

District 6, Area 34
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Hotline # (231) 798-4242
Sept. 13, 2015 @ 1:30 pm
The Alpine Lodge @ Swiss Village, 18280 Alpine Court, Ferrysburg

Russ opened meeting at 1:30

Introductions around the table.

Deb gave a history of the Twelve & Twelve @ Twelve group. The meeting began in the back room of the Tri-Cities Alano Club as a smoking meeting at noon. In 2006 the group was asked to find another location for their meeting as the club became a non-smoking facility. They began meeting at Pizza Hut in Ferrysburg. When Curly died, they moved their meeting to the Swiss Village Clubhouse.

Concept 10 was read.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the July 12 district meeting were read. Thank you to Jane R. for taking the minutes and typing them. Motion made to accept as read passed.

Treasurer Report

Russ read treasurer report. Motion made to accept as read passed.

Group Concerns

- None

DCM Reports

North – Greg

- Absent – no report.

Central - Laura

- Has been working with the Area 34 Directories Chair on getting meetings updated in the Fellowship New Visions Database. It was noted this is the database that the General Service Office in New York is using for keeping meeting information updated.

South – Priscilla

- Doing a PI/CPC panel in Holland for the courts and treatment facility personnel to help them understand how AA cooperates with them. The panel is Thurs, Oct. 22 at 1 pm in Holland. She is revisiting meetings in her area and encouraging people to attend the Fall Workshop and letting them know about the upcoming elections.

Committee Reports

Archives – Beth

- Absent - no report.

Corrections - Jim

- Submitted report that is attached to the minutes. He will be visiting the new Muskegon jail to check on the AA meetings being held there.

Grapevine - David

- Nothing new to report.

PI/CPC – Judy

- She has given schedules to the Ottawa County probation office and to a new substance abuse counselor that contacted her. Hosted a booth at the Health Fair at Hackley Park in Muskegon in

mid-August. Jane R. & Jim S. assisted her. They had pamphlets and bookmarkers available. They answered questions and felt information was well received.

Schedules – Penny

- Absent – no report. Discussion on listing the prison meetings on our schedules. Jim S.'s contact information in on the printed schedules and there is not really room to add all the prison meetings. It was felt that having his contact information was sufficient.

Webmaster's – Gary

- Statistics really did not change for August. There are 300 visits daily. Offered to email statistics to anyone who wanted them. Things going well.

Telephone Service – Joy

- Absent – no report.

GSR Reports

White Lake Group: Wayne reported for Norm – Well attended – things going well.

Eye Opener at TCAC: Mark - Attendance is good, averaging 24-30 weekly, with over 50 on weekends. Have greeters and chair persons for each meeting. There is a board for people to sign up for either.

Gaining Our Freedom Group (prison meeting): Jim - Hosting a Back to Basics workshop. Have 15-20 people signed up to attend.

Fremont Group: Dave – Things are going really good. Some meetings have grown, others attendance is down some. The 1st Saturday of the month is a speaker meeting and well attended.

Sat. Couples Meeting: Marsha – The meeting is getting rather large, with average attendance of 10-35 couples. They feel they are filling a niche. Many Alanon individuals attend with their significant others.

Depot Group: Wayne -- Well attended – things going well.

Grumpy Old Men & Sun. Breakfast group at GMAC: Russ – Things are good. The Sunday meeting is well attended. The Grumpy Old Men averages 5-15 people. It was noted this meeting is not just for men, it was started by Grumpy Old Men.

Still Sober @ Six: Gina – newly elected GSR. She had questions on how to distribute the groups' funds to area, district and GSO. The group is considering expanding contribution of funds to include scholarships to the state convention.

Twelve & Twelve @ Twelve: Deb – They are hosting their 3rd Annual Halloween Party on Sat., Oct. 24 @ 7 pm. The event is for adults only – no kids. Things going well.

Old Business

- Election for Alt. Schedules Chair: No nominations. GSR's asked to go back to groups to let them know of open service position. Person must be present to be elected.
- Group inventory for district: Motion made to use the Area 34 inventory that was revised to fit the needs of District 6 be used at the Fall Workshop. Motion passed.
- August workshop: Decision made to change the name of the workshop from Fall Fling to District 6 Service Workshop. Will have a service structure presentation, Delegate's report and each service committee chair is asked to give a brief description of positions. Will leave time after each presentation for questions. Approval given to make 50 copies of the Service Booklet, district inventory, agenda and AA terms. Russ will order pamphlets.
- Area meeting in Sept: Gina & Penny will purchase food with Russ. Dave R. will help organize servers from the Fremont groups. Reminded everyone this is potluck and hot dishes are appreciated. Set-up begins at 9 am. Meeting begins at 10:30 am.

New Business

- Bid to host Area assembly in 2016: Motion made to have Sept, as 1st choice, and Oct. as 2nd choice. Motion passed.
- Elections at next district meeting to be held Nov. 22: We are hosting the Fall Workshop to get individuals interested in serving at the district level. GSR's asked to go back to groups to encourage attendance at workshop and election meeting. All positions are open for election.
- Location of Nov. 22 District Meeting: Motion made to hold Nov. district meeting at the Greater Muskegon Alano Club. Motion passed.
- November gratitude donation GSO: November is gratitude month when groups, districts and areas make a gratitude donation to the General Service Board in New York if they have the funds available. Members asked to begin considering if they would like District 6 to make a donation.
- Eastern Central Regional Forum: Dave R. has confirmed he will attend the forum. We do not have contact information for Nathan, the other scholarship winner. Dave R. and Laura J. will try to find someone who knows how to contact him and see if he still plans to attend. The Forum is Nov. 13-15 in Milwaukee, WI.
- Purchase Big Books for Jails: Motion made to purchase a case each of soft cover and pocket size Big Books for the jail meetings. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Next District 6 meeting will be Nov. 22 @ 1:30 pm. Meeting will be hosted by the Greater Muskegon Alano Club and is located at 4613 Henry Street in Norton Shores.

Respectfully submitted
Laura J

District 6, Area 34 Alcoholics Anonymous Sept 13, 2015.

Corrections Committee report

3 prisons in east Muskegon

**2 meetings/week out of 5 at Westshoreline (MTF) are attended by
Volunteers**

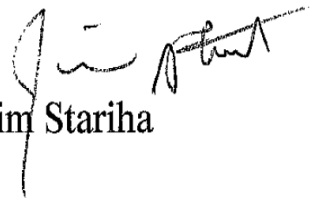
3 meetings/week at Brooks are all attended by volunteers

**2 meetings/week out of 3 at Muskegon Correctional Facility
are attended by volunteers & Jane is starting a Back to Basics
program. 20 inmates have signed up.**

Attendance at these meeting is anywhere between 6 and 25.

**Ron O. has noted that when volunteer attendance is consistent
attendance increases attesting to the value of this important
service work. He attends the Thursday nite meeting
in the Fremont unit of Brooks & has an attendance of 20 – 25.
Fremont Unit is for guys within 2 years of their out date &
the most critical to reach, get to meetings on the outside &
thereby keep sober & out of prison.**

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Stariha