

District 9 Meeting Minutes

DATE: 10.27.24

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer with Tom, Vicki, Jake, Denny, Patrick, Larry, Phyllis, Tracy, Denise, John, Blake, Dan, Ricco 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: The AA Group (see attached), and Welcome New GSRs

CHAIR REPORTS

Secretary Report: Last months meeting minutes approved

Treasury Report:

\$ 2,421.00	Beginning Balance
\$ 200.00	Income
\$ 232.42	Expenses
\$ 2,388.58	Ending Balance
- 300.00	less reserve
\$ 2,088.58	Total Balance

Treatment: Absent

Opportunities to speak at **Partner’s in Recovery, 404 E. Howard St., Hibbing, MN** the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Speakers are needed for November 13, 2024, at 9 am and 6 pm. This is a great opportunity to be of service and share your experience, strength and hope. **Please call Jeff if interested @ 218-780-9338.**

Corrections: I attended the Area 35 Assembly on 10/5&6/2024 and sat on the Statewide Corrections meeting. A very informative and productive meeting with a couple of new people joining our meeting. Mark R. our Area 35 Corrections Chair reminded us all to be ready to attend the Nov. 2 Corrections Workshop and pass the word to other A.A. members to attend.

I participated in the Transition Fair with Mike U. at the Willow River Correctional Facility in Willow River 10/5/2024. We passed out Correction Temporary Contact Pamphlets and A.A. literature, meeting schedules, etc. We had about 20-25 interested inmates that filled out the CTCP pamphlets. About 16 knew where they were

going to land when they are discharged, and the others are going to send them in when they find out their destination at discharge. One is going to land in Hibbing, and I am corresponding with him by mail until he is discharged. And how the CTCP program works, I will be introducing him to A.A. in our district and help him get acquainted with A.A. members which, hopefully he will find a sponsor. It really is a privilege to do this kind of A.A. Service work and good for my sobriety also. In Service Rico 218-262-3564 riccos@northlc.com

Take back to group to see if anyone is interested in corrections. have them contact Ricco to get involved. This is a Great opportunity for service!

Literature/Grapevine: Absent

Archives: Vacant

PI/CPC: October 8, 2024 - I stopped at Northland counseling in Hibbing, and they have 2 therapists. Then I dropped off 6 professional packets to Partners in recovery. *I spoke with one of the counselors at Partners in Recovery that remembered me from when I was speaking there and finding speakers. She suggested that we may want to consider signing up for the monthly speaking time some months in place of the morning spot. That includes a potluck. She said the evening group members don't get to that so it may be possible to go to speak at the potluck once a month and then find speakers for the evening group on the second Wednesday. She was thinking it may be harder to get speakers for that morning spot on the second Wednesday.

October 17, 2024 - I went to 2 counseling places, about 8 counselors, 2 at one spot and 6 at the other. Then I went to the courthouse. 16 probation officers, 2 judges, the county attorney and a victims advocate. (I stopped back as I left 6 for probation the first time and 10 on the return visit)

October 24, 2024 - I got to law enforcement and left professional packets for 8 policemen. She didn't know how many as I said I can bring more back. She said they will call if they need more. Phyllis was here so I knew they got the flyer she created for the website. In Service Denise

October 1, 2024 – 1. I took the Meeting Schedules just printed to the manager at the hospital and told her we are still discussing business cards. She said the meeting schedules are great and thanked us. 2. I took the flyers to the Hibbing Police Department and the cop on duty was appreciative also. He said he's going to make a bunch of copies and have them for the officers. He also said he will put one on the bulletin board for the employees. 3. I took them to the Sherrif's department and spoke with a deputy who said the same thing. It's nice to have resources for people; 4. The Court Administrator had me post one on the public bulletin board. We may need an appointment to talk to the judges. 5. I dropped some copies off at Partners in Recovery Treatment Center who was appreciative also. * I thought of the Hibbing Library and will go there next time-they were closed this morning.

P.S. I added the URL link to the master flyer for the next batch of copies, like Denny suggested.

October 4, 2024 - I went to the PI Luncheon in GR on 10/4 and just wanted to give a report of sorts. It was free and so, I don't need any reimbursement. I was going over to GR anyway to ride with Mary to Alexandria. They had 8 tables set up at the Timberlake Lodge with 6 people/table. I think they said they invited 49 from the community and 29 came. I saw there were cops with their guns on and we sat by a Lutheran minister. It was Al-Anon and AA combined and there was a speaker from each program. They each spoke for about 10-15 minutes while we ate. Both did a nice job of what our programs do and what we don't do; with a personal share of how the programs saved their lives. The Al-Anon ladies, Ann and Barbara, were there from the Hibbing area and are interested in working together with us to do a PI Luncheon in Hibbing next spring. Ann's phone number is 218-969-0357 and email: vucie@mchsi.com.

Dan H sent me their planning forms and I have included them in this email. I haven't read them yet but wanted to forward them before I lose them. He said what they did was, they went out to entities, like the hospital, ministers, cops, etc. and talked to them about the luncheon. Then, they got back to them for an RSVP to know how many were coming before the actual luncheon. Do we want to do this? I wonder if our CPC Committee could work together with the Al-Anon ladies on this?

