

Central Michigan Intra-Area 34 Assembly Minutes for August 6, 2023 Hillman

Meeting opened at 9:30 am with Serenity Prayer, Preamble, Second Tradition, Announcements by James P

Motion to approve Agenda – With addition of FLIPAA bid Jim F motioned, Charlie 2nd - motion carried unanimously

9:37 – Group Concerns- Brian asked about posting a spiritual retreat, can it be posted on Website. Affiliation appears to be the criterion.

9:45 Finance Committee Meeting

10:00 GSR Meeting- Jon S facilitated GSR meeting

10:30 DCM Meeting – April Minutes attached

11:30 Committee Meetings

12:20 Lunch

1:00 Afternoon Session:

Trusted Servant Reports:

Chair, James P chair@cmia32.org – Serenity Prayer – Thank District 28 for Hosting.

Alt Chair, Dan H altchair@cmia32.org – Thanks District for sending him to East Central Forum.

Minutes, Dave N secretary@cmia32.org – June 2023 minutes read, Keith motioned and Dan seconded. Approved unanimously.

40 in person attendees: 8 DCMs, 17 GSRs, 10 guests, 5 other or past delegates. 8 zoom attendees.

Alt Secretary, OPEN

Treasurer's Report, Ed L treasurer@cmia32.org - Ed read his report- Motion to accept by Lisa N Second by several. Unanimous approval.

Alt. Treasurer, Stanley P – No Report required or submitted - alttreasurer@cmia32.org

Finance Committee Report, - Sherri L finance@cmia32.org – Sherri gave the report.

Motion: \$167.88 Website host renewal. Unanimous.

Motion - \$800.00 to Corrections for Literature. Unanimous

Info only \$ 380.00 Hybrid Tech Host Hillman – FYI only.

Motion : District 12 has requested an additional \$300.00 for hosting the December 2023 event. Unanimous.

Final balance \$5,462.85 approved unanimously. Report attached.

Registrar Report, Kim D– registrar@cmia32.org – She has been updating information constantly. Written report attached.

Alt Registrar, James M – altregistrar@cmia32.org – No Report required or submitted.

Recognition of Past Delegates.

Group and District Announcements:

Dan District 8 introduced workshop, details to post to website soon. Molly concurred.

Brad District 12 Accessibilities chair – There is a Livingston County American Sign Language meeting. See Brad for details.

Lori C Michigan Corrections Committee has a workshop coming, will be posted on the website.

Delegate's Report, Kate R, Panel 73 delegate@cmia32.org – GSC Agenda Item forms available. Report read and attached.

Alt Delegate Report, Jon S, Panel 73, altdelegate@cmia32.org – Jon had 40 attend the GSR school – 5 new GSR's. Written report attached.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Please submit to Dave Nicholson via email (Please use last initials only)

State Convention Committee, Lori C - Lori gave report – August 11-13 in Mt. Pleasant.

Mock Conference Planning Committee , Lori C – March 23 2024. First meeting in August see Website for details.

Archivist: Jim D, P.O. Box 13, Holt MI 48842 – Jim D gave Archivist Report: Has group history forms. See you at the Convention. Written report attached.

Literature Report, John S– literature@cmia32.org – John gave report. Written report attached.

Corrections Committee – Doug reported on Corrections Committee:

- 1) might have a Chair Candidate that is not able to attend today.
- 2) The committee is requesting an increase from \$800 to \$1000. More members and increased cost of materials. Written report attached.

CPC/ Public Information, Mark M - cpc@cmia32.org – Read the attached report.

Forum Committee, Don M – Past Delegate – Sign up for next forum is ongoing. Report attached.

Ad Hoc Committee, Don M – Past Delegate – Ad Hoc status contained in attached report.

Grapevine Committee, Lori C grapevine@cmia32.org – Read report. Report attached.

Accessibilities – Brad S – specialneeds@cmia32.org = Written report attached.

Treatment & Facilities Centers, OPEN Position — Jay B from District 2. Two members met this morning. Gave a report.

Website Committee, Billie Jo P webmaster@cmia32.org – going to work on minutes and agenda issues. Going to work on links that go to old sites. Flyer issues

Archives Committee, Tim H – Not present, no report.

YPAA Report – Co Chair – Brian G - Not present, no report

ICHYPAA BID COMMITTEE - Inetta advised they are looking for letters of support. Approved Unanimously.

Hybrid Tech Committee - Eileen – Sent via email. Report attached.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS –

Doug and Lori nominate Jacob F for Corrections Chair. He is not present.

Doug, for Corrections Committee: Motions for an increase in the amount of Corrections literature allotment from \$800.00 to \$1,000.00. Seconded.

