

District 13 Minutes

June 3, 2008

DCM Laura L. opened the meeting at 7:03 pm.

Attendance:

DCM Laura L., Secretary Carson W., Treasurer Scott M., Literature Chair Simon C., Phone & PI/CPC Chair Sam S., Sponsorship Workshop Chair Jennifer M., Gratitude Dinner Chair Carol W., GSR Lynne M. > Wed. 12 X 12, GSR Adam W. > Tues./Thurs. Beaver Island Evening, GSR Jacque B. > Sat. Acceptance, GSR Pat M. > East Jordan, GSR Jim > Tues./Thurs. Harbor Springs, GSR Walter H. > Harbor Hall Noon Promises, Big Book, and Grapevine Groups, GSR Jim R. > Wed./Fri. Petoskey Presbyterian Groups, GSR Sarah F. > Petoskey Into Action (new young people's group), GSR Terry > Charlevoix Who's Driving The Bus?, GSR Sarah G. > Tues./Thurs. Harbor Springs Women's, and interested guests from the fellowship, Jude V., Dawn and Nancy S.

May Minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report:

Scott M. presented the attached report. It was accepted without discussion. The Treasurer and the district wish to thank all groups for their donations. Without our member's and group's support, A.A. would cease to exist!

Phone Report:

Sam S. said everything seemed to be going fine. There were only a few calls last month but the callers got the information they needed. It was noted by Lynne M. that since we are listed in the phone book we are realizing a number of *solicitation* calls. She informed us that we should not hang up. Stay on the line and at the end of a recorded message you will be given an *unsubscribe number*. If you get a real human, you can give them a cordial invitation to the theological place of eternal punishment but Sam S. suggested, "Remember, all that energy usually gets turned around at some point in time." Since we have lost a couple of people on the monthly rotation of manning the Information Line, Sam asked us to search our groups for people willing to fill the void. With his permission to post his number, he can be reached at 231-881-1075 if you find a volunteer.

PI/CPC Report:

Sam S. said Michael is still helping him make the transition as the new Chair. He said that the latest Grapevine had an article about linking our PI/CPC & Corrections/Institutions to the GSO site but that he hadn't finished reading the report. He also noted that he had spent \$14.00 for printing and requested reimbursement upon delivery of an invoice. His report and request were both accepted.

Institution Report:

There was no report.

Website Report:

There was no report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sponsorship Workshop:

Jennifer M. announced that basically everything is on the attached flier. She did note that it would be nice if the district could contribute a few copies of Big Books to include in the raffle which is designed to help offset the cost of this Workshop. No motion was made towards her request. However, it was pointed out that Walter had some left-over coffee mugs from the Sober Blast two years ago and that they might be used/given away. The 2nd Edition Big Book included in the raffle is being donated by our guest speaker, Diz T.

Prudent Reserve:

A question about our prudent reserve was put to the floor and discussed. It was asked why our reserve needed to be placed at \$500. Sam S., our past Treasurer, helped put the issue to rest by explaining we need seed money for various events, and that other unexpected expenses crop up from time-to-time. He noted that we spent a lot of time about a year ago trying to establish what our reserve ought to be established at. (Secretary's note: My records indicate we deliberated 3 months in informed counsel to arrive at the \$500.00 mark.) Discussion took us to that fact there are more groups now participating at district level and we are bringing in more money. Anything above our prudent reserve ought to be passed along to Area & GSO. Our budget fluctuates so, for-the-time-being, our contributions should remain as they are. No further discussion was had, and no motion was made. The issue was put to rest.

Area Assembly Report:

Walter H. reported on our last area assembly held in Grayling, MI on May 18. He reported that the Annual GSO Conference's agenda was focused on 'Humility Through Service'. He said that our GSO, Area and Districts GREATLY need our GSR's participation. He went on to comment on several other topics which were brought up at the assembly. Among them is our 7th tradition,

