

**District 26 Unity Council
September 16, 2023
Whittemore, Michigan**

ATTENDANCE: Dave N., DCM; Mike R., Chair.; Lisa N., Treasurer; R. Divelbiss, Alt. Secretary., GSR Unstable Table & Wilson Groups; Gary A., Visitor, B Sober Group; Dennis B., GSR, Keep It Simple Group; Holly C., GSR, B Sober & New Life Zoom Groups; Nicole H., GSR , New Hope Women Group; Gale R., GSR, Miracles Happen Group; Mark R., GSR, Hale Group; Jeanine S., GSR, Standish Monday Night Group; Sandra T., Clare, Visitor; and Stanley T., GSR, Clare.

Meeting opened at 9:58 a.m. by Chairman Mike R. with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer.

Statement of Purpose: Read by Stan T.

Tradition 9: Read by Dennis B.

Concept 9: Read by Holly C.

Minutes of August 26 meeting: Read by Dick D. General discussion for clarification. Holly C. made motion to accept as read. Motion seconded by Dennis B. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report: Read by Lisa N. General discussion for clarification. Stan T. made motion to accept as read. 2nd by Gary A. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Old Business

Payments for receipts received:

\$30.00	Church rental
\$27.92	donuts

Service positions:

Elections to be held next year.

List of positions is on line under District heading.

Gale R. orally resigned the Alternate Treasurer position duties effective immediately.

CMI scheduled October 1, 2023, in the Tribal Gym, Mt. Pleasant. Information has been sent to Jeff M. for posting on the website.

Prudent Reserve:

Mark R. noted That there is more than \$1,000 in excess of committed expenses and that the Council should be making distributions to New York and the District. No formal motion was made.

Dennis B. – Excess money on hand likely due to fact that no Area/District-wide workshops have been held recently.

General discussion of current lack of local participation in workshops including the following:

- Impact of Covid
- Potential workshop locations – West Branch, Houghton Lake, Luzerne, & known church meeting sites that would be suitable (disabled persons access, suitable rooms for workshop formats, etc.)
- Existence of personality conflicts that have negative impact on cooperative projects between some local entities and Unity
- Lack of Unity participation by groups in the western part of the District
- Workshop topics: Back to basics; specific steps
- Contributors: Mike R., Mark R., Dave N., Gale R., Stan T., Dick D., Dennis B., Jeanine S., Holly C.

Mark R.: Asked to close workshop discussion and return to the issue of forwarding Unity funds in excess of the prudent reserve to District and National.

Mike R.: Closed the workshop discussion and noted that it should be listed as an agenda item for the next Unity Council meeting.

Lisa N.: In the last month Unity has received additional funds from local groups. These monies (approximately \$800) are not reflected in the August Treasurer's report.

Dennis B.: Moved that an additional amount of \$200 be added to each of the payments approved at the last Unity Council meeting.

Dick D.: Moved that the Dennis B. motion be tabled until the November Unity Council meeting. Second by Gale R. Motion Passed.

Web Master Report: Up to date as of this date.

Information Line: By Mike R. No missed calls since the last report. Ten calls total. Two hang ups.

Sober Times Newsletter: Hard copy of current issue was passed out and is available on the web site.

Unity Council Meeting Sites: Mike R.: Need meeting sites for all dates subsequent to the November meeting in Luzerne. Meetings on the new schedule are in odd numbered months.

Meeting Reports:

Nicole H., New Hope Women Group: Doing great!

Holly C., Be Sober Group & New Life Zoom Group: Be Sober doing great! Zoom meeting could use more participants.

Dick D., Unstable Table Group & Wilson Group: Both at high levels of attendance (20+ & 10+).

Stanley T. Clare area: Monday noon has 15 people. Other noon meetings have attendance of 7 to 8. Farwell meeting has closed.

Gale R., Miracles Happen Group: Going alright.

Mark R., Hale Group is good. Has some newer people. Whittemore Cross Roads Group (12 & 12) could use support.

Dennis B., Keep it Simple Group: Could use support.

Jeanine S., Standish Monday Night Group is OK. Sterling Second Chance Group could use some support. Omer meeting is maintaining good attendance level.

Dave N., DCR at restored train station – very nice. Area meeting is small – no recent change.

Stan T., Jail Meetings: Has literature available for meeting chairs to use. More money is available to buy additional literature.

Meeting Closure: Chairman Mike R. asked for a motion to close the meeting. Stan T. moved. Dennis B. seconded. The meeting was closed by a vote of unanimous consent at 11:02 a.m.