

Hi All,

Enjoy the attached picture - sorry if you couldn't open it.

I'm heading out for a vacation in the morning and have not had time to do a full newsletter as I had hoped before departing for one week, so here's the highlights of what would have been in a newsletter had there been more time:

1) Board hammered out an updated mission statement that is: *To provide an alcohol and drug-free environment for 12-step recovery programs.* Some business cards will be printed with this mission statement listed to assist our board and members in spreading the word to the general public about what our organization is about.

2) Developing a web-site that will be up and running in December or January with a domain name of: <http://www.charlevoixalano.org> the temporary site is already there and can be visited and bookmarked for future reference.

3) Financials were reviewed for September - net income of \$1,689.95 with majority of that coming from a donation check from United Way of \$1,386.99. Balance sheet as of 9/30/06 of all combined accounts including checking and savings = \$39,438.25.

4) Working on nominations for next year's board of directors - any person interested in running for the board needs to be a member in good standing and inform the board before it's next board meeting which is scheduled for Monday, 11/13 at 6:30 pm at BASES.

11/13 meeting is scheduled as a "membership meeting" which is outlined in our by-laws as the meeting where new board members are nominated. We would like to see additional interest in the board from OA, Alanon and NA groups from the local area if at all possible.

5) The annual meeting will be held at the board meeting on 12/11/06, Monday, 6:30 pm at BASES. This meeting will also serve as the time for notification of the election of board members who will serve in 2007. Election ballots will be mailed out before 11/22/06 and must be returned via mail at the Alano Club no later than mail delivery time on 12/11/06 to be included in the count of votes.

6) We promise to have some type of controversial material to be included in the 12/11/06 annual meeting in hopes of increasing attendance at the meeting. The board has been working on a top secret project for the past year and a half and we are hoping to be able to go public with this crucial information that promises to rock the boat and upset the apple cart - seriously now, it is very good news and we hope to be able to have the entire issue be presented publicly at the 12/11/06 board meeting. So please make sure your membership is current, mark your calendar and encourage a friend to get out their membership money and join the organization so we can see our total membership go over 100 dues paying members in our 20th year as an organization (2006).

7) The real controversy and mystery that is perplexing the crew at 106 Mason is "WHO PLANTED THE FLOWERS OUTSIDE?" The flowers were planted in replacement of some dead and decaying souls and look beautiful; however, we have no one that will take claim for the good deed. So beware, there is an anonymous do-gooder in our midst. If someone extends a word of kindness on your behalf or a friendly nod behind your back, it just may be "A. Dogooder", so watch out, I understand the contagiousness of this type of affliction is incredibly powerful and will cause one to break out in a mischievous grin just for a second or two.

8) PM meetings for the winter months are limited to Tuesday and Thursday nights at 8pm - the answering machine at 231-547-9184 has been changed so that it works now and it

has been updated in you want to know more meeting information. Please share this information to other groups in the area. We had a counselor give out a year old meeting schedule last week and the new prospect went to a meeting in Boyne to find it dark, jumped in his car, looked at his schedule and drove to Charlevoix for the Friday PM meeting at the club as outlined on his schedule - this was his first meeting ever and he was ready to say you know what. In one last act of frustration he called a number that was listed on the schedule posted in the window of the door and found someone to talk to for a while until he could attend his first meeting eleven hours later at 8:00 am at the club. Last I saw him, he was headed from that 8am meeting to the 10am meeting in Boyne City on Saturday morning. Would you be that motivated and willing to go to any length? Many would have said you know what. So, please help get the word out about our winter schedule of meetings and let people know an updated schedule is on the answering machine and available in print from the Alano Club.

9) Open speaker meetings with a pot-luck at 6:30 pm - Friday, 10/20 - Dick H from Boyne City; Friday, 11/17 - Judy R from Charlevoix.

10) Your mission - if you will accept it, is to get this information to those who are not on our email list. There is no snail mail of this correspondence, so please share the info with those less technologically advanced. This is your chance to call a friend in recovery and touch base with another as we try and find the true identity of "A. Dogooder".

Scott

