

AROUND THE COFFEE POT..

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BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Board met on 4/23/07 to review and approve financials for March which showed a net income of \$281.34.

There was no new news or updates related to the Building Project.

The board currently has 7 of 8 slots filled. There was discussion about filling this board spot and seeking two alternates to serve on the board for the 2007 term.

Annual tax preparations and license to solicit are being completed by the accountant. The grant to United Way was submitted and Richard and Scott presented to their panel of interviewers. They will inform of awards on 5/8/07.

Issue of a bad check for \$22 for literature was discussed. Check was from a Traverse City bank, written in Janu-

ary, returned to us just a few weeks ago as "account closed". Believe that the individual involved has moved out of state. The board mentioned avenues to address this very infrequent problem.

Reviewed current levels of insurance to verify that these are at adequate levels. The building and property liability insurance cost \$888 last year.

A new group has started on Sunday night at 8:00 pm. Not sure of group's status with registering with GSO.

Outside flower planting has been scheduled for Sunday, June 3rd after the meeting.

Bowl-a-thon fundraiser has been scheduled for Saturday, June 9th at Paul Bryan Lanes in Charlevoix from 1:00—3:30. Pizza, soda, games and bowling shoes will be covered by the Alano

Club for those bowlers gathering pledges.

Membership meeting will be held on Monday, May 14th at 8:00 pm at the meeting room. This will be the monthly board meeting and also attempt to address issues of concern by those using the Alano facilities. Handouts to solicit input for discussion will be created.

The next board meeting and membership meeting will be Monday, May 14th at 8:00 pm. at Alano meeting room.



Web-site hits:
March—2,102 / April—2,848

Current Membership

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| Past Due | 2 |
| Due in May & June | 6 |
| Due in 2007 | 20 |
| Due in 2008+ | 20 |
| Lifetime | 16 |
| TOTALS | 64 |

Upcoming Events:

- Board & Membership Meeting - Monday, May 14th at 8:00 pm at Alano Club meeting room
- Next Speaker Meeting - Friday, May 18th
- Flower Planting - Sunday, June 3rd after meeting
- Bowl-a-thon - Saturday, June 9th at 1:00 pm

MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO DISCUSS ISSUES

On Monday, May 14th at 8:00 pm, the Alano Club will have its monthly board meeting and also a membership meeting at the Club meeting room.

This meeting will be to address written concerns that are submitted prior to the meeting for clarification.

If you have an idea to make the club better, please submit your ideas.

Having requests in writing prior to the day of the meeting will provide board members an opportunity to prepare accurate answers based on facts, Please plan to attend this important meeting.

Heard at Meetings

"Although I try, I do not always walk the way I talk. But today I am grateful—and so are others—that I don't walk the way I think!"

**Jamie C., Gaylord, Michigan
April '07 AA Grapevine**

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Recovery Happens Too!

FAVORITE 12 & 12 QUOTES...

- 1) "It is when we try to make our will conform with God's that we begin to use it rightly. To all of us, this was a most wonderful revelation. *Our whole trouble had been the misuse of willpower. We had tried to bombard our problems with it instead of attempting to bring it into agreement with God's intention for us.* To make this increasingly possible is the purpose of AA's Twelve Steps, and Step Three opens the door." p.40
- 2) "In all times of emotional disturbance or indecision, we can pause, ask for quiet, and in the stillness simply say: 'God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference. Thy will, not mine, be done.'" p.41
- 3) "It is a spiritual axiom that every time we are disturbed, no matter what the cause, there is something wrong with us. If somebody hurts us and we are sore, we are in the wrong also. But are

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there no exceptions to this rule? What about 'justifiable' anger? If somebody cheats us, aren't we entitled to be mad? Can't we be properly angry with self-righteous folk? For us of AA these are dangerous exceptions. We have found that justified anger ought to be left to those better qualified to handle it." p. 90

- 4) "Only step one, where we made the 100 percent admission we were powerless over alcohol, can be practiced with absolute perfection. The remaining eleven steps state perfect ideals. They are goals toward which we look, and the measuring sticks by which we estimate our progress. Seen in this light, step six is still difficult, but not at all impossible. The only urgent thing is that we make a beginning, and keep trying. If we would gain any real advantage in the use of this step on problems other than alcohol, we shall need to make a brand new venture into open-mindedness. We shall need to raise our eyes toward perfection, and be ready to walk in that direction. It will seldom matter how haltingly we walk. The only question will be 'Are we ready?'" p. 68
- 5) "Lord, make me a channel of thy peace—that where there is hatred, I may bring love—that where there is wrong, I may bring the spirit of forgiveness—that where there is discord, I



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may bring harmony—that where there is error, I may bring truth—that where there is doubt, I may bring faith—that where there is despair, I may bring hope—that where there are shadows, I may bring light—that where there is sadness, I may bring joy. Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort than be comforted—to understand, than to be understood—to love, than to be loved. For it is by self-forgetting that one finds. It is by forgiving that one is forgiven. It is by dying that one awakens to Eternal Life. Amen." p. 99

