

District 13

January 1, 2008

DCM Laura L. called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Attendance included Laura L., Carson W., Lynne M., Jackie B., Kathy S., Becca, Brian H., Micah L., Adam W., Scott M., Sam S. and a few other folks sitting in the back.

Reading of the minutes was discussed and it was determined that since most attendees receive the minutes via e-mail that it really wasn't all that important to read the minutes prior to each meeting and the ritual could be skipped in the future unless there should be any objection as to the content needing verification, clarification or alteration; providing a copy is made available for those in attendance who did not receive them through the Internet. The minutes for the month of December were then accepted and approved.

Scott M. presented the Treasurer's Report noting that we currently have a \$902.23 balance. Attached is a copy of his report. As requested of him in December, Scott prepared a synopsis of our finances for the fiscal year 2007 so we could determine how much we could donate to the General Service Office and Area 34 of Western Michigan. Discussions led Sam S. to move we step up and make at least a minimal donation to each and see where that leads us. The motion carried. Then Brad H. moved we set the amount at \$25.00 to each per month for one year. All were in favor of the motion and it passed. The Treasurer's report was then accepted unanimously.

Sam S. gave the Phone Report. Rene will be turning the Hot Line over to Jennifer M. for the month of January. Dick & Jackie L. are scheduled to have it in March, Carson W. in May, and Lynne M. in June. It was noted that we cannot purchase a new battery for the phone because it is a discontinued model. Sam said he had a phone he would gladly donate and simply swap Sim-cards. THANK YOU Sam! Laura L. suggested we ID the phone in some way. Brad H. volunteered to engrave it with a number to call if lost. The A.A. Hot Line will now be listed in the 2008 Phone Guide. The Phone Report was accepted.

Michael S. was not available to give the PI/CPC report, however it was noted that there are National, Regional and Area PI/CPC Committees and that for us to presume to change the name for any reason is to step out of accepted practices and is suggestive of alienation from A.A. as a whole. We therefore elected to resurrect the PI/CPC acronym.

Simon C. was not present to present his presentation on the present situation of the Librarian's Report. The question was raised whether or not there was an Alternate Librarian as Simon has been taking classes and has been unable to attend District meetings for a few months. Brad H. said he sees Simon regularly and would find out. Brian H. said Saturday Night Live desperately needs literature. Lynne M. (347-3428) has updated meeting schedules if you need them. Walter H. (838-9859) has them too.

The Institutions Report by Brad H. had great news in it! Although there are no known meetings in Charlevoix County Jail at this time, Brad reported that we now have 2 new women and 2 new men enlisted at the Emmet County Jail to do meetings. He said his new Standing Committee will be meeting the last Saturday of every month at Big Boy in Petoskey immediately after the 8:00 pm Saturday Night Live Meeting at Xavier Saint Francis Catholic Church. Brad requested that each Group adopt a jail by giving it a Big Book a month or a Grapevine subscription or agreeing to have one representative of the group attend a jail meeting once a week ... once a month. Sam S. said either he or his Group (I don't remember) was donating a total of 4 Grapevine subscriptions ... 2 to Charlevoix and 2 to Emmet. Adam W. from Beaver Island donated a case of Big Books and 2 Grapevine subscriptions. Way to go guys!

Carson W. gave a brief report on the December Area 34 Assembly in Stronach which he and Walter attended. (By-the-way, Walter logged 270 round trip miles for the event and we forgot to discuss reimbursing his expenses.) He said the main topic of discussion was over the term '*home group*' and voting at meetings. Although each group remains autonomous in its own right, it was generally accepted that each individual should determine his own home group (generally the group where he/she got sober at), attend the group conscience and business meetings at that group and vote only at the meetings in that group. He/she may sit in on other meetings, but barring certain circumstances (such as helping start up a new group) he/she should not vote. For a complete copy of the minutes of that meeting you may e-mail him at carsonwright7@gmail.com or call at 347-9347.

Concerns about the missed passing of the 'collection basket' were taken care of by Brad H. and Brian H. Brad said he was told not to worry about it but next time, "Make us feel more a part of it." Brian said it wasn't so much the fact that we forgot to pass the basket but more the lack of recognition and skipping over their customs at their meeting. Our apologies were accepted and our awareness of others heightened.

The Sponsorship Workshop Committee is getting off to a slow start but will be meeting Monday, January 2, 1:00 pm at Julian Tomatoes in Petoskey. Carson says the title will probably be changed to The Back to The Basics Workshop as that is the text which will be used to guide the event. By the time our next District meeting is held on February 5, Carson thinks the committee will have a date and time set along with an estimate for seed money needed to make the book available to those who wish to purchase one.

Walter H. was unavailable to give a report on the Ad-hoc 2010 State Convention Committee.

Kathy S. announced that she is hosting a Post Holiday Get Together Saturday January 5 at her home, 1005 E. Mitchell from 2:00-5:00 pm. It's the big brick house on the corner of E. Mitchell and Kalamazoo. Just look for the big snowman in the front yard. Bring a dish to pass if you like.

Elections for new District officers is coming up in March so be thinking of nominees!
Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm