

District 6 Meeting Minutes July 9, 2023
Hosted by Holton Library Group
8776 Holton Duck Lake Rd Holton, MI

Meeting opened with Serenity Prayer 1:32 PM.

- Introductions of those in attendance: Evan, Lonnie, Jo Ann, Jonny, Russ, Michelle, Maggie, Laura, Larry, Thomas, Anna, Judy, Wietse, Stony, Sam, Sue, Christian, Jim, Jon, Sharon
- Traditions & Concepts 7 & 8 read.
- Minutes of May 7, 2023 read by Sharon. Motion to accept, 2nd and approved.
- Treasurer's report of 5/7/23-7/7/23 read by Russ. Motion to accept, 2nd and approved.

Announcements

- Michigan State Conference 8/11/23-8/13/23 in Mount Pleasant, flyers available, Comfort Inn room block is sold out so Fairfield Inn next door is now taking reservations
- East End Picnic 8/12/23 @ Holiday Park, noon-3:00 pm
- Tri-Cities Annual Picnic 8/19/23 @ Rycenga Park, noon-3:00 pm
- White Lake Corn Roast 8/19/23 @ White Lake Community Center, noon-3:00 pm
- District 6 Picnic 8/27/23 @ Kruse Park, noon-3:00 pm
- District 6 Meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous schedules available for any who need them

Group Concerns

- Lonnie reported that some people are confused with the difference between Alano Clubs and AA, the difference between happenings and service work for each entity. This is a good topic for discussion and clarification and may be addressed at a future workshop as well as discussed as needed today and any day.

Area 34 Report

- Laura reported that Jim H went to the General Service Conference in New York recently and gave his delegate report at their May meeting. He will have information to present at our annual summer district picnic. There is continued discussion by the area group about reducing their number of meetings. Also, the MI State Convention will be combined with the East Central Region (5 states) for the 2024 convention. The event will be held at Calvin College the weekend of June 7-8, 2024. The committee will be meeting next weekend at the area meeting in the Upper Peninsula, in Cedarville.

District Committee Member (DCM) Reports

- North/Central/South - all is well

Committee Reports

- Archives - nothing to report
- Corrections - Larry reports attendance has increased to meetings at the jail and the prison, more people have volunteered to help with these meetings and also, books can no longer be brought into the prison
- Grapevine - Jonny received his Grapevine
- PI/CPC - Judy handed out schedules to Healthwest, Pinerest & Health Recovery Center
- Schedules - nothing to report
- Webmaster - Sue reports that the schedules and announcements pages get the most hits. Jonny designed a new webpage, more user friendly. The committee

recommendation is to upgrade to this. Sue submitted her resignation and Jonny will take over as webmaster. Thanks for your service Sue in this important role!

- Telephone Service - nothing to report
- Workshops - Lonnie proposed a service workshop October 7, 2023 from noon-4:00 pm to be held at the Salvation Army location. This would be an ideal time to have this as Area elections are held in October and District elections are held in November.

General Service Representatives (GSR) Reports

- Giles Road Fellowship/Evan-attendance is down a little in summer
- GH Tri Cities Eyeopener/JoAnn-all is well
- East End/Jonny-all is well
- GH Women Enjoying Sobriety Today/Sue-nothing to report
- GMAC Grumpy Old Men & Sunday Breakfast/Russ-attendance increasing and steady
- Holton Library/Jim-nothing to report
- Fruitport Guides to Progress/Laura-meeting outside during nice weather
- White Lake/Wietse-attendance increasing
- Hart/Maggie-attendance good, new group treasurer
- Monday night Women's/Anna-average 7 attendees
- West Side Warriors/Stony-attendance 5-12 people, open to all, not just veterans
- Salvation Army/Sam-average 6 attendees
- Twin Lake/Christian-all is well

Old Business

- District 6 Picnic flier is posted on the website, Sharon is the contact person, GMAC Still Sober @ Six group will be hosting this year, it will be held at Kruse Park, Sunday 8/27/23
- District is offering 2 scholarships for the East Central Regional Forum to be held in Independence, Ohio 11/17/23-11/19/23. Anna & Wietse were selected for the scholarships with Sharon & Jon as alternates if they are unable to attend.

New Business

- Sunday, October 15th will be the Area meeting to elect officers for the upcoming year, note that District Committee Members and group General Service Representatives are the only ones who can vote for Area officers.
- Sharing Session: No new sharing session topic today as we discussed the differences between Alano clubs and AA and the service to each during the group concerns. Laura noted that District 1 is struggling with the divisions. Russ said at GMAC new club members are sent a guideline reference showing the difference between clubs and AA. In essence, the club is just a landlord of the building. JoAnn mentioned that if the club needed something, it would be specifically noted when telling members and attendees. Thomas said Port City groups use space, they don't have a club, they have AA groups. Stony said groups are autonomous and where his AA group meets, the space is provided to them rent free.

Close 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 3:10PM

Next meeting at Greater Muskegon Alano Club 9/10/23 @ 1:30 PM