

DISTRICT 9 MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 10.29.23

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer with Tom T., Diane, Sandy, Joe C., Jack, Jake M., Tracy, Bobbie, Linda, Patrick, Ricco, John, Cathy and Chuck in attendance.

Tradition X: No A.A. group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate A.A., express any opinion on outside controversial issues – particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The Alcoholics Anonymous groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters they can express no views whatever. Read by Ricco.

Agenda Additions: make previous elections official, discuss low participation at meetings, and nominations.

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

CHAIR REPORTS

Treasury Report:

Beginning Balance	\$ 2,274.64
Income	\$ 345.00
Expenses	\$ 324.29
Ending Balance	\$ 2,295.35
Less Reserve	\$ -300.00
Total Balance	\$ 1995.35 (See Attached)

Treatment: Absent

Corrections: Absent

Literature/Grapevine: Appreciation expressed again for Pat M, Area 35 Literature Chair taking time out of his day to travel to present at our meeting. If you or your group need any literature/books, please contact me. Visit the updated version of AA Grapevine on your phone app.

Archives: Vacant

CPC/PI: I attended the Fall Assembly which was held in St. Cloud on October 6 & 7, 2023.

This was the meeting where our Area Officers are elected. There was a well-represented number of GSR's there who elect these officers.

I am happy to report that our own DCM, Diane R. was elected as our next Delegate for Area 34.

The overall results will be published in the next "Northern Lights". That's all I have for now.

In Service – Tom T.

WEBSITE REPORT

Month	1 st Time Users	Total Hits
October	504	1088

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: 12-15 Pins: 2 years
GSR Jack	Thursday Morning Downtown Group #101949 St. James Church 10:00 am (Handicap Accessible) Format: Steps & Topic	Attendees: 10 Pins: 0
GSR Cathy	Tuesday 4:00 pm Group #12541 Hibbing Alano Club Format: Grapevine Literature	Attendees: 6-8 Pins: 0
GSR Chuck	Thursday Noon Group #8471 Hibbing Alano Club 12:00 pm Format: 12x12	Attendees: 7-9 Pins: 0

GSR	Saturday Night Keep It Simple Group #64685 Hibbing Alano Club 8:00 pm	Attendees: 7-8
John	Format: Big Book Study	Pins: 0
GSR	Zim Group #42543 McDavitt Town Hall, Forbes, Wednesday Night 7:00 pm	Attendees: 3-4
Patrick	Format: Steps, Traditions, BigBook, Grapevine, 5 th week another Group takes a CAL Topic for the meeting	Pins: 0
GSR	Hibbing Saturday Morning Group #110174 Hibbing Alano Club 10:00 am	Attendees: 12-14
Joe	Format: Daily Reflections	Pins: 1 Year 8 Years
GSR	Tuesday Group #13824 Hibbing Alano Club 8:00 pm	Attendees: 20
Jake M.	Format: Topic, Big Book	Pins: 2-3

ALT DCM Report: Congratulations to Diane on becoming elected area 35 delegate. I have continued to discuss the long-timers questionnaire at all meetings I attend. Additionally, I have discussed the upcoming district elections and various committee chair options.

In Service, Chuck R.

DCM Report:

The Fall Assembly was held in St. Cloud. The following are the highlights.

- The West Central Regional Alcoholic Anonymous Service Conference will be held in Minot ND. If you plan to attend, please make your reservations as soon as possible as there is a girls basketball tournament in town that weekend too. Information is available at [WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE – West Central Region](#). Flyers are available. If you need one, let me know.

- A motion passed to move the February Area Committee Meeting to the first Sunday in February.
- The motion to change the Article of Association was tabled. The Chair will appoint an ad hoc committee to look and see if the changes are necessary.
- Area 35 will participate in the state fair next year.
- As of September 30, 2023 Area 35 had \$28,175.08 in the checking account plus \$6,058.43 in the reserve account. Total is \$34,233.51.
- This was a voting assembly. Michael J. was nominated for the West Central Trustee. Elected to Area 35 were Diane R., delegate; Pat M., alternate delegate; Vickie R., Chairperson; Heidi B., Treasurer; and Denise R., Secretary. The incoming chairperson will choose the committee chairs and they will be approved at the December Area Committee meeting.
- Area Delegate, Steve L., reported that Google Ads is separating from us. We are 85% separated.
- Area 35 Webmaster, Kyle, is updating our Area 35 Websight. What I saw looked good.
- Anyone leaving the Area and going South for the winter, let me know and I will update your address with the Group Records Chair so you can have your Northern Light sent to the winter address.
- I agreed to have our district present at the 48th Annual Area 35 Service Workshop. Our topic will be 'Safeguarding Our Traditions'. The workshop will be in St Cloud from January 13-14th at the Rivers Edge Convention Center. If you are interested in taking part in the presentation, please let me know.

