



East Side Alano Club of Madison Inc.  
Board of Directors Meeting  
August 11, 2021  
Minutes

Present: Ron McK., Dave N., Judy R-McK., Sandy A., Kathy B., Chris B.  
Excused: John P.  
Guests: Jim J., Collin E.

I. President Ron McK.:

- A. Following an opening prayer, Ron called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and welcomed all present.
- B. Ron announced the appointment of Jim J. to the Board as a Director. Judy moved to accept the appointment. Kathy seconded. Motion carried.

II. Guest Comments and Questions: None

III. Changes to the Agenda:

- A. Chris asked to add an SNL request to the agenda. Item moved to new business.

IV. Acceptance of minutes from July meeting:

- A. Dave asked for a correction regarding bids on the cooling system in Hickory Hall. **The corrected bid numbers are: 6-ton system - \$13,540 and 8-ton system - \$22,324.** Judy moved to accept the July minutes with the correction. Dave seconded. Motion carried.

V. Reports:

Treasurer: Judy

- A. The Profit and Loss Statement from July was presented. Judy noted there was some difficulty with the savings account entries included on the Balance sheet. As soon as it's resolved, the Balance sheet will be distributed.
- B. The family of Betty Pomeranke, a long time Al-Anon member who has passed away has made a request. The family wishes to make an in-kind donation of \$500.00 as a memorial for Betty. Discussion ensued regarding what would be an appropriate use of this donation. The Building and Grounds committee will discuss this further and bring their recommendations to the September board meeting. Kathy moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Sandy seconded. Motion carried.

Secretary: Sandy

- A. The Statistical Report was presented with emphasis on the steady increase of the in-person meeting attendance and the first detailed zoom attendee numbers. Dave moved to accept the Secretary's report. Judy seconded. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds: Dave

- A. After negotiation with each of the two vendors who submitted bids for a cooling system for Hickory Hall, Dave reminded us that in order to cool the 3,600 square feet of space in Hickory Hall, we need an 8-ton system. The first bid for \$22,324 provides the 8-ton system. The second bid of \$13,540 is to install a 6-ton system, which would not be adequate to cool the space.  
He advised that the first vendor said they would lock in the price quoted for three months. However, they require an immediate down payment of half the bid price, \$11,162.00. The work would be scheduled to begin in November and the remaining balance of \$11,162 would be due when the work is completed. The committee is seeking information from the second vendor to possibly get a better deal. This topic is deferred until the September board meeting.
- B. The Cedar Room has been re-purposed as a small meeting room. New tables have been placed and it has been thoroughly cleaned. There is talk of repainting and freshening up the décor in the room. We can report that the room is already being used for step work and other sponsor/sponsee meetings.

Caretaker Report: Dave/Sandy

- A. Dave reported on the impact of the Delta Variant of the Covid virus which resulted in the quarantine of 4 caretakers that took place in July. This left us with open caretaker shifts. He gave a shout out to the others that stepped in to fill the vacant shifts, Chris, Jeanne, Jim, and Sandy. The club remained open with all shifts covered.
- B. Dave commented that since he is responsible for the caretaker staff, he will assume the role of Head Caretaker until such time as he can find a person to assume that position.
- C. Dave proposed the club require all caretakers to either provide proof of vaccination against the Covid virus or agree to weekly testing and providing proof of a negative test. Jim moved to institute this requirement. Seconded by Chris. Motion carried.
- D. Dave explained that he has now added caretaker staff for the Tuesday and Thursday evening meetings.
- E. Sandy reported that we are interviewing five new caretakers for various shifts. It's good to see our younger members volunteering for service work.

VI. Old Business:

- A. Ron reported on the status of the Men's Social Club. This is no longer an issue for the club since the members of this group have found another location.
- B. Dave and Chris reported that all is under control with the Summer Picnic.

VII. New Business:

- A. Chris reported that based upon SNL committee meetings she has attended, there is not a current plan to increase the hybrid meetings at the club.
- B. Sandy reported on the meetings of the Ad Hoc committee (John, Chris & Sandy) and this committee's recommendations for the Saturday nights that SNL will not be conducting hybrid meetings in the club. The intent of this committee's recommendation is to ensure the club is always open and available for any person who arrives at the club on a Saturday night expecting a meeting. Our recommendation is that on the first, third and fourth Saturday nights of the month, we engage each autonomous group holding meetings in the club to host the first and third Saturday night meetings. The fourth Saturday night will be designated as a "Celebration of Sobriety". Any person observing an anniversary during that particular month will be brought to the front platform of Hickory Hall and presented with a recovery medallion, by a member of their group. We expect this to be a joyous occasion for all in attendance. All of the autonomous groups have been presented with this plan and are eager to participate. In the months that have a fifth Saturday, the plan is for a movie night, using the equipment available for hybrid meetings. This could be a temporary solution, if the SNL committee moves ahead to conduct hybrid speaker meetings every Saturday night. Judy moved to accept the Ad Hoc committee recommendation. Chris seconded. Motion carried.

VIII. Other Business (for discussion or as new business at the September meeting)

- A. Chris advised that the SNL committee requested coverage on the club Facebook page to advertise other zoom meetings across the country. Chris is not in favor of complying with this request since Facebook page is a club publication, not a vehicle to advance meetings in other parts of the country. It was suggested that we could post flyers on our bulletin boards if these were sent by these other meetings. Kathy moved to reject the request to advertise out of state zoom meetings on the club Facebook page. Seconded by Sandy. Motion carried.

Dave moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Sandy. Motion carried. The next monthly meeting of the Board of Directors will be held in the Birch Room at ESAC on September 8, 2021. Meeting adjourned 8:02 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Sandy Adams, Secretary