

District 9 Meeting Minutes**DATE: 1.26.25**

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer with Tom, Chuck, Blake, Mary, Tracy, Phyllis, Lynda, Randy, Tommy, Dan, Ricco, Vickie, Denise, Patrick, Mary, Randy and Sandy in attendance.

Opening Statement: We thank all of you for your commitment to our fellowship of Alcoholics

Anonymous. Let us always remember that we have but “One Ultimate Authority: A loving God as He may express Himself through this groups conscience”. Our different perspectives on many issues are welcome here. Because we encourage participation, especially from the minority, we ask you to refrain from cross-talking. Once our ideas are submitted to our District, they don’t belong to us anymore, but to the District Committee as a whole, to be considered when raising hands during the vote.

Agenda Additions: CPC & PI presentations by Mary, Area 35 CPC Chair and Randy, Area 35 PI Chair

CHAIR REPORTS

Secretary Report: Last month’s meeting minutes approved

Secretary Vacant - Please go back to your groups to see if anyone is interested in servicing as District Secretary for the remainder of the 2024-2025 year. Sandy is Temporary District Secretary until then.

Treasury Report:

\$ 2,163.53	Beginning Balance
\$ 200.00	Income
\$ 0.00	Expenses
\$ 2,363.53	Ending Balance
- 300.00	Less reserve
\$ 2,063.53	Total Balance

Treatment: Absent

There are opportunities to speak at **Partner’s in Recovery, 404 E. Howard St., Hibbing, MN** the 2nd Wednesday of each month. This is a great opportunity to be of service and share your experience,

strength and hope. **Please call Russ @ 218-969-3025** if you are interested in speaking until Jeff returns in May.

Corrections: There is a new Statewide Corrections Chair and Alternate Chair for the 25/26 rotation. Carter L. (Area 35) District 5 Correction Chair is the new chair and Tony S. (Area 35) District 8 Corrections Chair is the new alternate chair. Mark R., the previous chair, will stay as secretary until we find a new secretary for the Statewide Corrections Committee. If anyone wants a secretary position, please let me know.

I will have to go for a yearly orientation for the Togo men's prison to be able to put on A.A. meetings at the facility. I also volunteered to start going to (NERCC) Northeast Regional Correctional Center (formally called the Work Farm) to attend A.A. meetings monthly.

I attended the 49th Annual Area 35s Service Workshop held in Crookston MN from 1/20/25-1/12/25. The workshop mostly was Traditions and Finance, etc. District 6 covered finances, District 5 Traditions, The Rise and Fall of the Home Group was put on by Tom T., Lynda K., and Jake J. District 9. They all did a terrific job. We all got to meet our new West Central Trustee, Charlie H.) Charlie was mostly concentrated on Unity but gave us a whole lot more information. Charlie was our speaker for the weekend, and he gave wonderful talks. From the comments made by the AA's that met Charlie and heard his message, they all had good comments and just plain liked him.

Literature/Grapevine: Vacant - Please go back to your group to see if anyone is interested in serving as Literature Chair.

Archives: Vacant - Please go back to your groups to see if anyone is interested in serving as Archives Chair.

PI/CPC: I dropped off 30 cards to the lady I am dealing with at the hospital, who took our flyers. She is appreciative. I went to the library. I learned this week that our Hibbing library requested hard copies of the Big Book to be able to give to people. Tom, Diane and I talked about this this weekend in

Crookston. AA does not provide free Big Books for people. I took our business cards into them -about 25 cards- and left them with them. I showed them how to access the website with the QR Code and how the BB is on the left menu, and they can tell people they can access it here and read it for free. I reminded her I dropped off a new Big Book a couple of months ago. She was very appreciative. I also gave her my phone number to call if the library needs anything else we can provide.

I had a hard time remembering to stop at Nashwauk Police Department on my way to and from Grand Rapids after I tried that one time. This morning, I decided and did mail them our flyer and 5 business cards with a letter that I am attaching to this email. I gave them my name, address, phone number and email in case they need more from us. I got to thinking, in my experience, “Men usually like a brief note instead of having to talk to a person.”

Dear Nashwauk Policemen,

Our Alcoholics Anonymous District 9 includes Nashwauk, and we have a website people can visit for information. We are giving our flyer and business cards to the police departments in our area. They both contain our QR Code and Web address to the website which contains people to contact, the meeting schedules, links to read our literature, and more.

The flyer is printable and the QR code is supposed to still work if it is not smudged. If you need more copies, my phone number is 218-6969-7365. My email is: phyking@centurylink.net. We are providing these for a resource that you can give out to folks you deal with that may need a little help with their drinking. One police department said, “Heck, I’m going to post this on our employee bulletin board because I think a few of us could benefit.” We had a chuckle. Seriously, we just want our communities to know that we are here to help. Thank you, Phyllis K.

