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Minutes from District 6  
Whitehall Alano Club  
March 10, 2019

Laura opened the meeting @1:30PM

Welcome & Serenity Prayer

- Introductions around the table
- Reading Step 8/Tradition 8/Concept 8

Secretary's Report:

Report from January was read. Motion made to accept the report. 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed

Treasurer's Report:

Report from 01/02/19 through 03/08/19 was read. Member noted the nice donation from the Eye Opener Group. The GSR, Judy, explained it was large as they haven't sent in a check for a while as they decided how to handle their literature monies. Tom asked that we get a statement for the phone bill for the next District meeting. Gina made motion made to accept the report David 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed.

Announcements

- Evan from Giles Road Fellowship stated there would be a Potluck and Speaker meeting on Friday, April 26. The potluck starts at 6pm and the speaker meeting will begin at 7pm. This will be held at 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran on Whitehall Road.
- A limited amount of State Convention Flyers were available from Laura. She will get more at the next Statewide meeting. This is the 67<sup>th</sup> Michigan State AA Convention hosted by Area 33 from August 23-25<sup>th</sup>.
- Gina stated the District 6 Sponsorship Workshop on Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 – 3:30 at Muskegon Alano-Norton Shores.
- Mock Conference Flyer available. The Conference is March 23 in Mt. Pleasant.
- Marlo let us know that Tri-Cities Alano Club in Grand Haven needs speakers for their meeting held Sunday's at 7pm.

Group Concerns - none

Area 34 Report

Next Area 34 meeting is March 17th, at the Kalamazoo Community Center.

- Attendees will break into groups to discuss topics for the pre-conference assembly.
- Drawing names for scholarships to the East Central Forum being held in the Detroit Area July 12-14, 2019.
- Laura asked us to share information with our groups in the Southern Districts - Grand Haven, Spring Lake & Ferrysburg, since there is no South District Committee Member at this time.
- The International Convention is July 2-4, 2020 in Detroit. This convention is held every 5 years. Registration opens September 9<sup>th</sup>. Attendees will not be able to reserve a room on their own as it will have to be done through the registration process. You must be registered and paid to get rooms which can be done in groups. Box 459 should have information and shuttle busses will be available. In August, GSR's will get information from General Service Office to share with their groups. 3,000-5,000 volunteer will be needed and will receive a T-Shirt. Contact Carlyle if you would like to volunteer. His email is chair2020ic@gmail.com. Gina asked if Gary could put this on our District 6 web site.

## District Committee Member Reports

North – Dave was not in attendance

Central – Nothing new per Gina, still going through schedules and calling contacts to update with current information.

South – open position. This position has been empty for over a year. Please go back to your groups to let them know.

## Committee Reports

Archives – Beth sent a message that she is aware of Dan Wright passing.

Corrections – Larry reported that MCF has 3 meetings. He has enough volunteers and more still applying for all meetings. Back to Basics will need people to listen to 5<sup>th</sup> steps on March 19 from 7-8:30pm. Out of the 40 Big Books he ordered at the last district meeting he only has 4 left. He and Jason have also been using some abridged AA books and some Grapevines. Laura stated that Area 34 also has a literature budget for prison meetings so Larry will check into that. As always, District 6 is happy to purchase books.

Grapevine – Judy C reports there is nothing new.

PI/CPC – This is now an open position as Jamie has resigned and Judy K, that alternate is not able to take over that position.

Schedules – David passed around schedules to make any changes.

Webmaster – Gary has sent out the web stats regarding web use. He reminds us to send him announcement flyers and that we can add items to the calendar. It's not necessary to put anything on the calendar that is already on the schedule.

There is a new "Meeting Guide" app available. The app has a blue background with a chair circled in white. He would like to get our district added. The General Service Office is supporting this app but it is maintained by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party. He still needs to access the program.

Telephone Service – No report.

## General Service Representative Reports

Danny reports the Veterans group is going strong despite rumors otherwise. Their schedule and they dropped the 7:30am meeting but they still meet at noon.

Tom – Tom reports that he is "nursing" a possible GSR.

Grand Haven Unity - Vicki reports that the Grand Haven Unity group has gained many younger attendees.

Eye opener Grand Haven – Judy reported that they had a successful chili cook-off and are considering an AA birthday celebration this year.

White Lake – Chris reported that all is going well.

Giles Fellowship Group – Evan reported has approximately 10-15 persons and is held on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7pm. The Saturday meeting needs more attendees.

Encompass – Cowboy reports that this is a new meeting and he plans to have a flyer sent to Gary regarding this meeting.

Still Sober at 6 - Gina reported that the meeting is very well attended.

Sunday Breakfast Group and Grumpy Old Men – Russ reported meetings are going strong. There is now a female in the group. New attendees would be appreciated for the weekend meetings at 6:30. There is a Spanish speaking meeting in the back room on Tuesdays at 6pm.

Expect a Miracle – MK reported that their business meeting will be April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

## Old Business

1. There were no nominations for any open positions. Laura asks we speak to our groups and to let her know of any interest or questions.
2. Workshop update – There is money available for the workshop. Gina is still looking for volunteers to sit on the panel. She will send out flyers by email. This workshop about sponsorship is scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 3:30.

## Open positions remaining are:

District Committee Member South

Alt. District Committee Member South

Alt. District Committee Member North

Alt. Telephone

Public Information / Cooperation with the Professional Committee (PI/CPC)

## New Business

Motion made to have the next meeting at the Tri-Cities Alano Club in Grand Haven on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30PM.

It was explained that a Forum is an opportunity to meet with people from the General Service Office in New York. This is held every other year and includes Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, Indiana and Illinois. The Grapevine Presentation is very informative. East Central Regional Forum Scholarships (July 12-14 in Detroit, MI) – drawing in March & May. \$480 is set aside for the Forum. The scholarship is for first time attendees. We drew names to go: Cowboy and Vicki were selected. The alternates are Gary and Gina.

The program called “Bridging the Gap” is used to connect people coming out of treatment with someone who could bring them to a meeting. The Treatment Chair from Area 34, Carson, is looking for someone to maintain a list of volunteers and be able to connect the person coming out of treatment with a volunteer. He wants this to be done at the district level if possible. Please go back to your groups to see if there is any interest in being the contact person for this list. We discussed if we should have a treatment committee.

We discussed whether we should change the name of Corrections as people get confused about it covering prisons or prisons & jails. The former chair thought it was for prisons only. We have been using the same concept as District 7 of supporting prisons & jails. After discussion, we decided that instead of changing the name we would provide better education to the Committee Chairs.

David made a motion to purchase 2 cases of portable big books for the jail meetings. Gina 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

District Inventory – Laura is recording these notes. See page 2 of the Agenda for information.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40PM.

Responsibility Statement: I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere reached out for help. I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that, I AM RESPONSIBLE.

Next meeting Sunday, May 5 at 1:30PM. It will be at the Tri-City Alano club in Grand Haven.