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

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the Sept. 8, 2013 district meeting were read. One correction was noted:

1. Under old business it should be read Beth B. was appointed to archive position, not elected. The archive position is by appointment, not election.

Motion made by Kate to accept the report with correction, 2nd from Joy. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report

Russ read treasurer report. It was noted that Russ would withdraw \$480 from the scholarship funds to disperse at the East Central Forum to be held the following week. Motion made by Beth to accept the report, with a 2nd from Anna. Motion passed.

Group Concerns

1. East End group has elected to change their meeting time. Question brought up if this change had to be approved by the district. Comments: It is group conscience, not district decision; noted to make sure the appropriate people are notified of the change – district secretary, web master, and schedules chair.
2. The Port City Group's building was broken it to. The microwave and safe were stolen. The owner of the building wants the building to be locked after the 7 pm meeting. The 9:30 pm & midnight meetings will be cancelled. Noted to make sure the appropriate people are notified of the change – district secretary, web master, and schedules chair.

DCM Reports

North – Greg (absent)

- Greg contacted Laura that he would be absent due to a funeral. He has been visiting groups and all is going well.

Central – Joy / Diana L

- Russ elected as next area 34 delegate.

South – Jim

- Brooks prison meeting time changed to 6 pm (previously at 7 pm).

Committee Reports

Archives – Beth

1. Asked GSR's of the new meetings to fill out group history form - she had them available for whoever needed them.
2. Memory book has full names and pictures of deceased, but does not contain obituaries. Obituaries are not used because the full family names are listed.
3. Question raised on using digital storage to preserve documents, along with possible cost involved to do so. Comments: Each committee has \$100 funds available for year and if funds are exceeded a vote will be taken at district level to cover excessive funds; area just elected to purchase 2 external hard drives to store area documents; Charlie had already noted it was suggested documents be stored digitally; our web host can accommodate digitally stored items, it would be secure and could only be accessed by password.

Corrections – Debra (absent)

1. Mike from the White Lake group brought up the need for Big Books, Twelve & Twelve, and Living Sober books at prison meetings. The White Lake group purchased 25 BB & 12x12, but prisons could use 50 more. Discussion: Funds to purchase literature for the prisons come from the area level as the district purchases literature for the jail meetings only; there are Big Books brought into meetings to use while meeting is going on and not sure they actually need more books; prisoners are now able to check out Big Books at

Muskegon Correctional and West Shoreline; Jim S will provide the new contact information of the area corrections chair to the White Lake Group.

2. Jim S reported there is a need for volunteers to chair prisons meetings. He passed out local flyers and a corrections flyer provided by the GSO. GSR's asked to continue to bring need for volunteers to groups.

Grapevine - Greg (absent)

Laura reported for Greg – no changes.

PI/CPC – Deb (absent)

1. Laura reported that Deb is working on getting business cards made up to promote district, area, and AA.
2. Working on forming a subcommittee.

Schedules – Thomas

1. Had 500 of the newly printed schedules to pass out.

Webmaster's – Gary

1. Web page is being actively used – traffic has increased approximately 75 people each month.
2. He is in the process of re-designing web page.
3. Domain has been registered for another year.

Telephone Service – Bill – no report - absent

GSR Reports

Gaining Our Freedom (prison meeting): Alt GSR Jim reported meeting at Brooks changed time to 7 pm.

WEST: Sharon – attendance down slightly; finances good; sub-committee looking at other possible locations for meeting and group will meet Nov. 14 to discuss.

Sunday Women's Group @ GMAC: Anna – newly elected GSR; made up flyers to promote meeting; will have business meeting Dec. 1 and then will have one every quarter; trying to become self-supporting.

Eye Opener @ TCAC: Priscilla – Attendance steady.

Still Sober at Six: Lynn– Attendance good; issue with same person chairing and group coming up with ways to get others involved in chairing meetings.

Expect a Miracle Group: Dennis – Strong attendance; Tues. night is step study; 1st Wed. of each month will be a traditions meeting; will be having elections next month for GSR & treasurer; discussing the need for volunteers at prison meetings.

East End Group: Amy – She is newly elected Alt. GSR; group is looking into bringing back Sun. 7 pm meeting; changing time of meetings from 7:30 to 7; group is getting caught up on rent due to past treasurer not paying bills.

Nooners @ GMAC: Kate – Attendance good.

Keep It Simple @ Twin Lake: Gordie – Group doing good; new speaker meeting the 3rd Sat. of each month with potluck at 6 pm & speaker at 7 pm.

Whitehall Train Depot Meeting: Wayne – group started in April and doing well; average attendance 6-12 people; meeting is from 5:45-6:45 pm.

Port City Group: Joy – Monday night Big Book meeting very well attended; need steering committee; having problems due to break-in and police needing to be called; need people to support the group.

Unity Group @ TCAC: Thomas – group will have elections soon; average 30-40 people; group got receipts from both General Service Office & Area for donations made and group really liked getting the acknowledgement of donations.

Salvation Army Mon. Noon: Fill – average attendance 5; noted his number should be 231-733-6194 (listed wrong on schedules).

Old Business

- East Central Forum Scholarship: Only 2 people are able to attend Forum and previous motion was to give \$160 to 3 people. Three options for district to consider:
 - Split funds between 2 people, giving them each \$240
 - See if anyone present would like to submit their name & draw for 3rd person
 - Distribute funds per original motion and keep \$160 in forum monies

Motion made by Priscilla to see if there is a 3rd person who wants to go, with a 2nd from Diana. Motion passed. Josh submitted his name to attend. No other names submitted. Russ made motion to give Josh \$160 to attend, with 2nd from David. Motion passed.

New Business.

- District elections:
 - 2014/2015 Elected Officers & Service Committee Members (2 year term)
 - Chair – Anna P
 - Secretary – Laura J
 - Treasurer – Russ L
 - DCM Central – Amy A
 - DCM North – open – will vote at Jan. meeting
 - DCM South – Priscilla S
 - Corrections Chair - Jim S
 - Grapevine Representative – David H
 - PI/CPC – open – will vote at Jan. meeting
 - Schedules – Lonnie P
 - Telephone Service – Joy WB
 - Webmaster – Gary C
 - Alternate Chair – Joy WB
 - Alternate Treasurer – Wayne O
- Area Assembly Bid

Usually host in April. A motion made and passed to host meeting in April. Several people objected. Minority concerns: the 3rd Sunday is Easter and several would not attend due to holiday. Discussion held on issue of many not attending. After discussion, a show of hands vote was taken to see if group still wanted to host the area meeting in April. No hands were raised. New motion made by Anna to host area in September, with a 2nd from Kate. New motion passed to bid for September.
- November is gratitude month and district always make donation. Available funds \$1,270. Motion made by Jim to make a donation of \$1,200 in memory of Charlie O to GSO, with a 2nd from Anna. 11 voted yes, 9 voted no. Minority concerns: Do not want to spend down all excess funds; would like to see if district was willing to purchase a few cases of new 75th Anniversary edition of the First Edition of the Big Book. No yes votes wished to change. Vote stands. Motion to send \$1,200 to GSO in memory of Charlie O passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4 pm.

Next District 6 meeting will be Jan. 12, 2014 @ 1:30 pm. The White Lake Group will be host and is located at White Lake Community Center on South Shore Drive & Lamos Rd. in White Lake.

Respectfully submitted
Laura Jones