

**Thumb Area Unity Council
Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2018
6:00 pm**

The November, 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. **Current Meeting Lists and Group Information Change Forms** were distributed. All Members continue to be strongly encouraged to keep information current about their group's contact and Meeting Information, to submit them as instructed on the form, and to copy them to Alexis R, Asst. PI Chair, and onto the Web Mistress for Posting on www.tauc.ws
Web Mistress Email: info@tauc.ws

A. Groups Represented/Representatives:

Fred G., GSR	Clean Bean and Sebewaing AA Group
Ryan F., GSR	Cakima Serenity AA Group
Darla D., Group Rep	Cakima Al-Anon Family Group
Marvin C., GSR	Caro New Freedom AA Group
Chuck H., Member	Caro New Freedom AA Group
Dave B., Member	Caseville AA Group
Larry B., GSR/Chairperson	Cass City AA Group
Mark M., GSR/Vice-Chairperson	For Such A time As This AA Group
Steve C., GSR/TAUC Secretary	Kinde Primary Purpose AA Group
Alexis R., Alt. GSR	Mayville Primary Purpose AA Group
Kay W., Chair	MI Thumb Area AL-Anon Family Groups
Tim B., GSR/Treasurer	Pigeon AA Group
Paul W. ALT GSR/DCM South	Reese AA Group
Arnie G., ALT GSR/DCM North	Wisner AA Group
Ken H., Member	Huron Shores Mon AA Group
Keith Z., Member	Sebewaing AA Group
Ryan S., Member	Sebewaing AA Group

Tentative Agenda was Distributed and Approved, by Consensus

B. Minutes from October 9, 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 October 9, 2018 meeting be approved and posted. Motion Carried

C. Treasurer's Report

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

Beginning Balance:	\$ 1,628.53	
Monthly Revenues:	63.00	
		10.00 Cakima Group AA
		20.00 Caro New Freedom Group AA
		20.00 Thumb Area Al-Anon Family Groups
		5.00 Reese AA Group AA
		8.00 ½ basket contributions September, 2018
Expenses:	33.00	
		30.00 TISD – Tuscola Community Service Expo Table Fee
		3.00 Monthly Bank Analyst Fee/Service Charge
Ending Balance:	\$ 1,658.53	

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

D. DCM's REPORTS

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

The upcoming 2020 International Convention in Detroit, and the likelihood that there will not be a Summer State Convention held that Same year due to primary Focusing on being great Hosts for the International.

The Council Members in attendance discussed the wonderful opportunity for Michigan, and us locally, to become actively involved in staffing, serving and otherwise supporting the activities of the Convention. All will be called to help out. Registration specifics will be forthcoming as the event gets nearer. Stay tuned.

ALL GSR's Are Encouraged (and Required) to keep updated their Group information to be used locally, at the Area level and at the National Level. FORMS were distributed, and are available on line or from Paul or Arnie (below). It was reported out of the PI Committee that Alexis R., will be helping to compile a local database to locally house, and be able to use, this information to best get the word out and carry the message of AA.

Group Change Forms were distributed to be completed by GSR's and forwarded on to the Area Assembly and the General Services Office and copied to the your **DCM**, the **TAUC Web Mistress** and **Alexis R** of the PI Committee for updating Groups Information.

Upcoming Events:

MCYPAA XL: November 23-25, 2018
Amway Grand Hotel - Grand Rapids, MI 49514

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.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. PUBLIC INFORMATION ("PI")/OUTREACH COMMITTEE - REPORT

PLEASE SEE: Attached Public Information/Public Awareness Meeting Minutes from November 13, 2018 Meeting for Specifics.

Members of the Committee provided a verbal report. Highlights included:

a. Planning for 2018/2019 - Financial Planning – Annual PI Committee Budget

FULL YEAR costs and targets for the Information and Outreach efforts and activities of the Committee were discussed and targeted, with input from the TAUC Treasurer. The Committee will have an annual budget, and agreed upon list of deliverables, going forward. For planning and budgeting purposes, the Annual Plan periods will be from July Elections and appointments to the next year's Elections and Appointments, in keeping with the TAUC's By-Laws. Authorized Funds will be held in trust as restricted for that purpose by the Treasurer, and reimbursed/paid as they occur, with the Treasurer developing a workable format to track and report back to the Council.

