

District 26 Unity Council
September 21, 2024
Whittemore Methodist Church
Whittemore, 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 10:01 a.m. by Chairman Mike R. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Statement of Purpose: Read by Chad D.

Tradition 9: Read by Holly C.

Concept 9: Read by Diane N.

Minutes of May Meeting: Submitted by Dick D.
Jerry P. -- Moved to approve as submitted.
Amy S. -- Seconded motion.
Motion approved unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report:

July & August full reports submitted by Lisa N.

July

Income	\$ 256.00
Expenses	\$ 622.14
Checking balance (7/31/2024)	\$ 976.59
Savings balance (7/31/2024)	\$ 751.32

August

Income	\$ 670.00
Expenses	\$ 22.14
Checking balance (8/31/2024)	\$1,624.45

Savings balance (8/31/2024)	\$ 751.32
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Discussion/explanation

Savings balance reflects the prudent reserve of \$750.

Discussion topic: Expected costs of providing 4 workshops per year.

Approval:

Dennis B. – moved to accept.

Jerry P. -- seconded motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

NOTE: September rent = \$40.00

Web Site: No Report.

Grasshopper: Report by Mike R.

6 calls since the last Unity Council meeting.

Need hot line volunteers, ESPECIALLY WOMEN. No women currently available for referral.

Workshop Committee: Report 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."

Sat., Oct 12, 10 am to 3 pm. Hale Methodist Church

Estimated Costs: Based on expenses of the initial workshop expected budget is \$500 to \$600 per event. Goal is four per year.

Sober Times: Report by Holly C.

Discussion of how to get copies of the newsletter to groups.

Old Business:

Elections:

Chair Mike R. reviewed list of nominees and requested new nominations from the floor.

DCM nominee Dennis B. withdrew his name from consideration

Discussion resulted in the following changes:

Chairperson: Stan T.

Alternate Chairperson: Joe S.

DCM: Amy S.

Alternate DCM: Dennis B.
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: Holly C.
Alternate Sober Times Ed.: Nicole H.

Chair Mike S. called for a motion to elect the slate as revised.
Slate elected unanimously.

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

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:

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 – fabulous attendance

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, doing well.

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, Houghton Lake Alano Club, attendance steady.

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.

Nick T.: Little Red Book, Oscoda, doing well. Active group conscience.

Mark R.: Whittemore & Hale Groups. Hale doing well. Whittemore need support.

Dick D.: Unstable Table & Wilson Groups. Both Groups doing well.

CLOSURE

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