 2015

GSR MEETING: 44 signed in, two new GSRs

Group Change Form was discussed and were passed out to attendees as well as the importance of keeping Group records and the Eastern US Directory up to date.

Don W. – Special Needs Chair gave a summary of the Committee and its' purpose.

John B. – CPC Chair discussed the Committee for Cooperation with the Professional Community.

Gary M. – Grapevine Committee explained the Grapevine Committee.

Randy C. – told us what the Treatment Committee does and how it functions.

The 2015 Area 32 Inventory was completed and brought to the assembly as well as emailed to website.

October 30: the Alternate Delegate was invited to speak at a Young People event in Petosky.

Oct 31: The Delegate as well as Alternate Delegate participated in a District 29 Traditions Workshop and Delegate Report.

Nov 6: Attended a Hi-5-YPAA bid committee meeting in Flint. Showing support for Michigan's bid for the International Convention of Young People in AA for 2017. They elected a liaison to Area Assembly.

Nov 13-17: Attended Great Lakes Regional Forum in Milwaukee. This was a great experience.

Nov 19-27: Assisted in the securing of letter of recommendation for WASYPAA's bid for the 2016 MCYPAA, which they did receive and will be hosting next November.

Nov 28: Attended 2015 Michigan Convention of Young People in AA in Lansing working registration, as well as having a ball.