

DISTRICT 26 UNITY COUNCIL MINUTES 3/18/17
First Baptist Church, 401 Second Street, Tawas, 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: Dennis B., **DCM** Iosco County, **GSR** Oscoda "Keep It Simple Group"; Pat K., **LCM**, Gladwin "Sunshine" Group, Gladwin County LCM Meeting, "Christ the King Big Book" Group; Dale O., **GSR**, Gladwin "Tryin It Over Group"; Tim B., **Alt. GSR**, "Serenity Group"; Gayle P., Clare & Harrison **GSR**, "Harrison Community Group"; Jerry P., **GSR**, Oscoda Township "12 x 12 Group"; Al K., **GSR**, "Gladwin Cedar River Group"; David E., **GSR**, Oscoda "How It Works Group"; Joe A., **GSR**, Oscoda "Step-by-Step Group"; Bill C., **GSR**, Lazerne "Learning to Grow Group"; Steve E., **GSR**, Tawas Groups "Discovery Group", "Christ Episcopal Group", and "First Baptist Church Group"; Dan D., **GSR**, "Miracles Happen Group", John M., **GSR**, "Happy Hour Group"; Paul R., **LCM** Clare, "Clare 3rd Street Group"; Mark B., **GSR**, Gladwin "Friday Nite Big Book Group". Others: Paula S., Tawas Visitor; Kim T., Mikado Visitor; Jack W., Oscoda Visitor; Art K., Oscoda Visitor; Mark O., Tawas Visitor.

CHAIRMAN: David E. opened the meeting with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Statement of Purpose, 3rd Tradition and 3rd Concept were read. February minutes were read by Paul R. Motion to accept minutes was made by David E., second by Steve E., and the motion passed unanimously.

TREASURY: Bill C. read February's Treasurer's report. Balance as of 3/17/2017 was \$1667.20. Motion to accept report, as read by Bill C., was raised by Pat K., seconded by David E. and passed unanimously. Anyone wishing to review the Treasurer's Report can view it at www.dist26aa.org.

OLD BUSINESS: Jerry P. raised the issue (Damon's issue from Feb. meeting) about getting money from the Unity Council for literature for the jails. David E. stated that he was in favor of giving Damon the money. Later in the meeting, Pat K. stated that he believed that the money should come from the Gladwin County meetings. They should either provide money or books. Dennis B. stated that there was a system set up for CMIA to provide the money rather than the Unity Council and this is how it should continue to be done. David E. stated that "if the money comes from the Gladwin County groups, then there will be less money to send to the Unity Council". No final decision was reached.

Paul R. raised the issue that the Unity Council is in need of a Secretary. He has covered for 2+ years and now it is someone else's turn. An individual volunteered at the February meeting, however she came in 20 minutes late and left 10 minutes early. We need someone that is more reliable. Dennis B. stated that all GSR's should get the word out to their meeting attendees and get someone voted in at the April meeting. The Secretary position is currently being covered by Paul R. until a replacement is found.

**** Meeting Interruption: a man looking for Saturday morning worship interrupted the meeting. After approximately 5 minutes, the individual realized that our meeting was not affiliated with the church, so he left.****

New Business: Some discussion regarding the money for the jails took place, but that information is covered within the “Old Business” minutes above.

Dennis B. announced that Steve E. will be the new Iosco County LCM. Congratulations Steve and thank you for your service.

Dennis B. also stated that he is in need of 5 more LCM’s in the district. Mark V. asked if it is possible for a GSR to also serve as a LCM and the answer was “Yes”, so Mark V. offered to be the LCM for Roscommon and Ogemaw. This was accepted. We are still in need of 4 more LCM’s.

Paul R. raised a Point of Order. Dan D. had asked what a LCM is. Paul R. explained to Dan D., and to the group, that the LCM reports to the DCM. The LCM reports information regarding the meetings/groups to the DCM. District 26 has 8 counties and is so large that it is in need of the DCM plus 6+ LCM’s in order to ensure coverage of all of the meetings/groups. All were encouraged to notify their group attendees.

Skidway needs a GSR, so Jim C. has agreed to take that position

Dan D. announced that the Inner Area meeting, on June 4, 2017, will be held at the East Tawas Community Center. The location has been confirmed. They will require a \$200 deposit (to be obtained by the group in April). The fees for utilization of the facility are as follows: \$125 (hall rental), \$75 (cleaning fee), \$25 (use of kitchen).

Bill C. made a motion to reimburse Steve E. \$36 for the donuts for the meeting. Jerry P. seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

David E. made a motion to donate \$25 to the First Baptist Church for allowing us to use it for today’s meeting. The motion was seconded by Dennis B. and passed unanimously.

Dennis B., DCM, provided his contact information for all:

Home Phone: 248-736-5094

Cell Phone: 989-569-3794

E-mail: dennbr9@sbcglobal.net

WEBSITE: No report.

INFO-LINE: It was announced that the line is up and running. If anyone is currently not signed up to receive calls, and would like to, please contact Pat K. or Mark B.

GROUP REPORTS:

Dennis B., **DCM** Iosco County, **GSR** Oscoda “Keep It Simple Group” – says that “meetings are back to what they are supposed to be”

Pat K., **LCM**, Gladwin “Sunshine” Group, Gladwin County LCM Meeting, “Christ the King Big Book” Group – Needs help on Friday nights and Wednesdays. Friday a.m. is doing ok.

Dale O., **GSR**, Gladwin “Tryin It Over Group” – All groups doing well

Tim B., **Alt. GSR**, “Serenity Group” – Needs support

Gayle P., Clare & Harrison **GSR**, “Harrison Community Group” – Friday night is holding its’ own

Jerry P., **GSR**, Oscoda Township “12 x 12 Group” – Oscoda 12/12 is doing well

Al K., **GSR**, “Gladwin Cedar River Group” – steady, slow growth

David E., **GSR**, Oscoda “How It Works Group” – doing ok

Joe A., **GSR**, Oscoda “Step-by-Step Group” – doing ok

Bill C., **GSR**, Lazerne “Learning to Grow Group”

Steve E., **GSR**, Tawas Groups “Discovery Group”, “Christ Episcopal Group”, and “First Baptist Church Group” – doing well

Dan D., **GSR**, “Miracles Happen Group” – doing ok

John M., **GSR**, “Happy Hour Group” – doing ok.

Paul R., **LCM** Clare, “Clare 3rd Street Group” – said Clare and the 3rd step meetings are doing well.

Farwell (Sunday/Monday) is holding its’ own

Mark B., **GSR**, Gladwin “Friday Nite Big Book Group” – there has been a drop in the organization of the meeting. Need to get the doors opened on time for the noon meeting. There needs to be a group conscience to get things to where they need to be. Tuesday a.m. is doing well. There are about 30 people attending. St. Helen and Roscommon are doing well. He hasn’t heard anything about Houghton Lake.

Jim C. – Skidway and Standish need support

Art K., **Visitor**, Oscoda Friday Noon Meeting – needs support. The Thursday (8:00 p.m.) meeting could use support as well.

Meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next Unity Council Meeting will be on April 15, 2017. The meeting will be held at Grace Lutheran Church on the old Wirtsmith Airforce Base. It is next to the Library.

Next CMIA meeting is April 2, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. It will take place at the Service Employees International Union Hall, 1420 S. Michigan Avenue, Saginaw, MI 48604