

Around the Coffee Pot...

Serenity House - Alano Club of Charlevoix

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12/7/04 Board Meeting Notes

(1) Board minutes approved from 11/10/04 meeting; (2) Election results were presented: 44 of 70 ballots were returned for a 63% election participation by the membership, 2 ballots were returned due to invalid addresses on file and were unable to be sent out again prior to the election deadline, (see back for election details); (3) the new board will elect officers at their first meeting in January of 2005; (4) thanks to Sue, Betty and Nadine for displaying the new

literature that is available for sale; (5) thanks to Helga and friends for their Christmas decorating and thanks to Sue & Betty for decorating the Christmas tree; (6) board unanimously approved to hire someone to clean the back building once per week for \$20 per cleaning session due to inconsistent cleaning by meeting groups, Sue will develop a list of weekly cleaning duties that will be given to the cleaning person; (7) approved November financials (see bottom left); (8) reviewed a tentative budget for 2005 and presented a host of questions for board members to consider and gather member input prior to finalizing the 2005 budget (see back for discussion topics); (9) approved hiring an accountant to prepare annual tax filing for federal and state returns; (10)

decision to establish a "building & grounds committee" at January meeting that will investigate options for future direction of the Alano Club buildings and property so long-term options can be evaluated by the board and then recommendations presented to the membership; (11) thanks to Richard O for creating the meeting card and phone number lists that are available on the tables; (12) **Christmas Celebration** pot-luck and open speaker meeting on **Friday, Dec 17th - 6:30** pot luck with Club providing meat, 7:00 open speaker, John F from Charlevoix; (13) **Alano Club New Years Eve Party** at BASES on 12/31 from 7:00—12:30, see flyers at the club.

**NEXT MEETING,
WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 12TH 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.



Christmas Party

*Friday, Dec 17th
Potluck at 6:30
Speaker at 7:00
John F from Charlevoix
\$5 gift exchange &
drawing for Christmas
arrangement after speaker*

November 2004 Financial Summary

Income:	
Donations	\$ 100.00
Fundraising	\$
Meeting rent / Coffee	\$ 562.89
Membership Dues	\$ 85.00
Pop/Misc Income	\$ 16.65
Apartment Rental	\$ 405.00
Total Income	\$1,169.54
Expense:	
Supplies	\$ 552.80
Utilities	\$ 377.00
Phone	\$ 29.72
Garbage/Snowplow	\$ 22.00
Total Expense	\$ 981.52
November Net Income	\$ 188.02

Tough Questions face 2005 Board

The next board of directors will need to make some tough decisions in 2005. The financial crisis of 2004 is over and cash assets at the end of November show \$17,460.83 with board approved financial guidelines of maintaining \$2,000 in checking to meet monthly expenses, hold \$10,000 in emergency reserve and raise money in advance for renovation projects.

Current building issues that need to be addressed include: electrical renovation, plumbing renovation, new patio deck, roof renovation and the fact that we still have a very old building.

The board was presented with a possible budget for 2005 of \$32,000 that could handle current activities provided income levels of 2004 are sustained and add a part-time position inside the Alano Club if they want to return to similar past operations. (1) Decisions will need to be made about staffing inside the club: continue with part-time volunteers or paying someone and whether or not this would involve employee or contractual status? (2) How will record-keeping and organizational paperwork needs be addressed? (3) Regarding building needs, what options are available? Renovate, demolish and rebuild, sell two story building and portion of property and retain back building and small piece of property, add second floor to the existing meeting building, or sell and relocate? (4) What are the costs of each option? (5) What are the current and future needs of the membership? (6) What are the current and future needs of the community?

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

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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.

2005 Board Election Results

1. Liz Gooch
2. Sue Goodwin
3. Kent Warner
4. Richard O'Leary
5. Sonny Wright
6. Helen Paul

These board members will join Betty Collins and Scott Kelly in 2005.

New board in Jan 2005.

Alternates

1. Jeff Kirby
2. Terry Left

Alternates will fill in for absent board members.

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

<i>Membership Updates</i>	<i>Dec 7, 2004</i>
Due in 2004	6
Due in 2005	52
Due in 2006+	17
TOTALS	75



Alano Club New

Year's Eve Party

Friday, Dec 31st

7:00 pm—12:30 am

Free for members & families

\$5 at door for non-members

BASES Teen Center

208 W Lincoln in Charlevoix

Speaker 8:00

Celia K from Charlevoix

Movie 9:30 "28 Days"

Games, Fun, Fellowship

Bring a munchies dish to pass



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

Thought for the Day:
"In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity."
Albert Einstein