

Alano Club Board Meeting Minutes

April 9th, 2024

Meeting called to order at 4:00pm.

Attendance:

- Board members present (Zoom and in person at Club): Kathleen P., Kendra K., Paulette J., Deb A., Randy B., Luther K., Kelly Y., Tom C.
- Board members absent: None
- Guests: Catherine C., Betty S., Tom O., Chris B., Michelle V., Kevin, Scotty, Barb

1. Review of minutes from 3/12/24 (taken by Kelly Y.). Motion to approve as written by Kendra, Tom seconds, motion carries unanimously.
2. Financials:
 - Request to summarize donations in reconciliation report, instead of every donation name showing up. Or list donations as “anonymous” instead of naming donor.
 - Overall for year, we are only \$388 short (income vs costs).
 - Question about high gas bill. **ACTION**: Deb will investigate bill.
 - Kendra asked about getting a Nest installed to control heat and A/C. **ACTION**: Luther will check into a programable thermostat.
3. Old Business
 - Election for open board seats is Tuesday, June 18th
 - Voting will again take place online and in-person.
 - 2 months before (April 16th) members should send Luther an email to express interest in running for a board seat.
 - 1 month before nominations close.
 - 2 weeks before, online voting starts.
 - If new by-laws pass, new recommended amount of board members will be 7. Since they haven't passed yet, suggestion to set board at 8 members because it complies with current and proposed by-laws.
 - Deb moves to set amount of board seats at 8 for 2024-2025, Tom seconds, all in favor. Motion carries. Guest Chris B. expressed concern over having an even number of board members.
 - Discussion on dinner and possible presentation during election/membership meeting. Proposed “State of the Club” to update membership on what's been happening at the Club since transitioning away from Club Manager and Administrator. All board members can speak, **ACTION**: Kathleen will send a list of proposed topics to discuss during State of the Club.
4. New Business
 - Spring Clean Up

- Catherine and Kendra will head up effort, to take place at 10:30am Saturday April 27th. Potluck style breakfast provided by volunteers.
- Catherine asked question about turning water on since some plan to power wash outside of building. ACTION: Deb will contact Cottage Gardner (previous gardener) to ask.

-Trash

- Kendra brought up continued issues with trash removal. She brought over bags of trash to Villager dumpster during last potluck and theatre owner complained again. ACTION: Kendra will contact GLF and ask about options (possibility of driver picking up trash container at building instead of curb).

-Display case outside front door

- ACTION: Kathleen will start an email to get ideas from board on what to hang in display. Kendra will print, laminate, and hang information.
- Budget corrections were made. Contract for Mike C. goes through June 30, 2024 so \$400 was added to budget. Zoom annual cost of \$170 was added.
- Deb tried to cancel the cable today but could not do it online. ACTION: Deb will call Charter and cancel cable.

-Charlevoix AA Group

- Discussion with group committee (Luther, Betty, Randy). Who will determine what rent is required of meetings? Can be addressed in 3-6 months per Luther, he doesn't anticipate rent club is getting will be much different. A small amount will move up line to AA services, District 13, etc. Discussion tabled to see how first few months work out.

-Guest comments

- Kevin wondered if rent increases in summer. Yes, but Club is still usually 10K /year short (costs vs income)
- Betty reminded that Club can fundraise, but AA groups cannot.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55p

Next board meeting: Tuesday, May 14th at 4pm

Membership Meeting 5pm April 9th, 2024

*Q and A meeting about proposed changes to the Club's bylaws

- Present on Zoom and in-person: All 8 board members, Betty, Rob, Scotty, Sue C., Chris B, Bruce H, Barb, Kevin, Michelle V, Bonnie, Catherine
- Proposed changes (already agreed upon by board):
 - Clarify Club's mission
 - Change amount of members on board – Currently 8-13 members, with recommendation of 9. Proposed 5-9 members, with recommendation of 7.
 - Remove references of Club Manager and Administrative Coordinator (no longer employees of Club).

- Ethics Policy (new) for volunteers, employees, and board members.
- Discussion of proposed changes followed. Q and A session adjourned at 5:35p.