

**District 26 Unity Council  
November 18, 2023  
Luzern, Michigan**

**ATTENDANCE:** Dave N., DCM; Mike R., Unity Chair.; Lisa N., Unity Treasurer; Dick. D., Unity Alt. Secretary., GSR Unstable Table & Wilson Groups; Patti A., Unity Meeting Host & Serenity Seekers & Learning to Grow Groups; Curtis A., Visitor Keep it Simple Group; Gary A., Visitor B Sober Group; Trish B., Treasurer Serenity Sisters Group; Dennis B., GSR Keep It Simple Group; John B., Visitor How It Works Group; Holly C., GSR B Sober & New Life Zoom Groups; Betsy F., Visitor UMC Friday Night Group; Pete H., Unity Meeting Host & Sober PPL Group; Nicole H., GSR New Hope Women Group; Stephanie K., Visitor Serenity Seekers; Rob M., GSR There is a Solution Group; Buster Mc., Visitor Hale Group; Diane N., Alt. GSR B Sober Group; Joe P., Visitor Serenity Seekers Group; Jerry P., GSR How it Works Group; Gale R., GSR Miracles Happen Group; Jeanine S., GSR Standish Monday Night Group; Amy S., GSR Primary Purpose Group.

Meeting opened at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman Mike R. with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer.

Statement of Purpose: Read by Dennis B.

Tradition 11: Read by Holly C.

Concept 11: Read by Rob Mc.

**Minutes of September 16 meeting:** Read by Dick D. Jerry P.. made motion to accept as read. Motion seconded by Nicole H. . Motion passed by unanimous consent.

**Treasurer's Report:** Read by Lisa N. Included September and October balance sheets. General discussion for clarification. Balance as of this date is \$1,840.50. Dick D. made motion to accept as read. Motion seconded by Dennis B.. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Note: Rent and donuts donated by "Learning to Grow" meeting.

## **Old Business**

### **Workshops & Conferences**

Dick D. reviewed the background and development of the Anonymous Unity Council Survey that polled members attending local AA meetings to determine current details about what workshops and/or conferences the general membership would attend and support. Initial results of survey data received to date were presented and discussed. The major subjects requested included the 12 Steps; with a slightly higher preference for Steps 4, 11, and 12. Other frequently mentioned topics included Sponsorship, Acceptance, Higher Power, Open Talks, and Advice for New Members. Polling of members is still continuing. It is anticipated that a final report of survey results will be compiled in January or February of 2024 following the next Unity Council meeting.

Dennis B. reviewed the 5-session 4<sup>th</sup> Step workshop that is currently in progress. It is hosted and led by members of the Oscoda Keep it Simple Group. At the first session Dennis laid

out the workshop's general format and the attendees read aloud the relevant 4<sup>th</sup> step text in the Big Book. He also passed out materials used in previous workshops. Attendance at the workshop has been very good with between 15 to 20 people attending each of the first two Thursday evening sessions.

A general discussion of workshop subjects and their selection for funding by the Unity Council followed these presentations. Subjects included:

1. Written materials vs. in person presentations.
2. AA experience is that success in holding these events depends on the personal involvement of at least one AA member.
3. Young AA members
  - There is a need for providing topics and/or formats that appeal to younger AA members.
  - There is a need to encourage young people to participate in the development of workshops and conferences. They could make up a body of experienced members that can be the basis of a healthy educational future within the District/Area.

#### **Prudent Reserve (expenditure of excess funds)**

Current reserve is \$750

\$1,200 is available for regional and national support

Dennis B. made a motion to approve spending as follows: \$800 to Central Michigan and \$400 to New York. Motion seconded by Jerry P. Discussion Topics: Which has the greater need, Regional or National? Increasing cost of AA literature from all publishers. The question was called and by show of hands the motion failed to pass.

Dave N. made a motion to approve spending as follows: \$600 to Central Michigan and \$600 to New York. Motion seconded by Amy S. The motion passed and the Treasurer was instructed to process the payments.

#### **New Business**

##### **Open Positions**

Alternate Treasurer: No nominations to date.

Alternate Web Master: Betsy F. volunteered. Second by Holly C. Nomination approved by unanimous consent.

**Web Master Report:** None.

**Information Line:** By Mike R. Fifteen calls, 4 hangups, 2 missed.

**Sober Times Newsletter:** No Report.

**Unity Council Meeting Sites:** the Feb 24 Unity meeting site will be at Grace at the Base.

#### **Meeting Reports:**

Nicole H., New Hope Women Group: good at 10 to 15.

Holly C., Be Sober Group & New Life Zoom Group: both good.

Dick D., Unstable Table Group & Wilson Group: both good.

Rob M., There is a Solution: good at 10 to 18.  
Gale R., Miracles Happen: 15+ .  
Dennis B., Keep it Simple Group: OK  
Standish Monday Night Group is OK.  
Sterling Second Chance Group. Numbers are low. Support needed.  
Patty A., Luzern and Mio Groups. Numbers are up.  
Trish B., Serenity Seekers Group. 4 to 8.  
Amy S. Primary Purpose Group. 10 to 15.  
Wednesday evening Spruce Group. 20.  
Lincoln, 15.  
Harrisville. 5 to 15.

**Meeting Closure:** Chairman Mike R. asked for a motion to close the meeting. Jefry P. Moved, Betsy F. seconded. Motion was passed by unanimous consent. Meeting closed at 11:14 a.m.