

Thumb Area Unity Council
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2019
6:00 pm

The **March, 2019 Business Meeting** of the Thumb Area Unity Council was called to order by **Paul W., in the absence of the Chairman,** at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call: A Quorum was Established. Sign in sheet was distributed. **Current Meeting Lists and Group Information Change Forms** were distributed. All Members continue to be strongly encouraged to keep information current about their group's contact and Meeting Information, to submit them as instructed on the form, and to copy them to Alexis R, Asst. PI Chair, and onto the Web Mistress for Posting on www.tauc.ws Web Mistress Email: info@tauc.ws

Groups Represented/Representatives:

Fred G., GSR	Clean Bean and Sebewaing AA Group
Ryan F., GSR	Cakima Serenity AA Group
Darla D., GR	Cakima Harmony Hunters AL-ANON Family Group
Chuck H., GSR	Caro New Freedom AA Group
Dave B., Member	Caseville AA Group
Bob H., GSR	Elkton AA Group
Steve C., GSR/TAUC Secretary	Kinde Primary Purpose AA Group
Doug M., Member	Kinde Primary Purpose AA Group
Alexis R., Alt. GSR	Mayville Primary Purpose AA Group
Kay W., Chair/PI Chair	MITA AL-ANON Family Groups
Tim B., GSR/Treasurer	Pigeon AA Group
Paul W. ALT GSR/DCM South	Reese AA Group
Keith Z., Member	Sebewaing AA Group
Kathryn L, GSR/Web Mistress	Ugly Sober Hicks AA Group
Arnie G., ALT GSR/DCM North	Wisner AA Group

**To be Completed by the Secretary, April 9.....from Sign in-sheet*

Tentative Agenda was Distributed and Approved, by Consensus

B. Minutes from the January 8, 2019 meeting of the Council were distributed, noting that the February Meeting of the Council had been cancelled due to inclement weather. Corrections and clarifications were sought and made. **MOTION by Fred G., supported by Bob H., that the Minutes from the January 8, 2019 meeting be approved and posted. Motion Carried**

C. Treasurer's Report(s)

- **Tim B., Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending January, 2019:**

Beginning Balance:	\$ 1,636.72	
Monthly Revenues:	465.00	
		25.00 BA Clean Bean Group AA
		10.00 Bad Axe Repeaters
		10.00 Cakima Group AA
		20.00 Caro New Freedom Group AA
		120.00 Caseville Group
		100.00 Cass City Group
		40.00 Port Hope/Hope Haven Group
		125.00 Pigeon Group
		5.00 Reese AA Group AA
		10.00 ½ basket contributions January, 2019
Expenses:	3.00	
		3.00 Monthly Bank Analyst Fee/Service Charge
Ending Balance:	\$ 2,098.72	

- **Tim B.**, Treasurer, then presented the **Treasurer's Report** for the **period ending February, 2019:**

Beginning Balance:	\$ 2,098.72
Monthly Revenues:	0.00
Expenses:	43.00
	40.00 Annual P.O. Box Rental Fee
	3.00 Monthly Bank Analyst Fee/Service Charge
Ending Balance:	\$ 2,055.72

**MOTION by Fred G ., supported by Arnie G, to Approve the Treasurers Reports for January AND February 2019, as presented.:
Motion Carried**

DCM's REPORTS

Paul W, DCM-Tuscola, and Arnie G, DCM-Huron provided information to the Council. Specifically:

The upcoming 2020 International Convention in Detroit, and the likelihood that there will not be a Summer State Convention held that Same year due to primary Focusing on being great Hosts for the International.

The Council Members in attendance discussed the wonderful opportunity for Michigan, and us locally, to become actively involved in staffing, serving and otherwise supporting the activities of the Convention. All will be called to help out. Registration specifics will be forthcoming as the event gets nearer. Stay tuned.

ALL GSR's Are Encouraged (and Required) to keep updated their Group information to be used locally, at the Area level and at the National Level. FORMS were distributed, and are available on line or from Paul or Arnie (below). It was reported out of the PI Committee that Alexis R., will be helping to compile and maintain a database to locally house, and be able to use, this information to best get the word out and carry the message of AA. Several Groups turned them in!

