

**Thumb Area Unity Council
Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2017
6:00 pm**

The August, 2017 Business Meeting of the Thumb Area Unity Council was called to order by Chairperson Larry B. at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call:

A Quorum was Established. Sign in sheets and an Updated TAUC Meeting Directory were distributed for review and corrections were made and noted. All Members continued to be strongly encouraged to keep information current and forward onto the Web Mistress for Posting on www.tauc.ws Web Mistress Email: info@tauc.ws

Groups Represented/Representatives:

Ryan F. GSR	Cakima Serenity Group AA
Neil H. GSR	Caseville Group AA
Larry B. GSR/TAUC Chair	Cass City Group AA
Ron R. Alt. Chair	Cass City Group AA
Robert A.	Cass City Group
Steve C. GSR/TAUC Secretary	Kinde Primary Purpose Group AA
Tim B. GSR/TAUC Treasurer	Pigeon Group AA
Bruce M. GSR	Port Austin Old Library Group AA
Paul W. ALT GSR/DCM South	Reese AA Group
Ken H. GSR	Sebewaing AA Group
Keith Z.	Sebewaing AA Group
Fred G., GSR	Sebewaing and Beaners AA Groups
Arnie G. GSR	Wisner and Unionville Groups AA

A. Tentative Agenda was Distributed and Approved, by Consensus

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

MOTION by Ryan F., Supported by Paul W., to Approve the July 11, 2017 Minutes as presented, with correction, and post them to the TAUC Website. Further, the Secretary is authorized to post PRELIMINARY August Meeting Minutes, subject to correction at the September Meeting : Motion Carried Unanimously.

C. Treasurer's Report

Tim B., Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending July, 2017

Beginning Balance:	\$ 977.66	
Monthly Revenues:	117.00	
		100.00 Bad Axe Sacred Heart AA
		10.00 Caro New Freedom AA
		7.00 ½ basket contributions July, 2017
Expenses:	50.70	
		15.98 Steve C. Authorized Printing Supplies reimbursement
		31.78 Larry B. Authorized Printing Supplies reimbursement
		3.00 Chemical BANK Service Charge
Ending Balance:	\$ 1,043.96	

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

D. Committee Reports:

DCM Committee:

Paul W., Southern DCM, presented the Committee Report.

Paul noted the following:

July 28 - 30th, 2017 65th Michigan State Convention - Report

Paul W. reported that the event was well attended (561 registered attendees) and informative. A written Report was provided. **Paul** reported on his participation on the Grapevine Committee and Solicited, on behalf of the CMIA Area 32 Assembly, Input from the membership that would our Area Assembly Meetings more attractive to Attend across our Central Michigan Area. A form was provided. Should you wish to provide feedback, contact Paul W directly, or visit the Area 32 Website directly at <http://www.cmia32.org/>

Paul W. requested reimbursement for reasonable out of pocket mileage expenses incurred attending the event.

MOTION by Fred G, supported by Arnie G., to reimburse Paul W. \$30.00 in out of pocket mileage expenses incurred attending the event. MOTION CARRIED

Upcoming Events

Next CMIA Quarterly Assembly, Hosted by District 8 – Livingston County

October 1, 2017 Livingston EMS Headquarters Facility
9:00 am to 4:00 pm 1911 Tooley Road
Howell, MI 48843

October 13-15th, 2017 Mackinac Island 29th Annual Fall Weekend
Flyers Distributed Island House Hotel
Mackinac Island, MI
Hosted by Lansing Central AA Office
c/o: 1915 E. Michigan Avenue
Lansing, MI. 48912
Call: 517.377.1444

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.

Corrections Committee:

Tim B. reported on Huron County. Jail attendance is consistent, going well and reported that additional literature and materials are available.

Arnie G. reported that things are going well at the **Tuscola County Jail**. They are 3 (three) participants above their maximum capacity of 10, and with addressing certain logistics, are able to serve both male and female inmates.

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. The Committee is always interested in additional members and ideas, and encouraged all who wish to become more involved to contact him or other members of the Committee.

Larry B. reported on the **Tuscola County Fair, July 23-29, 2017**. **Larry** reported that the Non-manned booth was adequately provided with Information materials.

Larry B. thanked everyone who helped get the Summer/Visitors Informational Campaign materials out in our area.

Tim B. brought in and distributed to those in attendance, the authorized and ordered **Welcome Wallets** and all are encouraged to contact **Tim B.** directly for additional packets.

IT WAS NOTED that next Month, TAUC will be ordering the next batch of TAUC Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon Group Meetings Booklets. It's important to keep your information current so that the Booklets can be published with current information and minimal inaccuracies. All were reminded that meetings need to have been in effect and operational for 12 months to be published in the Actual Paper Directory, but can be posted to the TAUC Website sooner.

Steve C. once again encouraged all groups to review and update their Group information and forward it on to the TAUC Web Mistress at info@tauc.ws for posting on the Website www.tauc.ws GSR's were reminded to be sure to complete the **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS GROUP INFORMATION CHANGE FORM (Form F-28)** available on the TAUC Website and submit the changes as instructed on the Form to include your changes in the GSO National and Area Directories and data bases.

