

District 9 Meeting Minutes

DATE: 1.29.23

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer with Diane, Ricco, John, Joe, Tom, Cathy, Jack, Chuck, Patrick, Phyllis, Jeff and Sandy in attendance.

Tradition I: Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward. Read by Ricco.

Agenda Additions: Area Budget-Financials, District 9 Website

Secretary's Report: Last Month's Meeting Minutes approved.

CHAIR REPORTS

Treasury Report:

Beginning Balance	\$2,542.50
Income	\$ 80.00
Expenses	\$ 17.00
Ending Balance	\$2,605.50
Less Reserve	\$ -300.00
Total Balance	\$2,305.50 (See Attached)

Treatment: Jeff will be attending the Area 35 Committee meetings on zoom in Aitkin. Tom T. share he spoke with Glen, District 16 Treatment Chair about presenting to his work about A.A. and Bridging the Gap. Ricco, Area 35 Treatment Chair has a spreadsheet with all the treatment centers. They are working on and looking for volunteers/contacts for Bridging the Gap. District 9 has the Bridging the Gap Brochure under downloads on their website www.district9online.org.

Corrections: No Report

Literature/Grapevine: Please call, email or text any literature requests to Sandy skomula@gmail.com or 520-664-6011. Also, remind your groups to order Grapevine subscriptions too! New orders for the Grapevine subscription have been mailed out by the new source.

Archives: Vacant

PI/CPC: Our website is still being refined because apparently the Webmaster is very busy and can only appropriate so much time to it. However, it will be completed soon.

I drafted a letter to the GSR's in our District and our DCM (Diane) forwarded them to the GSR's. In it I am asking GSR's to ask there groups to help by bringing literature and website information to their people of employment and doctors, clinics and schools, etc. They can contact me by calling our helpline 218-296-7012 and leaving a message so I can get the appropriate information to them. In Service, Tom T.

Diane reported she dropped off PSAs at the local radio station announcing A.A. meeting guide and aa.org.

GSR Reports

GSR Sandy Tom, Alt.	Hibbing Downtown Group #110172 Monday Night St. James Church 7:00 pm Meeting ID: 399 875 003 Password: 129930 Format: Hybrid – Steps, Traditions, Big Book, CAL	Attendees: 12-14 Pins: 0
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GSR	Thursday Morning Downtown Group #101949 St. James Church 10:00 am	Attendees: 12 Pins: 0
Jack	Format: Steps & Topic	
GSR	Tuesday 4 pm Group #12541 Trinity Lutheran Church	Attendees: 8 Pins: 30 Days
Cathy	Format: Steps, Big Book, Grapevine & Topic	
GSR	Hibbing Morning A.A. Group #24189 M/T/W/F Only Hibbing Alano Club 10:00 am	Attendees: 10-12 Pins: 0
Jeff	Format: Big Book, Living Sober, 12x12, Grapevine & Topic	
GSR	Thursday Noon Group #8471 Hibbing Alano Club 12:00 pm	Attendees: 8-10 Pins: 0
Chuck, Alt	Format: 12x12	
GSR	Saturday Nite Keep It Simple Group #64685 Hibbing Alano Club 8:00 pm	Attendees: 8 Pins: 1 year
John	Format: Big Book	
GSR	Zim Group #42543 McDavitt Town Hall, Forbes, Wednesday Night 7:00 pm	Attendees: 3-30 Pins: 50 Years
Patrick	Format: Steps, Traditions, Grapevine, Big Book, 5 th week outside group takes a CAL Topic	
GSR	Hibbing Saturday Morning Group #110174 Hibbing Alano Cloub 10:00 am	Attendees: 19 Pins: 0
Joe	Format: Daily Reflections	

ALT DCM Report: I attended the Area 35 Workshop on Jan 14th. I was part of a panel with 4 other members of A.A. (Diane, Ricco, Dave and Cathy). The topic of the workshop was the

Three Legacies of A.A. District 9 spoke to Unity. We each had our own story about what unity meant. We got some positive feedback.

I have also been talking at the meetings that I attend about a District Inventory this Spring. I have had some thoughtful looks but so far, no questions for the District, other than the one I had about sponsorship. I know the next workshop will be on sponsorship.

I spoke at Hope House in Grand Rapids this month. I have been to 2 speaker meetings this month also. Both had good food and speakers. In Service, Chuck R.

