

**Thumb Area Unity Council
Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2018
6:00 pm**

The December, 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
Nadine F., Member/Corr Chair	Cakima Serenity AA Group
Marvin C., GSR	Caro New Freedom AA Group
Chuck H., Member	Caro New Freedom AA Group
Ken P., GSR	Caseville AA Group
Dave B., Alt GSR	Caseville 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 AA Group
Alexis R., Alt. GSR	Mayville Primary Purpose AA Group
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

Tentative Agenda was Distributed and Approved, by Consensus

B. Minutes from November 13, 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 November 13, 2018 meeting be approved and posted. Motion Carried**

C. Treasurer's Report

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

Beginning Balance:	\$ 1,658.53	
Monthly Revenues:	127.00	
		10.00 Cakima Group AA
		20.00 Caro New Freedom Group AA
		30.00 For Such A Time As This Group AA
		50.00 Mayville Primary Purpose AA Group
		5.00 Reese AA Group AA
		12.00 ½ basket contributions November, 2018
Expenses:	3.00	
		3.00 Monthly Bank Analyst Fee/Service Charge
Ending Balance:	\$ 1,782.53	

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:

Michigan Mock Conference:	First United Methodist Church 400 South Main St. Mount Pleasant, MI 48858	March 23, 2019
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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

Alexis R, PI/Outreach Committee Asst., and Members of the Committee provided a verbal report. Highlights included:

- a. **Planning for 2018/2019 - Financial Planning – Annual PI Committee Budget – No Expenses Reported**
- b. **Changes to AA Phone Book Ads/Numbers and OTHER Listings in Media – UPDATES – Done**
- c. **Alexis R.** reported on the status of the **Master Data Base Project**. It was explained that we wish to have one, central set of characteristic data fields that we can manipulate from a unified base of data, integrated with the TAUC Website, for generation a variety of Reports, Updated Meeting Lists, Mailing Lists, Brochures and other Public Information and Awareness needs and activities.

Alexis passed around the current meeting lists, as well as Alcoholics Anonymous Group Information Change Form (F-28 – Revised 7/09 – Interactive) which will be the basis and “Bones” of the Data set. ALL GSR's are already required to complete these and keep them updated...AND SUBMIT them to AA World Services, and to CMIA 32, and to get any changes to the TAUC WebMistress info@tauc.org

Alexis asked that additionally, while building the Data Set, that GSR's forward a Copy to her @ flowergirl23.ar@gmail.com

- d. **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.

e. 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 Al-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 Sebawaing, 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