

**Thumb Area Unity Council
Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2017
6:00 pm**

The October, 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:

Fred G. GSR	Beaners and Sebewaing AA Groups
Ryan F. GSR	Cakima Serenity Group AA
Marvin C. GSR	Caro New Freedom Group AA
Neil H. GSR	Caseville Group AA
Larry B. GSR/TAUC Chair	Cass City Group AA
Ron R. TAUC Alt Chair	Cass City Group AA
Scott Hutchinson	Cass City Group AA
Darla D. GR	Harmony Hunters Group AL-ANON
Steve C. GSR/TAUC Secretary	Kinde Primary Purpose Group AA
Kay W. GR	Michigan Thumb Area AFG Al-ANON
Tim B. GSR/TAUC Treasurer	Pigeon Group AA
Paul W. ALT GSR/DCM South	Reese AA Group
Ken H. GSR	Sebewaing Group AA
Keith Z.	Sebewaing Group AA
Arnie G. ALT GSR	Sebewaing and Wisner Groups AA
Kathy L. GSR/TAUC Web Mistress	Ubly Sober Hicks Group AA

- A. **Tentative Agenda was Distributed and Approved, by Consensus**
- B. **Minutes from the September 12, 2017** meeting of the Council were presented by **Steve C.**

**MOTION by Arnie G., Supported by Ryan F., to Approve the September 12, 2017 Minutes as presented.
Motion Carried Unanimously**

C. Treasurer's Report

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

Beginning Balance:	\$ 1,052.97	
Monthly Revenues:	143.00	
		10.00 Caro New Freedom Group AA
		100.00 Old Library Group AA
		5.00 Reese Group AA
		20.00 Vassar Learning to Live AA Group
		8.00 ½ basket contributions September, 2017

Expenses: 182.86

159.86 Kathy L. – Annual TAUC Domain Name, Web-Hosting Service
20.00 State of MI – TAUC Annual Non-Profit Licensing Renewal
3.00 Chemical BANK Service Charge

Ending Balance: \$ 1,013.11

**MOTION by Arnie 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.

Upcoming Events

Next CMIA Quarterly Assembly, Hosted by District 2 – Lenawee County

**Date: December 3, 2017
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Where: Clinton High School
340 E. Michigan Ave
Clinton, MI 49236**

Flyer attached

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. and Larry B reported that things are going well at the **Tuscola County Jail**. They are at their maximum capacity of 10. It was reported that staff “were better coordinating meetings” to assure that the PRIMARY Purpose for attendance by the Inmates was to focus on AA and the Program’s Principles. Currently, there is about a 50/50 representation of Men and Women at the Jail Meetings.

Public Information Committee:

Larry B. updated the Council on currently planned and additionally targeted activities for the Upcoming year. Specifically:

**TUSCOLA COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES COMMUNITY EXPO
October 12, 2017
10:00 am to 1:30 pm
Colwood United Brethren Church
1840 Colwood Road
Caro, MI 48723**

Larry B. reported that they had adequate Literature and were looking forward to the event.

Discussion turned to strategies for enhancing coordination, and supporting, the Public Information Activities for both AA and Al-Anon, by the TAUC. Kay W. of MI Thumb Area Al-Anon Family Groups spoke to the ability to cross promote AA and Al-Anon in our informational offerings. Kay, Larry and others described efforts at integration of efforts, as practical, including the Upcoming TAUC Work Shop on October 28, 2017, and the Tuscola County Human Services Expo October 12, 2017. Here has been a long standing history and commitment to sharing information, talent and resources.

It was the concurrence of those in attendance that we continue to seek out and support such efforts going forward.

Motion by Steve C, Supported by Fred G, to allocate 100.00 in funding to MI Thumb Area Al-Anon Family Groups for AL-ANON Public Outreach Literature **MOTION CARRIED Unanimously**

New Meeting Booklets, Revised 9/17 (Salmon in color) were Distributed at the Meeting. Noted was the addition of the HOTLINE Number and several new meetings. It was additionally noted that the TAUC continues to list several meetings AA and Al-Anon meetings from our neighboring District in Sanilac County. Web Mistress **Kathy L** reminded the Council members that the TAUC Website has active Links to our Neighboring District phone numbers and information sharing. It was the concurrence of the group that this is a good practice and should be continued.

Steve C. updated the Council on the status of printing supplies and materials, requesting out of pocket reimbursement for paper and ink supplies adequate for the next 6 months of TAUC Secretary printing.

Motion by Neil H., Supported by Fred G, to reimburse **Steve C,** in the amount of \$ 32.68 for out pocket printing expenses. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

Kay W., MI Thumb Area Family Groups, announced that the next Al-Anon State Convention will be held in May, 2018 at Shanty Creek, MI, and that Requests for Panelists are being released. More information will be forthcoming.

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

All members were reminded that the 2020 International AA Convention will be held in Detroit Michigan and that there will be plenty of opportunities for our local involvement. Stay tuned.

E. OLD BUSINESS:

1. TAUC District Area 32, 24 AA Hotline

During the Month of **September, 2017, Fran H. had agreed** to continue to cover the **Hotline and will do so for October. November 2017 Coverage** will be discussed at the next Meeting.

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

Steve C. distributed the current **AA & AL-ANON – HURON & TUSCOLA COUNTY Meeting Listing (Updated 09/2017)** so that any group's latest revisions and updates could be incorporated into the **TAUC Website Meeting Listings.** Several Participants updated their information.

NEXT TAUC WORKSHOP – October 28, 2017 –“Taking Inventory – Making Restitution”

At the August, 2017 and September 2017 Regular Business Meetings of the TAUC, solicitations for training topics were solicited and it was decided that the Kinde Primary Purpose Group would Host the Event, with a Date of October 28, 2017. TAUC committed 75.00 toward facility use charge, as well as a willingness to support a portion of food costs.

FORMAT AND CONTENT OF THE WORKSHOP were discussed.

The Workshop will Focus on the areas of **“TAKING INVENTORY and MAKING RESTITUTION”**, (focusing on AA Steps 4, 8, 9 and 10) with a Mixed Speakers Panel of AL-ANON, Seasoned AA, and Newer AA members sharing their perspectives and Experiences, with a Question and Answers/Lessons Learned Format would be a suitable approach. This will be an **Open Workshop** involving all of our local **AA and AI-ANON** Group’s and other interested Parties. Luncheon would be provided. A Sign –up sheet was distributed.

“TAKING INVENTORY and MAKING RESTITUTION”

Saturday, October 28, 2017

Noon to 4:00 pm

St. Peter’s Lutheran Church

5098 Dwight St.

Kinde, MI 48445

FLYERS Were Distributed, POSTSED to the TAUC Website and E-Mailed to several of our members and partners.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

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.

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For more information: Bruce M.: 248.977.6461 Peg H.: 989.550.4617 Mark M.: 989.768.0570 Steve C.: 989.513.4656

New Meeting - AA Big Book Study – Flyers Posted to Website and Distributed

Mayville	BIG BOOK Study/12+12
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: November 14, 2017 6:00 pm
St. Francis Church Pigeon

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve C.
Secretary