

District 13
April 1, 2008

DCM Laura called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Those in attendance were Scott M., Simon C., Lynne M., Pat M., Richard O., Walter H., Sarah, Jim, Carol W., Carson W. and Laura L.

Carson noted an amendment to the March minutes was made before it came to the floor. That amendment was specifically that Sam S. volunteered to chair the PI/CPC committee and not Simon C. Minutes were approved and accepted as amended.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Scott M. gave the treasurer's report It was approved and accepted with no discussion.

Lynne M. reported the A.A. Information Line was very quiet the month of March.

Sam S. gave the PC/CPC report in absenteeism via e-mail. His report stated the committee met on March 18. Sam S., Dick L., and Gary C. were present. The main topic of discussion was about the need to place literature racks in our schools and churches where we hold our meetings and pay rent. The time and location of the next PI/CPC meeting will be announced at the next District meeting in May. Laura read his report and it was accepted. Laura also mentioned that Harbor Hall had requested a literature rack but since no representative from the committee was present, the issue was tabled until next month's District meeting.

Simon reported, "The literature is good" (REMOVE in his lengthy four word literature report). Later in the meeting, Walter suggested we make available to all GSRs the A.A. brochure Your General Service Office. Simon produced a handful of the pamphlets and distributed them to all those in attendance.

There was no Website report.

OLD BUSINESS

Walter H. reported that we will be hosting the Area Assembly on August 17th at the Little Traverse Township Hall, 8288 Pleasantview Rd., Harbor Springs. He noted that we'll be needing a few large coffee pots and that there will be a luncheon. Also, at this meeting place, no food will be allowed in the assembly hall portion of the facility. Laura L. suggested we purchase sippy-lids for our coffee cups. Walter says our greatest need is volunteers to help set up, serve lunch and clean up. So far, Simon, Jim, Sarah, Walter and Carson are on the committee. He admits that's about 1/3 of the needed bodies to pull this off. Please let him know if you would be willing to help!. This is also a golden opportunity for any member of our Fellowship (especially our GSRs) to witness, firsthand, how A.A. works with our Groups being the ultimate authority.

Walter also gave the Ad-hoc 2010 State Convention Committee report. He pointed out the voluminous amount of preparation/committees/sub-committees/local requirements etc.(REMOVE in one oxygen-starved sentence). Simon suggested that we may be teetering on grandiosity to think we could host such a huge event. Walter and Lynne pointed out that we hosted the State Convention in 1992 at Boyne Falls. After much discussion, it was agreed we should contact Boyne Mountain in Boyne Falls, and lock in a price to present in our bid to host this event. Pat M., from East Jordan, moved that we find a place to host the Convention (Boyne Mountain), get a quote and submit it to the Assembly. Motion passed and carried.

Laura L. sat in as co-chair for Jennifer M. to discuss the Sponsorship Seminar. She outlined the event to be composed of an historical introduction followed by team presentations on sponsoring. She has contacted a circuit speaker (Diz) from Tallahassee, FL. to speak. His calendar is penciled in but we'd need to pick up his round-trip airfare of approximately \$225.00. Simon argued that our stewardship requires us to be prudent with our reserve and that there were qualified speakers within our area who could possibly make a professional presentation. Carson weighed in and said that he had spoken with Jamie C., chairperson of Area 34, and his services would be free of charge ... along with other Area officers and committee members. Several people spoke up about the last time we had such an event, six years ago, and reiterated upon how they still hear about its success. Discussion was tabled until next month's meeting on May 6th.

NEW BUSINESS

The topic of organizing another Area in order to better facilitate attendance in Area matters was brought to the table by Laura L.

Carson spoke briefly about the hoops, loops and bridges necessary to accomplish such a venture. However, it was agreed upon, by general consensus, that the combination of windshield time coupled with gas prices may ultimately constitute a restructuring project. Tabled for further discussion.

Carol W., gave a brief update on the coming Gratitude Dinner in November. She has secured St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church for the first Saturday in November into odd infinitum. The Dinner will be held this year on November 1st (allowing deer hunters to be in attendance without excuses.)

Walter proposed we create a ledger based upon "important things passed at our meetings". Discussion quickly went over what '*important things*' were and the general consensus was that they revolved around financial matters.

Walter passed out subscription forms for the A.A. Grapevine and expressed the need for a Grapevine Chairperson within the District. "Service and sobriety knock simultaneously." We no longer have a Grapevine Representative and the position is open. Know someone with an itch to do service work? Invite them ... oh heck, invite someone to the meeting anyway!

Laura presented a capitol idea which was initially proposed by Adam W. from Beaver Island, but she added some seasoning to it. Adam W. suggested last fall that we consider a District meeting

on the island. Worries that it may be cost prohibitive to many of us could, and may well be, a deterrent to many of us. Carson checked the pricing and found that a group of 20 could have passage for \$40.00 each vs. the normal \$45.00 and a 'blind eye' for 2 or 3 financially struggling. The (REMOVE salt and pepper) Laura proposed was that this would be a camp out with the meat and potatoes culminating in a campfire District inventory which would help us assess our liabilities, assets, direction, how to attract our GSR's etc.

Pat M. requested a \$200.00 donation from the District for the Annual Spring Round-up. In lieu of our \$500.00 prudent reserve and \$731.00 in the bank it was quickly passed that we donate \$100.00 towards the Spring Round-up.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Here's a list of Hosting Districts for the remainder of the year:

4/20/2008 - (DISTRICT 1/Alano House, Stevensville)
5/18/2008 - (DISTRICT 12/Grayling Township Hall)
6/15/2008 - (DISTRICT 3/Masonic Lodge, Saugatuck)
7/20/2008 - (DISTRICT 16 - Brimley/Superior Twp area)
8/17/2008 - (DISTRICT 13 - YOU!)
9/21/2008 - (DISTRICT 11 - Traverse City/Munson Medical Center)
10/19/2008 - (DISTRICT 9 - Cadillac/Remus area)
11/16/2008 - (DISTRICT 2 - Three Rivers/Sturgis area)
12/21/2008 - (DISTRICT 10 - Manistee/Onkama area)