

MMLA Business Meeting Minutes November 1st, 2018

October Minutes Approved

Chair of Meeting: Jeremy

- **Treasury Report: Anita.**
Prudent reserve is what it is because at time reserve was set, rents were high, and still may be. MLAA needs enough funds for security deposit, first and last rent if we need to move to new location. In the past, heat has cost about \$2100 for the winter season. Currently tank is full. Will need to address funds if they get low during winter season. Report approved.
- **H&I: Kevin**
Past balance was \$201. Collected \$108. Paid out \$25 for gas. \$37 for 10 soft cover big books. \$68 for daily reflections. Current balance: \$179
- **Literature: Joe**
Bought 10 daily reflections. 5 small and 5 big. Got flack for buying used books, so is now buying new books.
- **Jail Outreach: Brian and Cai**
Position coming up for election. Brian has had position for 2 years. Need to redo the list of people who are eligible to visit jail. 25 people on list, but currently only 8-10 regular people visit the jail. Need to purge those who are not participating and add new people who will participate. Brian has booklet for Juvenile hall that can be use as a template and guide for that meeting. The meetings at the jail have been going very well. Every single Sunday there have been meeting in jail. Men have had 1-3 meeting each Sunday, and now women are participating each Sunday as well.
- **Supplies: John**
Enough coffee until end of year. All other supplies in good shape
- **Web: Julie**
No report
- **Building Manager: Teddy** not in attendance.
Brian mentioned that Phil Watt was interested in position, and would attend the business meetings, if no one else wanted the position.
- **Phone List: Tim**
All up to date, and copies and men and women are available on entrance table
- **GSR: Julie**
Mentioned that there was a gratitude dinner in Bishop on Saturday night at 5 pm, St Timothy Church. Thanked MLAA for the opportunity to serve as GSR and appreciated how it helped her sobriety. Encouraged others to become GSR and learn more about General Service.
- **Chips: Karen**
Karen was not in attendance. Looked at chips, and it looks like there are plenty. Women's meeting needs more chips, and it was advised to take from main container of chips or ask Karen to order more of what you they need for that meeting.
- **CPC-PI- Jesse**
Jesse was not in attendance. No report
- **Speaker:** All good, speakers in place until end of year.

- **Hotline: Jessica**

Jessica not in attendance. It was suggested this position go to someone who now resides locally in Mammoth Lakes.

Old Business:

- **Women's Thursday Meeting.** There was a consensus taken at that meeting, and vote was unanimous to keep meeting at current location. Financial report shows that that meeting is fully self-supporting. Reasons mentioned to keep meeting at the Sierra Mall location: Meetings have been there for many years, it is wheelchair assessable, and it is a location woman can come to with no men in attendance.

Discussion that followed:

Members mentioned they were upset because there was no loving discussion about moving the meeting, the decision was made without getting consensus from the women at that meeting. Decision had been made based on a false assumption that the meeting was not self-supporting. Some people mentioned that they felt the business meetings were contentious and people were not allowed to have loving discussions and to be able to work things out. People spoke over each other and did not listen to each other.

Other opinions were expressed that past 2 business meetings there were discussions about all of the meetings and best way to address MMLA funds as it relates to all meetings. Discussions were allowed and some were spirited. The concern was whether spending funds on another location for a MLAA meeting was the best use of MLAA funds if there were alternatives to hold all meetings at the main meeting hall. The discuss was how to save MMLA \$1000 per year in rent.

Another member mentioned last meeting there was a lot of sarcasm and cross talk. Money is a legitimate issue to talk about, but it did not feel like that was how it was handled. Group lost control and did not have the discipline and loving supportive discussion it should have had. Much more comfortable with how the current Nov. Business meeting was being handled, with one person at a time talking.

Others mentioned that their biggest concern was whether Thursday night women's meeting was self-supporting, and that was clarified.

Others concerned about health issue with use of back room. Karen suggested not to hook up heating ducts and not to turn on the heat in that room until they are professionally cleaned under the building. Only use radiant heat in that room.

Concern was also expressed that what if another meeting requested to be held off site as Women's meeting, how would MLAA handle that.

Discussion about meeting autonomy and that each meeting is still under umbrella of MLAA- who has final vote on where meeting meet and how they function.

4th tradition was mentioned, and Autonomy only applies if it does not affect AA as a whole, and in this case, that meeting does affect the MLAA as a whole.

Discuss on differentiating MLAA as a meeting hall or what an Alano club is. MLAA is a meeting hall, hosting all meetings under one location, not an Alano club.

Mentioned expenditure on speaker's way more than what Saturday meeting brings in and how that relates to the Women's meeting.

Motion to table the discussion until next business meeting. No final decision or vote was taken.

Elections for new positions:

- **Chairperson: Jeremy**
- **Secretary: Amanda, with Julie to support**
- **Treasurer: 2 years sobriety/2-year commitment. Scott**
- **H&I: Forest with Kevin to support**
- **Literature: Bob**
- **Jail Coordinators: Liz/Steve**
- **Building Manager: Phil**
- **Chips: Karen S.**
- **Phone List: Jeremy**
- **Website: Julie**
- **CPC-PI: Anita**
- **Speaker: Jordan**
- **Hotline: Brian**
- **GSR: Liz**
- **Alt GSR: Cai**

New Meeting Secretaries:

- **Bob nominated for Monday morning**
- **Julie nominated for Monday Women's 5:30 meeting**

New Business:

Will continue discussions regarding meetings and how to address MLAA changes in the future

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm