

District Minutes

August 5, 2008

Secretary, Carson, called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

Attendance:

Secretary and Living Sober GSR Carson W, Harbor Hall Noon GSR Walter H, Gratitude Dinner Chair. and Monday Night 6:30 Big Book Study GSR Carol W, Out-going Sunday 12 x 12 GSR Lynne M, Newly elected Sunday 12 x 12 GSR Harry C, Boyne Valley A.A. GSR Dick H, Tues./Thurs. Harbor Springs GSR Jim H, Charlevoix Legacy GSR Dave, Tues./Thurs. Harbor Springs Women's GSR Sarah G, Alt. Treasurer, Phone and PI/CPC Chair. Sam S, Webmaster Scott, Literature Chair. Simon C, Alt. Secretary Jacque B, and Guests Stacy, David, Lynn M and Nancy S.

We'd like to extend a warm *'thank you!'* to all those in attendance and their contributions!

Minutes:

Minutes from July 1 were accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report was accepted. A copy is on file and is available upon request.

PI/CPC Report:

Sam reported that the brochure racks need to be checked on and filled as necessary. We currently have 10-12 racks in Petoskey and a couple in Charlevoix. He has acquired 2 new racks. He wants to start trying to work with our local churches. Carol W. volunteered to hand out meeting lists to hotels along 131 S. It was also suggested that we post our Information Line number on hotel bulletin boards. Sam said the committee's next meeting is scheduled in September.

Institutions Report:

None.

Information Line report:

Nancy S. reported that everything went great in July and that she is handing it over to Lynne M. this month.

Website Report:

Scott reported that our site, www.wmaad13.org, has only had about 100 hits since we went on line last year. Sarah G. volunteered to chair an ad-hoc committee to investigate how to jazz-up our cover page (calendar of events, photos, etc?) and report back at our next district meeting **September 6th**.

Sponsorship Seminar:

The Event will be recorded by Pier Pont. CD's will be available at \$10.00 morning session & \$10.00 afternoon session and available in August (?). "Everything is all green lights", Carol W. said.

July Area Assembly Report:

Walter reported, "It was "GREAT!" All districts attended except 3. The area agreed to supply our prisons with \$800.00 worth of Grapevine subscriptions. The July issue is staple-free, specific to prisons, and available at a discount. The Area still needs a Special Events Chairperson. Bids for the 2010 State Convention are due at the August 17th Area Assembly in Harbor Springs. Laura has negotiated the best price per gallon of coffee heard of in years at a convention center at \$12.00/gallon. A bid package is being prepared for us by Boyne Mountain which will include a bank of rooms, assembly hall, break-out rooms, meals and banquet. That package will be ready in time for presentation at the Area Assembly. Not enough information was available as to our (district 13) responsibilities in acting as host for the convention. It was moved and passed that Lynn M. of Boyne Valley A.A. would research the particulars and report to Carson W. yet this evening so that Carson can send that information on to all eligible voters in our district for an informed vote. Time will be allowed for each GSR to present the facts to their groups and get a consensus on how to cast their vote. Next Wednesday, August 13, will be the deadline for voting. Voting will be by open ballot and verification will be available upon request. The Area is looking for a theme. Carson has several forms for this at home and will gladly distribute them to all interested. Please see attached file. If you're unable to open, please contact Carson and he will put it in a format friendly to your computer. Hard copies, as always, available upon request.

Discussion on DCM and Alt. DCM:

Last month Laura L. gave notice that she had accepted employment in Ohio and that she would not be available to chair our meetings on Tuesdays. However, she pointed out that she would be in Petoskey the 1st Saturday of every month on other business and would be able to function as our DCM with her presence on those days and always by phone & e-mail. It was noted that, in Laura L's tenure as our DCM, the momentum of our district has practically tripled and thus the motion to change our meeting day and time was proposed in the form of a motion. The motion stated by Carson: "I move that we change our meeting day and time to the first Saturday of each month and to meet at Harbor Hall at 9:00 A.M as a temporary measure which can be reversed at any time." Lynne M. argued that her new successor as GSR would not be able to attend due to employment responsibilities. Observation was made that that's why we have alternate GSR's. Sam S. suggested that we move the meeting time to 6:00 P.M. and so moved. The motion was supported and passed with a significant majority. No argument was heard from the minority and none was asked for (My fault). The motion passed.

Secretary's Note:

Upon arriving home, Carson spoke with Laura (in Chicago) on the phone and found that the reason she was coming to Petoskey the 1st Saturday of every month was to attend a personal business meeting which will be held at 6:30 P.M. Consequently, our bid and attempt to secure Laura as our DCM failed despite our efforts to do so unless we reconsider at our next district meeting **Sept. 6th**. Obviously, not all the facts were on the table when this motion and vote occurred. I urge you pray about this matter in the upcoming days as it will appear on our agenda next month.

End of note.

Nominations for Alternate DCM will be heard (hopefully) at our next meeting. Qualifications are found in our General Service Manual. Basically, the suggestions are that the Alternate DCM meet the same suggested qualifications that the DCM meets ... that they can assume those responsibilities as needed. They include: 4-5 years sobriety, previously a GSR, not currently holding another office, attend Area Assemblies, conventions, forums etc. as much as possible ... to stay in communication with the DCM and be ready, willing and able to take the reins when called upon. Yes, I may have embellished a wee bit but, from speaking with other DCM's at our area assemblies, these suggestions seem to be the norm within our Area, 34. Several districts have instituted a fail-safe whereas if an elected officer misses more than 2 consecutive meetings without due cause, he/she is let go and another election is held for that position.

Gratitude Dinner:

Carol W. announced that the 1st committee meeting will be held at 12:05 P.M., August 9th, right after the Saturday Morning Acceptance Group Meeting at the Methodist Church in Petoskey. She says everything is going to plan. Committee chairs are in place and she will be requesting that our chairs start recruiting their staff. Offerings for door prizes will be accepted! Tentative plans include a dance afterwards. Facts will be on fliers available at our **Sept. 6th** meeting. "Where else can you get a full meal, AWESOME fellowship, an inspirational speaker, door prizes

and a dance for 5 bucks!?! It costs that much for a #1 at and have it your way at McDonalds, then you have to eat it in your car ... alone.”

Phone Tree:

Walter proposed a ‘phone tree’ where we remind another of up-coming events and district meetings. Tabled for next month’s meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M. with the Lord’s Prayer.

**Never give in, never give in,
Never, never, never
Never --- in nothing,
Great or small,
Large or petty ---
Never give in except to
Convictions of Honor
And
Good Sense!**

Winston Churchill, October 29, 1941

