

**Thumb Area Unity Council
Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2018
6:00 pm**

The April, 2018 Business Meeting of the Thumb Area Unity Council was called to order by Paul W., on behalf of 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 Web Mistress Email: info@tauc.ws

Groups Represented/Representatives:

Scott H., GSR	Bad Axe Repeaters AA Group
Fred G., GSR	Beaners and Sebewaing AA Groups
Marvin C., GSR	Caro New Freedom AA Group
Mark M., GSR	For Such A time As This AA Group
Steve C., GSR/TAUC Secretary	Kinde Primary Purpose Group AA
Kay W., GR	Michigan Thumb Area AFG - AI-ANON
John V., Acting Treasurer	Pigeon Group AA
Paul W. ALT GSR/DCM South	Reese Group AA
Arnie G., ALT GSR	Sebewaing and Wisner Groups AA
Ryan S., Member	Sebewaing and Huron Mon Groups AA
Ken H., Member	Sebewaing and Huron Mon Groups AA
Kathryn L., GSR/WebMistress	Ubly Sober Hicks Group AA

A. Tentative Agenda was Distributed and Approved, by Consensus

B. Minutes from March 13, 2018 meeting of the Council were Distributed. Corrections and clarifications were sought and made. **MOTION by Fred G., supported by Paul W., that the Minutes from the March 13, 2018 meeting be approved and posted. Motion Carried**

C. Treasurer's Report

John V., on behalf of Treasurer Tim B., presented the **Treasurer's Report** for the **period ending February, 2018**

Beginning Balance:	\$1,046.79	
Monthly Revenues:	71.00	
		25.00 Bad Axe Beaners Group AA
		30.00 Bad Axe Sacred Heart Group AA
		10.00 Reese AA Group AA
		6.00 ½ basket contributions March, 2018
Expenses:	3.00	
		3.00 Monthly Service Charge
Ending Balance:	\$ 1,114.79	

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

D . Committee Reports:

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE

The Public Information Committee met at 5:00 pm on April 10, 2018

Meeting was called to Order by Paul W. at 5:00 pm

MINUTES:

In Attendance:

Paul W., DCM
Steve C., Secretary
Mark M., Member
Kathy L., Web Mistress
Fred G., Member
Kay W., Al-Anon FG

The April 10, 2018 Public Information Committee Agenda was distributed and approved

Significant Items, Discussion, Actions and Recommendations:

1. Focusing on other Area for Outreach

Discussion was held around targeting Medical Providers, as well as the Clergy, for strategic Outreach activities going forward. This will be an ongoing area for Discussion and Targeting by the PI Committee.

2. UPDATING Telephone Directories and other Public and Printed Media

The Committee reviewed current Printed Media listings, including **Telephone Directories**. **Kay W and Kathy L** volunteered to continue to assure that the correct website address was incorporated into further and future public listings. The Committee noted that the majority of our new potential members and requests for information are sought thru the TAUC Website. www.tauc.ws **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.

3. UPDATED MEETING BOOKLETS....Distribution of Printed Booklets and Future Printing and Production.

The Committee reviewed a **"Five-Fold Meetings Flyer"** which has been successfully used and maintained by one of AA's /neighboring Counties (Bay County AA). Considering the flexibility, ability to keep it current, the ability for people to download and print their own personal "Meeting Booklet" and **the FACT of the cost at less than 5% of what we are currently spending, the Committee Unanimously Endorsed this being developed and put into practice by Late-Summer, and that the TAUC will no longer have the Mini-Booklets produced, prepared and Paid for with TAUC Funds, going forward.** The Secretary offered to make sure that copies would be available at Upcoming Meetings of the TAUC for GSR's that may not have access to a printer. **Tim/TAUC will continue with the Welcome Wallets. .**

MOTION BY Mark M., Supported by Fred G., that the TAUC shall print in house their own **"Five Fold Meetings Listings Flyers"** starting September, 2018. **Motion Carried.**

4. DEVELOPMENT OF AN ANNUAL CALENDAR OF PUBLIC INFORMATION OUTREACH EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES for Calendar Year 2018

As a follow-up to Prior Discussions about the need to have a central, public point for posting **PUBLIC INFORMATION OUTREACH EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES of the TAUC**, various **options had been discussed**, and with the initiative of Kathy L, and Kay W, a Joint AA /AL-ANON **Modifiable Calendar of Events** has been developed and is now posted on the TAUC Web Site.

Kathy L, **Web Mistress**, noted that 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.

