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

Gordie did a short presentation on some of the history of the White Lake Group.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the March 10, 2013 district meeting were read. Motion made by Joy to accept report, with a 2nd from Russ. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report

Russ read the treasurer's report. Question raised as to if report posted at Muskegon Alano – Russ will make sure it is. Jerry made a motion to accept the report, with a 2nd from Jim. Motion passed.

Group Concerns

- There will be large price increase on shipping for materials ordered from the GSO. Russ suggested that we order Big Books now before price increase goes into effect. Group agreed. Russ made a motion to order 2 cases of hardcover Big Books and 1 case soft cover, with a 2nd from Kate. Motion passed.
- There has not been much interest in the speaker meeting list – either from people willing to speak or from groups that chair speaker meetings. The only group that has requested a copy is the Tri-Cities Alano Club. There have been some questions on how long a person needs to be sober to speak. Discussed that it is a group conscience that decides.

DCM Reports

North – Greg

- Talked with other DCM's at area meeting. Comments received: go direct to groups to discuss issues; present information on the district and what it does; listen to concerns; get involved.

Central – Joy

- Has been visiting groups and checking concerns. Concerns noted: groups need schedules; want information on Founder's Day and State convention. The nooners at the Muskegon Alano Club will be having a Big Book study at the Tuesday meeting. East End Group & PCAA doing ok.

South – Jim

- Attended the business meeting for the Unity Group at Tri-Cities Alano. They had a \$2,500 balance and made a \$1,000 donation to GSO.
- All GSR's should have the GSR pamphlet provided by GSO. He had a sample with him. GSR's will receive one in their package once registered with GSO.
- Five men are attending prison meetings at MTF. There are 5 meetings a week held there. One of the closed facilities has now re-opened and is in need of meetings & volunteers to lead them. Jim made up a flyer and asked people to take it back to their groups and announce the need for volunteers. Questions on requirements to attend: fill out application, pass background check, and pass drug test. Jim has form he can email to anyone interested. Information & form will be put on district 6 web page.

Committee Reports

Archives – open

1. Talk to groups about open position.

Corrections – Debra – no report – absent

A letter was read from the group that leads the women's jail meetings in Muskegon. They are in need of 10 Big Books and 5 Daily Reflections. Russ suggested we add these books to district order. Jim made a motion we add books, with a 2nd from Ken. Motion passed.

Grapevine - Greg

Talked with other Grapevine representatives at area meeting. Comments: have postcards promoting Grapevine; have Grapevine meetings where they read a story & use it as topic for discussion. Jane noted that she takes copies to the Ottawa Area jail meetings.

PI/CPC – Deb – no report - absent

Schedules – Thomas

1. Passed out new schedules. Every group now has a contact person & phone number listed.
2. Was noted that the Twin Lake Group has added a Big Book study on Tues. at 7 pm. It is a closed meeting.
3. Greg is having a meeting Monday nights at Charlie's house @ 6 pm.

Webmaster's – Ken

1. Written graph report submitted. 2,000 hits last month.
2. Was noted that we should be promoting district 6 web page to groups.

Telephone Service – Bill – no report - absent

GSR Reports

Hart Group: Jeff D. – Attendance good; meetings great; tourist season.

Port City Group: Joy – Discussing if 50/50 money from speaker meeting should go into general fund instead of activities fund; might not have annual picnic; great need for sponsors.

Eye Opener @ TCAC: Priscilla – Attendance good; have made a sign-up sheet to chair and be greeter for meeting; making district wide announcements at meeting; suggested having a workshop at club to teach people about the district and area meetings.

St. Albans Group: Jeff Z – Group had their quarterly business meeting. Concerns on not rotating positions within group. Each chair has been asked to have an alternate person for next quarterly meeting. Group is also looking at holding/leading district wide events this summer.

Expect a Miracle Group: Dennis - Attendance good with average 30-40 people; lots of 1st step meetings; Big Book study Monday's; Step Study Tuesday; announcing for district 6 speakers; discussed at last business meeting the high dollar amount in treasury and suggested making a donation to GSO.

Old Business

- Jane thanked all who came and helped at the area meeting in Fremont. We had a good turnout.

New Business

- Accept Ken's resignation as webmaster: Russ made a motion we accept, we regrets, with a 2nd from Kate. Motion passed.
- Fill webmaster vacancy: Gary Courser is interested in position, but was not able to attend meeting today. Ken made a motion to accept Gary as new webmaster, with a 2nd from Jeff. Discussion: person must be present to be nominated and/or voted per traditions. Ken withdrew motion. Russ made a motion that we accept Gary's application so he is able to work with Ken & transition over and to note we will have election at next meeting in July for position, Ken 2nd motion. Amended motion passed. Election will be old business at July meeting.
- Thomas would like to rotate out of schedules position after November printing.

- August workshop / picnic: Bill offered to chair the committee. Discussion on him not being present and we need to begin planning as we have only one district meeting before workshop. Jane proposed we wait until July for complete details but have a basic plan for now. Russ made a motion we reserve Pioneer Park for picnic/workshop Sun., Aug. 25, with Jane's contact to make flyer for approval at July meeting, with a 2nd from Laura. Motion passed. Picnic committee will be: Chair – Bill; Food – Russ; Clean-up – Greg; Jim & Laura offered to help.
- Next district meeting July 14 is the same day as the re-scheduled area meeting. Russ will be attending area and will not be here for district. Will send treasurer report to alternate treasurer Kelli. District meeting will be held at Muskegon Alano Club on Henry St.
- East Central Forum: Will be drawing names at Sept. district meeting for scholarships for 1st time attendees. Must be present to win. District will have \$480 by the time the forum is held. The forum is Nov. 15-17 in Ft. Wayne, IN. Winner will get the cash when they actually show up to forum. Diana made a motion that we give \$160 to 3 people who are first time attendees, with a 2nd from Norm. Motion passed.
- Russ handed out flyers to the 61st MI state convention July 26-28 in Troy, MI.
- GSR/ committee changes need to go to our area delegate in addition to GSO.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Next District 6 meeting will be July 14 @ 1:30 pm at the Greater Muskegon Alano Club located at 4613 Henry St.in Norton Shores.

Respectfully submitted
Laura Jones