

Dakota Alano Board Meeting Notes
December 20, 2009

Board Members Present: Steve, Jeff, Ruth, Ellen, Ashley, Rob, Mary C.

Board Members Absent: Aaron, Amy C.

Advisory/Honorary Board and Guests:

Doug, Gary, Jen, Brenda, Dave

The board meeting opened with the serenity prayer at 6:05 p.m.

Introductions were made.

The Traditions were read by: Jeff

Secretary's Report:

Ellen read the minutes from the November 15, 2009 meeting.

Motion to accept secretary's report as read was made by: Rob

Motion Seconded by: Ruth

Motion Passed

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report was read by: Jeff

Motion to accept the November report was made by: Ruth

Motion seconded by: Rob

Motion passed

Annual report:

It will cost \$500 to do one. Jeff recommends we do not do an Annual report due to the cost and the lack of interest by auditors.

2009 fiscal year report.

The year 2009 was a success with moderate income, including expenses from the 30th anniversary party. This is the third full year we have had our accounting in QuickBooks. Mary is doing an excellent job with deposits and her accounting background really helps. both Ellen and Susan had no problems last year. Dave did a great job transitioning.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report was made by: Ruth

Motion Seconded by: Rob

Motion Passed

Committee Reports:

Lit & Med. (Ruth):

ACOA has purchased books and they were sold out. NA would like us to order some literature for us. By general acclamation Ruth was told she could order books for NA and ACOA. She was asked by Steve to keep an inventory to see what books are moving and which ones are not. He would like her to report on that at the meetings. Jeff pointed out that that was part of her role in the new operations journal.

Supplies (Aaron):

We are in pretty good shape.

Motion that we reprint meeting cards including NA

Jeff,

Ruth

Maintenance (Jeff):

Gail got the windows covered

New bucket with sand

We are getting a walk through with the fire department to make sure we are in code

There is an ongoing problem with the water between this house and the recourse center house and our house. Jeff brought it up with Nadine.

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions signs for upstairs – Ruth will check into it.

Publishing (Ashley):

Newsletter will be out by end of week or beginning of New Year.

Archives (Rob):

Nothing to report for archives this month. He wants to get together (Rob, Jeff, Ellen and Susan) to start scanning in documents from the archives in January, February at Jeff's house.

Ellen sent Rob a 1986 Pledge List. Rob's concern was that last names were listed. Do we want to collect documents with full names in them for archives. A discussion of the subject took place. Jeff suggested we keep that information in a separate private area of the archives. Ellen will check with AA policies on the issue to help Rob make a decision.

Old Business:

We discussed changing the locks last month and agreed we would do it; but when?

We will change all the locks, literature, supplies, and door lock. January 17 is the Board Meeting in January. Locks would change Monday, January 18, 2009. All meetings need someone to come and get a key at that Board meeting. Mary volunteered to make flyers for each group box. Thanks Mary!

New Business:**2010 Pledge Program**

Jeff suggested we kick off the Pledge program at the January board meeting. Same forms as last year. He will have a nice packet for each group that we can give them when they pick up their keys.

Holiday Schedule by Ellen

Ellen showed the flyer with the change in times. There was concern that the times slots would not be staffed on such short notice. Ellen stated she had only listed times she could commit to being here. There was a discussion about whether the board could give Ellen money for decorations and food. Steve stated he had combed the by-laws and operations journal and found no reference saying we could not do it if we wanted to. Jeff stated the only place we could not donate money was AA because they would not accept it. It was decided that this year would be a trial run and no donations would be given. Gary pointed out that the fliers said potluck.

Christmas Day

11:30 am open, mixed AA meeting, but all are welcome.. The house will be open from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm.

New Year's Eve

1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

The house will be open for Potluck, games, fellowship and impromptu meetings. It will be a good opportunity for people to meet others to go to the "Pass it On" marathons in St. Paul and Mpls.

The 7:30 pm will be mixed on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Al-Anon will not be holding their meetings.

New Year's Day

10:30 to 5:00 pm

11:00 am open, mixed AA meeting, but all are welcome. The house will be open for Potluck, games, fellowship until 5:00 pm.

Ruth requested a book shelf for clearing off the tables.

Jeff made a motion to provide \$50 to buy one or two bookshelves to either hang or put in a corner in the main room.

Ruth seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

Rob motioned to close the meeting,

Jeff seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 7:10 p.m.

Yours in Service,
Ellen J.