

# Minutes

Plymouth 2 Alano Society Board Meeting



Meeting date: 2024-01-11

Time: 18:30

Location: P2A meeting room + Hybrid

## Board members present:

Melanie H, President

Chris W, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Tim B, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Derek N, Secretary

Chris G, Assistant Secretary

Diane K, Treasurer

Chip N, Assistant Treasurer

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## Call to order

A quorum being present, the regular meeting of the Plymouth 2 Alano Society Board of Directors was called to order at 18:30 with the Serenity Prayer.

## Introductions and visitors

Visitors present: None

## Agenda confirmed

Additions to agenda: (New item introduced mid-meeting: Change potluck and board meeting times)

## Approval of minutes

It was moved by Chris G, seconded by Chris W to approve the minutes of the 2024-12-14 regular meeting of the Plymouth 2 Alano Society Board. **Motion carried.**

## Reports

### Treasurer's report

1. That the board accept the attached "December Treasurer's Report" (Attachment 1) as prepared by Special Treasurer's Delegate Brenda L on 2023-01-01.

Treasurer noted a monthly loss of approximately \$1000 due to the holiday party, but this was well expected. We were not only prepared for it, but happy to have incurred such an expense for a noble cause and joyous occasion. Other significant expenses that contributed to the loss was a large literature purchase during the AA Intergroup sale: an expense that will be recouped as literature is sold.



It was moved by Derek N, seconded by Chip N.

**Motion carried.**

## Old business

1. Holiday party recap

The board expressed no concerns or complaints about any aspect of the Annual Holiday Party. Praises included:

- We believe turnout was improved by holding the party on a Saturday rather than a Thursday.
- No schedule conflicts were noted.
- Fewer, larger prize drawings was a hit for two reasons: Prize drawings went quicker, and there was greater buzz and excitement for the prizes.
- Involvement/participation levels were excellent.
- The flyers were very attractive too!

Overall, membership and board are equally pleased with the results.

2. 2024 pledge drive



Flyers, new forms, and mass communication are under development in anticipation of the annual pledge drive. Notes and suggestions were discussed for the secretary to consider implementing:

List suggested amount but make clear hints that larger contributions are welcomed. Make it clear that illegible email addresses mean the prospective member may not receive communications from the board including new door code and voting ballot.

Important flyers, including this one, will be affixed to the table in the main meeting rooms to ensure they do not disappear.

The board discussed the suggested annual contribution amount (\$30) and decided to leave it the same. (Upon investigation, it was determined that this amount has remained fixed for at least a decade, perhaps significantly longer.)

### 3. Front door problem update

A group reported being unable to enter building. Most people have not had problems. Tim B (liaison to church) reported the issue to the landlord but did not understand the nature of the issue well enough to describe it. Nevertheless, the door lock device appears to be functioning significantly better than it had been.

### 4. Monthly potluck recap

The first monthly potluck occurred one week prior to this board meeting and was declared a resounding success. Approximately 20-25 people were in attendance, and food was plentiful. Diane explained that she arrived shortly after 18:00 (approximately 30 minutes early) to set up, and other unexpected volunteers had already set up the tables and configured the room by that time.

Concern was expressed because Thursday Night Big Book has changed its meeting time such that it conflicts with the potluck. This month, they moved to a different room. We may consider rescheduling the potluck.

## New business

1. (Introduced during meeting) **That** the regular monthly meeting time of the P2A Board and **that** the P2A monthly potluck speaker meeting time be changed from 18:30 to 18:00.

It was moved by Chris W, seconded by Derek N.

### **Motion carried.**

2. Cocoa packets rather than buckets

A member requested that the board supply cocoa in packets rather than open buckets with a scoop for hygienic reasons. No board member was willing to take up the cause and introduce a motion.

3. Board rotation

The board reviewed which of their terms are expiring.

Chip, Diane, Chris G and Melanie are reaching end of term. Of them, only Chip and Melanie eligible to run as incumbents.

4. New P2A schedule business cards

Alan (supplies coordinator) reports that stock is running low of the P2A meeting schedule cards. He knows of some changes but wanted the board to review all details and report any other changes. We noted the following:

Thursday Night Big Book meeting has changed its meeting time from 20:00 to 19:30. A new meeting needs to be added: Sunday Literature Study AFG, Sundays at 16:30. Board meeting time change from 18:30 to 18:00.

Derek communicated these changes to Alan.

5. [REDACTED] fund contribution on behalf of 2023 P2A Board of Directors

Do we want to think about making a contribution to [REDACTED] fund? This and previous boards refunded [REDACTED] borrowed in the past. That loan is now paid. No proper contribution has been made to the fund in a decade or more. [REDACTED] now is the time.

Expressly stated that it is not to be decided today. Instead, we can discuss further in February and decide in March (the final meeting of the current board).

Suggested options: [REDACTED]

This board has been prudent and disciplined, and this action may set a precedent for future boards.

### Adjournment

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 19:20, closing with the Al-Anon Declaration.

### Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Plymouth 2 Alano Society Board regular meeting of 2024-01-11.

Approved this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024 by Derek N, Secretary.

### Attachments

1. December 2023 Treasurer's report (dated 2024-01-01)

