

# Around the Coffee Pot...

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## 9/8/04 Board Meeting Notes

(1) Meeting minutes approved from previous meeting, (2) Reviewed cleaning schedule - thanks to those groups that help keep club looking nice; comments from a number of summer guests that ours is the cleanest club they've visited, "Great Job!" to everyone involved, (3) Ideas brainstormed for use of the main building (see back), (4) Board members up for election include: Liz G and Richard O for completion of one year terms, Sue G, Jeff K, Howard H and

Helen P up for 2 year terms - Jeff expressed interest in serving as an alternate in future, Howard expressed interest in continuing to volunteer but no longer as a board member; if someone is interested in serving on the board, please contact Richard O, Helen P or Betty C to be included in the nominations that will be taken at the November meeting (elections at December meeting); board has added 2 alternate positions for year-round residents that would allow seasonal residents to serve on the board and utilize alternates to fill-in when they are gone; (5) Sue will work on literature inventory that can be sold to members and those attending meetings; (6) reviewed and accepted August financials (see left); (7) update on State of Michigan unemployment

and corporate issues - all looking positive, possible \$3,317 bill for penalties due to lack of past filing - wait and see the outcome from the state which may take an additional 3-6 months; (8) long-term financial guidelines established (see back), seek additional electrical bid and funding; (9) AppleFest Project updates - learned that Bill & Cherie are not available to coordinate the booth; looking for qualified and interested person(s) to coordinate the booth for \$550 stipend - due to the time frames, need interested persons to contact Scott or Sue immediately (one person expressed interest on Friday, 9/10, and will decide by 9/14).

**NEXT MEETING,  
WEDNESDAY,  
OCTOBER 13TH 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>August 2004 Financial Summary</u>	
Income:	
Donations	\$ 200.00
Oleson's Slips	\$ 36.28
Meeting rent / Pop	\$1,070.77
Membership Dues	\$ 110.00
Apartment Rental	\$ 500.00
Total Income	\$1,917.05
Expense:	
Building Repairs	\$ 28.08
Supplies	\$ 19.32
Utilities	\$ 125.20
Phone	\$ 34.63
Garbage/Snowplow	\$ 22.00
Total Expense	\$ 229.23
August Net Income	\$1,687.82



## Ideas for Use of Main Club

The following list of ideas is the board's first brainstorming attempt at "how to best utilize the front building of the Alano Club". More discussion will be entertained and additional cost analysis will be provided in the near future.

- A) move some of the furniture to storage location to make room for long table and chairs to set up for meetings inside the main room (passed 6-2 for implementation at this time to see if some of the smaller meetings would like to utilize)
- B) Rent to another business
- C) Close back building in winter months and move all meetings to front
- D) Activity center in front for use by members - pool, cards, etc.
- E) Find new funding to able to staff the front building as it was in the past
- F) Find new funding to staff the front with a specific list of services that would provide needed benefits to members

## Long-term Financial Guidelines

Approved 8-0 at 9/8/04 Board Meeting

- A) Maintain a reserve fund of \$10,000 for annual operating expenses that can be used in emergencies
- B) Maintain a \$2,000 minimum balance in the checking account to handle monthly cash-flow needs
- C) Non-emergency projects must have funds raised prior to starting of the project (ex: electrical renovations)
- D) Expenditures over \$200 must have board approval

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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) October - further discussion about main building utilization, finalize plans for nomination procedures and voting procedures with process for absentee ballots, (c) November - general membership meeting for the nomination of new board members, (d) December - 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!

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We send 29 of 78 via email so far!



Membership Updates	Sept 11, 2004
Past due	8
Due in next month	7
Due in 2+ months	5
Due in 2005	41
Due in 2006+	6
Lifetime	11
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>78</b>

### 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:

Flexibility—  
A readiness to ride  
the waves of change  
carries us further.

