



East Side Alano Club of Madison Inc.  
Board of Directors Meeting  
June 9, 2021  
Minutes

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

Guests: 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.

A. Ron announced he had appointed Lori B. to the Board as a Director, filling the vacancy left by the resignation of Adria P. Lori introduced herself and stated her willingness to serve. Louise moved to approve Lori as a Director, Kathy seconded. Motion carried.

II. Guest Comments and Questions:

A. Linda S. spoke on behalf of the 'SNL Group'. She commented that an article in the Northport News erroneously reported that SNL would be hosting Saturday night hybrid meetings every Saturday in June. This information caused questions to Linda from various individuals since SNL was only conducting hybrid meetings on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of June. {Note: It was subsequently discovered that a member of the SNL committee had provided inaccurate information which was published in the newsletter}

III. Changes to the Agenda:

A. Louise suggested the Board begin meeting in person at the club house in July. Subject moved to New Business.

V. Reports

Treasurer's Report: Louise

A. Louise reported that, Judy McK. ESAC's former Treasurer, is working to correct the records in the financial reports. Further, Judy volunteered to make the weekly deposits. This offer was gratefully accepted, and Louise wished to document her deepest gratitude for the assistance and support that Judy has offered.

- B. Louise further reported that the club has received a second anonymous donation of \$10,000, to be applied to the mortgage principle. She added that she moved \$7,500 from the club checking account to savings.
- C. Treasurer's Report accepted as presented.

Secretary's Report: Sandy

- A. After some discussion, the Secretary's May minutes were accepted as presented.
- B. The Statistical Information was presented. We have a total of 67 club members in good standing, meaning current in their dues. Two AA memberships were suspended in May for delinquent dues. In addition, we have two new members and one renewed membership. The attendance synopsis indicates increased numbers of in-person meeting attendees as well as a notable increase in online attendees via the hybrid meetings.

Building and Grounds: Dave

- A. Dave presented detailed information regarding various meetings held with companies providing information on cleansing processes of duct, furnaces, air conditioning, room cleaning, etc. to remove any possible exposure to the coronavirus. The summary of these discussions is testing on any system or room must be requested individually for each room and each system. Further, a description of what to test for must be identified by the club. Each of these individual tests would be charged separately at a cost range of \$700 to \$1,934 each. In addition, the EPA has determined that, for instance, duct cleaning, has never been known to prevent environmental health problems. Since there has never been a report of any person suffering a health issue originating from their presence in the club; the Building and Grounds committee concludes there is no reason to undertake any testing.
- B. The committee is considering several options and expecting proposals from vendors to provide air conditioning for Hickory Hall.
- C. The recruiting flyer for a custodian has been posted. Jim J. is providing custodial service in the club until such time as the position is filled.

Caretaker Report: Lori B.

- A. Lori advised that one new Caretaker started on May 26<sup>th</sup>, covering the Wednesday evening shift. In addition, she has recruited 3 women who are willing to work one shift a month on Monday evening. However, the need for additional caretakers is still critical. Any referrals from the Board would be most welcome.

Meeting Liaison: John P.

- A. John reported the Ad Hoc Committee for the 12 Step Hybrid Meetings released the application on June 1<sup>st</sup>, with the cautionary statement that applications would not be considered until after 5:00 on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. He reported that to date,

we have received applications for three new hybrid meetings. In addition, Al-Anon is bringing back their Sunday 11:00 a.m. in-person meeting, and a new in-person 12 Step meeting started on June 7<sup>th</sup> in the Maple Room.

#### VI. Old Business:

- A. Ron led into a discussion of the proposal to start the Men's Friday Night Social Club. Mark S. was present to participate in the discussion. Ron first reviewed the materials provided to all board members and to Mark S. He then asked the board members for their questions or views. Board members asked questions including reference to prohibited activities set forth in the Club's House Rules in particular House Rule #3 "Illegal gambling in any form". Another question was why this Social Club wants to meet in the club and how many members does the group include, and what is the purpose. Mark restated the purpose of this club is to provide a venue for men with many years in recovery to socialize, engage in 12 step work and bond with each other. Mark explained, that in accordance with the club's mission statement, "our use will be as a social gathering for recovering alcoholics, their families and friends." He went on to say, "We will not be requesting or engaging in any illegal activities." Further, there will be no poker playing and any materials related to that activity will be removed from the room. Board members expressed favorable opinions regarding the purpose of the gathering. Mark was thanked for his explanation and advised that the board would consider the entire issue and give him an answer to his request within a few days.
- B. Kathy announced that she was all ready for the Ice-Cream Social on Sunday, the 13<sup>th</sup>. Everything needed has been gathered, ice-cream, various toppings, utensils, etc. All that's needed is help with the set-up and scoopers. Dave said he was ready to get the tables set up and no doubt there would be plenty of scoopers!

#### VII. New Business

- A. Ron announced appointments to the Finance Committee, the Audit Committee, and the Entertainment Committee. Appointment of Judy R-Mc. to the Audit Committee Louise moved to approve the appointment of Judy to the Audit Committee, Dave seconded, Motion carried. Appointment of Judy R-Mc. to the Finance Committee. John moved to approve the appointment of Judy to the Finance Committee, Kathy seconded. Motion Carried. Appointment of Lori B. to the Entertainment Committee. Dave moved to approve the appointment of Lori B. to the Entertainment Committee, Sandy seconded. Motion Carried.
- B. Ron commented that forms such as Incident Reports, etc. should be in a visible location in the MARVELous Café and familiar to all caretakers. Should a club member or meeting attendee ask for a particular form, the on-duty caretaker should be able to provide that form to the person immediately. Comment was taken under advisement and will be addressed at the July board meeting.

#### VIII. Move to closed session

XI. Resume Board meeting.

- A. Sandy moved to accept the proposal to allow the Men's Social Club to meet on Friday nights from approximately 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. in the Cedar Room. With the provision that the meeting leader will sign an agreement with ESAC that there will be absolutely no poker playing or gambling of any sort during these meetings. Further, all artwork and all materials related to poker will be removed from the room. Seconded by John. Board vote was in majority 6 in favor – 2 opposed. Motion Carried.
  
- B. Louise asked about resuming in-person meetings beginning with the July board meeting. All in favor.

John moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Louise. Motion carried. The next monthly meeting of the Board of Directors will be held in the Birch Room at ESAC on July 14, 2021.

Meeting adjourned 8:50 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

Sandy Adams, Secretary