

Around the Coffee Pot...

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11/10/05 Board Meeting Notes

(1) Board minutes approved from 10/13/05; (2) Reviewed October financials (see below); (3) Front building is winterized with water off and pipes drained, heat to be turned off; Scott will relocate canned goods being stored for Christmas Project to BASES storage room; (4) Trailer has been winterized and moved to its winter parking spot; (5) Decision approved to contract with BASES for \$100 per month for weekly detailed cleaning of back building; (6) Ap-

ple Fest fundraiser reviewed, deemed huge success, thanks to all volunteers; (7) 9 foot property issue has been resolved with corrected deed in hand; (8) Discussion of impact of City's new Historical District status on how this may impact future plans for dealing with property and buildings, Richard will pursue a meeting to gather more information with City Planner; (9) Reviewed and discussed host of options in relation to future plans with front building, need to get financial costs on each proposal, discussed timelines and plans to gather more input from general membership at December meeting (see back page); (10) Due to complaints from some attending meetings who are allergic to dogs and recent dog doo left on the floor, ALL DOGS ARE BANNED FROM

MEETING ROOM effective immediately; (11) Reviewed board election procedures, five board positions open at end of this year, all five outgoing board members interested in running again as well as an alternate who would like to become a full board member, additional nominees will be accepted until 6:00 pm Thursday, 11/17 by calling Scott (see back); (12) Tony volunteered to assist Sue in Oleson Slips counting and preparing; (13) December meeting to serve as public input opportunity on building ideas as well as serve as the annual meeting.

NEXT BOARD MEETING THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10TH 6:30 p.m. at BASES (208 W Lincoln Street) Due to 12 step meeting at Club at 6:30.

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.

Thursday, Dec 8th Board Meeting will serve as Annual Meeting and opportunity for membership to give input on future ideas on what to do with the buildings. (see left)

October 2005 Financial Summary

Income:	
Meeting rent / Coffee	\$ 519.25
Applefest	\$2,384.03
Donations	\$ 100.00
Membership Dues	\$ 50.00
Literature & Pop	\$ 23.97
Total Income	\$3,077.25
Expense:	
Office Expenses	\$ 31.56
Utilities	\$ 349.07
Applefest	\$1,460.32
Professional fees	\$ 17.00
Coffee & Supplies	\$ 236.38
Contractual Services	\$ 300.00
Total Expense	\$2,394.33
October Net Income	\$ 682.92

Options discussed by Board regarding what to do with the Alano Club buildings and property:

- A) Renovation of front building?
What function will it need to serve? What will it cost to renovate?
- B) Split property and sell front or back building? Which is most functional for our current needs and what are our needs in the future?
- C) Demolition of front building?
What will it cost?
- E) Expand back building?
What will it cost?
- E) How will "Historic District" issue impact all options?

Board Member Nominations and Election Plans

The following board members term will expire at the end of December 2005: Sue Goodwin, Sonny Wright, Betty Collins and Tony Blake. Joanne Beemon was appointed to fill a vacant board position and will need to run for re-election as outlined in the bylaws. Terry Left has served as an alternate in the past and would like to run for a full board position on the next ballot.

There are five open board positions to fill. All current members (6 in all) are interested in running for the five positions. Additional nominations will be accepted for the board of directors by Thursday, 11/17 at 6:00 p.m. Eligible candidates must be a current club member in good standing. To express your interest in running for the board, please call Scott Kelly at 547-1144.

Numbered written ballots will be mailed out on 11/21 or 11/22 to all members in good standing. Ballots must be received by Scott in the mail or in person before 12 noon on Thursday, December 8th to be counted. Votes will be counted by a designated committee of non-participants prior to the 12/8 6:30 p.m. Board meeting. The top five (5) vote getters will serve on the board in 2006, joining Richard O'Leary, Kent Warner and Liz Gooch.

Community Christmas Project

The Charlevoix Community Christmas Project is seeking names of those in need who may enjoy receiving a food and gift basket. For more information, please contact Scott Kelly at 547-1144.

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

Board of Directors

- Richard O'Leary - Chair
- Kent Warner - Vice-Chair
- Sonny Wright - Treasurer
- Sue Goodwin - Secretary
- Joanne Beemon
- Tony Blake
- Betty Collins
- Liz Gooch
- Jeff Kirby (Alternate)
- Terry Left (Alternate)

<i>Member-ship Updates</i>	<i>Nov 11, 2005</i>
Past Due	10
Due in '05	5
Due in '06	42
2007+	6
Lifetime	13
TOTALS	76

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

Laughter is good medicine...

***Q: How many alcoholics does it take to change a light bulb?
A: Change?***