

Around the Coffee Pot...

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1/12/06 Board Meeting Notes

(1) Board minutes approved from 12/8/05; (2) Reviewed December financials (see below); (3) Election of Officers for 2006 include: Chairman - Richard O, Vice-Chair - Kent W, Secretary - Sue G, Treasurer - Sonny W; (4) Terms of board members outlined (see bottom right); (5) Reviewed Financial report for 2005 (see below - middle) and approved 2006 Budget; (6) Reviewed survey of property that has been completed by Ferguson & Chamberlain and had

some discussions about possibly splitting the property to sell the front building and use the income to renovate the back building, also had discussion about potential interest from local group(s) in Charlevoix to relocate the front building and retain ownership of the full property lot; (7) Decision from board to pursue relocation option, delay on filing property split until having more definite information, have some preliminary talks with an architect to have draw-

ings of renovation ideas and begin talks with a realtor about possibly selling the front building; (8) Strong interest from board to move forward on these steps and firm up our plans for action to coincide with the 20 year anniversary of the Alano Club that takes place in 2006 - special activities will be planned and anyone that is interested in helping plan and organize such activities is asked to contact any of the board of directors or Scott.

The "Serenity House - Alano Club of Charlevoix, Inc." was organized in 1986 to provide a meeting place for 12 step meetings. The organization is a non-profit corporation governed by a Board of Directors elected from its membership.

Club membership is never required and should never be implied for participation in 12 step meetings held at the club.

We request each group to organize itself as suggested through their respective 12 step program to avoid any violation of their traditions.

The Alano Club is a group of people interested in helping those seeking relief from addiction related problems by providing a place for 12 step meetings to be held.

<u>December 2005 Financial Summary</u>	
Income:	
Meeting rent / Coffee	\$ 692.50
Donations	\$1,417.00
Interest Income	\$ 221.60
Membership Dues	\$ 875.00
Literature & Pop	\$ 201.30
Total Income	\$3,407.40
Expense:	
Office Expenses	\$ 30.98
Utilities	\$ 59.56
Coffee & Supplies	\$ 221.40
Contractual Services	\$ 300.00
Total Expense	\$ 611.94
December Net Income	\$2,795.46

<u>2005 Financial Summary</u>	
Income:	
Meeting rent / Coffee	\$8,096.02
Donations	\$4,721.17
Membership Dues	\$6,315.72
Fundraising	\$9,634.81
All other income	\$2,872.26
Total Income	\$31,639.98
Expense:	
Operating Expenses	\$2,535.39
Utilities	\$3,426.51
Fundraising	\$4,270.16
Coffee & Supplies	\$2,204.39
Insurance	\$1,059.00
Contract/Professional	\$5,717.00
Total Expense	\$19,212.45
2005 Net Income	\$12,427.53

NEXT BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 9TH
6:30 p.m. at BASES
(208 W Lincoln Street)
Due to 12 step meeting at Club at 6:30.

<u>Board Member Terms</u>
<u>Expire December 2006</u>
Betty Collins
Tony Blake
Sonny Wright
Sue Goodwin
Joanne Beemon - Alternate
<u>Expire December 2007</u>
Richard O'Leary
Kent Warner
Terry Left
Liz Gooch
David Demree - Alternate

Book Review

7 Key Principles of Successful Recovery

by Mel B & Bill P © 1999 by Hazelden

The authors use key slogans familiar to all 12 step meetings such as First things first (Order); Live and let live (The Great Law); Easy does it (Graceful Effort); Let go and let God (Releasing); One day at a time (Reduction); Pass it on (Service); and Keep it simple (Simplification). If you are looking to keep things pretty simple but would also like to cultivate some depth into your day to day approach, this book will be a great companion. (\$13 available at the club)

Getting Started in AA

By Hamilton B © 1995 by Hazelden

The book talks about the basic foundation of the 12 steps and the 12 traditions, has information about different types of meetings and groups, detailed about the fellowship concept and a nice glossary of AA terminology as well as a chapter on meeting etiquette, highlights anonymity, encourages reading the book & working the steps, using the slogans, how to apply the serenity prayer, dual addicted, specialty groups, often quoted passages and more. Great tool for newcomers as well as those who are introducing the program to others. (\$11 available at the club)

Alano Club Finances

We have come a long way in the past two years financially. As of 12/31/05, we have a balance of \$31,829.83 in cash assets. Guidelines established by the board in 2004 involved maintaining \$2,000 in the checking account to cover month to month operational expenses and \$10,000 in a savings account for emergencies only. Whenever possible, large expenses need to be planned out in advance. This leaves about \$19,000 toward the next big project which appears to be the remodeling of the back building so that we have the ability to conduct large group gatherings for speaker meetings and special events as well as have the ability to conduct two group meetings at the same time if desired. We are not exactly sure how much this will cost, but there are some educated guesses that it will be more than \$19,000. If it works out that we are able to sell the front building and offset renovation expenses, then we will be in even better shape. Among options being considered, selling the front building and a piece of the property or selling the building with the intention of having it moved to a different location.

In January of 2004, we started this process with five main goals in mind. These included: 1) Maintain a place for meetings to be held, 2) Develop a volunteer system of operations, 3) Navigate through the financial issues that must be addressed, 4) Address the organizational needs of the non-profit corporation, 5) Develop a long-term plan with input from Club Members. So far so good. Thanks to you all.

Speaker / Potluck Meeting

No meeting in January

3rd Friday in February (2/17)

Speaker yet to be confirmed

Potluck at 6:30 / Speaker at 7:00

(Held at the Alano Club Meeting Room)

Newsletters & updated Alano Meeting Schedules now available on the internet!! Email to Scott to get more info: scott@basesteencenter.org

2006 Board of Directors

Richard O'Leary - Chair

Kent Warner - Vice-Chair

Sonny Wright - Treasurer

Sue Goodwin - Secretary

Tony Blake

Betty Collins

Liz Gooch

Terry Left

Joanne Beemon (Alternate)

David Demree (Alternate)

<i>Member-ship Updates</i>	<i>Jan 19, 2006</i>
Past Due	9
Due in Feb.	6
Due in '06	30
2007+	14
Lifetime	13
TOTALS	72

Laughter is good medicine...

"At an AA meeting the other day, a woman said she wanted a husband. Seven of the next eight women who spoke offered theirs."

Jan '06 Grapevine

Serenity House—Alano Club of Charlevoix

106 Mason St.
Charlevoix, MI 49720
231-547-9184

Your membership dues expiration date is listed on the mailing labels for those receiving them by mail. Email recipients are notified periodically.