



East Side Alano Club of Madison Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
May 12, 2021
Minutes

Present: Ron McK., Dave N., Louise B., Sandy A., Kathy B., Chris B., John P.

Guests: Amy B., Linda B., Anne D., Mark S., Gene M.

- I. Following an opening prayer, Ron called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.
- II. Guest Comments and Questions:
 - A. Amy B. spoke on behalf of 'The Way-Out Group'. They are considering a request for a hybrid meeting at the club, which would meet at 10:00 a.m. Mondays. They are requesting a Caretaker to set up all of the hybrid equipment before the meeting starts. (Referred to Hybrid Ad Hoc committee)
 - B. Linda S. spoke on behalf of the 'SNL Group'. She commented on the success of the May 8th hybrid meeting. She added that in commemoration of Founders Day, they plan on holding hybrid meetings on June 5th and June 12th. A flyer for these two meetings is being prepared and will be forwarded to the club.
- III. Changes to the Agenda:
 - A. Ron announced he received an email from Adria P. He read the email which stated that effective immediately, she has resigned from the Board of Directors. Further, she gave notice that she was also resigning from the Caretaker position.
 - B. Question posed regarding sending out draft agenda to the board members prior to releasing it to the membership. Ron explained that the current procedure allows board members to input new agenda items under this category (Changes to the Agenda). Ron called for a vote; 5 members voted no change in current procedure, 2 voted for a change. Kathy moved to leave the current procedure in place. Seconded by Dave. Motion Carried.
- IV. Acceptance of minutes from March 10, 2021 meeting. Minutes accepted as presented.
- V. Treasurer's Report: Louise
 - A. Louise stated she is progressing on resolving past errors in the financial reports. She is receiving assistance from ESAC's former Treasurer, Judy R-Mc. Louise expects to provide January through May reports by the June board meeting.

VI. Secretary's Report: Sandy

- A. The Statistical Information was presented. We have a total of 67 club members in good standing, meaning current in their dues. There were 35 memberships suspended in May. 27 of which were suspended for nonpayment of dues, 4 individuals cancelled their membership, and 4 additional memberships were cancelled for miscellaneous reasons, e.g., moved out of area, no contact information available, etc. In addition, we have two new members and one renewed membership.

VII. Building and Grounds: Dave

- A. Window levers in Hickory Hall have been repaired, and one cracked window has been replaced.
- B. The fire department conducted their annual inspection. The club passed with flying colors and was complimented on the condition of the building.
- C. Dave apologized to Kathy B. because he did not have a report, as yet, about the air circulation in the club, e.g., ducts, ventilation and so forth. He said the Building and Grounds committee is meeting next week and will discuss a plan to identify any problem areas. A report will be provided at the June board meeting.

VIII. Old Business:

- A. John, Meeting Liaison reported on new and restarted meetings. One new meeting began on May 7th. This is a hybrid Crystal Meth Anonymous meeting. Two in-person AA meetings have been restarted they are, Sundays at 5:30 p.m. and, Clear Cut Directions (Big Book Study) beginning Wednesday, June 2nd at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Sandy commented about the critical shortage of caretakers. We will be down to three caretakers with the loss of Adria and Whitney. We are currently hosting thirteen meetings a week and in June that number will increase again. She asked that all board members consider reaching out to their sponsees to encourage them to get into service by taking a shift of caretaking. Meanwhile, we will use all outreach efforts at our disposal to advertise for caretakers.

IX. New Business:

- A. '12 Step Hybrid Group Meeting Space Policy' that the Ad Hoc committee of John, Chris and Sandy developed to begin scheduling the hybrid meetings. The policy includes the application for the space. John moved to accept the new policy and application. Chris seconded. Motion Carried.
- B. **Special Note: No new hybrid meetings may be scheduled until the application for the space is released.** We expect that to be June 1st. Any applications returned before the release date will not be accepted. Currently, there are four regularly scheduled hybrid meetings a week. These are the only hybrid meetings regularly scheduled. Also, as a special event, in honor of our 86th Founders Day, two SNL meetings are scheduled for 6/5/21 and 6/12/21 as special events.

New Business Continued:

B. Kathy offered to sponsor and pay expenses for a fund-raising event. She suggested an Ice Cream Social to be held in the parking lot, with a suggested donation of \$5.00. Suggested schedule date of Sunday June 13th, with a rain date scheduled for Sunday June 27th. Board members unanimously agreed and thanked her for her suggestion. More information will be coming in the next week.

X. Other Business

A. Mark S. and Gene M. addressed the Board to request consideration of a Fund-Raising proposal. Mark explained they wished to reinstate a 'Men's Social Club' on Friday nights from approximately 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. He further explained that this idea is not new. In fact, it had been in place for many years. The purpose being to provide a venue for men with many years in recovery to socialize, engage in 12 step work and bond with each other and invited newcomers. He did comment that they play cards, but stakes the play for are small change, e.g., nickels, dimes, quarters.

Ron posed further questions to these members and then agreed, the Board would review all relevant materials and discuss the proposal. A decision will be announced at the June board meeting.

Louise moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Kathy. Motion carried. The next monthly meeting of the Board of Directors will be held June 9, 2021.

Meeting adjourned 8:06 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:

Sandy Adams, Secretary