

District 6, Area 34  
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Hotline # (231) 798-4242  
July 12, 2015 @ 1:30 pm  
Hart AA Group located at 191 W. Main St. in Hart

The meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer at 1:30 pm by Penny S., Alternate Chair. Introductions were given around the table.

Hart Group History was provided by Jeff: The group met for several years in various locations prior to acquiring the present location 22 years ago. A former laundromat was purchased on a land contract, and the club was established as a non-profit trust.

Concept 9 was read by Russ L.

MINUTES of the May 10, 2015 meeting were read by Penny, in the absence of Secretary Laura J. A correction was offered by Katie, as DCM Central Alternate, who had reported that things were going well. Motion to accept as amended, passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT was given by Russ L. Motion to accept as read passed.

GROUP CONCERNS: None reported.

#### DCM REPORTS

North: Absent - emailed report that all was well.

Central: Katie – She and Laura visiting groups; have distributed Women's Conference flyers.

South: Priscilla – Helped the 4 pm meeting at Tri-Cities Alano Club get registered as a group. It is known as the Tradition 4 at 4 group.

#### COMMITTEES

Archives: Absent - emailed following report. Carol K. was visiting from Texas in early June. I had the opportunity to have Carol, and several other White Lake "veterans" (Dick and Betty R, Pam, Lisa, Dianna and Dale, Mari and Lester and Jo) all peruse the Archives Photo Albums. They were able to identify some people that are gone but not forgotten. This will help make the Photo Albums more complete. It was very helpful! Otherwise, I've slowed down on scanning process for a couple reasons. For example, in the Memory Book, I am adding the year that they passed away. Putting in some separators. And the Photo Albums (2) have some duplication. I decided to just take my time and get things a bit more organized before I scan them. (What I need to do is take a vacation and get caught up! I apologize for not being able to make it to the meeting due to my work schedule. Feel free to call me with any questions or suggestions. Respectfully submitted, Beth

Corrections: Jim S. submitted a written report (attached), and reported on group activities within the 3 Muskegon prisons. Those interested in serving may contact him at prisonvolunteers@hotmail.com. Jane R. reported on meetings for women in Ottawa County.

Grapevine: David H. has visited groups to introduce the Grapevine, suggesting it as good literature for newcomers, and encouraging subscriptions.

PI/CPC (Public Information/Cooperating with the Professional Community): Absent, no report. Priscilla offered that Judy has been visiting agencies with schedules.

Schedules: Penny reported new schedules have been distributed and encouraged members to report any changes.

Web: Gary has or will update schedules for the website. There have been 6913 visits, 5000+ new ones. The average is 1100/month from 820 new individuals. Schedules of meetings are the most viewed.

Phone Service: Absent, no report.

#### GSR REPORTS

Hart: Jeff reported all is going well. Two 6pm meetings have been dropped. Local meeting schedules have been given to campgrounds and state police.

Fremont: Dave reported on efforts made to reach the Spanish-speaking community. The women's meeting on Mondays is called "It's Ladies Night."

Muskegon: Russ reported that the Grumpy Old Men and Sunday Breakfast Group are doing well.

Expect a Miracle Group, Grand Haven: Dave reported things going well.

Sunday Women's, Greater Muskegon Alano Club: Attendance varies.

WEST Group (Women Enjoying Sobriety Today), Grand Haven: Penny reported attendance down.

Shelby: John reported 6-10 each time.

Tradition 4 at 4 Group, Grand Haven: Jamie, GSR, reported attendance at 2-30 each time. June, Alternate GSR, reported strong attendance.

Gaining Our Freedom Group at Muskegon Corrections Facility: Jim S. reported meetings at 1 pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays; 6:30 pm on Saturday, with more and more sharing.

Eyeopener, Grand Haven: Priscilla reported that greeters and chairpersons are scheduled for each day.

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. Election of Alternate PI/CPC Chair: Jane R.
2. Alternate Scheduling Chair – left open
3. District Inventory: Tabled to decide which inventory to use.
4. Fall Fling, October 17, Location: Russ will ask Greater Muskegon Alano Club. It will be held 2-5 pm.
5. September Area Assembly Committees (hosted by District 6, in Fremont)  
Food: Jamie and June (\$170 budget)  
Setup: 9 am, Russ, Jim, Jane  
Greeters: Priscilla  
Flyers: Penny and Dave

NEW BUSINESS

1. East Central Regional Forum Scholarships (event covering Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan); to be November 13-15, Milwaukee (see aa.org for info) District 6 will \$480 for two scholarships at the forum, for first-time attendees. A drawing resulted in recipients being Dave of Fremont and Nathan of Hart, with Priscilla, Grand Haven as Alternate.
2. September 13 meeting will be held 1:30 pm at Swiss Village Alpine Lodge, Spring Lake.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.

## **CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE**

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**There are 11 different meetings at the 3 State correctional facilities in Muskegon:**

**Official policy of Michigan Dept. of Corrections dictates that there has to be a volunteer or an MDOC staff member at all meetings but this is not very much enforced. Only 2 of the 11 meetings are not held unless there's a volunteer. None of them are attended by DOC staff. The staff person responsible for A.A. and other programs appoints an inmate to get the materials to the room, make coffee when that's served at the meeting. This person often defaults as the meeting chair. Volunteers regularly attend only 4 of the 11 meetings.**

**From my observation, meetings are much better with more sharing when attended by an outside volunteer.**

**Requirements for volunteers vary from the 3 facilities from submitting a LIEN Clearance Request and watching a 15 minute video at Muskegon Correctional Facility to submitting application forms along with the LIEN form and attending a 1 & a half hour presentation by the Chaplin at Brooks.**

**Submitted by:**

**Jim**