

## DISTRICT 26 UNITY COUNCIL MINUTES 4/15/17

Grace Community Church, 6012 N. Skeel Ave., Oscoda MI

**The purpose of District 26 Unity Council is to educate A.A. groups and the public on A.A. principles, and to promote harmony among A.A. groups through the practice of A.A.'s 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts. We are a fellowship of alcoholics from different groups within the district that encourage participation and service.**

**ATTENDING:** Dan D., **GSR** "Miracles Happen Group"; Al K., **GSR** "Gladwin Cedar River Group"; Doug D., **GSR** "Serenity Seekers", "Sober People"; Steve E., **GSR** "Discovery Group", "Christ Episcopal Group", and "First Baptist Church Group"; Bill C., **GSR** "Learning to Grow Group"; Ted S., **Area 32 Delegate** "Houghton Lake Group"; Dennis B., **DCM** Iosco County, **GSR** "Keeping It Simple Group"; Dave E., **GSR** "How is Works"; Jim C., **LCM** Skidway; Joe A., **GSR** "Step by Step". Others: Paula S., Secretary; Sheena D., Secretary; Greg W., Visitor; Bob B., Oscoda Visitor; Vonda T., Oscoda Visitor; Jack W., Oscoda Visitor; Doug H., W. Branch Visitor; Mark R., Whittemore; Visitors: Mark M. Howell **Area Chair**, Josh W., Drena, Oscoda Visitor.

**CHAIRMAN:** David E. opened the meeting with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Dennis B. read The Statement of Purpose, 4th Tradition, and 4th Concept. David E. read March's Minutes; motion to accept minutes was made by Jerry P., seconded by Joe A., and the motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Jerry P. raised issue from March's meeting (continued from February's meeting as well) about getting money from the Unity Council for literature for the jails. The decision was made that District 26 will not give money for the jails. The motion was made by Jerry P., it was seconded by Al K., and the motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Dennis B. stated that he would like to see Suggestion Cards at the GSR meetings. He also made a motion to change the reimbursement to Grace Community Church from \$25 to \$30 for use of the building; motion was seconded by Jerry P. Donuts were donated by the Oscoda Group for the Unity Council; no reimbursement needed; this motion was made by Dave E., and seconded by Steve E. Steve E. made a motion for the amount of the inner area in Tawas to be reduced from \$200 to \$125; this motion was seconded by Bill C. Dennis B. made a motion for an allotment of travel money (receipts would be required for the reports) to attend Inner Area District Meeting ; this motion was seconded by Steve E., with the addition of there being a \$50 maximum; motion passed. Mark asked for any donations for the 2017 State Convention. Dennis S. announced that the May 20th District 26 Unity Council Meeting and 12 Step Workshop are all set. Ted S. announced he is flying to New York for the 67th General Service Conference. Dan D. asked for side dishes to pass for the June Inner Area in Tawas. The main dish is going to be hot dogs and hamburgers. Steve E. and Dan D. are hosting.

**WEBSITE REPORT:** A big thanks to Stew for doing a great job. Ted S. relayed the information for Stew. The website is receiving roughly 29 views per day, and has been rising in views in monthly. 57% of these views come from smart phones. Payment for the website is due in June.

**INFO LINE REPORT:** Info Line is currently looking for volunteers.

**TREASURY REPORT:** Bill C. read March's Treasury Report. The Checking Balance as of 4/14/17 is \$1,699.12, Savings Balance is \$25.08, giving a total of \$1,724.20. The motion to accept report was made by Doug D., it was seconded by Jerry P., and the motion passed. Anyone wishing to review the Treasurer's Report can do so by clicking the appropriate monthly link on this website.

**GROUP REPORTS:**

Ted S. "Houghton Lake Group" – All ready to host May 20 Unity Council and 12 Step Workshop.

Dennis B. **DCM** District 26- Looking for support: Needs an LCM for Alcona and Mio; **GSR** "Keep it Simple Group"- All is well.

Jim C. **LCM** Skidway- needs support; Sterling Methodist- good; Standish- needs support. One location in Pinconning has moved and he will supply the new address.

Steve E. **GSR** "Discovery Group"- Good; "Miracles Happen"- OK; "Christ Episcopal"-OK; "Happy Hour"-OK; "Hale Group"- Good; "Whittemore Group"- Good; "Greenbush Group"- Needs support; "Oscoda Serenity at 5"- Needs support.

Jerry P. **GSR** "12x12"- Doing good.

Joe A. **GSR** "Step by Step"- Doing good.

Doug D. **GSR** "Serenity Seekers"- Doing well; "Sober People"- Doing well.

Bill C. **GSR** "Learning to Grow Group" Wed/Sat- Needs support; Mon/Fri- Doing well.

Al K. **GSR** "Gladwin Cedar River Group"- Slow growth.

David E. **GSR** "How it Works Group"- Doing well.

**OPEN TABLES FOR SUGGESTIONS:** Bill C. would like to see one more person on the bank account. Jerry P. motioned for \$50 donation for the State Convention; Dennis B. seconded it; motion passed. Dennis B. brought up having two locations for the June Unity Council meeting: Jim C. responded with Skidway being one possibility; this was tabled for next meeting. Mark would like to upload the workshops to the area website, and also bring fliers to the area assembly for the registration tables. Dennis B. motioned that Grace Community Church (6012 N. Skeel Ave, Oscoda) be the location for July's Unity Council Meeting; Jerry P. seconded this.

At this time, the Responsibility Pledge was read, and the meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Next Unity Council Meeting will be held on **May 20**, at **10:00 am** located at the Houghton Lake Alano Club 2410 N. Markey Rd. **followed by the Houghton Lake Group 12 Step Workshop**