Discussion: Costs have increased proportionately. Don M would like to see participation numbers.

Motion passed with substantial unanimity.

Mark M – where are we going to have the October assembly. Zoom Committee would host online.

Inetta looking for a FLIPAA letter of support.

Jon Motions, Lori seconds., that after August 20, if a District does not host, it will be a Zoom only motion. Substantial unanimity.

2:35 p.m. Motion and second to close – with Responsibility Pledge

**CENTRAL MICHIGAN INTRA-AREA 32
TREASURERS REPORT
AUGUST 6, 2023**

6/1/2023

STARTING BALANCE:

12,923.94

Resume contr. Apprv 2/22 FC Mtg
Capped

FORUM ACCOUNT BALANCE
ECR CONFERENCE BALANCE

3,000.00
0.00

1ST ADJUSTED CHECKING BALANCE:

9,923.94

INCOME:

7TH TRADITION 130.00
GSO COFFEE POT 105.00
GROUP/INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS 3,212.39
HOST REFUND Dist 26 115.62

INCOME TOTAL

3,563.01

2ND ADJUSTED CHECKING BALANCE

13,486.95

EXPENSES:

DATE:	TO:	CHECK#	TOTAL
6/4/2023	Chair Expenses	2604V	124.00
6/4/2023	Corrections Literature	2605V	800.00
6/4/2023	Secretary expenses	2606V	39.15
6/4/2023	Bill Yoder (ECRF)	2607V	187.50
6/4/2023	Literature Chair (Vehicle Maint.)	2608V	400.00
6/4/2023	Billie Patton (ECRF)	2609V	187.50
6/4/2023	DCM Treasury	2610V	200.00
6/4/2023	Dan Hawkins (ECRF)	2611V	187.50
6/5/2023	Inetta Smith (ECRF)	2612V	187.50
6/6/2023	District 28 Host Expenses	2613V	1,000.00
6/6/2023	Treasurer Expenses	2614V	271.35
6/6/2023	GSO Coffee Pot	ElectronicV	105.00
	Postage (100 Stamps)	debitV	66.00
	<u>TOTAL EXPENSES:</u>		3,755.50

1/0/1900 CONTRIBUTION TO FORUM

N/A

*Check Outstanding

TOTAL AVAILABLE CHECKING

BALANCE:

9,731.45

FORUM FUND:

3,000.00

ECRC FUND:

0.00

SOLVENT TREASURY (KeyBank)

3,500.00

AREA 32 GENERAL FUND

12,731.45

16,231.45

Finance Committee Report

Today's Date: 8/5/2023Location: Hillman D28Beginning Balance: 9731.45Standard Monthly Expenses: 2315.09Committee Reimbursements: ~~2424.44~~ 79.53Officer Fuel Reimbursements: 226.10Ending Balance: ~~6942.95~~ 7110.73

Committee Requests that require approval of the Area Assembly

Corrections: \$ 800Other: Website Host renewal ~~980~~ 167.88Note Other: 300 Hybrid Tech Host 8/6 Hillm

Fauc D23 Host 300

Pending Approval 1647.88Final Ending Balance: \$ 5462.85Sal
8/6/2023

Registrar report 8/6/2023

Since 6/4/23 these are Area 32 registrar updates:

New group 1

Group address change live virtual

Group contact info updates 7

Group changes GSR 8 Alt GSR 3 Inactive 7

Opt in for kit by mail

District updates DCM 3 Alt DCM Other

Group # requests

Area updates

District unknown fixed - many

Area 32's DCM report has been cleaned up. Since the last CMIA 3 new DCMS from Districts 2, 14, & 22 have been named. DCM information of district 16, 18, or 20 may not be accurate or up to date. Please contact me if you are the DCM of one of these districts.

edit Did receive new DCM information for District 16

DCM's can get on Fellowship Connection with a "read only access" where they can bring up their own districts reports. **"FC is a web-based application that facilitates collaboration between G.S.O. and the Area".**

For more information contact memberservices@aa.org.

Area 32 registrar contact information and also fillable forms for new groups to register/ group change / and dcm change can be found on the CMIA32.org

CMIA 32 Area Assembly Meeting - Hillman, Michigan

Panel 73 Area 32 Delegates Report

August 6, 2023

Warm greetings from Area 32. I was told to hang on for the ride of a lifetime when they welcomed me as an incoming Delegate. They weren't wrong. The weeks and months leading up to the 73rd General Service Conference were a crazy ride by any standards. The months since have been filled with Report backs and many conversations and questions.

