

District 13

June 6, 2009

DCM Laura L. opened the meeting at 9:00 am with the Serenity Prayer.

Attendance

We had 4 new GSRs and 1 new Alt. GSR! **Rock On!** They are: GSR, **Tony**, from the Harbor Springs Tues/Thurs. Group, GSR, **Rose**, from the Boyne Women's Serenity Group, GSR, **Andrew**, from the Bridge Street Group, GSR, **Chris**, from the Saturday Night Live Group, and Alt. GSR, **Carey**, from the Petoskey Wed/Fri. Night Group. Also in attendance was our welcome member of the Fellowship, **Lodi**; GSRs, **Walter H.** from the Harbor Hall Noon Groups (and co-chair of the 2010 State Convention), **Pat M.** from East Jordan, **Allan S.** from The Living Sober Group, **Jude V.** from the Tues/Thurs. Women's Group, and **Big Dave**, from the Charlevoix Group. Committee Chairs, **Sam S.**, PI/CPC, and **Cindy S.**, Information Line Chair. Officers **Scott M.**, Treasurer, **Carson W.**, Alt Secretary (and chair of the Public Information/Printing & Graphics committee for the 2010 State Convention), **Sarah G.**, Alt. DCM and GSR from the Harbor Springs Women's Group, and **Laura L.**, our DCM.

"Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity."

(Tradition One)

Minutes

Last month's minutes were amended to say, "Cindy S. is our new Phone/ Information Chairperson", instead of "...and PI/CPC Chairperson". With the amendment, the minutes were accepted and passed with unanimity.

Treasurer's Report

It was read and accepted. Our 'Prudent Reserve' remains intact. A copy of the report is available upon request.

Information Line Report

Cindy S. reported that there were few calls. She requested that anyone knowing of new meetings or meeting changes to contact her so she can stay current.

Scott M. presented a 4 page protocol used by District 11 (Traverse City area) for *crisis calls* (suicide, ET el) and moved that we adopt/plagiarize their format. After review and discussion, the motion was passed with unanimity.

PI/CPC Report

Sam S. reported that there are 4 new Power Point presentations available (go to aa.org). He stated that his team is currently aiming at clergy, and has its sights on working with attorneys. He submitted a request for \$24 to print 1,000 copies of meeting schedules, which was approved. Jude V. reiterated the need to have schedules available at our local hotels & motels.

Rose volunteered to distribute schedules in the Boyne area. Go girl!

Institutions Report

We have 2 new co-chairs! Dave, from Charlevoix, will take care of the Charlevoix County Jail, and Carey will take care of the Emmet County Jail. Their service will be to make sure there are enough Big Books and Grapevines; and to participate and serve as liaisons at jail meetings. This is a **huge** step in this district at giving hope to the still practicing alcoholic! THANK YOU, Carey and Dave!!!

Website Report

It was moved and passed that the Information Line/Phone Chair. serve as co-chair with Webmaster, Scott.

Literature Report

We still need a Literature Chairperson to replace Simon!

Old Business

Central Office

Scott M. found 2 possible locations in the Petoskey area for under \$200. He also researched what the Central Office in District 11 (Traverse City) is doing. He reported that they have 1 paid employee and it is tough to find volunteers to fill-in. Sales include Hazelton and other literature/items. They are incorporated as a non-profit organization, and as such, need to file quarterly sales tax, hire an accountant and an attorney. It is supported by sales and donations from local groups at about 50-50. They have two land lines, one for public information and one for FAX/computer. High gas prices last year were cited as the primary decline in group donations and it became 'iffy' at times to pay rent. They buy renter's insurance because of their inventory.

Sam S. suggested keeping it simple. Do not be (legally) recognized as a business, and have no phone (except the Information Line, which we already support).

Carson W. suggested we seriously examine in-flow vs. out-flow of capital expenses; and expressed concern that the added price of literature may turn our groups to buying direct. "It's a delicate balance", he said. Jude V. stated that her group already buys direct from the GSO.

Chris said she would ask around at 'Founder's Day' to see what other alternatives are available. The mater was tabled for discussion in July.

Travel Reimbursement

Carson W. introduced the idea of renting a car versus using a van which gets 10 mpg to go to area assemblies. "...with \$3/gal. gas, a 300 mile round trip will cost \$90, not including wear & tear." The discussion was tabled for further investigation.

Beaver Island Camp Out/Retreat

RSVP by June 20. Contact Carson at 231-347-9347 or islandcampout@wmaad13.org. Or Adam at 231-448-2581 or aewirth@aol.com.

Ferry Leaving Charlevoix: Friday: 8:30 am and 2:30 pm

Sat., 8:30 & 11:30 AM, and 2:30, 5:30 PM.

Ferry leaving Beaver Island: Sat.: 8:20 & 11:20 AM, 2:20, and 5:20 PM.

Fees: Adult, each way: \$24, Child (5-14) \$13, Under 5 Free
Bicycle: \$9.

Please arrive 1 hour early so you purchase your tickets, park your car (\$3.00/day), and catch the shuttle back to the ferry. (If you're late, valet parking cost \$20. YIKES!)

Questions: 1-888-446-4095

NEW BUSINESS

September Area Assembly

Scott M. reported for Jennifer that we will be hosting the September Area Assembly at Camp Petosega between 10:00 am and approximately 4:00 pm. The rent will be \$140.00 with \$100.00 deposit. The 2010 State Convention committee will be meeting at 10:00 am. Coffee & fruit will be served in the morning, and lunch will consist of spaghetti & meatballs, bread and salad. A dish to pass is suggested. There is no charge for this event. **All are encouraged to come and see how AA functions beyond the group.** Flyers will be available in the near future.

Gratitude Dinner

Sarah G, chairperson, said she was looking into renting space at the college to allow for more seating this year. She will find out how much available cash there is from last year's event to help in making that decision. This year, the dinner will be on November 7th. Cost and location are yet to be determined.

May Area Assembly

Walter reported that 14 of 16 districts were represented. He noted that Grapevine jokes are desperately needed. If you think you've something they can use, please don't hesitate to send it in! There are 4 new young people's videos soon to be released. When Gregg K, our Area Delegate, watched them he broke out in tears. MYCYP is coming up sooner than you think. It's scheduled for November 27-29 at The Thomas Edison Inn, Port Huron, MI. Downloadable flyers should be available on our website, wmaad13.org, soon.

OTHER BUSINESS

July 4th District Meeting

The monthly district meeting will be held as usual on the 1st Saturday, July 4, 9:00 am at the Methodist Church, 1804 E. Mitchell, Petoskey.

Bridge St. Meeting

The Bridge Street Group will be meeting every Monday at 8:00 pm instead of Tuesdays. They will also be hosting a potluck the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm followed by a speaker meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40am

PS: The Secretary needs to update the mailing list. Please take a moment at the next meeting and make sure all GSRs, Alt. GSRs, Committee Chairs, officers, and anyone else who wishes to be on the mailing list fills out their name, contact info. (phone, email, or mailing/FAX) and title/position in AA. This list will remain completely confidential and will never be given to anyone without your consent.