

District 6, Area 34  
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Sept. 8 @ 1:30 pm  
Port City Group, 960 W. Sherman, Muskegon

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Jane opened the meeting at 1:30 with the Serenity Prayer.

### **Secretary's Report**

The minutes from the July 14, 2013 district meeting were read. Two corrections were noted:

1. Webmaster's name spelled wrong - should be Gary Courser.
2. In Committee Reports Corrections section – the name of the newly registered prison meeting should be “Gaining Our Freedom”.

Motion made by Beth to accept the report with corrections, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Diana. Motion passed.

### **Treasurer Report**

Russ submitted a written report & Jim S. read it. Diana made a motion to accept the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Debra T. Motion passed.

### **Group Concerns**

None

### **DCM Reports**

North – Greg (absent)

- Greg emailed Laura that he was not able to attend district and reported no changes.

Central – Joy (absent)

- Diana L elected as Alt. DCM – she reported no other changes.

South – Jim

- No changes.

### **Committee Reports**

Archives – open

Corrections – Debra

1. Everything is going well with jail meetings.
2. Jim S. gave a report on the prison meetings: (A) There is a new meeting being held at the Brooks Facility Fremont Unit on Thursday nights at 6 pm. The unit is a level 1, low level. There were approximately 45 men at the meeting. (B) There is a **great** need for volunteers to lead meetings at the Muskegon Correctional Facility. They currently have 2 meetings at this location. The Wednesday meeting is a registered group with GSO. They are unable to accommodate any more prisoners at the meeting location. (C) West Shoreline Correctional Facility (formerly Muskegon Temporary Facility) has 5 meetings a week and is also in need of volunteers to chair the meetings.

Grapevine - Greg (absent)

Greg emailed Laura that he was not able to attend district and reported no changes.

PI/CPC – Deb

1. Apologized that she has not been able to attend recent meetings due to her father being very ill and passing away.
2. She is looking at forming a sub-committee to assist her.
3. Jane passed around a business card that the Tri-Cities Alano Club has made giving people web addresses for their group, district 6, and area 34. Suggested this might be idea for Deb to use. Lynn volunteered to help Deb design a business card.
4. Noted by Beth that cards could be handed out to social workers at hospitals, Muskegon Family Care, Access Health and other health facilities that deal on the front lines with people seeking help. Suggested we team with Alanon representative in presenting information to these facilities as alcoholism is a family disease.

## Schedules – Thomas

1. Passed out last of current schedules.
2. Passed around tentative meeting list. He asked all to verify meeting information for the new schedules that will be printed at the end of October / 1<sup>st</sup> of November. New schedules will be available at November district meeting.

## Webmaster's – Gary

1. Requested confirmation on how to handle new meetings that people request posted on web. Per Thomas, current policy is once a meeting has been held for 6 months; it will be added to printed schedule. Suggested that Gary bring any new meeting information to each district meeting.
2. Provided written graph report. The status report was disabled in August so information not available for that month. In July, there were 2,500 hits on web page. Web page hits are increasing by 250-300 each month.
3. Gary would like to re-design web page, keeping content the same. Group gave unanimous approval.

Telephone Service – Bill – no report - absent

## **GSR Reports**

Gaining Our Freedom (prison meeting): Alt GSR Jim reported this is a new meeting but many men are coming to it and getting involved.

WEST: Sharon – she is the newly elected GSR for group. The groups is doing very well, with average attendance of 13-16 women; group from Transition Living Center (long term rehab facility) coming; financially sound. It was noted by Jane to thank the group for their continued financial support of the district.

Sunday Women's Group @ GMAC – Laura - reported attendance growing, however not financially stable yet.

Eye Opener @ TCAC: Priscilla – Well attended meeting, with over 50 people on Saturday's.

Still Sober at Six: Lynn– she is the newly elected GSR as Gary is moving. The meeting is very well attended; many newcomers, TLC women attend weekly.

Expect a Miracle Group: Dennis – The group has elected an Alt. GSR, David. David is also handling the literature for group. They have 2 weekly meetings that are very well attended – Mon. Big Book Study and No First Drink Friday. Their treasurer was not able to attend last business meeting so he is not sure of finances.

\*\*Was noted by Jane at this time that GSR's need to make sure their groups are aware that they do not give monies to clubs or non-AA events. Groups should support AA events, GSO, district, area, and purchase AA literature.

East End Group: Deb – Group meeting twice a week on Tues. & Thurs at 7:30 pm. Average attendance is 25-30 people with many old timers and returning newcomers. The group chairs a Back to Basics meeting quarterly at a member's house. The men from group lead the Monday Muskegon jail meeting. Noted that current treasurer has not been seen, but there is no money missing. Rent has not been paid for awhile and no distributions have been made. Group will elect new treasurer and clear up past due rent.

## **Old Business**

- Archives position: Beth B has met with Charlie and volunteered for position. It was noted that a member had expressed some interest at last district meeting, but he has not contacted Charlie or Jane expressing any further interest. Jane asked three times for any other nominations. None received. Jim made a motion to elect Beth B to archives position, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Priscilla. Unanimous approval. Beth asked that groups be sure to send her history forms, memory pages, and flyers for events they host.

- East Central Forum: District will be giving out three \$160 scholarships to 1<sup>st</sup> time attendees. Flyers for forum were handed out. A basket was passed around and interested persons were encouraged to submit names for drawing. Thomas drew. Winners:
  1. Deb B
  2. Mike Mc
  3. Debra T - she withdrew her name because her mother is very ill and has been admitted to hospital
  4. Priscilla

Two names were drawn as alternates;

1. Lynn S.
2. Sharon

Noted by Jane to those who won – if you are not able to attend, please contact secretary, Laura, and let her know. Alternates will be notified in order of names drawn.

- August workshop: Quality was good! Russ and Bill did awesome job cooking; great to have Area 34 delegate Kenny present; Warren past delegate was in attendance; awesome job by ask-it-basket panel. Jane thanked all who attended and helped.

### **New Business**

- Jane reported on Area 34 treasury: area financially sound, past treasurer has paid back \$750, no payment plan in place, still in excess of \$10,000 remains to be paid back.
- All positions are open for election at Nov. 10 meeting. GSR's should advise members of groups of service positions available.
- District 4 in Kalamazoo is having a breakfast Oct. 13 @ 9 am. They will have a speaker. Cost is \$12. All welcome to attend.
- Next area assembly will be Sept. 15 in South Haven at 10:30 am. A vote will be taken on changing the area meetings to every other month instead of monthly as held now. Jane encouraged all to attend. It was noted that district 6 supports the motion to change area meetings to every other month.
- Area elections will be held Oct. 20. Russ will be putting his name in to be the next delegate. All GSR's and DCM's are encouraged to attend the meeting as they are the voting members for our district.
- Thomas needs \$150.60 for 1,000 schedules to be printed. Motion made by Laura for the funds, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Debra T. Motion passed.
- We have 4x our prudent reserves in treasury and we need to make distribution of funds. Thomas made a motion that we send \$750 to GSO, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Jim. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3 pm.

Next District 6 meeting will be Nov. 10 @ 1:30 pm. The Tri-Cities Alano Club will be the host group and is located at 419 E. Fulton St in Grand Haven.

Respectfully submitted  
Laura Jones