

Around the Coffee Pot...

Serenity House - Alano Club of Charlevoix

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10/13/04 Board Meeting Notes

(1) Meeting minutes approved from previous meeting, (2) Finalized details of nomination and election procedures - nomination list will be closed and finalized at 11/10 board meeting, (see back for list of interested candidates at this point in time), final ballot will be numbered for each member and mailed out soon after November meeting (all newsletters will be mailed, no emails) and will also include a postage paid return envelope so all members can mail in

their ballots, ballot deadline will be December 6th (must be in drop boxes or come in mail morning of 12/7 to be included in the count), ballots will be mailed to all members that are in good standing at the time of the mailing in early November, ballot counting committee consisting of Betty C, Scott K and Judy R will tabulate ballots on 12/7 prior to the board meeting, (3) treasurer's report for September presented (see bottom left) with a total fund balance of \$15,479.30, (4) in keeping with previously mentioned financial planning guidelines - \$10,000 in emergency fund, \$2,000 in checking for cash flow needs, leaves \$3,479.30 toward renovation projects that are being looked into by the board, (5) AppleFest booth did not take place this year

due to lack of adequate time to staff the event, \$150 entry fee paid to the Chamber will be refunded and reflected on October financials, (6) Bill Bellows was present at the meeting to discuss electrical renovation options for the upstairs apartment, (7) Jeff K is working on completing an appraisal of the building and property and hopes to have it completed by the end of the year, (8) reminder to board and club members that the December meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 7th at 6:30 p.m.** Results of the board election will be announced and this will serve as the annual meeting of the membership. Please plan to attend!

**NEXT MEETING,
WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 10TH
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.



Make sure your membership is up to date. If you received this in the mail, check the label on your envelope (the date below your address)! There are also lists posted at the club or you can call Scott at 547-1144 to double check.

September 2004 Financial Summary

Income:	
Donations	\$ 350.00
Interest Income	\$ 39.21
Fundraising	\$ -150.00
Meeting rent / Pop	\$ 598.64
Membership Dues	\$ 345.00
Pop/Misc Income	\$ 91.81
Apartment Rental	\$ 500.00
Total Income	\$1,774.66
Expense:	
Supplies	\$ 6.00
Utilities	\$ 297.00
Phone	\$ 28.81
Garbage/Snowplow	\$ 22.00
Unemployment Taxes	\$ 234.85
Total Expense	\$ 588.66
September Net Income	\$1,186.00

The following people have expressed an interest in running for the Alano Club Board of Directors:

(nominations finalized at 11/10 meeting)

There are 6 Board Positions to be filled.

Board Position Interest
(alphabetical order)

1. Joanne Beemon
2. Tony Blake
3. Don Cole
4. Liz Gooch*
5. Sue Goodwin*
6. Richard O'Leary*
7. Helen Paul*
8. Kent Warner

There are 2 Alternate Positions to be filled.

Alternate Position Interest

1. Jeff Kirby*
2. Terry Left

* current board seeking re-election

Betty Collins and Scott Kelly have one year remaining on their term and will remain on the board. The new board of directors will determine who will be filling the two remaining one year positions and the four two year positions at their meeting in January.

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

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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.

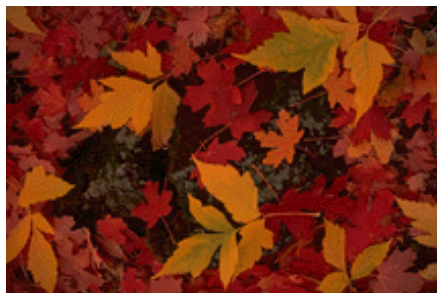
Future Board Meeting Agenda Items

- (a) November 10th - general membership meeting for the nomination of new board members,
- (b) December 7th - annual meeting for the election of board of directors with change in board in January to coincide with calendar and fiscal year. We hope you will attend!

Share Your Email and Save \$\$\$ for the Alano Club!!

Receive your monthly newsletters and more via the internet and save us the cost of postage, ink, envelope, label and copies! ☺
We send 30 of 81 via email so far!

<i>Membership Updates</i>	<i>Oct 12, 2004</i>
Past due	10
Due in next month	4
Due in 2+ months	3
Due in 2005	47
Due in 2006+	6
Lifetime	11
TOTALS	81



Board of Directors

- Sue Goodwin - Chairperson
- Jeff Kirby - Vice-Chair
- Scott Kelly - Treasurer
- Liz Gooch - Secretary
- Howard Horton
- Helen Paul
- Betty Collins
- Richard O'Leary

Thought for the Day:

Respect—
Appreciating everyone's uniqueness makes the world a brighter place.



Some may wonder what the board of directors of the Alano Club are involved in. To give you an idea of what you may be in for by considering running for the board, here is a list of things accomplished to date in 2004 by the Board and Membership of the Alano Club.

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Thrived in the face of major financial crisis at start of year, paid five years of back unemployment taxes, submitted five years of wage detail reports to the State of Michigan, filed five years of quarterly tax reports and three years of corporation status reports to keep the organization from being dismantled by the State of Michigan, established and funded long-range financial goals of annual operating emergency fund of \$10,000, maintain minimum of \$2,000 in checking for operating cash, set up pre-funding policies for major financial projects, new carpet in the back building, recovered chairs, steps and railing to parking lot, cigarette butt cans on-site, outside flower planting, installed patio steps, replaced flower box area at front of building, replaced ramp to back door, repaired roof and siding from storm damage, resolved furnace noise and pop machine noise in back building, established key box entry system, increased membership involvement and responsibility, annual lease for renter, secured grant funding from three sources, increased paid membership by 800%, utilized volunteers to maintain operations, reviewed and revised by-laws, regular newsletters sent to members, established web-site for Alano information, monthly financial detailed reports, bowl-a-thon fundraiser, Venetian booth fundraiser, drop box system for rent & dues & mail, plumbing repairs in house bathroom, group cleaning schedule, outside maintenance agreement with renter, updated membership lists posted in club locations, new lawnmower, small refrigerator for pop, installed first aid kits and fire extinguishers, reviewed insurance coverage and kept up-to-date, purchased open sign for front window, established methods to deal with disruptive behaviors, expanded the board with two alternates for more involvement of seasonal members, maintained the medallions available for sale and literature that is available for visitors and members, maintained over twenty self-help support groups per week and did our best to remember principles before personalities.

A sincere thank you to all who made this possible!