

District 6 Meeting Minutes September 10, 2023  
Hosted by Greater Muskegon Alano Club

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer @ 1:30 pm.

- Introductions of those in attendance: Evan, Russ, Christian, Wietse, Larry, Judy, Jonny, Lonnie, Judy, Laura, and Anna.
- Traditions and Concepts 9&10 read.
- Minutes of July 9, 2023 read by Anna. Motion to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved.
- Treasurer's report of 07/09/23-09/10/23 read by Russ. Motion to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved.

#### Announcements

- Laura: Forum is open officially and rooms will fill fast, encouraging everyone to book a room soon.
- Lonnie: District workshop at Salvation Army on Shonat Oct 07, 2023, 11:30 am to 5:00 pm. Flyers are out.

#### Group Concerns

- Jonny: Group inventory at East End due to concerns with cross talk and other issues. He is looking to find a place and person to mediate the meeting.
- Jonny: Concern with no sustainability for a committee with the grapevine, and a lack of participation within the District from the groups.

Discussion:

Laura: Suggested Committee chair trying to get people interested from their home group.

Judy: She was brought by Sponsor to look for a service position.

Judy: Suggested GSR's to talk about the structure of the District at their meetings.

Evan: Reinforce the need to attend Area Assembly and to address the committee's issue.

#### Area 34 Report

Laura shared that Area assembly is September 17<sup>th</sup> in Boyne City and a viable option to travel is by Zoom. Next Area assembly is elections at the Township Hall in Mecosta on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Topics will be: Reducing the frequency of meetings and going virtual, the final flyer for State Convention in MI Area 34, is being hosted at Calvin College, Bridging the gap with the need for people from the district to take people to meetings when they leave treatment. Adding a link on District 6 website to Area Assembly so people can vote virtually.

#### District Committee Reports (DCM)

- North: Jim, absent
- South: Michelle, absent but sent the report through Laura about Bridging the gap.
- Central: Lonnie P trying to find GSR's at meetings and trying to put together a spreadsheet of contacts for emailing information.

#### Committee Reports

- Archives: Beth P absent
- Corrections: Larry reports meetings at jails are highly attended and they are on two floors currently. Prison meetings were made to 1 meeting every week, with attendance of about 22 inmates and 2 volunteers. Brooks is doing well on Thursday. Jails are stopping literature because of drugs coming in on the paper they are printed on but can order books directly from the publisher.
- Grapevine: Jonny reported that an app has been launched that will cost \$3.00 a month. It contains 30 years of writing including Language of the Heart, and other features such as podcasts, email, social media. Website [aagrapevine.org](http://aagrapevine.org)
- PI/PCP: Judy stated she will be stepping down from PI/CPC, but will be actively connecting with the professional community and offering information as needed.
- Schedules: Jim nothing to report

- WebMaster: Jonny reported 514 sessions with an average of 4min. He will upload information as received on the website.
- Telephone Service: Evan reminded all that the position is vacant. It is still working and hopefully the position will be filled in the next elections.  
Workshop: Salvation Army is the location and as far as He knew it cost \$50. Russ will be opening and speaking on his service experience, then lunch a panel with questions, and Laura will close with Service structure. Need people to announce it at their meetings.

### **General Service Representatives GSR Reports**

- Twin Lake: Christian nothing to report.
- White Lake: Wietse 8 o'clock meeting attendance has changed, there are new people attending and the count has been around 10. White Lake AA FB page needs to be a private group and can be by invite only.
- TCAC Eye Opener: Judy nothing to report.
- Muskegon-East End: Jonny reported group inventory tentatively set for Oct 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Fruitport-Guides to Progress: Laura attendance is regularly at 30-40, meetings moving back inside soon.
- GMAC Women's meeting: Anna reported nothing new
- Grumpy old men: Russ reported it was going good.
- Giles Road: Evan reported Friday 7pm struggling attendance, other meetings fine but small attendance.

### **Old Business**

- District picnic went well, attendance was great 30-40, the only potential issue is paid parking. Delegate Jim gave a report, the financial breakdown and full conference report are available by email to DCM on private FB groups. If you have any questions please contact Evan. District wants to thank the Still Sober at Six group for supporting the picnic.
- Laura discussed the breakdown of Area Assembly possibly being every other month and the need for feedback from the district. She also stated her concern with possible literacy with a virtual meeting for some people. Wietse stated he believed it could increase attendance. Laura also reminded everyone there are no meetings in June and November. She broke down what it will look like if the decision from Area is to move to virtual and attended meetings in the future.
- Wietse and Anna both declined financial support for attending the Forum and both alternates will be contacted and offered the opportunity.

### **New Business**

- Larry would like to make a motion for new books for the jail. Russ made a motion to order a box of books. Evan 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed
- Evan read the Roberts Rules of order for AA that we will follow for Elections on the next meeting. He also read the Spirit of Rotation from the Grapevine.

Discussion:

Laura stated sometimes it needs to stay vacant so it affords someone new an opportunity to fill that position. Russ stated when the time is up you can rotate into something else and learn other areas. Anyone can vote for committee members. Only 3<sup>rd</sup> legacy's are voted by DCM's

Closed meeting with the Responsibility Statement:

I am responsible when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that, I AM RESPONSIBLE!

Meeting adjourned at 3:54 PM.

Next meeting at TCAC Grand Haven, MI on 11/12/23 @1:30 PM

Respectfully submitted, Anna P. Alternate Secretary