Group Change Forms were distributed to be completed by GSR's and forwarded on to the Area Assembly and the General Services Office and copied to the your **DCM**, the **TAUC Web Mistress** and **Alexis R** of the PI Committee for updating Groups Information. **Thank You for those that submitted them at the Meeting!**

Upcoming Events:

Michigan Mock Conference:	First United Methodist Church 400 South Main St. Mount Pleasant, MI 48858	March 23, 2019
CMIA 32 Area Assembly Meeting (hosted by District 8 – Livingston Co.)	Livingston EMS Headquarters Facility 1911 Tooley Rd. Howell, MI	April 7, 2019 9:00 am to 2:30 pm
67'th Michigan State AA Convention (hosted by Area 33)	Crown Plaza 2 Washington Blvd Detroit, MI www.michiganstateconvention.com	August 23-25, 2019
CMIA Quarterly Assembly (Hosted by TAUC)	Bayshore Camp	June 2, 2019

***TAUC is soliciting Volunteers to staff the event and Help make it a success! – Details to follow.**

SEE: Paul W. or Arnie G. for further details or information, or visit the **Area 32 Web site:** <http://www.cmia32.org/> for more details and other event(s) information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. PUBLIC INFORMATION ("PI")/OUTREACH COMMITTEE - REPORT

The Program Information/Public Outreach Committee Met at 5:00 pm on March 13, 2019

In attendance: Kay, W, Steve C., Doug M., Kathryn L.

The following items were discussed and Agreed to/acted upon and reported at the Unity Council March Meeting.

Kay W., PI/Outreach Committee Chair, and Alexis R, Asst. Chair, and Members of the Committee provided a verbal report. Highlights included:

- a. **Planning for 2018/2019 - Financial Planning – Annual PI Committee Budget – No Expenses Reported**
- b. **Meeting Schedule/Master Database.** Alexis R. stressed the importance of checking your Groups information, and keeping it Current. Alexis Passed around the **CURRENT DATA Base** for review, correction and comment.

Kay and Alexis passed around the **CURRENT MEETING lists**, as well as **Alcoholics Anonymous Group Information Change Form (F-28 – Revised 7/09 – Interactive)** which will be the basis and "Bones" of the Data set. ALL GSR's are already required to complete these and keep them updated...AND SUBMIT them to AA World Services, and to CMIA 32, and to get any changes to the TAUC WebMistress : info@tauc.org

Alexis asked that additionally, while building the Data Set, that GSR's forward a Copy to her @ flowergirl23.ar@gmail.com SEVERAL Groups Submitted their copies at the meeting! Thank you!

Steve C. reported that he had directly contacted the to secure electronic Secretary and the Registrar from CMIA32 copies of what CMIA 32 had on file for our Groups in Tuscola and Huron Counties. Steve will keep the Council and DCM's apprised of what they send.

- c. **Yearly Calendar Development – Passed Around** at the meeting was the current Copy of the Web-based Calendar of events. It was stressed that your Group's AA related events can and will be posted to the website, but **Groups must forward the information and flyer electronically to the Web Mistress: info@tauc.org**

- d. **Public Information Brochure**

A new TAUC Public Information Brochure is being developed by Kay W, and will be available at the next Council Meeting. The Committee has several upcoming Public Information/Public Outreach Events coming up. Please SEE: The TAUC Calendar and become involved!

- e. **Upcoming Offerings – Volunteers Wanted!**

Hills and Dales Health Fair - April 12, 2018
Harbor Beach Hospital Celebrate our Health Expo - June 7, 2019

- o Steve C and Bob H, as well as Duane from Cass City will be helping in April. OTHERS Encouraged!!
- o Steve C and Gene S will be helping in June...OTHERS Encouraged!

- f. **Literature List for PI Events and Outreach**

AFG – Done

AA – Being developed

- g. **Tim B Distributed TAUC NEWCOMER PACKETS** for individual groups to Add other Group Specific Information for their own Groups in Keeping with the 4'th Tradition. Thank you, Tim.

- h. **Signage/Tablecloths for outreach events Ordered**
4 Table Top Displays for Outreach Events Ordered

i. **New Format for Meeting Lists – Tri-Fold Brochure –**

Copies of the current meeting lists were distributed and will be available, and as always, at the TAUC Meetings. **PRINTABLE Meeting Schedules on the TAUC Website are current, available, and down-loadable.**

j. **NEXT MEETING: 5:00 pm June 11, 2019**

**Upcoming: June 11, 2019
September 10, 2019
December 10, 2019**

2. CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. **Report from Tuscola County: Arnie G. reported** that things are going well at the **Tuscola County Jail**. They are at their maximum capacity of 10, with about a 50/50 representation of Men and Women at the Jail Meetings.
2. **Report from Huron County: Tim B.** reported that he had met directly with Jail Administrative Staff, and have formally **CHANGED THE DAY and TIME of the Huron County Jail AA Meetings to Saturday Evenings. Response by Jail attendees and** has been immediate and very positive. **Up to 7 – 10 men are interested/have attended!!!!** The Council thanked **Tim for the great job!** Other AA's have stepped up to be part of the Rotation going to the Jail. If you wish to become involved too, please see/call Tim. **Well Done!**

3. COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (“CPC”) – REPORT

Distributed and reviewed was the GSO’s guidance for “CPC”. The TAUC BY-Laws specify that the TAUC has such a Committee, and that it’s chair will be appointed by the TAUC Chairperson. Last month, Members of **The Executive Committee discussed** membership and a Chairperson for the Committee. **The Committee Membership is to include the Vice Chair Mark M., Secretary Steve C., PI Chair Kay W, and Treasurer Tim B. at the present. In February, Mark M. had asked Steve C. to interim Chair until the July Election Cycle for TAUC.**

Discussed were two emergent opportunities with the Professional, Law Enforcement and Judicial personnel...including:

1. Responding to a request for information from the Tuscola and Huron County Sobriety Court: Steve C., Mark M., and possibly a third member have been invited to meet with speak with the Leadership Team of the Local Sobriety Court on **May 17, 2019. The Guidances from** the General Services Office describing how AA and the Courts should operate and interact. What AA is...and Isn't...current meeting schedules and our latest informational brochures have been sent to the Judge, and the key liaison staff person. The Council will be kept apprised.
2. Members of the Committee have been discussing other opportunities to better interact with others in the Professional, Legal and other relevant publics. This is not promotion, but education and Cooperation...not co-opting and coordination.
3. The CPC will meet on a quarterly Basis. The **NEXT MEETING will be at 5:00 pm on May 14, 2019 at St. Francis Parish Center, Pigeon.**

4. Future CPC Meetings:

**May 14'th, 2019
August 13'th, 2019
November 12, 2019**

4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - Report

Members of the Executive Committee had met to discuss **future direction and priorities** , including funding, and making recommendations to the TAUC on how to help our local Groups get our focus **“Back to the Basic Roots” of AA**, Focus on emergent needs of our local groups, and any other workshops or tactical and technical supports the TAUC can provide.

At least **two** topics presented themselves from the Groups as **workshop offerings** to be hosted by the TAUC coming into the Spring and Summer:

1. **GSR's Responsibilities and group leadership Techniques Workshop**
2. **Helping Groups better focus on the Core Basics of AA (Where it all comes from...Big Book and 12 Steps and 12 Traditions**

GSR's were reminded to again **PLEASE DISCUSS WITH your Groups what time frames would work best for the Workshops. All interested members are welcome to be a part of the planning and providing the Workshop.**

Further discussed was the need for current leaders to be sure they are keeping an eye out for, and are investing in, having someone cross-trained to back-up core functional responsibilities of the Council.

A couple members have been preliminarily identified to do so, especially in the areas of Program Information/Awareness, Secretary and Web Master. In keeping with our 12 Traditions, there is always capacity... and room... for more.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. TAUC District Area 32, 24 AA Hotline

Arnie G agreed to provide coverage until the **April, 2019 Meeting of the Council**. A replacement will be necessary. Please step up to take your turn in "sharing the carrying" of AA Message. This will be an ongoing discussion item at all TAUC meetings, going forward.

2. Hosting CMIA-32 Quarterly Meeting June 2, 2019 – AT Bay Shore Camp

The TAUC agreed to **HOST the CMIA 32 June, 2, 2019 Quarterly Meeting at Bay Shore Camp in Sebewaing, MI**. Status updates, and logistics will be provided to the Council by the **Planning Group**, comprised of **Bob H., Paul W., Tuscola County DCM, and Arnie G., Huron County DCM Reported Back to the Council** after the first of the year. Plenty of Service opportunities available.

3. UPCOMING TAUC ELECTIONS - 2019 Nominations will be Due May 31, 2019. Elections to be held June 11, 2019

The Secretary will develop and provide Nomination Forms at the Next Meeting of the TAUC, in accordance with the By-Laws.

AA and AL-ANON - Related Announcements, Information Sharing

1. **Kinde Primary Purpose Group will be Hosting their 4'th Annual Anniversary Breakfast Celebration on May 18, 2019 in Kinde. Open Event....all invited to be the Guests of the Group! Details coming.**
2. **All TAUC representatives were reminded that the 2019 Election Cycle will be starting in May, 2019. Upcoming Service Postions include the Chairperson, Secretary and Tuscola County DCM, per the revised by-laws of May, 2018.**

Next Meetings: April 9 , 2019 - 6:00 pm
St. Francis Church Hall Pigeon

Adjournment

There being no further Business, the meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve C.
Secretary