

*Alano by the Bay
Board of Directors Meeting
December 2, 2017*

I. Call to Order and Attendance

Bob called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. In attendance were Bob, Candy, Erin, Linda, Lisa, Lynda and Peg.

II. Secretary's Report

Minutes of the November 4 meeting were approved after correcting the "next meeting date" to December 2.

III. Treasurer's Report

No report.

IV. New Couches

People are settling down about this for the most part, but some are still voicing complaints and some board members subjected to loud and angry confrontations. One concern is reducing available seats to 54, but only 49 are allowed by fire code. Bob will discuss the issue with the most vocal complainant. We do need to make amends for the mistake of not checking with West End first, but we don't need to grovel, be yelled at or scolded. We would really like to reduce the "us versus them" attitude and remember that we're all in this to recover. We need to involve our own membership more in issues like this instead of just functioning as a small board. We have a significant number of members, and they are respected participants in the West End Group.

V. Membership Drive

Bad timing for a membership drive! Just need to involve our members more in the day-to-day activities of the club.

VI. Annual Meeting

This will be held in conjunction with the 2nd Saturday Potluck in January, on the 13th. No bylaws changes are planned. Members should be asked if they want to be on the board.

VII. Trash Can

Erin got our okay on the one she had in mind.

VIII. Calendar of Events

The idea of creating a calendar of events (maybe on a new dry erase board) was tabled.

IX. Second Saturday Potlucks - Update

January – Erin will do spaghetti dinner.

February – Lynda

March – Eric

X. Stinky Couch

Bob will deliver to the alley behind Lisa's house, where many items of questionable value are snatched up by eager new owners.

XI. New Year's Eve Alcathon

We'll form a committee to get the work done. Nice job on the closet, Bob! We'll spend up to \$200 on Alcathon supplies and food.

XII. Kitchen Floor

Huge thanks to George J for doing a beautiful job on the kitchen floor! This was a messy, difficult project that took days to complete. He worked alone and got it done. As a token of our gratitude, the board voted unanimously to make George an honorary member of the club.

XIII. Mugs

New mugs are needed for George J and new members Robin and Merceditas. The label maker and extra mugs are in the closet. Candy will make mugs.

XIV. Communications

Bob will talk to Curt (General Services Representative for West End Group) about the "us versus them" issue. We'll try and increase regular communications with our members.

XV. Next Board Meeting

Saturday, January 6, 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Molmen, Secretary
Minutes approved by the board on January 6, 2018.