

District 13 Minutes

May 6, 2008

DCM Laura opened the meeting at 7:04 pm.

Attendance:

DCM Laura I., Secretary Carson W., Treasurer Scott M., Literature Chair Simon C., Phone and PI/CPC Chair Sam S., Institutions Chair Brad H., Sponsorship Workshop Chair Jennifer M., Gratitude Dinner Chair Carol W., GSR Lynne M. >Wed. 12X12, GSR Adam W. >Tue./Thur. Beaver Island Evening, GSR Brian >Sat. Night Live, GSR Jim >Tues./Thur. Harbor Springs, GSR Sarah G. >Tues./Thur. Harbor Springs Women's, GSR Walter H. > Harbor Hall Nooner's, GSR Pat M. >East Jordan, GSR Lynn M. >Boyne Valley, GSR Richard O. >Charlevoix Legacy, GSR Jacque B. >Sat. Acceptance, and interested guests from the Fellowship, Larry, Dennis K., Donna and Carol.

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A few copies were made available for those without internet. They were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Scott M. presented the attached report. It was accepted without discussion.

Phone Report:

Lynne M. was concerned that there may be those who answer the phone for a month who wish to turn it off at night and suggested we consider setting the phone to transfer to a different number should that situation arise. She noted that she understood how to set it so it would forward the calls but didn't know yet how to turn it back again. It was decided that we should know how to do that before we agree to set up call-forwarding. Regardless, she was kind enough to volunteer her services as an on-call answering number.

She also noted (with examples) the importance of the person manning the phone to be able to recognize when to direct a caller to a medical facility for immediate attention.

PI/CPC Report:

Sam S. reported that since their last meeting in March they had been in touch with a few of the local Pastors and were met with all positive responses. He stated that he hadn't heard

back from a couple of his committee members; but that since he has taken on this new position he has been doing a lot of reading and is beginning to feel pretty comfortable with his ability to carry the A.A. message through this dynamic branch of our Fellowship.

The Sat. Acceptance Group donated money to purchase 3 display racks to be placed in new locations.

Laura L. suggested we place meeting schedules in the local hotels.

Pat M. suggested this would be an excellent topic for our District Inventory which will coincide with our June A.A. Retreat on Beaver Island (mentioned later in these minutes).

Institutions Report:

Brad H. announced a **desperate** need for a male volunteer to replace one of the men who recently stepped down at the Charlevoix County Jail.

Website Report:

Richard O. said that, due to some unfortunate circumstances, Milt Y. had to step down as our Web-Master. Scott K. quickly came to bat and volunteered his services. We immediately accepted his gracious offer! To post anything of our page please send it to scott@basesteencenter.org. He can also help you set up an alias e-mail address which would go through our website then on to your home computer. (Example: phnewmaad13.org) Thank you Scott!

Sponsorship Workshop:

Jennifer M. said that the 1st committee meeting will be at the Petoskey Big Boy May 21st at 7:00 pm. Anyone desiring to get in on some healthy and rewarding service work should try to attend this meeting. Tell your Groups. The Workshop will be August 16.

We've yet to positively select a speaker(s) for the event but we are looking at some VERY charismatic individuals. Motion was made and passed to put a \$300 cap on expenses to get our speaker(s) here.

Seating is a concern. We expect this Workshop will be well attended as we are expecting most of the Area Assembly attendees to be there as well as many more from all over the State. People are still talking about the huge success of our last one seven years ago! Hence, that will be one of the items up for discussion at this committee meeting.

Area Assembly Committee:

Walter H. said we need to locate and secure 10 tables for the August 17th event. There are plenty of chairs at Little Traverse Twp. Hall but no tables. He said we could rent them for \$120. It was suggested we try to get the tables from the Presbyterian Church. It was then moved and passed that we offer a \$50 contribution for the use of their tables and transport them ourselves on Friday evening. Laura said she thought she knew where we could borrow a trailer.

Walter also noted that the next Area Assembly is going to be in Grayling May 17th and that this would be a golden opportunity for many of us (not just GSR's) to find out how A.A. works before we host an assembly ourselves.

Beaver Island A.A. Retreat:

Adam W. brought a few fliers announcing an awesome weekend retreat on the Island. Please see attachment at the bottom. He says a large common tent will also be provided, along with coffee, cookies, all the ice and coolers. Things like potato salad will be taken care of by the A.A. Islanders too. We are asked to try to get each Group to kick in and one bring say brats, another condiments, another tableware, another buns & chips, another pancake fixins, another sausages etc.

There will be group rates available for the ferry. Details will be forthcoming.

Although this is an RSVP event, it is open to all A.A.'s and their families.

There will be a District Inventory Meeting conducted during this retreat. All GSR's are asked to make every effort to attend. They are also encouraged to ask their Groups for transportation reimbursement at their next Group Conscience Meetings.

The idea of making this an annual event will be looked into when the dust settles.

Special Area Assembly:

The entire morning session of the June 21st Area Assembly in Saugatuck will be dedicated to getting more GSR's (the voice of the Assembly) involved in Area participation. Please let me know if you think you might want to attend this Assembly at tocarsonw@gmail.com.

On Other Matters:

Dennis K. brought to our attention an often overlooked situation where our closed meetings are occasionally compromised by supportive parents, siblings or friends of a newcomer ... or even a court ordered individual who states that he/she is only there because they have to be.

Several valid things were brought up in a lengthy discussion which resulted in increased awareness for GSR's to host a regular Group Conscience meeting and determine how that Group will manage the situation.

Carol W. read a letter to St Francis Xavier Catholic Church confirming our use of their facility for the upcoming Gratitude Dinner on November 1st. She also supplied us with a copy of a letter she wrote to Dennis R. of Rochester Hills, MI thanking him for his acceptance to speak at the dinner.

GSR Pat M., from East Jordan, reminded us that we had committed ourselves to donate \$100 for the Spring Roundup and asked if we had decided we could donate anymore. After a brief discussion, motion was made and passed to kick in an extra \$50. Please see attached flier below.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

PS:

To those of you who are unable to download attachments please e-mail tocarsonw@gmail.com and I'll send you a printed JPEG document which you should be able to copy.