**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.