**District 26 Unity Council**

**July 20, 2024**

**Houghton Area Lake Alano Club**

**Houghton Lake, Michigan**

**Attendance:** Mike R. chairman; Dave N., DCM; Lisa N., Treas.; Dick D. Secy.; Gary A., B Sober Gp., visitor; Trish B., GSR, Serenity Sisters; John B., GSR, How it Works; Dennis B., GSR, Keep it Simple; Paula B., GSR, Wednesday Night Gp.; Bruce C., GSR, Western Mich. Gp.; Holly C., GSR, B Sober Gp.; Mike F., New Life Zoom Gp.; Nicole H., GSR, New Hope Women’s Gp.; Larry J., visitor; Jeannette J., GSR, Houghton Lake Gp.; Dawn L., visitor, Houghton Lake Gp.; Rob M., GSR, There is a Solution Gp.; Renee M., GSR, Living Sober; Dianne N., Alt. GSR, B Sober Gp.; Jenny P., chair, Workshop Comm.; Jerry P., Alt. GSR, How it Works; Gale R., GSR,; Shawn R., GSR, Early Risers Gp.; Mark R., GSR, Hale

Gp.; Tammy R., visitor, How it Works; Amy S., GSR, Primary Purpose; Roger S., visitor, Houghton Lake Gp.; Dawn S., visitor, Houghton Lake Gp.; Joe S., GSR, Sober and Stable Gp. and GSR, Happy to be Anyplace Sober Gp.; Nick T., GSR, Little Red Book Gp.; Sandy T., visitor, 3rd step Gp.; Stan T., GSR, 3rd Step Gp.

**Meeting:**  Opened at 10:02 a.m. by Chairman Mike R. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

**Statement of Purpose**: Read by Amy S.

**Tradition 7:** Read by Stan T.

**Concept 7:** Read by Dawn.

**Minutes of May Meeting:** Read by Dick D.

Jerry P. -- Moved to approve as submitted.

Amy S. -- Seconded motion.

Motion approved unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Submitted by Lisa N.

May & June reports

Submitted for filing.

Discussion/explanation

Jerry P. – Moved to accept.

Trish B. -- Seconded motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

NOTE: Rent donated by Houghton Lake Area Alano Club. Donuts donated by local members.

**Web Site:** No Report.

**Grasshopper**: Report by Mike R.

12 calls total. 7 received.

Need hot line volunteers. No women currently available for referral.

**Workshop Committee:** Reported by Jenny P.

Summary of workshop on sponsorship.

Discussion: Great attendance and much positive feedback.

Back to Basics: Seeking experienced session facilitator.

Next workshop: “The AA Group… Where It All Begins.”

Estimated Costs: Based on the expenses of the initial workshop the district can expect to budget $500 to $600 for future workshops.

**Old Business:**

Elections:

Current nominees:

Chairperson: Stan T.

Alternate Chairperson: Joe S.

DCM: Dennis B.

Alternate DCM: Amy S..

Secretary: Dick D.

Alternate Secretary: Nick T.

Treasurer: Paula B.

Alternate Treasurer: Dave

Info Line Master: Mike R.  
 Web Master: Jeff M.

Alternate Web Master: Tammy R.

Sober Times Editor: Molly

Alternate Sober Times Ed.: Nicole H.

Election activities at Unity Council September meeting:

Last call for nominations.

Ballot distribution (GSRs only)

Tally of votes and announcement of results.

Distribution of funds:

Dave N. moved that $400 be sent to World Services (New York) and $200 be sent to Area.

Seconded by Rob M.

Discussion: General

Motion passed.

**New Business**

Need to order a resupply of district business cards (contact information).

Moved by Amy S.

Second by Nicole H.

Approved unanimously.

Education of relevant professionals at the county level – CPC (Judges, lawyers, health providers, law enforcement, etc.)

Discussion:

Some counties don’t allow jail meetings.

GSR involvement in educational activities –- Attend public meetings, distribute relevant AA pamphlets, etc.

**Upcoming Events:**

**District Picnic:** August 24. AuSable Children’s Park, Oscoda. Contact Dennis B.

**Sober Times Calendar** – Check for up-to-date listings.

**Website --** Dist26aa.org -- Check for up-to-date event and meeting listings

**GSR Reports:**

Gale R.: Miracles Happen – usual attendance fluctuation. Keeping a member list.

Joe S.: Sober Table group – OK. Camp fire meetings 1st Sat. of the month.

Amy S.: Primary Purpose group doing great. Serenity Sisters group reading *Experience, Strength and Hope*. Early Risers Gratitude group could use more support.

Rob Mc.: There is a Solution group doing well. 6 to 15 people.

Dennis B.: Keep it Simple group doing well.

Holly C.: B Sober group 6 to 12 members.

Nicole H.: New Hope Women in Recovery; doing well.

John B.: How it Works (Grace on the Base); could use more support. Looking for last Thursday of the month speakers.

Jeanette J.: Keep it Simple group at Houghton Lake Alano Club doing well.

Mark R.: Hale Group doing well. Whittemore group could use some members with longer sobriety.

Tom H.: Omer group doing well.

Dave N.: Standish Step of the Month is good.

Jeanine: Standish Monday Night group, 8 -10 people per meeting.

**CLOSURE**

Chair Mike R. closed meeting (at 10:38) with responsibility pledge.