We have begun the preparation for the 2024 Conference. We have had our first Delegates-only meeting with our new Delegate Chair and our East Central Regional Waffle Wednesday meetings continue. Our Trustee has returned from the July Board weekend with reports and updates regarding Conference Committee Considerations.

I shared at the last Michigan AA Statewide Service Meeting a few weeks ago that the experience in New York with the other Delegates and Conference members where we may have disagreed at the microphone on the Conference floor, but at dinner sat side by side made the analogy of the shipwreck my Sponsor has used so many times for many situations hit home more than ever. The process and experience became the powerful cement would end up being what would bind us.

"We were like the passengers of a great liner the moment after rescue from shipwreck when camaraderie, joyousness and democracy pervade the vessel from steerage to Captain's table."

My initial Delegate Report took place at our Area Assembly in Beaverton. Four more in quick succession. Five reports in fifteen days; three were virtual, two hybrids. More to follow. I can tell you that five reports in fifteen days is a lot of talking, even for me. We are fortunate, we were prepared through our State-wide Mock Conferences and the Area Assemblies where people would share on our thoughts and experiences with the Traditions and Concepts. We are well prepared, some Delegates have not been afforded that opportunity or experience.

Area 32 has been busy with preparations for the upcoming 70th Michigan State Convention which is just next week. Our planning committee hopes to see all of you there.

In love and service,

Kate L, Delegate Area 32 Panel 73

Cooperation with the Professional Community and Archives

Michigan Statewide Mock Conference Committee

We are beginning our planning for the 2024 Michigan Statewide Mock Conference being held March 23, 2024

It is being held in Mount Pleasant Michigan

We need your help to prepare and are looking for the following positions

**SECRETARY
TREASURER
REGISTRATION CHAIR
PROGRAM CHAIR
PUBLICITY CHAIR
PRE-CONFERENCE HANDOUT CHAIR
TECHNOLOGY CHAIR**

Please feel free to stand for anyone of these positions or just come and observe how the Michigan Statewide Mock Conference is put together from the start.

We will have our first organizational meeting
August 18, 2023
9 am
Zoom Code: 517 414 7662

Any questions please contact Lori C. (

Archivist - Jim D

P.O. Box 13, Hunt Mt 48842

We have History Forms available
~~to~~ Very Busy on sorting thru

AA material - Plastic sleeves

and put in Note Books.

We and the Archivists from Arneg

33 + 34 are set on our Display
at the State Convention.

Thank You for your Help ~~setting~~ ⁱⁿ serving
as you Archivist.

AREA 32 Literature Account Statement

AUG 6, 2023

6-3-23	ENDING BALANCE TOTAL BANK ACCT and CASH DRAWER	\$ 802.60
6-3-23	FUEL EXPENDITURE	- 37.00
		<u>765.60</u>
6-4-23	PURCHASES for CORRECTION COMITTEE DISTRICTS	+ 800.00
		<u>1,565.60</u>
6-4-23	TRAILER TIRE ALLOWANCE CHECK from AREA	+ 400.00
		<u>1,965.60</u>
6-4-23	BOOKS PAMPHLETS + TOKEN PURCHASES @ AREA ASSEMBLY	+ 378.53
		<u>2,344.13</u>
6-5-23	FUEL EXPENDITURE	- 49.64
		<u>2,294.49</u>
6-23	LITERATURE SALES - AL CAMERON GROUP	+ 106.00
		<u>2,400.49</u>
6-8-23	TRAILER TIRES PURCHASE @ BELLE TIRE	- 221.40
		<u>2,179.09</u>
6-9-23	TO MIKE K. for PREVIOUS ORDER # SO254270 1-10-23	- 176.00
		<u>2,003.09</u>
7-23	A.A.W.S ONLINE STORE ORDER	- 113.00
		<u>1,890.09</u>
7-25-23	GRAPEVINE ORDER # 213933	- 649.09
		<u>1,241.00</u>
7-25-23	A.A.W.S. ONLINE ORDER # SO298096	- 915.20
		<u>325.80</u>
8-6-23	ENDING BALANCE TOTAL IN BANK ACCOUNT + CASH DRAWER.	\$ 325.80

Thank you to CMIA32 for allowing me to chair today's Corrections Meeting.
A special Thank you to the attendees for their zeal and enthusiasm for our primary purpose

Central Michigan Inter Area 32

at Hillman - Corrections

Committee Report

Date: 8-6-2023
Committee Chair: Jacob F. & co-chair Doug G incited aty
Secretary: Doug G
Treasurer: Doug G
Time Opened: 11:30 opened with Serenity Prayer. } 14 in attendance.
District Check In } 2 on Zoom
(District #'s in attendance: 2, 4, 10, 12, 22, 26, 28) } 13

Committee Activities Update: Dist 26 requests \$100, other 5 receive \$140 from CMIA32 allocation.