I have visited a few groups this past month. Some groups are having low participation. If you have time, please visit groups in our district. At these groups, there is always a newcomer and

that is why we need to keep them open. When someone reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. to always be there and for that I am responsible. In Service Diane R.

Business (Old/New): Was asked to the group if there are any other nominations for DCM? None.

Voting on positions as follows:

- DCM - Tom, passed unanimous
- Alt. DCM - Chuck, passed unanimous
- Secretary - Cathy, passed unanimous
- Treasurer - Sandy, passed unanimous

Chairs:

CPC/PI-Vacant	Tom shared it is being in cooperation with professional community, bringing literature to community and business leaders to let them know what AA is and how they can find us. PI is public information. PI helps to have literature for the different groups and reaching out to businesses that need more than the literature and now we have a website that we can help them find. In addition, reaching out to newspaper, etc. Currently Phyllis is Web Manager and has kept the newspapers updated. The CPC/PI also selects the Web Manager. We bring information to treatment centers. CPC/PI can also be separated. Help is also available from our AA members/groups.
Archives - Vacant	Currently Chuck is collecting Long-timer Questionnaire. Jake J. owns and manages the actual archives at the club house.
Literature/Grapevine - Vacant	Sandy shared she orders literature to groups, attends ACM and Spring/Fall Assemblies and learns more about what other districts are doing. One can be creative getting the information out there about the Grapevine and literature. Also, announce at meetings the Birthday Contributions, and new literature available. Direct people also the the AA Grapevine website and/or phone app.
Treatment -Vacant	<p>Ricco shared for our district one can local treatment centers in our district and speak. The Bridging the Gap program information can be distributed at treatment centers i.e., Lakeplace. He spoke there, brought brochures and client forms and show them the program.</p> <p>Glen, District 16 has 7 people speaking at treatment centers in their area every month.</p>

	Jeff has been working on a speaker list for our local outpatient treatment centers in Hibbing and Ricco will reach out to him. If you are interested in speaking at a treatment center let your DCM know.
Corrections - Vacant	Diane shared we do not have jails. However, there are opportunities for people to go into jails and discuss the Temporary Contact Program and be in contact with someone getting out of Jail. Recently, the Corrections Statewide Committee spoke at the Moose Lake Correctional Facility where 20 inmates filled out contact forms and would like contact. Forms go to the Area Correction Chair where they are distributed to the area the inmate will return to. Ricco is currently in contact with one of them now. The transition fair is also an opportunity to bring brochures. If interested in speaking at Corrections fill out form, let your DCM know.

Tom T. suggests as the former officers are leaving positions we can spend some time with new ones coming in. You may also research the Service Manual for job descriptions for all positions!

Low attendance at meetings was discussed. Currently 10:00 am meetings at the club are having low attendance. Please support this meeting. Discussion followed; do we have too many meetings or not enough participation at meetings. Linda suggested to call a friend to attend meetings. Jake M. suggested we don't want to close any meetings. Cathy suggested we only need 2 people to have a meeting. Cathy needs 2 people for a meeting. Jake M. inquired about speaker meetings and fellowship in our district. He is suggesting we create opportunities - attraction rather than promotion. Jack says at his home group they have fellowship before the 10 am meeting at St James and they fellowship after with lunch each week.

Please also support a new AA group that started in July on Tuesday Night in Meadowlands at 7:00 pm at the St. Mary's Catholic Church .

District Meeting: Sunday, November 19, 2023 @ 6:00 pm Hibbing Alano Club & Hybrid
Meeting ID: 884 1245 0410 **Passcode:** 020124

Joint MN Area 35 & 36 Statewide Corrections Committee Workshop: November 18, 2023
9:30 am to 3:00 pm Jack & Jim's Event Center 11025 Duelm Rd NE, Foley MN Online & in
person go to <https://www.area35.org/swcccorrectionsworkshop/>

Area 35 Committee Meeting (ACM): December 3, 2023 @ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, Aitkin, MN

48th Annual Area 35 Service Workshop "Connecting with Love, Unity and Service": January
13-14, 2024 River's Edge Convention Center, 100 4th Ave S., St. Cloud MN

West Central Regional Service Conference: March 1-3, 2024 Grand Hotel 1505 N. Broadway,
Minot, ND 58703

Area 35 Spring Assembly: April 15 & 17, 2024 Crookston Inn & Convention Center 2200
University Ave. Crookston, MN (**make your reservations by March 5, 2024 under Area 35
Block at 218-470-1000**)

Closed with the Responsibility Statement

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