

**Thumb Area Unity Council
Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2017
6:00 pm**

The March, 2017 Business Meeting of the Thumb Area Unity Council was called to order by Alternate Chairperson Ron R. at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call:

Quorum was Established. Groups Represented/Representatives:

Ron R. TAUC Alt Chair	Cakima AA
Nadine F. GSR	Cakima AA
Marvin C. GSR	Caro New Freedom AA
Steve C. GSR/TAUC Sec	Kinde Primary Purpose AA
Beth D.	Kinde Primary Purpose/Old Library Group AA
Pat S.	Elkton AA
Pete S. Alt GSR	Elkton AA
Mark M. GSR	Port Austin For Such A Time As This AA
Tim B. GSR	Pigeon AA
Paul W. GSR/DCM South	Reese AA
John V. TAUC Treasurer	Sacred Heart Bad Axe AA
Fred G. GSR	Beaner's and Sebewaing AAs
Arnie G. GSR	Wisner and Unionville AAs
Bill Y. Visitor	Lapeer Another Downtown Meeting AA

A. Tentative Agenda was Distributed and Approved, by Consensus.

B. Minutes from the February 14, 2017 meeting of the Council were presented by Steve C. (noting that the January meeting was postponed until February 14, 2017 Due to inclement Weather)

**MOTION by Mark M., Supported by Pete S., to Approve the February 14, 2017 minutes:
Motion Carried Unanimously.**

C. Treasurer's Report

John V. provided the **period ending February, 2017 Treasurer's Report.**

Beginning Balance:	\$ 945.50	
Monthly Revenues:	152.00	
		100.00 Bad Axe Sacred Heart
		20.00 Cakima
		10.00 Caro New Freedom AA
		10.00 Elkton AA
		5.00 Reese AA
		7.00 ½ basket contributions February, 2017
Monthly Expenditures:	73.62	
		56.62 Gary O. Hotline Telephone Expenses
		17.00 Steven C. TAUC Secretary Printing Supplies
Ending Balance:	\$ 1,023.88	

MOTION to approve the Treasurer's report by Steve C, Supported by Fred G.. Motion Carried

D. Committee Reports:

DCM Committee:

Paul W, South DCM, gave a report on upcoming activities. Paul distributed a flyer on the **65th Michigan State Convention in Mt. Pleasant, July 28th, 29th and 30th, 2017,** the **Upcoming CMIA 32 Area Assembly Meeting Sunday, April 2, 2017, Hosted by District 18, in Saginaw, MI.,** and the Upcoming **Mock Conference, 2017** to be held **Saturday March 25th in Mount Pleasant.** Kindly **SEE: Paul W.** for further details or information, or visit the Area 32 Website.

Paul W. further reported that **Ted Stroebel** from the Tawas Area was elected as the **new Delegate** representing our District. Paul will keep the Council apprised on this and other Regional Activities as they develop.

Corrections Committee:

Arnie G. reported that things are going well at the **Tuscola County Jail.** They are currently at 13 participants (3 over "maximum"). The Meetings in the Jail in Tuscola County are held on Wednesdays from 6 to 7:00 pm.

Tim B. reported on Huron County. Jail attendance is still down, but consistent, and he reported that he was securing a soft cover Big Book for use by the inmates in the blocks.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

1. TAUC District 24 AA Hotline

Plans to provide **coverage for the TAUC District 24 Hotline** were discussed. **Gary O.** was the January and **February** Hot line contact answering the Line, which is now again fully functional. **Steve C.** volunteered to cover the Month of **March, 2017.**

It was the Concurrence of the Group that **Each Month** the Hotline will be an order of Business under Old Business, and that the responsible party for staffing it will be **recorded** in the TAUC Monthly Business Meeting Minutes.

2. Directory Updates and AA Area Telephone Listings and Staffing Updates

Steve C. distributed Alcoholics Anonymous Group Information Change Forms (GSO Form F-28) at the meeting, for groups to make any needed updates to their AA Group Information. Steve Noted that now an interactive copy of the Form will be posted on the TAUC Website, but reminded GSR's that they must still forward their changes to the General Services Office.

Steve C. distributed the current **AA & AL-ANON – HURON & TUSCOLA COUNTY** (Updated 03/2017) so that any latest revisions and updates could be incorporated into the TAUC Website Meeting Listings, as well as be PRINT READY for the updated Round of **Pocket Directories,** to be released Spring, 2017. Several Participants updated their information.

A Copy of the latest Meeting Listing will be available at each upcoming meeting of the TAUC so that participants can regularly be responsible for the accuracy of the information posted about their Groups.

Pete S. volunteered to once again provide the service work to see that the Directories go to Print at our long-time preferred vendor, with availability as soon as possible. The Group again thanked Pete.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. TAUC - UPCOMING ELECTIONS - 2017

Copies of the TAUC By Laws were Distributed by **Secretary Cormier**, as well as a **LISTING OF CURRENT Officers** and their respective **Terms of Service (Hand Out)**.

Current 2 Year Terms expiring in April, 2017 include the **TAUC Secretary** and the **TAUC Treasurer**.

The Council discussed the current By Laws and a wish to revisit their language, at a future date, to better ensure continuity of leadership and a smooth transition of responsibility, going forward. This will be topic for further discussion in the future, by the **TAUC By Laws Committee**.

Beginning at the February 14, 2017 Meeting of the Council, Nominations for the **Secretary** and **Treasurer** Positions have been solicited. At the March 14, 2017 meeting, **Steve C. provided a Nomination Form** to further solicit qualified persons with interest for these Leadership Service Positions. **Per the Direction of the Council, Steve C.** will assure that an appropriate **Notice** for the upcoming Elections be **posted to the TAUC Website**. All Council members were encouraged to get the notices out to their Groups, in keeping with a transparent and inclusive process. It was reported that to date, there was one Nomination for Secretary, and one Nomination for Treasurer. **Nominations will be accepted** right up to April 10, 2017 before the April Business Meeting of the Council.

Ron R., Alternate Chair Person, Convened a Nominating Committee, in accordance with the TAUC By Laws, to review all Applicants and Nominees for these 2 Key Service Positions. The Nominating Committee will be comprised of **Chairman Larry B, Alternate Chair Ron R.** and an additional Council Member at the discretion of the Chairman.

The Nominating Committee will offer a **Slate of Candidates** at the **April 11, 2017 Business Meeting of the Council for the Purpose of Holding the Elections**.

2. TAUC Post Office Box – Pigeon, MI

Discussion was held about the need to re-up our lease for the TAUC Post Office Box in Pigeon, MI.

**TAUC
P.O. Box 334
Pigeon, MI 48755**

Tim B. requested \$ **42.00** to renew the P.O Box Lease. Concurred.

**Next Meeting: April 11, 2017 6:00 pm
St. Francis Church Pigeon
ELECTIONS TO BE HELD**

There being no further Business, the meeting closed at 6:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve C.
Secretary