

DISTRICT 26 UNITY COUNCIL MINUTES 5/20/17

Houghton Lake Alano Club- 2410 N. Markey Rd, Houghton Lake 48629

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"; Bill C., GSR "Learning to Grow Group"; Ted S., GSR "Houghton Lake Group"; Dennis B., DCM Iosco County, GSR "Keeping It Simple Group"; Dave E., GSR "How is Works"; Pat K., LCM Gladwin County, "Gladwin Sunshine Group"; Paul R., LCM Clare County, "Harrison Community Group". Others: Jerry P., Alan M., Jack W., Doug H., Kim T., Kristine D., Sheena D., Steve S.

CHAIRMAN: Dave E. opened the meeting with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Dan D. read The Statement of Purpose, 5th Tradition, and 5th Concept. Paul R. read April's Minutes; motion to accept the minutes was made by Jerry P., seconded by Dave E, and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: Dennis B. had no reimbursement for DCM; Dave E. made motion to pay for March, April and May- \$100. Jerry P. seconded. Dennis B. also brought up needing another person on the bank account. June Unity Council will be held in Hale at the United Methodist Church. Jerry P. motioned, Dan D. seconded. July Unity Council held in Oscoda at Grace Community Church, and August to be held in Gladwin. Dave E. suggested meeting in a more central area for those traveling greater distances- members discussed, and this issue was tabled until further date. Ted S. is going to put together a report from his New York trip. Dan D. will get a quote for the food for Inner Area and he can be reimbursed for this next month. August Inner Area will possibly be in Hillman at the Senior Center.

NEW BUSINESS: Paul R. made motion to send \$300 each to CMA and GSO in New York as there is plenty in the reserve fund. Jerry P seconded the motion. Dennis B. will get with Bill on funding for workshops and would like to see more held in Clare, Gladwin and Oscoda on particular subjects concerning the foundation of the program and how things are run. This discussion has been tabled until the next meeting.

WEBSITE REPORT: A big thanks to Stu for doing a great job. Ted S. relayed the information for Stu.

INFO LINE REPORT: There are not many calls coming in, but the Info Line is still looking for volunteers.

TREASURY REPORT: Bill C. read March's Treasury Report. The Checking Balance as of 5/19/17 is \$1,843.12; Savings Balance is \$25.09, giving a total of \$1,868.21. The motion to accept report was made by Pat K., 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" - Would like another Traditions workshop later in the year.

Dennis B. DCM District 26- All groups visited are doing well. He is trying to visit as many as he can; GSR "Keep it Simple Group"- All is well.

Jerry P. GSR, "12x12"- Doing well.

Joe A. GSR, "Step by Step"- Doing well.

Bill C. GSR "Learning to Grow Group" Wed/Sat- Doing much better; Mon/Fri- Doing well.

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

Doug H. GSR, "Promises Group"- Doing well.

Paul R. LCM, Clare County- All groups doing well. We are trying to start a new group in Clare on the Jo and Charlie Tapes; GSR "Harrison Community Group - Holding steady.

Pat K. LCM, Gladwin County- All meetings doing well. Friday Big Book needs support; GSR "Gladwin Sunshine Group"- Wed/Fri Steady, good attendance.

Alan M. St. Helen "Crazy but Sober"- Doing well

Dan D. GSR "Miracles Happen"- doing well.

Jack W. Oscoda "Serenity at 5"- needs support.

OPEN TABLES FOR SUGGESTIONS: No additional discussion.

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 June 17, at 10:00am located at the United Methodist Church 201 W. Main St, Hale 48739