

District 13

December 3, 2007

DCM Laura L. called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm

Carson W. read the minutes. Richard, Charlevoix Legacy Group, noted that Scott from the Men's Saturday Morning Group in Charlevoix will be helping Milt with the new District 13 Information Website instead of him. Last month's minutes were amended with that correction. Minutes were then unanimously accepted. Please note that the new site (not yet up & running yet) is: www.wmaad13.org and/or www.wmaad13.com. Either address will work once it's up.

In attendance were: Scott, Brad, Kevin, Walter, Lynne, Lynn, Carol, Sam, Richard, Milt, Carson, Rene, Robin, Laura and Michael.

Scott gave the Treasurer's and Phone Reports. The only expenditure for the month was \$45.14 for the phone. Our current balance is \$863.88. Carol W. questioned what our prudent reserve was and if we intended to donate anything to Area 34 & the GSO. It was noted that our prudent reserve was established last June at \$500.00. Whether to donate, to whom and at what amounts was tabled until January's meeting. Scott explained the reason for the exceptionally high (\$73.00) phone bill last month had something to do with pro-rationing. I didn't quite catch everything said but the group accepted his explanation without argument or discussion so I trust it made sense. Sam S. suggested we consider placing the AA Information Line number in the Phone Guide. No one was sure what the cost would be (someone ventured a guestimate of \$100) but a unanimous vote put the ball in motion so we could beat the publishing deadline.

Michael S. gave the AA/POC (Public Outreach Committee, formerly PI/CPC). His committee will begin meeting quarterly beginning next Tuesday, December 10 at 7:00 downstairs at Harbor Hall. Michael is looking for interested individuals to help fill racks located in Dr. offices, hospitals, jails etc. within our District with pamphlets and meeting schedules to help create an informed public and make AA more easily accessible. Please announce this at your meetings. A very special need is for folks who live outside the Petoskey area to become active in this worthwhile 12-step arm of AA. If interested, call Michael at 231-348-9683.

There was no Librarian's Report.

Carol W. gave the Gratitude dinner Report. She and the Committee Chairs met last Thursday to discuss the event and address any weakness which might be strengthened at next year's dinner. Without exception, each person had plenty of positive feedback and the general consensus was that the dinner party was a huge success. The committee noted several places where things ought to be tweaked next time but fully intend to begin addressing those issues at their first planning meeting in January. Carson gave a brief financial report on the dinner. Basically, after a

few unknown amounts are paid out, there should be about \$270.00 left over to put towards next year's event. Those monies will be held in the District's coffers until that time. Arriving at the above figure included motions and acceptance of said motions to reimburse our speaker the full amount of her gas expenditures and two individuals for 3 turkeys. After much discussion, it was tabled until next month to decide what, if anything, ought to be given The Saturday Night Live Group for 'basket collections' and rent reimbursement.

Richard, from the Charlevoix Legacy Group announced there will be an Alcothon at the Alano Club located at 106 Mason Street (rear entrance), Charlevoix on New Years Eve Day. Meetings will begin at noon and be held every 2 hours thereafter for the rest of the day with the last meeting being held at midnight, 2008. What a great way to begin the new year!

Lynn M. announced that he won't know until after their Group Conscience Meeting tomorrow, Wednesday, the 4th of December whether or not they will be hosting an Alcothon New Years Eve Day. He will contact me as soon as he finds out and I'll forward that information to you at that time.

Walter & Carson gave their reports on their experience at the East Central Regional Forum in Arlington Heights, Illinois. Walter expressed his desire to see more people getting involved in events such as this and his awe of the professionalism of our trusted servants in New York. Carson highlighted a portion of his report with the importance of holding 'Group Inventories' as outlined in the pamphlet "The AA Group", pg. 27 and reminded us that after we have received all those generous portions of knowledge that desert won't be served until we give everything we just received away.

Carson asked the District if there could be some sort of reimbursement covering traveling expenses to the Forum. After a brief discussion, motion was made and carried to reimburse all gasoline toll and rental costs at a sum of \$169.79.

Regarding the upcoming Sponsorship Workshop, Carson announced the "Back To The Basics" book will be the source book for leading the workshop. The "Big Book" is constantly quoted in this guide on how to sponsor. The system used in this book back in the early days of AA netted a 75% success rate in new recruits! Carson is looking for volunteers to work with him on this. He admits he doesn't feel qualified to do this without the group's help... that that was the reason he suggested holding this workshop in the first place... to learn. So if you would like to get in on the action, give him a call at 231-347-9347.

Walter is heading up the Ad-hoc Committee for The 2010 State Convention. He reports he has been putting together a few souls who are interested in finding out the feasibility of our ability to sponsor such a huge event in this area. The committee will be meeting at Harbor Hall next Tuesday, the 10th of December at 6:00 pm. Things the committee will be examining include the number of people and level of commitment in those people who are willing to help. Also, a close look at our infrastructure cannot be excluded, he says. Carol W. has already begun looking

into the Boyne Ski Area as a potential assembly hall. That's just one option. Your input is important! Call Walter at 838-9859.

Lynn M. said that Connie & Kathy, from Boyne City, are both stepping down from their years of service in running women's Thursday night jail meetings in Charlevoix County and that there is all-of-a-sudden a huge void in carrying the message being left wide open. Please spread the word and get this important need filled! Call Kathy at 838-3900.

Brad announced that a similar need exists in Petoskey at the men's Wednesday night jail meetings. He also suggested that it might be a good idea to have an Institutions Committee. We liked the idea so well that he is now the Chair of the newly formed Institutions Committee. Thank you Brad! He can be contacted at 881-0288.

If anyone in your group(s) has old Grapevines they'd like to donate, please have them bring them to you so you can bring them to the next District meeting, January 1.

Laura spoiled our marathon and shut the meeting down at 8:35 pm. If you weren't here, you missed a GREAT meeting!