

**Thumb Area Unity Council
Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2018
6:00 pm**

The May, 2018 Business Meeting of the Thumb Area Unity Council was called to order by Larry B., at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call:

A Quorum was Established. Sign in sheet was distributed. All Members continue to be strongly encouraged to keep information current about their group's contact and Meeting Information and forward onto the Web Mistress for Posting on www.tauc.ws Web Mistress Email: info@tauc.ws

Groups Represented/Representatives:

Scott H., GSR	Bad Axe Repeaters AA Group
Fred G., GSR	Beaners and Sebewaing AA Groups
Pam O., GR	Cakima AFG – AL-ANON
Marvin C., GSR	Caro New Freedom AA Group
Chuck H., Member	Caro New Freedom AA Group
Bob H., GSR	Elkton AA Group
Mark M., GSR	For Such A time As This AA Group
Gene S., Member	Hope Haven and Mondays at the Beach AA Groups
Paul B., Member	Hope Haven AA Group
Steve C., GSR/TAUC Secretary	Kinde Primary Purpose Group AA
Tina T., GSR	Mayville Primary Purpose Group AA
Kay W., Chair	Michigan Thumb Area AFG - AL-ANON
Bruce M., GSR	Old Library Group AA
Tim B., GSR/Treasurer	Pigeon Group AA
Paul W. ALT GSR/DCM South	Reese Group AA
Arnie G., ALT GSR	Sebewaing and Wisner Groups AA
Ken H., Member	Sebewaing and Huron Mon Groups AA

A. Tentative Agenda was Distributed and Approved, by Consensus

B. Minutes from April 10, 2018 meeting of the Council were Distributed. Corrections and clarifications were sought and made. **MOTION by Fred G., supported by Bob H., that the Minutes from the April 10, 2018 meeting be approved and posted.**
Motion Carried

C. Treasurer's Report

Tim B., Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending April, 2018

Beginning Balance:	\$1,114.79	
Monthly Revenues:	88.00	
		50.00 Bad Axe Beaners Group AA
		10.00 Bad Axe Repeaters Group AA
		10.00 Caro New Freedom Group AA
		10.00 Reese AA Group AA
		8.00 ½ basket contributions April, 2018
Expenses:	288.00	
		285.00 Clemco Printing – Meeting Booklets, 03/18 edition
		3.00 Monthly Service Charge
Ending Balance:	\$ 914.79	

MOTION by Marv C., supported by Fred G., to Approve the Treasurers Report as presented.: Motion Carried

DCM REPORT:

Paul W., Intra-Area DCM - Tuscola, presented the Committee Report, including handouts from CMIA 32. Included were the Minutes from the Central Michigan Intra-Area 32 Assembly Meeting of February 4, 2018 in Corunna, MI, hosted by District 10, and will report on the April 8, 2018 meeting in Flint.

Next CMIA-Area 32 Assembly Meeting: **June 3, 2018**
 District 28
 Senior Center
 421 Pineview Ct.
 Hillman MI 49746

Upcoming Events:

MCYPAA: **November 23-25, 2018**
 Grand Rapids, MI

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(s) information.

Paul W discussed with the Council whether the TAUC would again wish to host an upcoming Area Assembly, noting the Guidelines for Hosting an Area Assembly. The Consensus of the Group was “yes”, and requested that Paul Bring us more information and keep the Council apprised.

OTHER Announcements:

Michigan State Convention of AA 2018, in Conjunction with the East Central Regional Conference

Hosted by: Area 32 – Central Michigan <http://www.cmia32.org>
Date: August 24'th to August 26'th, 2018
Location: Kalamazoo Radisson Plaza Hotel
 100 W. Michigan Ave
 Kalamazoo, MI 49007
Contact: Russ L. 231.798.3961 or Erin H. 313.574.3571 or <http://www.cmia32.org>

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE

The Public Information Committee met at 5:00 pm on May 8, 2018

Meeting was called to Order by Chairperson Larry B . at 5:00 pm

MINUTES:

In Attendance:

Larry B., Chairperson
Steve C., Secretary
Mark M., GSR For Such A Time As This
Tim B, Treasurer
Tina T., GSR, Mayville Primary Purpose
Bob H, GSR Elkton
Pam O., GR Cakima Al-Anon FG
Kay W., Chair MI Thumb Area AFG

The May 8, 2018 Public Information Committee Agenda was distributed and approved.

Significant Items, Discussion, Actions and Recommendations:

1. Focusing on other Area for Outreach

Discussion was held around targeting Medical Providers, as well as the Clergy, for strategic Outreach activities going forward. This will be an ongoing area for Discussion and Targeting by the PI Committee. It Was noted that **September is National Recovery Month**. Further, discussion were held about the Senior Health Fairs, including the one Held at Hills and Dales Hospital, and the Harbor Beach Community Hospital Spring Health Fair 9AA and Al-Anon), and the July 22-28 Tuscola County Fair (Display Only). **Kay W. also** volunteered to share information from the Al-Anon Family Group's Data base, in accordance with **Al-Anon Guideline G-3**, "Cooperation between Al-Anon and AA".

2. UPDATING Telephone Directories and other Public and Printed Media

The Committee reviewed current Printed Media listening, including **Telephone Directories and Other Printed and Internet Based Media**. The Committee noted that the majority of our new potential members and requests for information are sought thru the TAUC Website. www.tauc.ws, and through like Internet Based sharing vehicles. Committee Members shall keep an eye out for these and suggest and facilitate modifications when necessary. **Wherever possible, we should be directing people to the Web-site**, where information and contacts as well as upcoming events, activities, notices and general information on AA and AL-ANON can be kept current, timely and relevant.

