

Around the Coffee Pot...

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1/12/05 Board Meeting Notes

(1) Board minutes approved from 12/7/04 meeting; (2) Election of Officers for 2005 included: Chairman—Richard O’Leary, Vice-Chair—Kent Warner, Treasurer—Scott Kelly, Secretary—Sue Goodwin; (3) A building and grounds committee was formed to investigate all of the options available for dealing with the building and property owned by the Alano Club with Kent Warner as the chairman of the committee along with Richard O, Scott K,

Terry Left, Jeff Kirby and four additional club members who will be contacted to see if they will help this group develop recommendations to present to the board; (4) December financials were reviewed with a net income of \$1,941.47; (5) Meeting income totals for 2004 were also reviewed with five groups averaging over the \$10 per meeting charge and 14 groups averaging under the meeting charge, three groups were extremely low and have been removed from the Alano Schedule that is published; (6) 2004 Annual financial statements were reviewed with net income for the year at \$17,535.56 (see left) with bank balances of all accounts as of 12/31/04 at \$19,402.30; (7) The board approved to have an accountant prepare the annual tax filing paperwork; (8) 2005

budget was approved (see bottom right) that includes contractual help of \$200 per month to cover handling deposits, paying bills, monthly financial reports, taking care of the mail and day to day needs of the club, ordering & refilling supplies, dealing with the rental apartment, grant writing and monthly newsletters; (9) Also approved in the budget was a contract with BASES for \$1,000 per month for June, July and August (\$3,000 total) to staff the Alano Club 20 hours per week and to pay someone contractually \$550 to coordinate the Venetian Booth and \$550 to coordinate the Apple Fest Booth fundraising events.

**NEXT MEETING,
WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 9TH AT
6:30 PM.**

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>2004 Financial Summary</u>	
Income:	
Donations	\$11,897.50
Fundraising	\$ 5,432.40
Meeting rent / Coffee	\$ 7,825.17
Membership Dues	\$ 6,650.00
Misc Income	\$ 828.09
Apartment Rental	\$ 5,375.00
Total Income	\$38,008.16
Expense:	
Fundraising	\$ 2,339.71
Insurance	\$ 2,297.50
Building Repairs	\$ 3,461.44
Supplies	\$ 2,733.41
Utilities	\$ 3,843.26
Operations	\$ 1,211.31
Payroll Expenses	\$ 4,585.97
Total Expense	\$20,472.60
2004 Net Income	\$17,535.56

<u>2005 Budget</u>	
Income:	
Donations	\$ 6,200.00
Fundraising	\$ 7,500.00
Meeting rent / Coffee	\$ 7,200.00
Membership Dues	\$ 5,300.00
Misc Income	\$ 480.00
Apartment Rental	\$ 5,550.00
Total Income	\$32,230.00
Expense:	
Fundraising	\$ 4,000.00
Insurance	\$ 2,400.00
Building Repairs	\$ 4,560.00
Supplies	\$ 2,724.00
Utilities	\$ 3,960.00
Operations	\$ 3,849.00
Contractual Labor	\$ 6,500.00
Total Expense	\$27,993.00
2005 Net Income	\$ 4,237.00

Why are we in such an improved financial position?

In reviewing our projected budget for 2004 compared to our actual financial figures, there were several things that made a huge difference.

1) **Donations** brought in \$11,897.50 compared to our budgeted amount for \$6,200.

2) **Meeting rent** brought in \$7,825.17 compared to our budgeted \$3,050.

3) **Membership dues** brought in \$6,650.00 compared to our budgeted \$1,500.

4) Total expenses were at 103% of our budgeted expenses while our income totals came in at 182%!!

All of this means... a deep and sincere thank you goes out to all of our members for their generosity, willingness to get involved, ability to overcome adversity and work toward the good of all concerned. Thank you for the still suffering who have yet to attend their first 12 step meeting.

The Board of Directors

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

Serenity House—Alano Club of Charlevoix

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AA Hotline: 231-348-5005

Please note: ADDRESS CHANGE!!
When Charlevoix changed addresses due to 911 inclusion, the address was changed to 106 Mason Street. Please make a note for your records and future correspondence.

Letter of Resignation Coming

Dear Alano Club Members,

I have informed many of the board members of my pending resignation letter from the board to avoid any conflicts of interests that may result from actions taken at the last board meeting. The board approved a management services and summer club staffing contractual arrangement with BASES. Due to my connection with BASES, I abstained from voting on these issues and will resign from the board to follow through with these responsibilities where I am better able to serve the Alano Club organization. The board of directors and I will work out the details of these moves at the February 9th board meeting. Respectfully,

Scott Kelly

Board of Directors

Richard O'Leary - Chair
Kent Warner - Vice-Chair
?? - Treasurer
Sue Goodwin - Secretary
Betty Collins
Liz Gooch
Helen Paul
Sonny Wright
Jeff Kirby (Alternate)
Terry Left (Alternate)

<i>Membership Updates</i>	<i>Jan 21, 2005</i>
Due in 2005	57
Due in 2006+	6
Lifetime	11
TOTALS	74



Thought for the Day:

“Every flower must grow through dirt.”

Anonymous

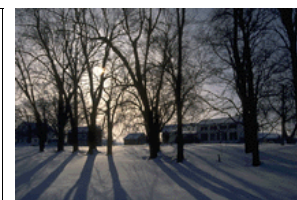
Compliance rates for following medical treatment recommendations for Chronic Illnesses:

Heroin Addiction 60%

Diabetes <50%

Hypertension <30% (High blood pressure)

Source: The Brain: Understanding Neurobiology through the Study of Addiction, 2004.



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