

## DISTRICT 10 BUSINESS MEETING JUNE 6, 2013 SHIACOOA

HOSTING GROUP: DURAND THURSDAY NIGHT GROUP, CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, SAGINAW STREET, DURAND, MICHIGAN

Meeting called to order at 6:10. Chairperson Rick C. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Secretary Liz N (filling in for Bonny F.) read the April 2, 2013 minutes. Motion made to accept minutes as read. Motion passed. Kathy O. read the Twelve Traditions.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Don B. gave report. Discussion. Report accepted as read. (See attached Treasurer's report)

WEBMASTER REPORT: Bill D. read minutes from the Special Meeting to Discuss Survey Results in May. Bill stated there was confusion regarding studying and/or taking action at this meeting. To clarify, **the motion was to "not take action on the results of the survey outside the regular business meeting"**, only to study it. Bill will add results of survey to the website. (See attached minutes from May meeting)

DCM REPORT: No DCM report. No other committees represented.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Rick C.: Surveys were read and discussed as well as Rod W.'s report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Don B. suggested having district meetings on Saturday's. Discussion. Bill D. made a motion whether to put a vote on having Saturday meetings. MOTION FAILED.

Discussion on workshop(s) and whether to have one per year instead of two. Wayne A. made a motion to have one workshop a year in the Spring (April). MOTION APPROVED.

Wayne A. offered to help Rick C. with DCM duties until someone is appointed/elected.

Don B. asked about the responsibility of the district funding the workshops. Bill D. stated it was decided long ago that the district would help any groups of two or three that wished to hold workshops.

Rick C. discussed advertising in the Independent Newspaper and stated it was free of charge. Discussion ensued about publishing and whether it violated the Traditions. It was stated it does not. Rick will check with Independent and advise at next meeting.

Wayne A.: Wayne stated that Dave C. who is the liaison for Jails/corrections has resigned.

Rick C.: The picnic will be held on Sunday, June 30, 2013 at Kerby Park, Corunna, Michigan. Rick C. volunteered to be Chairperson for the picnic. Dallas B. will provide truck/trailer; Kathy O. offered to pick up groceries/food and Liz N. agreed to help with set up.

Bill D. discussed two letters he had received; one from someone in prison looking for a sponsor (Carey D. will contact person's mother) and another from the Department of Human Services, Ingham County DHS/Child Protective Services (Rick C. will handle).

Don B. asked if we are letting groups use the tents if they need them. Yes.

Don. B. stated the Friday night Durand meeting would like funds allocated to specific items. Rick C. stated all money goes to District and money is used per District discretion. Discussion ensued. Rick C. read from the minute archives of June 2010 where this discussion had already taken place.

Other discussion:

whether to continue picnic and need for the committee to take it's inventory

Old business was tabled for the August meeting.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HOSTED BY: THE FRIDAY NIGHT DURAND GROUP, ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, DURAND, FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2013 AT 6:00 P.M.

Motion made to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. All in favor. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

IN ATTENDANCE: Rick C., Liz N., Kathy O., Dallas B., Don B., Wayne A., Bill D. and Cary D.

May special meeting:

SHIACOOA DISTRICT 10 MINUTES – SPECIAL SURVEY MEETING MAY 1st, 2013

SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS SURVEY RESULTS ONLY. APRIL MINUTES DISTRIBUTED

Chairman Rick C. called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Don B. read the AA Traditions.

Rick C.: The sole purpose of this meeting is to go over the content of the surveys that were returned. 35 were sent out – 12 were returned.

DCM Rod W: Before we go any further, I have made a decision to resign. The Alternate DCM will take over following this meeting. Rod then read the outcome of the survey to the body. I suggest that the high positive numbers indicate that it's not broken so no there's no need to fix it.

Bill D.: I'm all for studying this and discussing it (survey) at future District Meetings. Discussion ensued.  
(see correction in June meeting minutes above)

Dave C.: I thought that that was the whole point of this meeting (discuss survey outcome). Discussion.  
A motion was made to adjourn. Seconded. Passed.

This meeting was hosted by: The Fellowship Group, Christ Episcopal Church, Goodhue Str., Owosso.

THE JUNE MEETING WILL BE HOSTED BY THE THURSDAY NIGHT GROUP, CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, SAGINAW STR., DURAND. IT WILL BE HELD THURS., JUNE 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Jeff S., Jenny B., Mike M., Ronnie, Dixie, Wayne A., Cary D., Liz N., Peg R., Roger C., Dave C., Rod W., Bill D., Dallas B., Don B., Rick C., and Bonny F.

**Treasurer's report**

Date	Num	Payee/Transaction Description	Category	Withdrawal, R Payment (-)	Deposit, Credit (+)	Balance
3/28/13		Beginning balance				\$742.01
4/15/13		byron/ thurs. durand			47	\$789.01
4/15/13	1009	pamphlets for workshop		34.93		\$754.08
4/27/13	1010	bennts donuts workshop		29.5		\$724.58
4/27/13	1011	peg rose food,workshop		75.52		\$649.06
4/27/13	1012	church donation workshop		96		\$553.06
4/29/13		fresh start group owosso			150	\$703.06
4/27/13		pass basket at workshop			46	\$749.06
4/10/13		bank service charge		3		\$746.06
5/10/13		bank service charge		3		\$743.06
4/16/13		frontier		54.57		\$688.49
5/16/13		district10 meeting donations			10	\$698.49
5/16/13		vernon donation			40	\$738.49
6/6/13		12steps to serenity durand			35	\$773.49
6/10/13		may\$52.90 and june\$52.40 phone bill		105.3		\$668.19

**Survey results (including cover letter):**

Your group is receiving this because you are a registered group within district 10 area 32 of the General Service structure of AA.