DCM Report:

Our district did a presentation at the 47th Annual Area 35 Service Workshop on ‘Unity: Our Second Legacy’. Thank you to Chuck, Cathy, Dave, and Ricco for the excellent presentations. The workshop centered around our Three Legacies: Recovery, Unity and Service. Bill W. was our ‘reminderer’ of our traditions. It reminded me to be part of a group and solve problems within the group using the traditions. Also, it reminded me to be of service to A.A. and seek the higher power’s will for A.A.

I have continued to send out updates of the Area 35 finances. Due to the finances the Area 35 Committee meeting at the end of February will be held on Zoom instead of in Aitkin. There is a registration link in the email to register and that will generate an email with the Zoom links. If you need that information again, please let me know. Committee meetings will also be on Zoom.

Conference Agenda Item background information will most likely be out in February. I have not received an update on this yet. Usually, we get a printed copy from the Area which costs them money to print. Do we need a printed copy? Under new business.

I plan to attend the WCRAASC in person as long as the weather permits. This year it is in Omaha, NE. This conference will also be on Zoom for anyone who wants to attend. Please register by January 31, 2023 before the price of registration goes up including if plan to attend on Zoom.

Our Tri-District Workshop will be on March 18, 2023 at the Hibbing Alano Club from 1pm-4pm with an ice cream social to follow. Our next committee meeting will be on March 12, 2023. If you need a flyer, please let me know.

We usually discuss all agenda items with our delegate. For the last few years, we have done this with District 16. Will it be okay to do this again? This will be under new business.

Friday Night Nashwauk is temporarily closed till Spring. In Service, Diane **Business**

(Old/New):

We discussed the Area 35 finances. Expect a email from Diane on the Budget. The GSO, Area 35, District and groups are all struggling. Please make sure you are supporting all areas. Tom shared his group is reviewing their finances quarterly. Chuck shared his group will increase funds to the Area.

The questions arose, why are we spending so much on Archives with the Archives Chair and Archivist, and why do we need both? Where do they find space to preserve the archives? What is the solution for the archives? What should we be doing to address the cost of archives. These are some of questions we want to discuss at the next District meeting. Diane will gather information and forward it to GSRs and District Chairs via email.

The Zim Meeting expressed they would like to propose we eliminate the archives chair position at the Area level. Discussion followed. Any group can submit a proposal. A motion may need to be made to eliminate the Archives Chair to the District, then forwarded to the Area, if passed.

Diane believes the current contract for the storage of our Archives is 3 years and there may be a cost to getting out of the contract. We can vote at the March meeting after groups have an opportunity to review the information emailed to the GSR's and discuss further at our February meeting. Please also consider the consequences of losing a position(s).

Diane will also invite the Archivist and Archives Chair to attend our meeting. Please bring back to your group the information emailed on the Budget, Archives Chair, and Archivist. Also, as requested by Diane in an email, please submit questions for the Archivist and Archives Chair in advance to be discussed at our next District meeting.

Agenda Items in print vs digital. Do we want a printed copy? A motion was made to pay for one copy of the Agenda Items to the Area. Motion passed. When it comes to the Delegate's Agenda Items meeting, District 16 will pay the expense of the Agenda Items and we will offer to split the cost to attend their meeting. Motion was made to attend the Agenda Items meeting with District 16. Motion passed.

Cathy volunteered to talk to District 8's DCM about their Delegate Agenda Items meeting.

Phyllis reported there were 612 new visitors this month and 2,565 hits. Please check out the website and confirm your contact information and emails are correct. Phyllis can be reached at phyking@centurylink.net for any corrections.

Area 35 Committee Meeting: Sunday, February 26, 2023 @ 9:00 am Aitkin, MN Zoom Meeting ID and Passcode emailed to you when you register

Tri-District Committee Meeting: February 12, 2023 @ 5:00 pm via Zoom

Tri-District Workshop: March 18, 2023 @ 1:00 – 4:00 pm Hibbing Alano Club
Meeting ID: 851 2526 7788 **Passcode:** 882338

WCRAASC: March 3-5, 2023 Omaha, NE available on Zoom.

Area 35 Spring Assembly: April 1-2, 2023 Holiday Inn, Alexandria, MN available on Zoom

Next District Meeting: Sunday, February 26, 2023 @ 6:00 pm Hibbing Alano Club & Hybrid
Meeting ID: 884 1245 0410 **Passcode:** 020124

Closed with the Responsibility Statement

Minutes taken by Sandy K., District 9 Secretary 520-664-6011 skomula@gmail.com