

District 6, Area 34
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Hotline # (231) 798-4242
Nov. 22, 2015 @ 1:30 pm
The Greater Muskegon Alano Club, 4613 Henry, Norton Shores

Norm opened meeting at 1:30

Introductions around the table.

Russ gave a brief history of the Alano Club and read Concept 11.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the Sept. 13 district meeting were read, with date corrections for current meeting noted. Motion made to accept report with correction passed.

Treasurer Report

Russ read treasurer report. Motion made to accept as read passed.

Old Business

- Revised Bid 2016 Area Assembly (Feb or May - previous bid of Sept or Oct -- dates not available): Motion made and passed to make a bid to host the May Area Assembly . It was decided the group did not want Feb. as 2nd choice if May is not available.
- Gratitude Donation to GSO: Motion made and passed to make a gratitude donation of \$1,250 to GSO.

New Business

- Elections
 - a) Chair: David R.
 - b) Secretary: Gina S.
 - c) Treasurer: Russ L.
 - d) DCM North: Greg S.
 - e) DCM Central: Laura J.
 - f) DCM South: Priscilla S.
 - g) Corrections: Kevin D.
 - h) Grapevine: David H.
 - i) PI/CPC: Judy K.
 - j) Schedules: Penny S.
 - k) Web: Gary C.
 - l) Telephone: Sharon C.
 - m) Alt. Chair: Penny S.
 - n) Alt. Secretary: Sharon C.
 - o) Alt. Treasurer: Wayne O.
 - p) Alt. DCM North: Melissa C.
 - q) Alt. DCM Central: Gina S.
 - r) Alt. DCM South: Mark VB
 - s) Alt. Corrections: Jim S.
 - t) Alt. Grapevine: Gary C.
 - u) Alt. PI/CPC: Jamie
 - v) Alt. Schedules: David H.
 - w) Alt. Web: Rick M.
 - x) Alt. Telephone: Russ L.
- Motion made and passed to host the Jan. 10, 2016 District meeting at the True North Building in Fremont.

Group Concerns

- The Twin Lake Group has collected monies from meetings and there is currently no GSR, Secretary or Treasurer. The group does not know what to do with the money. Feedback given to hold a business meeting and elect officers and to check with the church to see how the rent is being paid to determine who is on the checking account. Greg S. (DCM North) will follow up with the group.

- The Gaining Our Freedom Group that meets at 1 pm on Wed. at the Muskegon Correctional Facility needs volunteers to lead the meeting. Jim S., who currently leads the meetings, will be gone from Dec. to April. Members asked to go back to groups with request. It was noted interested individuals can contact Jim S. via email (his email is printed on the schedules) and he can get you the contact information for lien clearance to go into prison meetings.

DCM Reports

North – Greg

- No report.

Central - Laura

- Working on getting meeting and contact information correct with Area 34 directories chair. She has been in contact with groups in person and via phone and /or email.

South – Priscilla

- Attended GSR/DCM school hosted by District 7 in Grand Rapids. She is looking into seeing if District 7 would host the school in District 6. She is visiting groups.

Committee Reports

Archives – Beth

- Absent - no report.

Corrections - Jim

- Submitted report that is attached to the minutes. A Back to Basics meeting was hosted and well attended at the prison meeting.

Grapevine - David

- Nothing new to report.

PI/CPC – Judy

- She attended a panel in Holland as an observer.

Schedules – Penny

- New schedules passed out.

Webmaster's – Gary

- There was a lot of activity in July and August. He supplied the group with many statistics. The largest downloads were schedules, service workshop flyer and district minutes. Groups are not using the calendar to post events. He is also asking groups to make sure to email him flyers of upcoming events so they can be uploaded onto the web site.

Telephone Service – Joy

- Absent – no report.

GSR Reports

White Lake Group: Norm – Nothing new to report.

Eye Opener @ TCAC: Mark - Things are good. 1st Wed. each month is a Traditions meeting.

Fremont Group: Dave – They are going to be conducting their first group inventory. They are hosting a New Year Gala Jan. 2 beginning with a potluck at 6:30 pm. David R. will be the speaker at 7:30 pm. Games and karaoke to follow speaker.

Depot Group: Wayne -- Things are fine.

Grumpy Old Men & Sun. Breakfast group at GMAC: Russ – Nothing new to report

Still Sober @ Six: Gina – Nothing new to report.

Shonat Noon Group: Thomas reported for group. They are taking a freewill donation in Nov. for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Collection.

Swiss Village Women's Group: Penny - Things are good.

Expect A Miracle @ TCAC: David- Attendance between 20-40 people and hosting elections in Dec.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Next District 6 meeting will be Jan 10, 2016 and will be hosted by the Fremont Group. The meeting will be held at the True North Building located at 6408 S. Warner in Fremont.

Respectfully submitted
Laura J

CORRECTIONS REPORT

District 6, Area 34

November 22, 2015

The highlight of our activities since the last report was the recent presentation of a *Back To Basics* program at Muskegon Correctional Facility (MCF), one of the three DOC facilities in East Muskegon. This 4 week/session program was conducted by Jane R and one of the Inside AAs with the participation of 11 more. Especially significant and gratifying was the hearing of 5th Steps at one of the sessions by 12 Outside AAs who reported it to be one of the best/most rewarding things they've ever done in their sobriety.

There are 3 meetings/week at MCF with the participation of just 2 Outside AAs, Jane R & the undersigned both whom will be gone Dec thru Mar.

E C Brooks has 3/week & 5 Outside AAs.

West Shoreline has 5/week. Only 2 are attended by Outside AAs.

The meetings in the 3 facilities are detailed on the attached, including days & times.

Official state-wide policy of DOC says no meetings without an Outside AA though this is unevenly enforced. As the Inside AAs have repeatedly stated, the meetings are much better, with more sharing, & have much better attendance with an Outside AA. We continue to recruit Outside AAs and are hoping that the experience of those who heard 5th Steps will encourage them to become regular attendees.

Please report the needs & the rewards of this important service work to your groups. Ideally, each meeting would be "adopted" by a group with several of its members attending on a rotating basis. This has been done for many years by the Grand Haven area women AAs for the Ottawa County Jail meeting. And yes, women can attend meetings in a men's prison facility.

A flyer is attached for posting in your group's meeting place.

Anyone with interest can contact me for info on the meetings, application forms, etc. at 231-670-0867 or prisonvolunteers@hotmail.com

Yours in service,

Jim Stariha

"When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there and, for that, I am responsible."

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS
Correctional Facilities in Muskegon
January, 2015

Tuesday 6:30 PM West Shoreline Correctional Facility

Wednesday 1:00 PM Muskegon Correctional Facility

Thursday 7:00 PM Brooks Correctional Facility - Fremont Unit

Thursday 7:00 PM Brooks Correctional Facility – in School

Thursday 7:30 PM West Shoreline Correctional Facility

Friday 6:30 PM Muskegon Correctional Facility

Friday 7:30 PM West Shoreline Correctional Facility

Saturday 9:00 AM Brooks Correctional Facility – in School

Saturday 9:00 AM West Shoreline Correctional Facility

Saturday 12:00 PM West Shoreline Correctional Facility

Saturday 1:00 PM Muskegon Correctional Facility