Denise handed our 6 packets of information to the assisted living nursing director for 6 assisted living programs. She handed them out to give to the six programs and they all went to 2 buildings and gave her more as she knew they had some turnover. In Service, Denise

Web Master

NEW HITS 37,945

TOTAL VISITS 41,009

GSR Reports

GSR	Hibbing Downtown St. James Church Monday 7:00 pm Hybrid Meeting ID 399 875 003 Passcode 129930	Attendees: 12-14
Lynda	Format: Step, Tradition, Big Book, 4 th & 5 th CAL	Pins: 0
GSR	Goodland Community Church Monday Night 7:00 pm	Attendees: 7
Denise	Format: 12x12	Pins: 1 year
GSR	Wednesday Night Happy Hour 6:00 pm Alano Club	Attendees: 5
Dan	Format: As Bill Sees It	Pins: 30 Days
GSR	Zim Wednesday Night McDavitt Town Hall 7:00 pm,	Attendees: 3-5
Patrick	Format: Step, Grapevine, Big Book Chapter, Tradition 5 th week an outside group takes the meeting	Pins: 52 years
GSR	Thursday Morning Downtown Group 10:00 am St. James Church	Attendees: 6-8
Tracy	Format: Daily Reflections	Pins: 2 years
GSR	Thursday Noon Group 12:00 pm Hibbing Alano Club	Attendees: 8-10
Chuck	Format: 12x12 (1 Step per week)	Pins: 0
GSR	Saturday Night Keep It Simple 8:00 pm Hibbing Alano Club	Attendees: 5
Denise	Format: Big Book	Pins: 0
GSR	Sunday Morning 10:00 am Hibbing Alano Cub	Attendees: 9-12
Blake	Format: Daily Reflections	Pins: 6 Months
GSR	Sunday Night 12x12 Hibbing Alano Club 8:00 pm	Attendees: 8-9
Tommy	Format: Steps and 3 rd week a Tradition	Pins: 0

Alt DCM: I visited the Nashwauk Clinic and talked to the doctor about our proposal for the PI luncheon. He seemed to be very interested. I also dropped off some of the district business cards. In Service, Chuck.

DCM: Since our last district Meeting on December 29, 2024, I attended the Winter Workshop in Crookston, MN on January 11th and 12th. It was a very good workshop with a lot of pertinent information for GSR's and all who attended. Our District was asked to participate by giving a presentation on "Closing the Gap-how do we make the voice of every group count?". Lynda K., GSR Monday Night Hibbing Downtown Group and Michael (Jake) J, Past Delegate, and I gave the presentation. All presentations were well done and well received.

I encourage all our GSR's and Alternate GSR's to attend the GSR Orientation, hosted by Area 35 via MS Teams, which is online. It is Saturday, February 15, 2025, from 10:00 to noon. If anybody would like to get together at the Alano Club and do it together, please let me know and I will try to set it up. We could meet downstairs because of the Saturday morning meeting. Happy to be in service in A.A.
Tom T.

Mary S., Area 35 C.P.C. Committee Chair spoke to District 9 about her history meeting with a Minister who had AA literature in his desk drawer and was able to assist her with receiving help for her drinking problem. An AA member had educated the Minister about AA and he was able to help her see that her problems were a result of her drinking habits. She was able to get help, because someone in AA had met with the Minister before and educated him on the value of AA when working with troubled alcoholic behavior and addiction. Mary also spoke about the need to educate the Professional about Alcoholism, providing them with literature, AA directories, contacts and phone numbers. It's okay for a professional to ask the question... "Do you think you might be drinking too much?" Mary encouraged the District to consider speaking to Professionals about Alcoholism and that an alcoholic can recover as we are all living proof.

Suggestions on professionals in your area would include judges, probation officers for both the county and state, doctors, guidance counselors, case managers, social workers, and hospitals just to name a few.

Randy, Area 35 PI Committee Chair spoke to District 9 on Public Information. Supporting literature includes pamphlets (Speaking at meetings Outside AA, AA at a Glance, Is there an Alcoholic in your

workplace) PI Workbook, the Service Manual and AA Guidelines, PSA-public service announcements, YouTube channel. PI Kit is currently out of stock. He explained that some districts will combine both the CPC/PI, while other larger districts have them separate. He emphasized the importance of having a group conscious committee in the planning process for workshops and PI luncheons to reach Employers, churches, doctors and lawyers. He suggested the importance of knowing Tradition 6, 8 11 and 12, the Concepts, as well as reading the service manual, knowing the importance of having a conference, having a Home Group with sound sobriety. Randy shared his extensive experience from being a coffee maker, GSR, Treatment and Corrections Chair, Treasurer, Alt DCM, DCM, Area Treasurer, Area Treatment Chair, Area PI Chair, Winter Wrap Up, Ad Hoc Committees for WCRCC and Forums. Additionally, he expressed the importance of being friendly, outgoing, being on-time, dressing appropriately and being the best example of the Big Book. He emphasized what a privilege it is to serve Alcoholics Anonymous, that we are not experts, and we don't speak for AA as a whole.

Old/New Business:

Business Cards: Business Cards are available and look great!

PI Luncheon: Chuck has volunteered to be "Lead" on the Committee for the PI to discuss future PI luncheons. We are looking for volunteers to be on this committee. Please let Denise, Phyllis, Tracy, or Chuck know if you are interested in participating.

GSR Orientation hosted by Area 35: Saturday, February 15, 2025 @ 10:00 – 12:00 via MS Teams
Meeting ID 225 24 531 416 **Passcode** Md3ST6cr

Next District 9 Meeting: February 23, 2025 @ 4:00 pm Hibbing Alano Club
Meeting ID 884 1245 0410 **Passcode** 020124

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Minutes taken by Sandy K, Temporary District 9 Secretary, district9onlinesecretary@gmail.com 520-664-6011