"The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by voluntary contributions of their own members." He noted that, from this experience, he brought home the re-realization that our contributions help fund and support A.A. in over 200 countries around the world. Our GSO provides the Box 459 News Letter to our GSR's & other elected officers; it funds the printing of our directories (not just in English), the cost of sending both our Class-A and Class-B Trustees, our Delegates, our National, Regional, State and Area representatives and officers to conferences, forums and conventions where they share their experience, strength and hope through the 12 Concepts, Principals, Traditions and Steps of A.A. Our contributions also help fund the expense of sending our district representatives to such events so they can bring back vital information which helps serve their local community and fellowship. The '*Birthdays Envelope*' was promoted. It was suggested that we encourage our members to, upon an A.A. birthday, we fill out the envelope and send a *Gratitude Offering* to the GSO for whatever amount we can afford for each day, and month or year A.A. has helped us in our new life of living sober. Walter pointed out on a chart why every group ought to have a '*Grapevine Representative*'. "The Grapevine is a meeting in print", he says we've been told. GSR Jim > Harbor Springs Tue./Thur. volunteered to be the district rep. He says he'll be seeing you soon. Walter also noted that there are several vacancies begging to be filled at our Area level. They include: Alt. Secretary, PI/CPC Chair., Website Chair., and Alt. Area Assembly Chair. Carson noted that many of these positions have been vacant for several months, suggesting a wonderful opportunity to get involved in some awesome service work.

Traveling Expenses:

Lynne M. observed that in 1974, she put \$1.00 in the pass-around basket. Today, most of us put \$1.00 in the same basket. She admitted the cost of living has been greatly exaggerated since then ... "so why do we just keep putting in \$1.00?" she asked. She suggested we start asking our groups the same question. Carson noted that in order to send 1 or two representatives (preferably more in one car) to Saugatuck on June 15 going 444 mi rnd. trip in a vehicle which gets 15 mpg w/ gas @ \$4.15, the cost will be \$123.00. "All of our servants, above, pay for their own meals and take time out of their lives at no extra charge." Simon C. hit on what the idea of '*contribution*' is. He asked, "What is our contribution worth, what is it doing?" My tape recorder didn't catch everything, but the words "accountability", "stewardship", "treasurer" made it to my ears ...and so did, "Should we solicit \$2-3 basket contributions in light of our economy?"

Beaver Island Camp Out:

See attached filer. Adam requested communication with this side of the island be established to help coordinate the influx of drunks to this fantastic event. He assures us his group is willing to turn into some type of an exotic twisty pretzel in order to make this happen. He needs help though. Sarah G. and Carson W. offered to help coordinate the supplies coming over. Jim R offered a covered trailer to haul our *stuff* over in at an additional cost of \$100.00+. Each person is allowed 50 pounds of baggage. ("Remember, it's only 2 days of camping," Adam says.) Possibly Jim's trailer posted at a collection point might be a viable option? We've had a few folks volunteer certain supplies/eats etc. We are going to set up a registry (similar to a bridal

registry) of things needed on our website, wmaad13.org. in the next 48-72 hours. Individual passage on the ferry is currently \$23.00 + 15% one way. As a group, we can do a little better. Below is a cut & pasted note from Carol W. which was posted June 3rd:

On Tue, Jun 3, 2008 at 9:08 PM, Carol Wells <carolawells@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Carson,

FYI - I'm talking names, # of tickets needed, phone #'s and the time of Ferry on Friday for those who would like to buy a ticket at the "group" rate. Laura (DCM) will buy tickets and we'll hand them out at the Ferry - but I MUST HAVE COMMITMENTS. So please include that in the Minutes or Beaver Island update - they can either e-mail me or leave a message on my home phone 348-8700.

Name

Number of tickets

Ferry taking over on Friday

Phone #

Also, I'll bring butter/marg for weekend and Sarah will bring bread :-). May even bring peanut butter!! Please include that item in list of things provided for.

Thanks for ALL your hard work... more soon-

Carol - Child of God

PLEASE check the registry found at www.wmaad13.org to find out how your group can bring various items in an orderly fashion! All those in attendance felt that a registry would be the best way to coordinate this camp out from this side of the island. _

Gratitude Dinner:

No report. Everything's well.

NEW BUSINESS:

"I Came" "I Came To" "I Came To Believe" introduction in the first 3 meetings of the new *'Into Action'* meeting designed to meet the needs and screams of addiction in our young people sets the stage for an awesome 12 X 12 beginning June 17th. Those of us who want to help these young people are encouraged to call Sarah F. at 231-330-2612 or e-mail her at junegem84@gmail.com. (Her permission was granted to pass these contacts along.) "Support information? If you've got it, I want it!" she says.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20.