

**Thumb Area Unity Council  
Meeting Minutes  
August 14, 2018  
6:00 pm**

The August, 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](http://www.tauc.ws) Web Mistress Email: [info@tauc.ws](mailto:info@tauc.ws)

**Groups Represented/Representatives:**

Scott H., GSR	Bad Axe Repeaters AA Group
Fred G., GSR	Clean Bean and Sebewaing AA Groups
Ryan F., GSR	Cakima Serenity Home AA Group
Marvin C., GSR	Caro New Freedom AA Group
Chuck H., Member	Caro New Freedom AA Group
Larry B., GSR/Chairperson	Cass City AA Group
Bob H., GSR	Elkton AA Group
Mark M., GSR/Vice-Chairperson	For Such A time As This AA Group
Steve C., GSR/TAUC Secretary	Kinde Primary Purpose Group AA
Alexis R., ALT GSR	Mayville Primary Purpose Group AA
Kay W., Chair	MI Thumb Area AL-Anon Family Groups
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/DCM North	Sebewaing and Wisner Groups AA
Ken H., Member	Sebewaing and Huron Mon Groups AA
Kathy L, Web Mistress/GSR	Uibly Sober Hicks AA Group

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

**B. Minutes from July 10, 2018** meeting of the Council were Distributed. Corrections and clarifications were sought and made. **MOTION by Fred G., supported by Arnie G., that the Minutes from the June 12, 2018 meeting be approved and posted. Motion Carried**

**C. Treasurer's Report**

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

Beginning Balance:	\$ 1,140.49	
Monthly Revenues:	212.00	
		10.00 Cakima Serenity Home Group AA
		10.00 Caro New Freedom Group AA
		180.00 Pigeon AA Group
		5.00 Reese AA Group AA
		7.00 ½ basket contributions July, 2018
Expenses:	3.00	
		3.00 Monthly Bank Analyst Fee/Service Charge
Ending Balance:	\$ 1,349.49	

**MOTION by Paul W., supported by Scott H., to Approve the Treasurers Report as presented.: Motion Carried**

**DCM's REPORTS**

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

Paul W reported on the CMIA Meeting held August 5, 2018 in Houghton Lake, MI. **Nominations are being solicited** for leadership positions in CMIA 32 for the upcoming year. **Nominations will take place Sunday, October 7, 2018 at Bay City Central High School, with Elections slated for December Quarterly Meeting. More details to follow..** For more information or to express your interest to serve, contact Paul W or Arnie G., or contact CMIA-32 directly.

## Upcoming Events:

<b>31<sup>st</sup> Annual Tri-County Conference</b>	<b>September 28-30, 2018</b> <b>The Whyndam Garden</b> <b>34911 Van Dyke</b> <b>Sterling Heights, MI</b>
<b>Michigan STATEWIDE AA Corrections Workshop</b>	<b>Saturday, October 27, 2018</b> <b>Hosted by Area 32</b> <b>United Methodist Church</b> <b>314 Whyte Street</b> <b>Pinconning, MI 48650</b>
<b>MCYPAA XL:</b>	<b>November 23-25, 2018</b> <b>Amway Grand Hotel</b> <b>Grand Rapids, MI 49514</b>

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.

**Paul W. and Arnie G. distributed** Group Change Forms to be completed by GSR's and forwarded on to the Area Assembly and the General Services Office and copied to the TAUC Web Mistress for updating Groups Information. It is Important for Groups, and Area District Representatives, to keep this information current and accurate for dissemination if Meeting and Membership information across our Network.

## D. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE

The Committee met at 5:00 pm on August 14, 2018.

#### **Substantive Issues Discussed/Decided:**

**The Committee will formally meet every three months**, going forward, with the **NEXT PI MEETING** scheduled for **November 13, 2018 at 5:00 pm.** **Additionally,** The Committee members will meet and regularly be in touch with each other on an as needed basis to carry out the activities and responsibilities of the Committee, and achieve objectives.

The Committee **reviewed and gave input** into a draft of the **New Printable Format Combination Informational Flyer and Meeting Listing Brochure** to replace the printing of booklets. The Format will be available to all Publics on the TAUC website, once finalized. **Steve C.** will meet/chat with the Web Mistress **Kathy L.**, once finalized.

The Committee reviewed and discussed **upcoming Informational Opportunities, including:**

<b>September, 2018</b>	<b>National Recovery Month</b>
<b>October 11, 2018</b>	<b>Tuscola County Community Services Expo – at Colwood - Need Volunteers</b>
<b>November 10, 2018</b>	<b>Project Connect – Bad Axe - Need Volunteers</b>

**PI COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:** Discussed was our continual need and wish to be inclusive and encourage all TAUC Members as well as other AAs to become involved in providing a hand in carrying the AA Message. Carrying the message is every AA's responsibility.

**Alexis R., Steve C., Bob H., Mark M.** voiced their wishes to provide service with the Committee. In the very recent past, Kay W., Fred G., Kathryn L., and several others have expressed their willingness to serve. It was stressed that we are inclusive and the Committee welcomes and encourages participation and contributions of effort and talent from all in our Area. Kindly step up and Help Carry the Message.

### **UPDATING Telephone Directories and other Public and Printed Media**

All in attendance were reminded that the majority of our new potential members and requests for information are sought thru the TAUC Website. [www.tauc.ws](http://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

The Committee reviewed the need to update the **Telephone Directory Listings in the Thumbs Up Directories for Tuscola and Huron Counties.** Assignments were made, and the Committee will report back next month.

## ANNUAL CALENDAR OF PUBLIC INFORMATION OUTREACH EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES for Calendar Year 2018

At the Meeting, the **PUBLIC INFORMATION OUTREACH EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES of the TAUC Calendar of Events** on the TAUC.WS website were reviewed, with **Hard Copies** of the Calendar distributed by the Secretary. All were reminded to **POST THEIR activities by contacting** the Web Mistress at [info@tauc.ws](mailto:info@tauc.ws). **(HAND OUT)**

**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](mailto:info@tauc.ws)**. The Calendar is already being Populated with events, and Flyers have been attached and embedded therein.

### PI COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON – ACTION BY THE CHAIRPERSON:

Per the TAUC By-Laws, annually, the Chairperson is responsible at the July Meeting to assign the Committee Chairperson. After having the opportunity to explore and evaluate candidates. **Chairperson Larry B. recommended Kay W., as PI Committee Chairperson for the current term ending July, 2019, with Alexis R. serving in an Alternate/Back-up capacity.** Both accepted. The Council thanked them for stepping up.

**NEXT PI COMMITTEE MEETING: November 13, 2018 – 5:00 pm**

### CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE:

Per the TAUC By-Laws, last month, **Larry B.** assigned **Nadine F.** as the **Corrections Committee Chairperson** for the current Year. In her absence, **Tim B. and Arnie G.** gave the Corrections Committee Report.

**Tim B. reported** that at **Huron County Jail**, attendance had been consistently very low to non-existent. TAUC has had capacity to serve, but no one to serve. However, **Tim B. reported meeting with Sheriff Kelly Hansen** and is **working with Huron County Jail Staff**, and is lining up AA members interested in servicing inmates at the Jail. Tim is optimistic, and will keep the Council apprised..

**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.

The Corrections Committee Chairperson will address these and other issues with the participating members From Huron and Tuscola County, and meet with County and Law enforcement/Jail Personnel as appropriate.

### COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (“CPC”

**Committee Chairperson – Discussion was held.** To have been appointed by the Chairperson at the August 14, 2018 meeting, but deferred until the September, 11, 2018 meeting by the Chairperson.

#### E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

**Tina T. agreed to provide coverage for August, 2018.** Discussed was whether the Plan for coverage might entail a longer than a month responsibility going forward, and 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 07/2018)** 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](mailto:info@tauc.ws) It was noted that keeping this current will be crucial as we will be moving toward a **Downloadable Flyer for Meetings** in our Area.

##### 3. Hosting CMIA-32 Quarterly Meeting June 2, 2019 – AT Bayshore Camp

**At the July 10, 2018 meeting of the TAUC** the TAUC agreed to **HOST the CMIA 32 June, 2, 2019 Quarterly Meeting at Bay Shore Camp in Sebawaing, MI.**

Options and logistics were explored. Per the recommendation of the **Planning Group**, comprised of **Bob H., Paul W., Tuscola County DCM, and Arnie G., Huron County DCM Reported Back to the Council.**

**Cost parameters and logistics were discussed, including the need to secure a Commitment of Space for the event with Bayshore.**

**Motion by Bruce M., supported by Steve C.,** that the Planning Group reserve the Facility for those Dates, and authorized an initial **DEPOSIT of TAUC FUNDS** in the amount of **\$200.00 (two-hundred dollars)**, and Bring Back to the Council necessary Agreements and Terms for Councils Approval. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**F. AA and AL-ANON - Related Announcements, Information Sharing**

**1. NEW AL-ANON MEETING in EASTERN HURON COUNTY**

As anticipated last month, Al-Anon Family Groups has launched a New AL-Anon Family Group in Port Hope Michigan.

**Tuesdays**            **4250 Lakeshore Dr/M-25**  
**7:00 pm**            **(Fire Hall) Port Hope, MI**  
**989.553.5279 989.912.5478**

**2. Port Austin Area AA Annual Labor Day Picnic – 29<sup>th</sup> Annual – OPEN Event**

**Monday**            **September 3, 2018**  
**Noon - ?**            **Bird Creek County Park**  
**Port Austin, MI**  
**989.513.4656, 989.768.0570, 248.977.6461**

**Downloadable Flyers Distributed and Posted to the TAUC Calendar and Website**

**3. Port Austin AA MEETINGS – Changes in Times and Locations**

**The 7:00 pm Monday and Friday Meetings**  
**(Formerly held at the Old Air Force Base)**  
**Have Relocated to the Port Austin Old Gymnasium Building**

**Old Gymnasium Building**  
**8861 Arch St**  
**Port Austin, MI 48467**  
**Mondays and Fridays, 7:00 pm**  
**Phone/Text: 248.977.6461 or 989.768.0570**

**Tuesday 12 and 12 Study Meeting – NOW 10:00 am**  
**(Formerly held at the Old Air Force Base)**  
**Has Changed Time and Relocated to:**

**St. Michael's Parish Center**  
**8661 Independence St.**  
**Port Austin, MI 48467**  
**Tuesdays, 10:00 am**  
**Phone/Text: 989.513.4656 or 989.768.0570**

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**Next Meeting:**            **September 11, 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