

District 6, Area 34  
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July 14 @ 1:30 pm  
Greater Muskegon Alano Club, 4613 Henry St., Norton Shores

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

### **Secretary's Report**

The minutes from the May 12, 2013 district meeting were read. Motion made by Joy to accept report, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Jeff Z. Motion passed.

### **Treasurer Report**

Russ submitted a written report & Jim S. read the treasurer's report. Jane explained the dollars listed on the Workshop and Forum lines. Debra made a motion to accept the report, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Jeff Z. Motion passed.

### **Group Concerns**

- The Unity Group in Grand Haven is asking for an Area 34 treasury update as to how much money has been paid back so far and if there is a payment schedule set up. Feedback: the money is being paid back in small increments, Area 34 finances OK, she did not get drunk. Jane will check into and see if we can obtain more information and present at next district meeting.
- PCAA is having issues with an individual disrupting meetings, harassment of other members, and causing a lot of trouble at meetings (inside and outside). He was previously barred for 90 days on a PPO. The St. Albans & Still Sober @ 6 groups have had issues with person also. Feedback: Hart group has ejected individuals per meeting; GH has sent warning letters & called police when had similar issues; we should remember our primary purpose is to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers and we cannot do this if the meetings are being disrupted and members harassed; take a group conscience and bar him for 6 months.

### **DCM Reports**

North – Greg

- Going to work on getting in touch with each group contact in his area and verify meetings and contact information.

Central – Joy

- Things good except for PCAA issue with member as noted in group concerns.

South – Jim

- Work on having all groups registered by November.

### **Committee Reports**

Archives – open

We need to advertise open position and should post on web site. Have one individual considering accepting position, but wants to talk with Charlie first.

Corrections – Debra

1. Having meetings at Muskegon & Oceana County jails. Question raised as to if women can attend prison meetings. Discussed they can and should contact Jim S. for form & information. Debra only has 5 hardcover Big Books left.
2. Jim S. gave a report on the prison meetings: There are now 2 meetings being held at newly opened facility, in addition to the 5 weekly meetings at MTF. There is a newly registered prison group, The Freedom Group, which meets Wednesday's at 1. He believes

this is one of the 1<sup>st</sup> prison meetings in our district to become a registered group. There is a big need for more volunteers to lead meetings and additional flyers were handed out to bring back to groups. He will discuss with Debra the possibility of asking groups to adopt a prison meeting on a rotating basis.

Grapevine - Greg

The magazine is a great resource. Old copies are needed for jail meetings.

PI/CPC – Deb – no report - absent

Schedules – Thomas

1. Passed out additional copies of the current schedule. He will begin getting information together in Sept. for the next printing in Nov.
2. He wants to rotate out of position at next election in Nov. GSR's asked to start bringing up open position at their meetings.

Webmaster's – Gary

People have been contacting Gary to request that new meetings be put on web page and he questioned if he needed to get district approval before posting. Discussed approval not necessary, but it would be a good idea to let DCM's know a new meeting is in their area. Gary will send new group lists to Laura, who will in turn forward to DCM's.

Telephone Service – Bill – no report - absent

### **GSR Reports**

Hart Group: Jeff D. – Attendance steady & good; meetings great; tourist season and they are getting phone calls looking for meeting information.

Port City Group: Joy – Having picnic Sun., July 28 @ McGraft Park

Eye Opener @ TCAC: Priscilla – Attendance averages 30-40 during week and over 50 on weekends. Members are signing up to chair and greet. There is no specific sobriety time required to greet and this is getting newcomers involved in service work. Members signing up for district 6 speaker list.

St. Albans Group: Jeff Z – Group is discussing rotating positions and are currently looking for alternates. Attendance averages 50-75 between 4 weekly meetings.

Expect a Miracle Group: Dennis – Discussion at last business meeting as to setting up a procedure of how to handle excess funds in treasury. They will be continuing discussion at next business meeting.

Still Sober at Six: Gary – They have not had business meeting since November and he is working on getting one organized. He is also looking at ways to get more members involved in service.

Nooners @ GMAC: Jerry – Attendance averages 15-40, but not a lot of interest in business meetings. He is working on trying to determine a good time to hold business meetings to get more people involved.

### **Old Business**

- Fill webmaster vacancy: Jeff Z. made a motion for Gary Courser to fill position, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Jim S. Jane asked 3 times if there were any other nominations – none received. Gary unanimously elected to Web Master position.
- August workshop: Workshop will be Aug. 25 @ Pioneer Park in North Muskegon from 1-4 pm. Kenny Kaatz, our Area 34 delegate, will be our special guest. Will also have an ask-it-basket panel. Jane handed out flyers for everyone to take back to groups and the information is also posted on our web page.
- Archives position: Discussed during committee reports. Jerry W. considering position.
- District 6 speaker list: Getting people signed up, but speaker meeting chairs are not requesting list. Need to get information out to chairs that we have a list available.

**New Business.**

- East Central Forum: Will be drawing names at Sept. district meeting for scholarships for 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Motion made & approved at May meeting that we give \$160 to 3 people who are first time attendees. Questions raised as to what will happen if only 2 submit names – will funds then be divided in half? Will discuss at Sept. meeting if this happens.
- Question raised as to if we as a district should be providing schedules to police stations, hotels, and treatment facilities: Discussion: it has been discussed before this is not the responsibility of the district; the Hart group prints out their own meeting lists & posts around town & with police so visitors know where meetings are; most people use the internet to look for meetings; we should be promoting our district web page that lists all meetings; this is something that should fall under PI/CPC.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.

Next District 6 meeting will be Sept. 8 @ 1:30 pm. PCAA will be the host group and is located at 960 W. Sherman in Muskegon.

Respectfully submitted  
Laura Jones