

## DISTRICT 13 MEETING

Saturday December 6, 2008

In attendance: Scott M., Carson, Dick, Jennifer M., Sam S., Lynne, Alan, Carol W., Simon, Walter, Sarah, Alex, Pat, Jude, Holly, Jacque and Harry.

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

- The minutes of the November District 13 meeting were accepted with one change in the treasurer's report.

### Reports:

- **Treasurer:** Scott M. looked into online banking and it was decided that with so few transactions per month, it is not necessary. Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Secretary was unable to scan the treasurer's report for inclusion with these minutes. It will be available at the next District 13 meeting.
- **Phone:** Sam reported that everything is going well. It was suggested that whoever is in charge of meeting list updates should inform the phone person of any changes in schedule. [It was mentioned that the people updating the website need to know also. The web address is [wmaad13.org](http://wmaad13.org).] Volunteers for the months of December and January have been secured. It was requested that GSRs pass along the word at meetings that volunteers are needed. Motion to accept phone committee report was carried.
- **PI CPC:** It was noted that the jails need current meeting lists. Simon submitted a bill for literature. Jail meetings are being held on a regular basis. There was discussion about Walter's purchase of forty Big Books for the Emmet county Jail. It was decided that the District would reimburse Walter on a one-time basis. Motion to accept PI CPC report was carried.
- **Literature:** Simon is stepping down as literature chair. The District thanks him for his service. GSRs need to bring up at meetings that the position of Literature Chairperson is available. Simon volunteered to stay on until someone steps up. There was discussion about the matter of a District 13 central office, and it was decided that it is a goal to work toward upon more information being obtained. It was noted that since District meetings are now being held at a location other than Harbor Hall, where the literature is stored, there is no easy availability. Motion to accept Literature Committee report was carried.
- **Institutions:** No report. The Institutions chairperson is leaving the state in the spring, and therefore a replacement is needed. The current chairperson is not available to attend District meetings, but it was suggested that the chairperson should communicate with someone from the District so that the report can be

brought to the group. Holly volunteered to contact the chairperson and obtain a report. Currently there are two subscriptions funded by the District for each jail (Emmet and Charlevoix counties) which are sent directly to the jails. It was decided that Sam would not renew these subscriptions because the District can not be sure that the books are being distributed. It was agreed that it would be better for the Institutions chairperson to get the books and deliver them to the jails.

- **Website** : Lynn reported that a volunteer she met on line has put together a mock website for the District's approval. She is still working on updating the site. The address is <http://celeste52.webs.com/home.html> . This volunteer is a professional web designer. Lynn suggested that the District should offer to send her some money for her work on the site, and after some discussion the matter was tabled until the next District meeting. It was suggested that District members should look at the site and bring their opinions to the District meeting. It was noted that the web designer would have to coordinate with Scott from Charlevoix, who is currently managing the website. Motion to accept Website Committee report was carried.
- **Area Assembly**: Walter distributed copies of the latest Area 34 Treasurer's Report. There was some discussion about the large amount of funds retained by the Area. Walter will ask about this at the next Area Assembly. It was suggested that District 13 suspend donations to the Area and send them directly to the General Services Office (GSO) until the surplus is explained. There was some dissent and motion was not passed. Walter noted that Area 34 sent \$1500 to the GSO on September 27 of this year. It was also noted that A.A. literature is a big part of the GSO's funding, and that if groups increased their contributions, the cost of the literature would drop; and that if every AA member gave a dollar per year of sobriety every year to the GSO, the literature would be free. Walter suggested that groups give out "birthday envelopes" with coins. It was also suggested that GSRs remind groups how important their contributions are. The 2010 State Convention, which District 13 is hosting, was discussed. The District's primary responsibilities will include greeting and providing a liaison between our district and the State Convention Committee. There are all sorts of activities we can, and should, involve ourselves in at this convention! As planning progresses, we will be asked to do much more. paying for the coffee is not expected of us. Walter distributed copies of the
- **Michigan State Convention Guideline and the A.A. Guidelines on Conferences, Conventions and Roundups**. Motion to accept Area Assembly report was carried.
- **Gratitude Dinner**: Carol W. submitted a report of the Gratitude Dinner Committee's meeting. Total ticket sales to the event was 246. Carol returned \$250 "seed money" to the district, and gave \$541 to the treasurer for next year's dinner. It was suggested that the event be held in another venue, which would mean fund-raising and a higher ticket price. Some members felt that a "fancier" venue would not be in the spirit of A.A. It was noted that there should be a rotation of service

regarding the committee members. Carol received a letter from St. Francis Church regarding the clean-up of the event. Apparently the hall was not left in good condition. Carol sent a letter of apology to the Church.

**Old Business:**

- Sarah gave a report on the Young People's convention. She noted it was a good experience, and a message of hope to see young people staying sober. The event was held in Romulus, and attendance was 316. Sarah gave the surplus of funds raised for the trip back to the district.
- Dick brought up the topic of a Unity Club or Central Office. He and Pat are doing research on the feasibility of such a facility in District 13. Questions raised included: Should District 13 be building a fund for a Central Office? What does a Central Office mean to the District? The matter was tabled until the next district meeting.

**Election:**

- Holly was nominated and elected to the position of Secretary for District 13, effective immediately. Jacque agreed to stay on as Alternate Secretary.

**Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.**