



East Side Alano Club of Madison Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting October 13, 2021

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

I. President Ron McK.:

- A. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. Following an opening prayer, Ron welcomed all present.

II. Guest Comments and Questions: None

III. Changes to the Agenda:

- A. Chris B. asked to discuss two subjects: a Memorial service at the club for all meeting attendees that passed away during the pandemic and, brainstorming ideas to increase meetings and attendance. Both items moved to New Business.
- B. Ron pointed out that the Policies and House Rules Ad-Hoc committee volunteers, John P. and Collin E. have recruited Judy R-Mc and Susan D. to serve on the committee. Therefore, we need a motion to accept these committee members. Sandy moved to accept the four committee members to update, as needed, the club Policies and House Rules. Chris seconded. Motion carried.

IV. Acceptance of September Minutes: Approved with two changes, on Pages 1 and 2

V. Reports:

Treasurer: Judy

- A. Judy advised that she had purchased a one-year Certificate of Deposit (CD) with the prudent reserve money of \$10,000. The CD was purchased from the Bank of Sun Prairie and the rate of return is .35 percent.
- B. Judy also commented that since interest rates on loans has significantly decreased, she was looking into refinancing the mortgage with our current financial institution. However, the interest rate offered, in her view, is not that advantageous to the club. She will continue to investigate possibilities.
- C. Judy asked that each board member develop a budget for their board responsibilities so that a draft budget can be created to present to the Board of Directors.
- D. The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Secretary: Sandy

- A. The Statistical Report was presented. Sandy commented that in-person attendance numbers reflect a significant decrease, which may be attributed to the new Public Health mandates regarding the pandemic.
- B. The Secretary's report was accepted as presented.

Building and Grounds: Dave

- A. In-Kind memorial donation: Chris, Collin and Dave worked together to arrive at a recommendation best suited to this donation. Chris represented the group to present their recommendation. She brought in a 48-inch by 36-inch wall mounted "Meeting Schedule White Board" which will display all meetings taking place in the club. The display will utilize magnetic letters which may be easily adjusted to add new meetings. Further, Jim J. had suggested a second board be installed outside of Hickory Hall displaying the same information, for those meeting attendees who always meet on the main floor. A unanimous vote by the board members approved this use of the memorial donation, contingent upon approval by the family members.
- B. Dave introduced the topic of snow. He stated that he had received a bid from our snow plowing vendor with whom we have done business for the past five years. Maple Leaf Snow Removal is offering another two-year contract for the same price as we are currently paying. Dave commented favorably on the service this company provides and stated accepting this proposal is the recommendation of the Building and Grounds committee. John moved to accept the contractual agreement for snow plowing with Maple Leaf. Chris seconded. Motion carried.
- C. Dave brought in paint charts for board members to vote on the color to paint the Cedar Room. He commented that we have been unsuccessful in finding other vendors to bid on the painting project. A club member had said he could locate a painting candidate, however that did not happen. Therefore, Dave has spoken with the vendor who painted the Birch room and will forward the bid and schedule to the board members, for a vote.
- D. Regarding the wall hangings, Jim J. stated the existing plaques cannot be cleaned. Ron then displayed the two 36X54 shades depicting the 12 Steps on one and the 12 Traditions on the second shade. The consensus of the group was in favor of hanging the shades.
- E. Dave advised that the annual Fire inspection was conducted last week, and all is in good shape. In addition, one of the outside security lights has been replaced.

Caretaker Report: Dave

- A. Dave advised that at the present time all caretaker shifts are staffed. He also noted that we have added one new caretaker who has agreed to cover the Monday and Friday evening shifts.

Meetings Report: John

- A. John reported that we have four cancelled AA meetings. Monday at 5:30 pm., the meeting leader has health issues which prohibit leading the meeting. Effective November 1st, the Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 am Big Book Study group is moving back to the Wil-Mar Center. They had a commitment to return to this location as soon as the construction project was completed. Last is the Sunday 5:30 pm meeting which to our current knowledge has disbanded. John will follow up with that meeting leader to determine if this is true.

VI. Old Business:

- A. Collin, representing the Policies and House Rules committee, reported they had met on October 8th and are working on the Building Use policy and application. There will be a second meeting of the committee in October, and two scheduled for November. Their goal is to complete this project before the end of the year. As each policy is updated, if needed, it will be emailed to the board members for review prior to presentation and voting at a board meeting. Judy moved that as review of each policy is completed, it be forwarded to the board members for consideration and suggestions before being formally presented in a board meeting. Kathy seconded. Motion carried.

VII. New Business:

- A. Ron asked for a show of hands of board members who are willing to serve on the 2022 Board of Directors. Kathy B. and John P. declined to run again. Ron thanked them for being part of such a great team in 2021 and expressed appreciation, to each of them, for all they contributed this year.
- B. Sandy suggested that the club hold the traditional Thanksgiving Day Feast on November 25th. All were in favor of this suggestion. Chris and Sandy will manage publicity for the event. All board members volunteered to contribute their efforts as needed.
- C. Chris stated she and Debbie N. had talked of having a Memoria service for all meeting attendees who passed away during the pandemic. Judy commented that she and another member had been discussing holding such an event. Suggestions were made to involve other clubs in our community. Chris will meet with Debbie and develop a plan of action.

VIII. Other Business (for discussion or as new business the November meeting):

- A. Chris suggested we consider and then discuss ideas to increase the number of meetings at the club, and boost attendance at all meetings.
- B. Jim J. suggested we develop a fund-raising plan for installing air conditioning in Hickory Hall before next summer.
- C. All agreed both of the items will be on the November agenda.

Kathy moved to adjourn the meeting. Jim J. seconded. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on November 10, 2021. Meeting adjourned 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Sandy Adams, Secretary