

West Michigan Alcoholics Anonymous District 13

Meeting Minutes

Saturday, December 05, 2009

I. Call to order

Sarah G. called to order the regular meeting of the District 13 AA at 9:12 am at the Methodist Church, 1804 East Mitchell Rd, Petoskey, MI. Opened the meeting with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer.

II. Roll call

The following Humble Servants were present: Sarah G. DCM; Phil J. Secretary; Kim B. Alt Secretary; Cindy S. Phone Committee Chair; Carol W. Emmet Co. Institution Chair; Ken A. BVAA; Dave G. Charlevoix Legacy Group; Pat M. East Jordan; Eric M. GSR Harbor Haven (City Hall Group); Tony W. GSR Harbor Tuesday, Thursday Presbyterian; Larry R. Alt. GSR St. Augustine; Lacy M. Alt. GSR Bridge Street;

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Presented September 9th, 2009 minutes for review. Accepted discussion. Larry motioned to accept minutes. Motion was 2nd and accepted.

IV. Treasure's Report

Scott M.; Scott was unavailable today. Sarah G. presented his report to the group to review.

- 1) Concern was brought up that local groups should be encouraged to donate to the District so we can better serve their needs.
- 2) Carol W. asked what the Prudent Reserve was for the District. It was affirmed that the District was to maintain a \$500 reserve for operating.
- 3) Larry R. of the Living Sober Group brought a donation of \$50 designated to support the New Years Eve event being organize by Charlie R.
- 4) Sarah G. asked that consideration be given to the District purchasing a copier/printer to help distribute flyers and notices for the District at a future meeting. Sarah G. is going to check into the matter more to present it in January.

Larry motioned made to accept the Treasure's Report and 2nd. Motion passed as presented.

V. Phone Report Cindy S

Cindy asked Lacy M. who has graciously handled the phone for last month to present the report. She has taken the calls which had come in and passed a message to Walter H. Northern Michigan Mental Health for more Literature. It was mentioned that it had been mentioned to people the availability of printable meeting lists on our website.

Motion was made to accept the report as presented, 2nd, and accepted.

VI. Institution Report Carol W.; Debra B.

Carol W. Carol is still looking for support to help with the Thursday Women's Jail meetings. Please contact her if you are interested.

Debra B. was not present. Pat M. gave report. Mark M is the contact person for the Jail. Debra is going to be contacted to get a report on how the liaison with the Charlevoix County Jail is working and if she is in any need of assistance.

Motion to accept the Institution reports presented, 2nd, and accepted.

VII. PI/CPC Report

No Report.

Discussion; Area has available Literature for District.

VIII. Literature Report

Discussion of Purpose and Need of the Position.

Cindy S. presented interest in taking the Literature Chair and working to seeing to the needs of taking care of the needs of the groups by making materials available for them to get the materials.

Dave commented on the need to keep PI/CPC and Literature separate so as not to overwhelm someone with service work.

Charlie motioned to nominate Cindy S. for the Literature Chair to fill until the March Election for District 13. Motion was 2nd. Motion passed

IX. Open Business

a) New Years Eve Function: Charlie W.

Flyers Available for the New Years Eve Celebration. Copy sent to Scott K. for the web page. Charlie is organizing the entertainment for the evening. The Emmet County Fairgrounds Pavilion has been rented for the event. Connie has expressed interest in helping to decorate for the event. Charlie has asked for help from people/groups in District 13 to bring dishes to pass as hosts of the celebration. Larry asked if there was a charge for admission. There will be no charge for admission and but donations will be accepted to offset expenses.

- b) Harbor Springs will be hosting a Relapse Prevention Workshop in February. Jude V. will be organizing the workshop. Anyone interested in assisting or attending may contact her. It will be a coed function unlike last years women's only.

X. New business

- a) May Area Assembly: Sarah G. DCM presented the interest of Area 34 to have District 13 host the Area Assembly for May here. The Area Panel thought it would be prudent since the State Convention be held here at Boyne Falls following.

The Idea was open to discussion. It was noted by the District that we did not want to host again within the year. It was noted that the Area did a walk through at Boyne for the Convention at the last Area Meeting we hosted. Walter is the contact person for the State Convention event. It was asked what the area assembly required from District 13. It was determined we must provide the meeting place and lunch and the Area 34 will offset \$300 towards the costs and District 13 will be obligated for the rest of the costs. It was questioned about the Inter-area meeting and the Area Assembly to note the difference of the two meetings.

There was interest in contacting Boyne to see about hosting the Area Assembly there reasonably.

Motion to Host the Area Assembly in May with Sarah to start the organizing of the Area Assembly to be turned over possibly to a group or a temp chair to organize. Motion was 2nd and passed.

XI. Announcements

There will be a meeting in Grayling, MI to present the idea of Inter-Area Northern Group to perhaps better represent the interests of the Northern Region of the AA Districts. Saturday January 2nd at 10a.m. at the Grayling Township Hall (2090 Viking Way).

Sarah G. DCM ; Presented a brief of the Area Assembly attended by herself and Cindy S. The Area expressed pleasure in the participation of the groups in District 13. The Area stressed interest in Districts stressing Step Work and Big Book Study. There was concern for how people treat the youth in the program and how we should be reminded that age should be treated like any other thing that should not separate us as a member of A.A.

Cindy S. Attended workshops including sponsorship workshops. Concerns were presented on giving too much attention to peoples first meeting. Make them welcome but not to single them out to deter them from returning. Being careful not to overwhelm them. Cindy was too reminded of the importance of being attentive about being quiet while people share so as not to distract. Reminding us to listen to others, as we would like them to listen as we share. Listen to Learn.

Sarah G. mentioned the importance of supporting the Grapevine. Area Literature, Forms are available.

Dave G. Charlevoix will be organizing a youth group after New Years. The Alanon Club in Charlevoix will be hosting a New Years gathering and be open for meeting all day after Noon.

Eric M.; Bruce is organizing a Big Book Study Meeting in Pellston on December 20th at 3 p.m. at the Pellston City Hall Conference Room. Please join them and bring your Big Book.

Lacy M.; Bridge Street Meeting has changed format to a Ask It Basket Meeting and next Mondays meeting is a pot-luck with Kyle as a speaker following.

Carol W. asked if people wanted to know if people wanted to meet at the Presbyterian Church to go to Grayling.

Cindy S.; Next Wednesday's noon meeting at Harbor Hall will be held at the church across the street for just that day to clear Harbor Hall room for them.

XII. Adjournment

Sarah G. accepted a motion to adjourn and the motion was 2nd. The motion was passed. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes faithfully submitted by: Phillip J.