

**Thumb Area Unity Council
Meeting Minutes**

**November 14, 2017
6:00 pm**

The November, 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
Larry B. GSR/TAUC Chair	Cass City Group AA
Steve C. GSR/TAUC Secretary	Kinde Primary Purpose Group AA
Kay W. GR	Michigan Thumb Area AFG - AI-ANON
Bruce M. GSR	Old Library Group AA
Tim B. GSR/TAUC Treasurer	Pigeon Group AA
Jeff R. GSR	Port Hope and Harbor Beach AA Groups
Paul W. ALT GSR/DCM South	Reese AA Group
Ruth W.	Reese AA Group
Arnie G. ALT GSR	Sebewaing and Wisner Groups AA

A. Tentative Agenda was Distributed and Approved, by Consensus

- B. Minutes from October 10, 2017** meeting of the Council were presented by **Steve C.** Corrections and clarifications were discussed and noted.

MOTION by Arnie G., Supported by Ryan F., to Approve the October 10, 2017 Minutes as presented, subject to Corrections.

Motion Carried Unanimously

C. Treasurer's Report

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

Beginning Balance:	\$ 1,013.11	
Monthly Revenues:	75.00	
		10.00 Caro New Freedom Group AA
		25.00 Bad Axe Sacred Heart
		10.00 Cakima Serenity Home Group AA
		20.00 Sebewaing AA Group
		10.00 ½ basket contributions October, 2017
Expenses:	350.68	
		285.00 Clemco Printing 9/17 Booklets
		30.00 Pam O – Booth Rental Reimbursement
		32.68 Steve C – Treasurer/TAUC Ink and Paper reimbursement
Ending Balance:	\$ 737.43	

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 was distributed.

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, averaging 3-5 attendees a week, was 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 at their maximum capacity of 10, with about a 50/50 representation of Men and Women at the Jail Meetings. Arnie stated a need for more Literature to support the Tuscola Jail attendees.

Public Information Committee:

Discussion turned to strategies for enhancing coordination, and supporting, the Public Information Activities for both AA and Al-Anon, by the TAUC. Significant conversations revolved around the need for additional membership participation and better coordination and planning.

Kay W. updated the Council on the status of efforts of getting the AA and AL-Anon phone information into local Phone Directories, including Free Ads from Thumb Directory. Copy was distributed.

In terms of **TAUC Directory contact information**, several deficiencies were noted, primarily in contact phone numbers for our neighboring District 24, Area 33 contact information. Last month, Web Mistress **Kathy L** reminded the Council members that the TAUC Website has active Links to our Neighboring District phone numbers and information sharing. Council members were reminded that this was a historical practice of longstanding of the Council, to help get the word out and carry the message, and that tho our **AA** local covers only **Huron and Tuscola Counties**, **Al-Anon** covers **Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola Counties**. All members were reminded that when inaccuracies are found or changes need to be made, the Groups are responsible for conveying that information to the Web Mistress, and keeping it current.

Discussion turned to the need for **enhanced member participation** on the Public Information Committee, and to **better coordinate and plan** the TAUC's Public Outreach activities, going forward. Chairperson **Larry B** and the Committee discussed the **Development of An Annual Calendar of Outreach Events for the Upcoming - 2018 Year**. Larry and the Committee will report back to the Council next month.

Kay W., MI Thumb Area Family Groups, announced that the **next MIAFG** (Michigan Al-Anon Family Groups) 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 **October, 2017**, **Fran H. had agreed** to cover the Hotline. In **November, 2017** **Larry B** agreed to Provide Coverage. Coverage in **December, 2017** will be provided by **Paul W. Bruce M.** will provide coverage for **January, 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. 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. Several deficiencies were noted, primarily in contact phone numbers for our neighboring District 24, Area 33 contact information. Council members were reminded that this was a historical practice of longstanding of the Council, to help get the word out and carry the message, and that tho our **AA** local covers only **Huron and Tuscola Counties, Al-Anon** covers **Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola Counties**. All members were reminded that when inaccuracies are found or changes need to be made, the Groups are responsible for conveying that information to the Web Mistress, and keeping it current.

3. TUSCOLA COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES COMMUNITY EXPO - Report

Larry B. reported on the **TUSCOLA COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES COMMUNITY EXPO** held **October 12, 2017** at **Colwood United Brethren Church**. **Larry B.** reported that they had adequate Literature and were looking forward to the event, and that this important annual event was once again well represented and received.

4. WORKSHOP – October 28, 2017 –“Taking Inventory – Making Restitution” - Report

It was reported that 27 people attended the Workshop, with very favorable comments noted on the quality of the speakers, content of the material presented and food provided. Many attendees contributed food, effort and goodwill to the event, helping make it a success. The **Kinde Primary Purpose AA Group** requested reimbursement in the amount of **\$ 57.64** to help defray the group's cost of the event, specifically for Pork and Paper Products.

Motion by Jeff R, supported by Fred G, to reimburse **Kinde Primary Purpose Group** in the amount of **\$ 57.64** for food and materials/supplies for the October 28, 2017 TAUC Workshop. **MOTION CARRIED**

F. NEW BUSINESS:

G. AA and Al 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 13'th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, Monday November 20, 2017 at St. Joseph's Catholic Hall in Argyle was announced, as a long-standing Sober Tradition Event in our Community. **FLYERS were distributed.**

Annual Retreat for Men of A.A. at The Augustine Center in **Petoskey, MI January 5-7'th, 2018** was announced, and **Flyers were distributed.**

Next Meeting: December 12, 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