

District 6, Area 34

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Port City, Muskegon, MI

Jane opened the meeting at 1:35 with the Serenity Prayer. Jane requested a volunteer to take notes for the meeting. Laura J. volunteered. The minutes from the March 11 district meeting were read. One correction was noted by Thomas in regards to the Webmaster's report: The only map to a meeting that has been requested to be put on the web page is a map to the Port City meetings and requested the minutes be corrected to reflect this. Russ made a motion to accept the minutes, with correction to the web page notes. Bill 2nd motion passed.

Treasurer Report

Russ read the treasurer's report. A question was raised on the expense to WorldServices, Inc of \$312.00 which Russ explained was for the purchase of big books. Thomas made a motion to accept the report, with a 2nd from Jerry. Motion passed.

Group Concerns

Much discussion on slip signing at meetings: Is chairperson required to sign? Are they signed at the beginning or the end? Is it acceptable for people to leave once signed?

Ron from GH eye opener meeting said they are not signed until the end of the meeting for his group.

Bill felt it is not the chairperson's responsibility to monitor if the person stays or not, that AA is not accountable to the courts, the district could come up with a slip specifically for district 6, and the district should take a formal stand on slip signing.

Some felt it is not our job to babysit and it is not our business if the person stays or goes.

Jerry suggested an official statement to be made on the slip that we sign as a courtesy and that the signature is not verification that the person stayed for the meeting.

Laura, Maria & Jane commented that the chairperson does not have to sign the slip if they choose not to and that it should be a group conscience per meeting how to handle the slip signing.

Katie commented this issue has been raised since she was attending in 1990 and we are beating a dead horse.

Maria found information from GSO literature that it is a "group conscience that should decide how to handle court slip signing and that there is no set procedure". It was suggested by Jane to find the information Maria quoted on the web site for current wording and it was time to move on to other business.

DCM Reports

North –Michelle absent –no report.

Central –Russ reported in Diana's absence: Attended memorial for Brent and area assembly would be in Gaylord next week.

South –Jim absent –Jane reported he has been visiting various groups.

Committee Reports

Archives –Charlie absent –no report.

Corrections –open position –no report.

Grapevine –Greg absent –no report.

PI/PCP –Rick had no newsto report.

Schedules –Thomas had new schedules and they were passed out.

Webmaster's –Ken absent –no report.

Telephone Service –Bill said phone service is ok.

GSR Reports

Twin Lake–Rick reported slow & steady.

Sun. Women's @ GMAC–Laura reported group is growing. Not financially stable but attendance is increasing each week.

Nooners @ GMAC–Jerry reported group very healthy. Jerry is new GSR, with Kate as alternate.

Dianeresigned.

East End Group–Mark (group treasurer) reported that meetingshave been cut from 5 days a week to 2.

Even with fewer meeting days, attendance is up, with lots of newcomers.

Port City–Joy reported the picnic would be July 28 at PCAA. Jason said group looking for donations of prizes for kids games and volunteers. The group would have regularly scheduled noon meeting,with picnic to begin after meeting. Information would be put on district web site.

Old Business

District 6 Workshop / Picnic

The workshopwill be August 26 from 1-4 pm at Pioneer Park in N. Muskegon. Bill is on the committee and will be chairperson. Flyers are out and being circulated. Need volunteers to help

with kids games. The workshop will have an “ask it basket” and the committee is looking for other suggestions of what people would like to see at the workshop. Russ & Bill will be handling the main dish with members being requested to bring a side dish to pass.Thomas suggested that we invite our New York Delegate to attend (Kenny Kass). Russ will invite and his mileage will be paid by District 6 funds.

New Business

State convention:

The convention will be June 29 –July 1in Grand Rapids. Area 34 is hosting the hospitality suite and is asking groups tomake a \$20 donation for a gallon of coffee. Jerry made a motion that District 6 purchase 2 gallons, with a 2ndfrom Kate. All approved.

Elections:

♦ Secretary –Bill made a motion for Laura J. to fill position. Russ 2ndmotion. Allapproved.

♦ DCM Central –Diana Larsen (alternate) is in the position for now.

Person in this position visits group in Muskegon County (North to Fruitport) to make

sure they are registered with GSO.

◆ Corrections Committee Chair –no volunteers, position still open.

Person in this position keeps in touch with people who go to the jail meetings and see if they are in need of any materials or help.

It was suggested for 2 open positions that members go to their home groups to see if any volunteers interested in service positions. Both positions open need to attend area 34 meetings.

New meetings(not on schedule yet)

◆ Monday night women's meeting at Swiss Village @ 7:30 pm

◆ Monday noon at Salvation Army on Shonot in Muskegon.

Next District 6 meeting will be July 8 at 1:30 in Grand Haven