

District 6, Area 34  
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Hotline # (231) 798-4242  
March 10 @ 1:30 pm  
Hart Group, 191 W. Main St., Hart

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

### **Secretary's Report**

The minutes from the Jan. 13, 2013 district meeting were read. Motion made by Kate to accept report, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Jeff. Motion passed.

### **Treasurer Report**

Russ read the treasurer's report. Question raised on \$150 to TrueNorth - explained it is the deposit for use of building and that it will be refunded after area meeting. Jim made a motion to accept the report, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Linda. Motion passed.

### **Group Concerns**

- Idea brought up on having a district 6 speaker list that would be provided to all groups within the district and list people willing to speak. All liked the idea. GSR's to take back to groups for interest. Laura offered to maintain the list.
- Discussion on how to get more members involved in service work. Lead by example; think on how we present service opportunities to members; encourage people & tell how much it can enrich sobriety; learn history of AA & the sacrifices the old-timers made; someone counting on me to keep AA alive & healthy.

### **DCM Reports**

North – Michelle: No report (absent)

Greg talked with Michelle and let her know that she needed to contact Jane and advise interest in position. She has not made contact.

Central – Joy: No report (absent)

South – Jim

Jim has been out of town. He will touch base with prison contacts and continue working on getting groups registered with GSO.

### **Committee Reports**

Archives – Charlie (absent)

1. Charlie has resigned position due to health problems (election will be covered in new business).
2. Prepared handout detailing service position.

Corrections – Debra

1. She has been having a meeting every Tues. evening for 1 woman who is in the Hart County Jail. Lacy from the Hart meetings would like to help with jail meetings but not available on Tues. However, at this time it is the only night available to hold meetings at the jail.
2. Chuck requested Big Books for the prison meetings but he has not gotten back in touch with Debra.

Grapevine - Greg

He has old copies of the Grapevine available for people who would like them for their groups. We should encourage newcomers to read the magazine.

PI/CPC – Deb (absent)

1. Russ gave Deb the PI & CPC kits that were ordered from GSO.
2. Jeff Z offered to assist Deb with contacts at Sobriety Court.

Schedules – Thomas

1. He has 150 of the last edition left – please contact him if groups need.
2. Brought proofs for May edition so GSR's could check.

3. Feedback requested on possible change to the format of our meeting schedule to a list by day instead of by location. Feedback: online is listed by day & location; most prefer the list by location, but several do like the idea of list by day; some feel it is confusing when listed by day. Since the schedules are ready for print now and delaying the print is not the best choice, discussion tabled for now. Schedules will be printed again in 6 months.

Webmaster's – Ken

Written graph report submitted.

Telephone Service – Bill (absent)

No report

### **GSR Reports**

12 & 12 @ Swiss Village: Linda – attendance & donations are down due to snowbirds being gone; average attendance is 8-14

Sunday Women's @ GMAC: Laura – group held 1<sup>st</sup> business meeting and elected chair & secretary.

Nooners @ GMAC: Kate – business meetings very small and not able to generate much interest from members in attending; business meetings are held at 11:20 and discussed holding them after group meeting but no interest in changing time right now.

Unity Noon Group @ TCAC: Thomas – group history form has been given to Charlie; it is the 10 yr. anniversary of group; traditional meeting.

Hart Group: Jeff D. – Attendance good; snow plow bill high; having jail meeting for men; flyers for group taken to parks, police stations, and visitor centers so people visiting area know where meetings are held.

Port City Group: Kate – still struggling financially, but donations are up and holding their own.

Eye Opener @ TCAC: Priscilla – steady attendance; weekend attendance 30-65; remodeling of club done.

Holton Group: Bernie – Lots of sobriety; attendance steady.

St. Albans Group: Jeff Z – New GSR for group; trying to get them to donate to district; attendance 6-22; would like to see more summer activities, with all groups being encouraged to attend.

### **Old Business**

- Area 34 meeting will be April 21 in Fremont and we are host district. Gary is the volunteer coordinator. Set up at 9 am. Greeters should be there by 9:45 am. Laura, Priscilla, & Jeff D volunteered to greet. Meal is a potluck – need hot foods. Deb B is working with Russ on getting sandwich stuff and they will be assembled on Sat.

### **New Business**

- Charlie O has resigned from position of Alt. Chair. Elections are in Nov. for position to begin in Jan. Need to elect interim for now. Laura nominated Jeff D – unanimous vote of approval.
- Charlie O has resigned from position of Archives Chair. Charlie provided a description of duties; there are 2 bins of materials; new person should continue on with the traditions set by Charlie & Karen; he is willing to help new person learn job; person should have long term sobriety as this is important position; this position is filled by appointment, not election. GSR's asked to take information on position back to groups and present as long-term commitment.
- DCM North election: Jane nominated Greg, Jeff Z 2<sup>nd</sup> – unanimous vote of approval.
- Discussion on having a group history of host group read before each district meeting – give brief history of group & a few stories of location.

- Thomas made a motion to request \$152 to print schedules, Kelly 2<sup>nd</sup> – all approved.
- Motion made by Jim to make donation of \$2,000 to GSO. Discussion: Why send all excess funds to New York & not use in district or area; district supports county jails with big books, area has replenished most of missing funds; upcoming events that need funds – area assembly, schedules printing, set aside monies, and district expenses; GSO is not going to make budget & getting into reserve funds; donations to GSO only cover ½ expenses; Was noted by Jim that he just suggested the amount, but we need to distribute excess funds. Jim made new motion to distribute \$1,400, no 2<sup>nd</sup>. Jim revised motion to distribute \$1,000 to GSO, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Thomas. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.

Next District 6 meeting will be May 12 @ 1:30 pm. The White Lake group will be the host location and is located on South Shore Drive & Lamos in White Lake.

Respectfully submitted  
Laura Jones