3. UPDATED MEETING BOOKLETS

These were distributed. The Committee had reviewed and approved creation of a "**Five-Fold Meetings Flyer**" at their April, 2018 Meeting which will take the place of the costly, and constantly in need of updating, printed ones. **Steve C reported** that these are **being developed and put into practice by Late-Summer**, with a DRAFT for Committee Review and Input at the JULY, 2018 TAUC PI Committee Meeting. The Secretary offered to make sure that copies would be available at Upcoming Meetings of the TAUC for GSR's that may not have access to a printer. **Tim/TAUC will continue with the Welcome Wallets.** .

4. DEVELOPMENT OF AN ANNUAL CALENDAR OF PUBLIC IFORMATION OUTREACH EVENTS AND ACTIVITES for Calendar Year 2018

It was reported that the **PUBLIC IFORMATION OUTREACH EVENTS AND ACTIVITES of the TAUC Calendar of Events** has been developed and is now posted on the TAUC Web Site. Thanks to Web-mistress Kathy L are to be conveyed, as well as to Kay W. It was requested that **Hard Copies** be made available upon request.

Kathy L, Web Mistress asks that any **additions/changes/deletions** should be **Forwarded, via E-mail, in electronic Format to the Web Mistress via info@tauc.ws**. The Calendar is already being Populated with events, and Flyers have been attached and embedded therein.

Discussion turned toward **PLANS and COMMITMENTS for Upcoming TAUC Events and Staffing of Public Information Events**

Offered as potentially of Interest and of Note, with Tentative to Date:

April 14, 2018	Hills and Dales Health Fair/Day – Discussed
May 4-6, 2018	Michigan Al-Anon/Alateen Family Groups State Convention – Will attend
May 9, 2018	Harbor Beach Community Hospital – Discussed
July 22 -28, 2018	Tuscola County Fair – Need Volunteers to Display Info
September, 2018	National Recovery Month
October 11, 2018	Tuscola County Community Services Expo – at Colwood - Need Volunteers
November 10, 2018	Project Connect – Bad Axe - Need Volunteers

These will be further explored by the Committee, with staffing, logistics and resource commitments explored in upcoming meetings.

5. Expectations of Participation by All Members of the TAUC in Carrying the Message

Discussion turned to how we can best solicit ongoing participation from ALL TAUC Members in carrying the Message. Expanding the Participation on the Public Information Committee and having Members step up and assume responsibility on behalf of the TAUC, as a part of our 12'th step duties, was stressed.

It was noted that following the TAUC Elections in June, the Chairman will be making Committee Assignments and Soliciting participation, but the Committee, and the TAUC, will always accommodate and include interested souls.

Anyone wishing to share their Talents, Perspective and Gifts would be most welcome....anytime.

6. **Kay W** Reminded all that there an Organizational Meeting being held immediately following the regular TAUC General Business Meeting, and concurrently with the regular Al-Anon Family Group Pigeon Meeting at 7:00 pm An ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING to discuss the formation of a NEW Al-Anon Group for Eastern Huron County on May 8, 2018. All interested persons were again encouraged to attend.

NEXT PI COMMITTEE MEETING: June 12, 2018 – 5:00 pm

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned at 5:58 pm

CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE:

Tim B. reported that at **Huron County Jail**, attendance is consistently very low, of late. Discussion was held on enhancing participation, and importantly, getting additional AAs to provide Jail service. This will be an ongoing topic for the Corrections Committee.

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.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. TAUC District Area 32, 24 AA Hotline

Larry B.. agreed to provide coverage for May, 2018. Plan for coverage going forward will be discussed at upcoming meetings of the Council.

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

Steve C. again distributed the current **AA & AL-ANON – HURON & TUSCOLA COUNTY Meeting Listing (Updated 03/2018)** so that any group's latest revisions and updates could be incorporated into the **TAUC Website Meeting Listings**. If you have changes for your group, contact the Web/mistress at: info@tauc.ws

3. TAUC Elections - 2018

It was noted that TAUC Elections will be June, 12, 2018 Meeting of the TAUC. ALL Eligible Voters were Encouraged to ATTEND!

Larry B convened the Nominating Committee, and distributed Nominations Forms for the two Positions up for Election in June, 2018: Vice Chairperson and Huron County District Committee Member.

Nominations were solicited. The Nominations form will also be posted to the TAUC WebSite in accordance with the Revised By Laws, for Review of the Nominations Committee and action of the Council at the June, 12, 2018 Meeting.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

A request for reimbursement in the amount of \$16.30 by Secretary **Steve C** for Ink/Printing Supplies was submitted, and approved, for reimbursement.

G. AA and AL-ANON - Related Announcements, Information Sharing

The Kinde Primary Purpose Group will again be hosting it's **Third Annual Anniversary Celebration** this year. A breakfast will once again be provided, 50/50, door prizes, etc.as well as a **noted Guest Speaker**. **More Details will be available soon.**

Hosted by: Kinde Primary Purpose AA Group
Date: Saturday, May 19, 2018
Time: Time 8:30am – Noon'ish
Location: St. Peter's Lutheran Church
5098 Dwight St.
Kinde, MI 48445
Contact: Bruce M., 248.977.6461, Mark M., 989.768.0570, Steve C., 989.513.4656, or
kindeprimarypurpose@gmail.com
(Flyer Distributed)

Next Meeting: June 10, 2018
6:00 pm
St. Francis Church Hall Pigeon

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve C.
Secretary