

Around the Coffee Pot...

Serenity House - Alano Club of Charlevoix

February 12, 2005

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2/9/05 Board Meeting Notes

(1) Board minutes approved from 1/12/05; (2) Note meeting change to Tuesday in March; (3) Treasurer's report for January (see below); (4) Discussed the need for Scott to resign as treasurer to avoid conflicts of interest with BASES being a contractual management provider, clarified that Scott will continue to attend all board meetings, prepare monthly financial reports, pay all bills, handle any day to day operations issues that come up so that essentially there will be no change in activities from the past year other than title, this arrangement offers more legal protection to the Alano Club and to Scott for the continuation of services, the board was also reminded that if they did not approve of the arrangement the board can vote to absolve the contract at any time; (5) New board member will be approached based upon next highest vote getters from the November elections—Tony Blake will be approached initially by Richard to see if he is interested; next on the highest vote list was Don Cole and then Joanne Beemon; (6) Board elected Helen Paul as new treasurer and she will work with Scott to meet the Alano Club's financial needs on a day to day basis; (7) Established board member terms so that board will

have a balance of outgoing and incoming officers (see bottom right); (8) New signature cards completed for all bank accounts to assure two signatures on any transactions that include board officers and Scott; (9) updates on building appraisal presented; (10) updates on progress of Building & Grounds Committee presented; (11) voted to end rental agreement at end of lease on 6/1/05; (12) Bowl-athon date will be changed to Saturday, March 19th at 1:00 p.m. at Paul Bunyan Lanes to allow for more board member participants—pledge sheets will be available at the Alano Club, please turn them in by next board meeting.

**NEXT MEETING,
TUESDAY,
MARCH 8TH 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.

Board Member Term Expiration

Expire 2005

Sue Goodwin
Betty Collins
Sonny Wright
(Scott's replacement)
Jeff Kirby - Alternate

Expire 2006

Liz Gooch
Richard O'Leary
Kent Warner
Helen Paul
Terry Left - Alternate

January 2005 Financial Summary

Income:	
Donations	\$ 109.00
Meeting rent / Coffee	\$ 935.05
Membership Dues	\$ 85.00
Misc Income	\$ 95.10
Apartment Rental	\$ 450.00
Total Income	\$1,674.15
Expense:	
Supplies	\$ 124.70
Utilities	\$ 377.29
Coffee/Meeting Exp.	\$ 157.86
Office Expenses	\$ 51.79
Contractual Services	\$ 280.00
Total Expense	\$ 991.64
January Net Income	\$ 682.51

Building & Grounds Committee Update

The committee is meeting to consider all options that are available for the organization related to the care and maintenance of the buildings and property. If renovations are in order, the committee will need to determine the cost and identify possible sources of money to finance these activities. This group will then make recommendations to the board which will then be presented to the membership.

The committee is working toward keeping the Alano Club in its current location. An appraisal of the buildings and property are underway. The main consideration at this point in time involves the possible sale of the back building and a piece of property is being considered with full renovations of the inside of the 2 story building and utilization of the 2 story building for all club activities and meetings.

The rental lease will be up at the end of May 2005 and the board approved discontinuing the use of the upstairs as a rental unit at that time due to possible renovations needed, issue with the City of Charlevoix on taxation of that portion of the property that is outside the mission of the non-profit corporation and the reduction in expenses for heat & utilities. The 2005 budget will be able to handle this loss of income without creating a deficit for the year.

Short-term goals of the committee include: reviewing the appraisal, designing renovation ideas, obtaining bids for renovations, investigating possible sale of the back building & portion of property, developing a timeline for transition, securing financing for the project and then present information to the board within the next 3-5 months. Members of the committee include: Kent, Richard, Terry, Jeff & Scott with input from lifetime members Peter & Judy. Your input is welcomed!

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

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Open Speaker Meeting
Friday, February 18th
Potluck at 6:30
Speaker at 7:00
Speaker—Beverly Z

Bowl-a-thon on March 19th at 1:00 p.m.

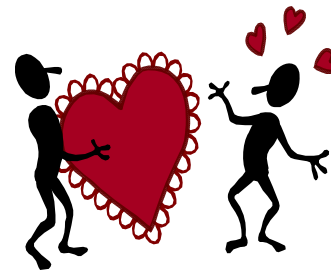
Pledge sheets are available by request to Scott or you can pick them up at the Club. Please turn in your completed pledge sheets before the Tuesday, March 8th board meeting so we can finalize arrangements with the bowling alley in Charlevoix. Cost of bowling & shoe rental will be covered.

Board of Directors

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



<i>Membership Updates</i>	<i>Feb 11, 2005</i>
Past Due	8
Due in Feb '05	10
Due in Mar '05	6
Remainder of 2005	32
2006+	8
Lifetime	11
TOTALS	75



Quote of the Month

“Think big thoughts, but relish small pleasures.”

H. Jackson Brown

On Valentine's Day, try to remember those who loved us when it was not popular to do so!

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

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