Questions: Some Districts need advice on communication with Jail. Suggestions range from getting MI State Rep. involved (Dist 10) to work with Chaplain(s) in Jail. (Dist 12)

Old Business: No old business.

1) Increase CMIA32 contribution
Requestor
A) Increased members B) Increased literature costs
2) Various terms of Jail sentences attracts need for more literature.

New Business: 3) Dist 12 Jail AA meetings center on steps 1-2-3.

As if attendee moves on, is given guidance on more steps.

4) Dist 12 instituted a "Jail Pal" Groups pass for resources to gain more literature for inmates.

5) Dist 28 requests contact list of attendees. -Done

A) co chair to distribute to all of today's attendees.

6) Closed with "Responsibility Statement"

Treasury Collected (if applicable): 800 Treasury Balance (if applicable): 0

Time Closed: 12:12



Michigan Intra Area 32
CMIA 32 – CPC Committee
Cooperation with the Professional Community

C.P.C. Committee Report July – August 2023, Hillman MI

C.P.C. has developed contact with resources in Livingston County, and abroad, for social services helping the alcoholic who may need inpatient treatment. Though A.A. in itself, does not recommend any particular treatment facility, working with professionals and offering what A.A. can and can not do, widens the scope and timeliness of service to those when reaching out for assistance.

Statewide C.P.C. met in Lansing Sunday, July 23, and welcomed Roger Crykiel as the new Area 33 C.P.C. chair. All three areas will be participating in a C.P.C. Committee Panel, with area 32's representative being _____, and all areas will share in the display of a C.P.C. Committee table.

In Love and Service,
Mark M.
Chair – C.P.C.
Area 32

Sign-up continues for the East Central Regional Forum being held November 17-19 in Independence OH. If you have never been to a forum in person you can do so at the registration table. This will allow you to be eligible for sponsorship by Area 32. There should be availability for 18 people to be able to attend.

Forums allow members throughout the service structure to exchange information. They bring together General Service Board, AAWS, GV/LV, GSO and Grapevine staff, and any interested member of AA.

In Service,
Don M
Past Delegate P71/A32

The committee, which consists of Lori C., Dennis S., Jamie P., and myself, met once remotely since the last Area meeting. The handbook creation is progressing with the goal of having a draft available at the October Area assembly. Just a reminder, if you have anything that you think must be included in this handbook, please feel free to let myself or one of the other members know.

In love and service

Don M

Past Delegate P71/A32

Grapevine Committee Report
Area 32
August 6, 2023

In Grapevine news from Grapevine.org comes the announcement of the new app for the Grapevine and La Vina scheduled to be released September 15, 2023. The purchase price for the app is only \$2.99 a month and will have every Grapevine/La Vina issue; the ability to keep track of your sobriety and spiritual practices; the ability to search the Grapevine archives and ways to share your thoughts on articles. I am looking forward to seeing this app in my play store soon.

Also there is an opening for a Non-Trustee Director of AA Grapevine Board in 2024. If you are interested, please learn more at aagrapevine.org/important-updates.

As per usual, the Grapevine is looking for stories on each step or tradition plus stories on "Getting Through Tough Times" due August 15, 2023. They are also looking for stories on "Why I love my Big Book" as the Grapevine turns 80 soon! They are looking for your best Grapevine Memories.

You may be thinking that I would never get published so why bother writing down my story but this thought is erroneous. Imagine my surprise on June 14, 2023 as I opened my Grapevine Online Exclusive Stories (they come out every Monday and I use these to lead a Grapevine reading meeting on Saturday's) and there was a story with the exact same title as one I had sent into the Grapevine a few years ago. I looked closer and yes, it was my story!!! Edited of course to flow smoother but my story!!! Guess which story was read at the Grapevine meeting the very next Saturday. LOL

Also in the July issue of the printed Grapevine Magazine we were informed at the Statewide Service Meeting that a member of Area 34 had a published story. Since July is typically the prison issue of the Grapevine, it was a story by a man named Don B. who got sober in prison and after serving his 25 year term, got out sober, stayed sober and then after being released for five years got approval to take meetings back into the Lakeland Correctional Facility as an "outside AA member". A story of hope and redemption and it can be found on page 21.

Then a cool thing also came to light. Our good friend Warren J. who passed away about three years ago, had a story published in the same issue on Tradition 7. His words of advice (which Warren always had some-lol) can be found on page 33.