The Program Information Committee will provide additional updates to the Council Membership.

E. OLD BUSINESS:

1. TAUC District Area 32, 24 AA Hotline

During the Month of July, 2017, **Arnie G.** had responsibility for the Hotline. **Arnie G.,** arranged for **Fran H.** to cover the Hotline for the Month of August, 2017. **Arnie G.** will facilitate the transfer. **September, 2017 Coverage** will be discussed at the September Meeting.

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

Steve C. stated that he had 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 Meeting Listing (Updated 06/2017)** so that any group's 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.

3. TAUC Workshop for 2017 – Twelve Traditions

Larry B. and Ryan F reported on "The Twelve Traditions" Workshop sponsored by the TAUC and Hosted by the **Cakima Serenity Home** on **Saturday, August 5, 2017.** It was as a successful event, with 40-50 people participating. **Ryan F and Larry B** thanked all who contributed to it's success.

Expenditures were reviewed. The TAUC had authorized a budget of up to \$100.00 to support the event. **Larry B.** requested reimbursement for his ACTUAL out of pocket expenses (primarily Chicken Purchased for the Event).

MOTION by Steve C., supported by Neil H, to reimburse Larry B. \$50.00 (fifty) for his ACTUAL out of pocket expenses. MOTION CARRIED.

The Council Thanked **Ryan and Larry** for their service and commitment.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

1. NEXT TAUC Workshop for 2017

NOTED WELL:

The Council Membership in attendance discussed areas for content, process and related logistics for the next TAUC Workshop. The Membership in attendance achieved **Consensus on the following:**

Time is of Essence for Planning and Promotion. A **Target Date of late October (Saturday, October 28) or, early November (November 4) was agreed to. Consequently, Input from Groups is necessary this Month.**

Possible Workshop Topical Areas included, but aren't limited to, "Inventory and Restitution", "Strategies for Creating a Culture of Service within Groups", "Strategies for Fulfilling GSR Responsibilities" and any other topics.

It was Expressly reiterated that **in keeping with our AA Traditions, and the AA Guidelines for Service, each GSR should go back to their Home Groups and Solicit the Input of their Membership on their topical preferences for this Workshop** to best meet their Group's Needs.

It was the consensus of those in attendance that the General Location of the Workshop should be in the **more Northern** area of our Tuscola and Huron Counties Service Area.

MOTION by Bruce M., Supported by Larry B., with Concurrence of GSR Steve C., that the next TAUC Workshop be Scheduled for October 28'th at the Kinde Primary Purpose AA Group Location, and that all GSR's solicit the input of their AA Groups for Any and All Possible Topics and bring that input to the NEXT TAUC MEETNG on September 12, 2017, or convey same to the Secretary Steve C @ sjormier0523@gmail.com or the Webmistress @ info@tauc.ws so that a Planning Group can be convened.

MOTION CARRIED Unanimously

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

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.

The **Old Library Group** invited all to be their guests at their **28'th Annual Labor Day Picnic Celebration** to be held on **Monday, September 4, 2017** starting at **Noon (til Whenever)** at **Bird Creek County Park in Port Austin**. **FLYERS** were distributed. This will again be an **OPEN EVENT. The GROUP WILL PROVIDE, BURGERS, KOEGEL VIENNAS, GRILLED CHICKEN, GRILLED VEGGIES, ETC ETC AND SODA POP. Feel free to bring your family and others, along with a dish to pass,** if you are so inclined. 50/50 Raffle, great food and plenty of fellowship. Please visit the TAUC Web Site www.tauc.ws for additional E-Flyers; or for further details, call **Steve C.: 989.513.4656, Bruce M.: 248.977.6461** and/or **Mark M.: 989.768.0570,** or E-mail: oldlibrarygroup@gmail.com for more information.

Neil H. reminded everyone of the upcoming 20'th Annual Men's Retreat – Friends of Bill W.. Neil will explore getting notices and registration materials posted to the TAUC Website per the Consensus of the TAUC Council at both the July and August 2017 meetings.

September 29'th, 30'th and October 1'st, 2017

Bay Shore Camp

450 N. Miller Rd

Sebewaing, MI 48759-0624

For Further Information: Gary O. 989.863.0023 or John R. 989.872.2993

Ryan F. reminded everyone of the NEW Cakima Serenity Home BIG BOOK Study OPEN MEETING. Steve C and Ryan F will put together a flyer for the new offering and see that it is posted to the TAUC Website, as well as be available for Distribution to other Groups.

Mayville	BIG BOOK Study
TUE	Cakima Serenity Home
8:15-9:15 pm	3800 Lee Hill Rd, ½ Mile S of M-24
Open Meeting	989.551.5932 or 989.460.7566

Next Meeting: September 12, 2017 6:00 pm
St. Francis Church Pigeon

Neil H. informed the Council that there would be an upcoming Jellinek Presentation with Details forthcoming and to be posted to the Website. Stay tuned!! Please visit the Website www.tauc.ws or contact Neil for further information or details.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve C.
Secretary