ACTION ITEM:

MOTION by Steve C., Supported by Tim B., that the Committee be authorized to expend up to an Annual Level of Support for the Period July 15, 2018 through July 15, 2019:

Events Funding Support (3-5 Events/yr):	300.00
Literature and Related:	250.00
Updating Promotional Signage/Supports:	<u>50.00</u>

TOTAL ANNUAL PLANNED (Not to Exceed) BUDGET: \$ 600.00

Further, **THE COMMITTEE SHALL REPORT BACK TO THE FULL TAUC on a Quarterly Basis on Results and Expenditures.**

MOTION Carried.

b. Changes to AA Phone Book Ads/Numbers and OTHER Listings in Media – UPDATES – Done

c. New Format for Meeting Lists – Tri-Fold Brochure –

The Committee discussed and implemented a plan to have our TAUC database in place, and have available at the **January, 2019 Meeting**, brochures printed off the system. For **December**, copies of the current brochure will be available, and as always, the Meeting Schedules on the TAUC Website are current, available, downloadable and printable.

d. Future Scheduled MEETINGS of the Committee: Mark your Calendars!

ANNUAL Calendar of PI Meetings: The Committee scheduled the following Meetings going forward for 2019 and beyond, and will be posted to the TAUC Website Public Calendar: (All meetings at 5:00 pm unless otherwise noted)

March 12, 2019

June 11, 2019

September 10, 2019

December 10, 2019

(*Additional Meetings scheduled on an as needed basis)

2. COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (“CPC”) – REPORT Deferred

Distributed and reviewed was the GSO’s guidance for “CPC”. The TAUC BY-Laws specify that the TAUC has such a Committee, and that it’s chair will be appointed by the TAUC Chairperson. **To be discussed by Executive Committee further in January, 2019.**

3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - Report

Members of the Executive Committee met to discuss **future direction and priorities**, including funding, and making recommendations to the TAUC on how to help our local Groups get our focus “Back to the Basic Roots” of AA, Focus on emergent needs of our local groups, and any other workshops or tactical supports the TAUC can provide.

At least two topics presented themselves from the Groups as **possible workshop offerings** could and should be hosted by the TAUC coming into the Spring:

1. **GSR’s Responsibilities and group leadership Techniques Workshop**
2. **Helping Groups better focus on the Core Basics of AA (Where it all comes from...Big Book and 12 Steps and 12 Traditions)**
3. **Other identified needs?**

GSR’s PLEASE DISCUSS WITH your Groups and have input to this process. The voices of your Group’s Membership wish to be heard. This will be an area for on-going discussions and decision.

Further discussed was the need for current leaders to be sure they are keeping an eye out for, and are investing in, having someone cross-trained to back-up core functional responsibilities of the Council.

A couple members have been preliminarily identified to do so, especially in the areas of Program Information/Awareness, Secretary and Web Master. In keeping with our 12 Traditions, there is always capacity... and room... for more.

4. CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

INCLUDES:

1. **Committee Chairperson Report** – Chairperson was attending another AA function, but the following Counties gave their reports.
2. **Report from the Tuscola County: 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.
3. **Reports from the Huron County: Tim B.** reported that TAUC has had capacity but no one to serve, and is on Stand By for Tuesday Evening Meetings at the jail. Tim will keep the Council apprised.

F. ANNUAL CALENDAR OF PUBLIC INFORMATION OUTREACH EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES for Calendar Year 2018 and 2019

At the Meeting, the **AA 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 AA or AI-Anon specific activities by contacting** the Web Mistress at info@tauc.ws. 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.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. TAUC District Area 32, 24 AA Hotline

Tina T. agreed to provide coverage through the end of 2018. A replacement will be necessary. Please step up to take your turn in "sharing the carrying" of AA Message. This will be an ongoing discussion item at all TAUC meetings, going forward.

2. Hosting CMIA-32 Quarterly Meeting June 2, 2019 – AT Bay Shore Camp

The TAUC agreed to **HOST the CMIA 32 June, 2, 2019 Quarterly Meeting at Bay Shore Camp in Sebewaing, MI.** Status updates, and logistics will be provided to the Council by the **Planning Group**, comprised of **Bob H., Paul W., Tuscola County DCM, and Arnie G., Huron County DCM Reported Back to the Council** after the first of the year. Plenty of Service opportunities available.

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

1. NEW AL-ANON MEETING in EASTERN HURON COUNTY

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

I. Next Meeting: December 11, 2018 - 6:00 pm
St. Francis Church Hall Pigeon

J. Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve C.
Secretary