

**Thumb Area Unity Council  
Meeting Minutes  
May 9, 2017  
6:00 pm**

The May, 2017 Business Meeting of the Thumb Area Unity Council was called to order by Chairperson Larry B. at 5:59 pm.

**Roll Call:** A Quorum was Established.

**Groups Represented/Representatives:**

<b>Ron R. TAUC Alt Chair</b>	Cakima Serenity Group AA
<b>Ryan F. GSR</b>	Cakima Serenity Group AA
<b>Larry B. GSR/TAUC Chair</b>	Cass City Group AA
<b>Steve C. GSR/TAUC Secretary</b>	Kinde Primary Purpose Group AA
<b>Darla D.</b>	MI Thumb Area Family Groups AL-ANON
<b>Bruce M. GSR</b>	Old Library Group AA
<b>Mark M. GSR</b>	Port Austin For Such A Time As This Group AA
<b>Tim B. GSR/TAUC Treasurer</b>	Pigeon Group AA
<b>Fred G. GSR</b>	Beaner's and Sebewaing Groups AA
<b>Arnie G. GSR</b>	Wisner and Unionville Groups AA

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

**B. Minutes from the April 11, 2017 meeting of the Council were presented by Steve C.**

**MOTION by Mark M., Supported by Fred G., to Approve the April 11, 2017 minutes:  
Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**C. Treasurer's Report**

With the seating of the **new Treasurer, Tim B.**, effective 05/09/17, pursuant to the election held April 11, 2017 (**please see: April 11, 2017 Minutes**, (referred "above")), it was the concurrence of the Council members in attendance that the April Treasurer's Report be deferred until **ACTION ITEM** under "**New Business**": **Seating of Newly Elected Officers.**

**D. Committee Reports:**

**DCM Committee:**

The Council was reminded of the **65'th Michigan State Convention in Mt. Pleasant, July 28'th, 29'th and 30'th, 2017. SEE: Paul W.** for further details or information, or visit the **Area 32 Web site:** <http://www.cmia32.org/> for more details and other event information.

**Corrections Committee:**

General Discussion was held regarding the need for **Soft Cover** Big Books and Related AA materials for use by inmates while in their cells. Options were discussed.

**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 consistent, and he reported that he was securing a soft cover Big Book for use by the inmates in the blocks.

**Public Information Committee:**

**Larry B.** updated the Council on currently planned and additionally targeted activities for the Upcoming year. Current member ship of **Larry B.** and **Nadine F.** was noted. It was agreed that the Committee could always use additional supports and input in best meeting the informational and educational needs of those we serve. Possible enhancements and additions were explored. **Larry B.** solicited additional members and ideas, and encouraged all who wish to become more involved to contact him or other members of the Committee.

As soon as the Next Meeting of the Committee is scheduled, the membership shall be informed. This will be a discussion and action item for upcoming meetings of the Council.

**E. OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. TAUC District Area 32, 24 AA Hotline**

It was reported that **the TAUC District 24 Hotline was functional** and coverage being provided. Hot line contact answering the Line, **Steve C.** had volunteered to cover the Month of **March, 2017**, and agreed to also cover the Month of **April, 2017**. **Bruce M.** volunteered to assume responsibility for the Hotline for the month of **May, 2017**.

**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. GSR’s are responsible for completing them and submitting them as indicated on the forms.

**Steve C.** also **distributed** the current **AA & AL-ANON – HURON & TUSCOLA COUNTY (Updated 05/2017)** so that any latest revisions and updates could be incorporated into the **TAUC Website** Meeting Listings. 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.

**F. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. TAUC - ELECTIONS - 2017**

**Chairman Larry B reported** that at the April 11, 2017 Meeting of the Council, that two **Council Members were elected** to serve in the following Service Positions of the Council:

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| 1. | Secretary | Steve C. | 05/09/17 – 04/09/19 |
| 2. | Treasurer | Tim B.   | 05/09/17 – 04/09/19 |

**MOTION by Larry B, supported by Arnie G.:**

**That the elected members be seated with immediate effect.**

**Motion Carried.**

## 2. Thumb Area Unity Council Checking Account and Financial Responsibilities – Checking Account Authorizations

Discussion then turned to required and desired changes to Authorizations and Responsibilities related to accountably discharging the responsibilities associated with managing the TAUC's Finances. Current signatories and authorized parties were discussed and options explored. It was the consensus of the Group that with seating the new Treasurer, several changes should be made.

**MOTION by Bruce M, supported by Fred G:**

**Effective May 9, 2017, the Signatories on Chemical Bank Account # 4001195 be changed to the Following:**

**Tim B\*\*\*\*  
John V\*\*\*\*\*  
Larry B\*\*\*\*\***

**AND, that the Signatories are directed to complete the required forms and submit them to the appropriate Chemical Bank Representatives.**

**Motion Carried.**

The Council discussed the **current By Laws** and a wish to revisit their language, at a future date, to better ensure continuity of **Laws Committee**. **Larry B** will convene the Executive Committee and By Laws Committee within the month.

### **G. AA and AI Anon - Related Announcements, Information Sharing**

The Kinde Primary Purpose Group invited all to be their guests at their **Second Anniversary Breakfast Celebration** to be held on **May 20, 2017** starting at 8:30 am, with Breakfast served beginning at 9:00 am. This is an **OPEN EVENT**. Guest Speakers, 50/50 Raffle, good food and plenty of fellowship. Please visit **TAUC.ws Website** for further details, or call **Steve C.: 989.513.4656, Bruce M.: 248.977.6461 Mark M.: 989.768.0570**, or E-mail: [kindeprimarypurpose@gmail.com](mailto:kindeprimarypurpose@gmail.com) for more information.

The Council was reminded of the **First Wednesday of the Month Open Talk Series** put on by the **Bad Axe Repeater's** Group at their 7:00 pm meeting on Nugent Road in Bad Axe.

**Next Meeting:                    June 13, 2017 6:00 pm  
    St. Francis Church Pigeon**

**There being no further Business**, the meeting closed at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve C.  
Secretary