Discussion turned toward **PLANS and COMMITMENTS for Upcoming TAUC Events and Staffing of Public Information Events**

Offered as potentially of Interest and of Note, with *Tentative* to Date:

April 14, 2018	Hills and Dales Health Fair/Day – Discussed
May 4-6, 2018	Michigan Al-Anon/Alateen Family Groups State Convention – Will attend
May 9, 2018	Harbor Beach Community Hospital – Discussed
July 22 -28, 2018	Tuscola County Fair – Need Volunteers
October 11, 2018	Colwood Health Expo – Need Volunteers
November 10, 2018	Project Connect – Need Volunteers

These will be further explored by the Committee, with staffing, logistics and resource commitments explored in upcoming meetings.

5. Cultivating an Expectation of Participation by All Members of the TAUC in Carrying the Message

Discussion turned to how we can best solicit ongoing participation from ALL TAUC Members in carrying the Message. Expanding the Participation on the Public Information Committee and having Members step up and assume responsibility on behalf of the TAUC, as a part of our 12'th step duties, was stressed.

Having regularly scheduled, Monthly and Focused, PI Committee Meetings going forward will help.

It was noted that following the TAUC Elections in June, the Chairman will be making Committee Assignments and Soliciting participation, but the Committee, and the TAUC, will always accommodate and include interested souls.

Anyone wishing to share their Talents, Perspective and Gifts would be most welcome....anytime.

NEXT MEETING: May 8, 2018 – 5:00 pm

The Meeting adjourned at 5:58 pm

DCM REPORT:

Paul W., Intra-Area DCM - Tuscola, presented the Committee Report, including handouts from CMIA 32. Included were the Minutes from the Central Michigan Intra-Area 32 Assembly Meeting of February 4, 2018 in Corunna, MI, hosted by District 10, and will report on the April 8, 2018 meeting in Flint.

**Next CMIA-Area 32 Assembly Meeting: June 3, 2018
District 28**

Upcoming Events:

**SAFETY in AA Workshop: April 28, 2018
East Lansing, MI**

MCYPAA:

November 23-25, 2018
Grand Rapids, MI

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.

OTHER Announcements:

Michigan State Convention of AA 2018, in Conjunction with the East Central Regional Conference

Hosted by: Area 32 – Central Michigan <http://www.cmia32.org>
Date: August 24th to August 26th, 2018
Location: Kalamazoo Radisson Plaza Hotel
100 W. Michigan Ave
Kalamazoo, MI 49007
Contact: Russ L. 231.798.3961 or Erin H. 313.574.3571 or <http://www.cmia32.org>

CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE:

It was reported that at Huron County Jail, attendance is consistently low, of late. It was reported that additional literature and materials are available. Discussions held on enhancing participation, but importantly, getting additional AAs to provide Jail service.

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.

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. TAUC District Area 32, 24 AA Hotline

Ken H. agreed to provide coverage for April, 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. again distributed the current **AA & AL-ANON – HURON & TUSCOLA COUNTY Meeting Listing (Updated 03/2018)** 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

3. By-Laws Committee

It was noted that the Executive Committee will be convened by the Chairman in order to propose minor modifications to the TAUC By-Laws to best facilitate orderly elections and transitions of responsibilities for current and incoming Leadership positions of the TAUC. This will be an Action Item for the Council in May.

4. TAUC Elections - 2018

It was Noted that TAUC Elections will be upcoming in the next few months, and the TAUC will be conducting these with a target of the June, 2018 Meeting.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

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

Jellinek Chart Workshop on the Phases and Symptoms of Alcoholism. Presented by **Joel H.**

Hosted by: Cass City AA Group
Date: April 23, 2018
Time: 7:00 pm Sharp
Location: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
6820 Cass City Rd (M-81)
Cass City, MI 48726
Contact: Larry B., 989.551.5932

Michigan AL-ANON/Alateen Family Groups 46th Annual State Convention, with AA Participation

Date: Friday, May 4th to Sunday May 6th, 2018
Location: Shanty Creek Resorts
5780 Shanty Creek Rd.
Bellaire, MI 49615
Contact: Kay. W @ 989.670.1605 or Linda W @ 810.235.6541 for additional information.
MIAFG

The Kinde Primary Purpose Group will again be hosting it's **Third Annual Anniversary Celebration** this year. A breakfast will once again be provided, 50/50, door prizes, etc.as well as a **noted Guest Speaker**. **More Details will be available soon.**

Hosted by: Kinde Primary Purpose AA Group
Date: Saturday, May 19, 2018
Time: Time 8:30am – Noon'ish
Location: St. Peter's Lutheran Church
5098 Dwight St.
Kinde, MI 48445
Contact: Bruce M., 248.977.6461, Mark M., 989.768.0570, Steve C., 989.513.4656, or
kindeprimarypurpose@gmail.com
(Flyer Distributed)

Next Meeting: May 8, 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