The Grapevine also has begun offering quarterly zoom sessions to Grapevine reps and Area Grapevine chairs to meet with members of the Grapevine Board and Editorial staff to ask questions and to brainstorm ideas. Unfortunately, the last one was held on Thursday afternoon so I could not attend live, however I was able to stream a recording of it and learned some good ideas. Thank you Grapevine for listening.

The biggest news concerning the Grapevine is that the Statewide Grapevine Committee members are having a skit at the upcoming State Convention. The acting skills of our members are questionable but fun is of the essence. They will also be raffling off Grapevine books, magazines and a couple of Grapevine Complete subscriptions. Fun and laughter is a guarantee as we all need to remember, "we are NOT a Glum lot!!!"

The question/rumor I have been hearing as of late is: "Is the Grapevine going out of circulation as a print magazine". The definitive answer is "NO!", it is losing money from subscription rates going down. It is up to us to not allow the Grapevine to close out its subscription services (Come on now, it is almost 80 years old and NOT ready to die). So purchase a subscription today, purchase a subscription for a friend or just buy one for the "Carry the Message Project". Purchase Grapevine books, calendars and other items. Talk about the Grapevine. Become a Grapevine Rep of your home group. -What more can I say..I have had a subscription for most of the 24 years I have been sober and now have been published for the third time. Yep, I love the Grapevine!

Lori C.

Area 32 Grapevine Chair

Committee Report August 6, 2023: hybrid tech committee

History:

The Hybrid Tech Committee was created by the Area Meeting of Oct 2021 to “make the virtual portion of the meeting more effective” (Assembly Minutes from October 10, 2021). A hybrid meeting is a meeting where some people are gathered in a physical space and some people are gathered in an online/virtual space, and both groups need to hear each other and talk together. Therefore, the Hybrid Tech committee has helped facilitate this need at both the Area Assembly as well as for Area-level committees or Area officers who want to connect at times not during the Area Assembly meeting times.

Some of the issues that the committee has addressed include sound issues (making both sides able to hear each other better without feedback or looping), connectivity issues (procuring a hotspot, helping troubleshoot computers and presentations), and participation for a wider audience (making the Area Assembly/services available to people without licenses, recovering from surgery, quarantined for illness, not able to drive for other reasons, and Area committee/officer meetings scheduled at a different time than the Area Assembly).

Hybrid Technology equipment includes TVs, microphones, computers, tablets, speakers, Zoom accounts, internet hotspot or anything else the Area meeting would require to run a hybrid meeting. The Area owns equipment for this, and also sometimes the hosting committee books a venue that has A/V equipment that is ready to use.

Hybrid Tech volunteers are generally in two categories: on-site volunteers and zoom/online volunteers. We need multiple people in both categories for it to run smoothly.

Many groups have been supportive, including donating equipment, helping us figure out existing sound equipment, bringing their own equipment, and being welcoming to the alcoholics participating online. We want to thank all the alcoholics who have helped today and in the past.

Brad and Eileen have been co-chairs and are due to rotate off at the next elections. To help prepare the next committee, we have reviewed past successes and failures and would like to give the following report:

- We are shifting our main focus to the committee meetings instead of General Assembly
 - Equipment setup priority goes to committees instead of general assembly
 - We are reaching out to all the districts to get the names of all the officers at the district level for each committee, and then sending them a calendar invite for just that hour
 - We will create breakout rooms based on each committee, NOT based on how many rooms are in the physical space

Where we need your help:

- Consider buying new equipment. We reviewed a recent recorded workshop by District 6, and the most successful hybrid experience included buying new equipment including laptop, tv, and camera. We will be submitting a future motion for this for you to consider.
- If you are an Officer or Chair, please consider bringing your own equipment to your committee meetings to see your colleagues and better host your committee. Or please consider funding our committee to purchase equipment to have available for this use
- If you are just an Area participant please consider connecting with your phone so the online participants can see your face 😊
- Consider hosting in venues that have many small private rooms so that each committee can meet in them. One large room like a cafeteria hall is terrible for sound and to be able to hear each other, even in person, but some venues we've had were better for working together because many committees had their own room.
- Consider booking venues that have in-house audiovisual equipment especially for the larger committee like GSR and finance
- Consider meeting via zoom in between Area meetings so that our committee work is more effective and unified. All districts need support. Zoom can provide space for achieving unity and strength in unity so that we can reach more alcoholics more effectively all the time.
- Please start thinking about volunteering to co-chair this committee for when Brad and Eileen rotate off. We did pass a motion that allows Area to purchase an outside service to fill in for this committee if needed, but our hope is that we want to help each other ourselves.
- Please consider asking us for training or technical help if you want to be more familiar with the existing resources and use them better.

Thank you!!

Hybrid Tech Committee