***Do you know that there is a district committee?***

***Do you know what the district committee does?***

***Do you know that you can be a part of the district committee?***

ShiaCoaa has been a functioning service body for our district for a bit over 10 years now and we are conducting a survey of the groups in district 10 to determine how well we are serving them and what we may do to better serve. The following is excerpted from our Statement of Purpose:

***"ShiaCoaa (district 10 area 32) was formed in August, 2002 in response to a need for communication and cooperation between the groups in District 10. ShiaCoaa is a service body within the General Service Conference structure of Alcoholics Anonymous and is listed in the appropriate directories published by Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc.® We are a service area within Area 32, Central Michigan Intra Area (CMIA).***

***District 10 as a geographic area is roughly defined as the groups within Shiawassee County with Owosso at the center. We hold our District meetings on a bi-monthly basis during the first week of each even numbered month on a rotating basis throughout the District. Our only goal is to help the groups in our District fulfill their primary purpose of helping other alcoholics achieve sobriety.***

***We endeavor to take on those tasks that should not fall upon a single group; compiling and printing updated meeting directories, maintaining an answering service hotline for the District (989.723.5711), contacting media outlets in the District with the AA message of recovery and maintaining our own District website (Shiacooa.org).***

***We act as a forum for your group to have it's voice heard in matters affecting AA, as a direct link to the General Service Conference through the election of a District Committee Member (DCM) and to provide service opportunities for AA members in the District.***

***Each group represented at our District meetings has a vote in matters presented and in the election of District officers and DCM (District Committee Member). Your group may be represented, ideally, by your GSR (general service representative) or, absent an elected GSR, any group member selected as it's representative, providing that member does not represent another group.***

***In keeping with our Seventh Tradition, we are funded solely by the voluntary donations of the groups within the district, declining any outside contributions."***

We hope your group will take a few minutes and answer the following questions and return the survey in the enclosed stamped, addressed envelope by March 31. Thank you so much for reading this far and we hope to hear from you soon.

**Our obligations to the groups in the district and approximate cost:**

**meeting directories (last printing 2500 @ \$625)**

updated when new printing is required due to present supplies being exhausted

supplied to the groups on a need basis free of charge dependent on number we can afford to have printed

**answering service hotline @ (approx) \$600.00 yr**

at this time one person charged with handling inquiries to our hotline

**contacting media outlets**

newspapers (approx) \$300.00 yr.

TV \*

radio stations \*

\*jobs we can handle with an active PI/CPC committee. AA World Services make discs available to be distributed to local radio stations and we can contact local community TV for announcements of our availability in the district and our hotline number.

**website @ \$66.75 yr**

continually updated with meeting information/changes and maps to locations; local events; district minutes archive, lots more

**Extra functions in the district:  
workshops**

two a year (spring and fall)  
**picnic**  
 late June  
**standing committees:**  
 Public information/co-operation with the professional community (inactive at this time)  
**hosting Central Michigan Intra-area Assembly once per year (Feb)**

**12 Surveys returned**

**Does your group believe the district provides necessary services?**

0	yes	(9)	75%
0	no	(2)	(17%)
0	don't know	(1)	8%

**Does your group believe the following services are important:**

**Printing updated meeting directories?**

0	very	(11)	92%
0	somewhat		
0	not at all	(1)	8%
0	don't know		

**Does your group make our district directories available?**

0	yes	(11)	92%
0	sometimes		
0	no	(1)	8%
0	don't know		

**Meeting directories content:**

0	very satisfied	(10)	90%
0	somewhat satisfied		
0	somewhat dissatisfied	(2)	17%
0	Very dissatisfied		
0	no opinion		

**What content would you like to see added or discontinued?**

**ADD: Traditions, Preamble, Serenity Prayer, update changes  
 Date of printing**

**Maintaining a district hotline phone?**

0	very	(6)	50%
0	somewhat	(4)	33%
0	not at all	(1)	8%
0	don't know	(1)	8%

**Publishing an advertisement in newspapers in the district?**

0	very	(3)	25%
0	somewhat	(2)	17%
0	not at all	(4)	33%

0 don't know (3) 25%

**Maintaining an internet presence through our own website?**

0 very (8) 67%  
0 somewhat (2) 17%  
0 not at all (1) 8%  
0 don't know (1) 8%

**Has your group been represented at a district meeting in the last year?**

0 5-6 times (5) 42%  
0 3-4 times (1) 8%  
0 1-2 times (1) 8%  
0 no (5) 42%

**Has your group contributed to the district in the last year?**

0 yes (5) 42%  
0 no (5) 42%  
0 don't know (2) 17%

**Has your group or any of it's members made use of our website?**

0 yes (8) 67%  
0 no  
0 don't know (4) 33%

**Would your group be interested in hosting one of our district meetings?**

0 yes (6) 50%  
0 no (4) 33%  
0 maybe (1) 8%  
0 don't know (1) 8%

**Would your group be interested in learning more about the service structure of AA?**

0 yes (4) 33%  
0 no (4) 33%  
0 maybe (2) 17%  
0 don't know (2) 17%

**Would anyone in your group be willing act as an e-mail contact with the district for the purpose of receiving district meeting minutes and event announcements?**

0 yes (6) 50%  
0 no (4) 42%  
0 don't know (1) 8%

**COMMENTS**

No Newspaper ad, no picnic, no workshops;  
Help providing Big Books to groups  
Help groups with workshops  
Visit from District representatives