October 24, 2024 –

1. The Hibbing Library: it was so sweet. The girl behind the counter just lit up when I talked to her about our website. 2. Hibbing Inn and Suites: the manager was receptive and nice. 3. Hampton Inn: She was very nice and appreciative. I suggested a public bulletin board or employee bulletin board. 4. Access North Center for Independent Living: the lady was very nice and put one on their bulletin board while I was there. 5. At Lowe's the gal took it to her manager and was talking to him about it when I left. I asked her to post it on their employee bulletin board. *I think our efforts are seeing results.

In Service, Phyll

Tracy: October 2, 2024, I stopped by: Chisholm Police, Fire Department, Ambulance, First National Bank 2 Chisholm Laundromats, Jubilee Grocery, Hardware Store, Precious Paws, 7-11 Gas Station, Lincoln Square Apartments, Korner Store, 30 West Fitness.

October 23, 2024 - Today, I made a few rounds with the flyers: Range Center, City of Chisholm, Chisholm Library, MN Twist Drill, United Way, Delta Airlines. I hope to get a few more out next week. I just have to figure out how to get into a few places, such as the Curling Club and the Armory.

CPC/PI will be meeting for lunch on November 8th. They will discuss going to schools and the community college in the future.

Web Master

NEW HITS 884

TOTAL VISITS

4320

GSR Reports

GSR	Hibbing Downtown St. James Monday 7:00 pm Hybrid	Attendees: 12-14
Sandy	Format: Step, Tradition, Big Book, 4 th & 5 th CAL	Pins:3 Years
GSR	Goodland Monday Night 7:00 pm Goodland Community Church	Attendees: 8
Shannon	**New schedule has Goodland Community Center vs Goodland Community Church with the correct address Format: 12x12, last week of the month a Tradition	Pins: 1 year
GSR	Tuesday Night 8:00 pm Hibbing Alano Club	Attendees: 14-18
Josh (New)	Format: Card Night, Topics Night week 2-3 , Question Basket, 5 th week Speaker Meeting 8:00 pm and pot luck at 7:00 pm	Pins: 0
GSR	Wednesday Happy Hour 6:00 pm Hibbing Alano Club	Attendees: 6
Dan (New)	Format: As Bill Sees It	Pins: 0
GSR	Zim Wednesday Night 7:00 pm	Attendees: 4-5
Patrick	Format: Step, Grapevine, Big Book Chapter, Tradition 5 th week an outside group takes the meeting	Pins: 0
GSR	Thursday 10 Am Downtown St. James Church	Attendees: 6-10
Tracy	Daily Reflections	Pins: 0
GSR	Keep it Simple Saturday 8:00 pm Hibbing Alano Club	Attendees: 7
John	Format: Big Book	Pins: 0
GSR	Sunday 10:00 am Hibbing Alano Club	Attendees: 9-15
Blake	Format: Daily Reflections	Pins: 2 Years
GSR	Sunday Night 12x12 8:00 pm Hibbing Alano Club	Attendees: 10-12
Jake	Format: 12x12	Pins: 0

Alt DCM: Absent

DCM Since our last District Meeting on September 29, 2024, I attended the Fall Assembly in Alexandria MN. On Saturday morning I attended the Area PI/CPC meeting where the PI/CPC Chairs share what is happening in their District. I shared about our CPC/PI committee and the outreach they are developing in our community. We discussed the representation of Area 35 helping at the State Fair in 2025. It was decided that we probably don't

have enough people to spend the time and finances to help so it will be brought to the Assembly later that day to discuss and vote on it. We also discussed having a combined workshop, for all the districts that want to be involved, next spring. It will be in Brainerd because of the central location for Area 35. Randy, from District 8, will make a flyer. The conference went well, there was a lot of discussion about the Area budget, and it ended up being finalized. We also discussed voting privileges for the Archivist and the Sound Tech positions.

Chuck R., Alt. DCM, and I have started attending some meetings in our District to ask them how we could be of help to them and give them information on the importance of a GSR, etc. These meetings are very open to new information, and all are doing a great job of focusing on the goal of Alcoholics Anonymous. (Carrying the message to the still suffering Alcoholic). It is exhilarating to see the enthusiasm of the newer members in these meetings as well as the members of longer standing.

We also voted on a "Trustee-at-Large", and our own District 9, Mike (Jake) Jacobson won. This means that Jake will be in the pool of people selected throughout the U.S. and could possibly be chosen to fill the position.

The two "Proposed Agenda Items" that people from our District sent into GSO were accepted and will be in the list of possibly being considered and discussed and at next year's GSC.

I talked with the DCMs from Districts 8 and 16 and both are still interested in doing a Tri-District workshop again. Pleased to be in Service – Tom T.

Old/New Business:

Northern Lights (our Area quarterly Newsletter) is available on the back counter at the Alano Club as well as District 9 contribution envelopes, Birthday Envelopes and AA pamphlets.

Welcome New GSRs: Dan- Wednesday Happy Hour Group, Shannon -Monday Night Discover AA Group- Goodland, Molly-Thursday Nite Live AA Group and Josh-Tuesday Night Group

District Inventory will continue next month with Chuck R, Alt DCM (Question 9)

State Fair 2025: Area 35 will not be participating at the State Fair. The cost of the booth is \$700, and you pay for parking. One conference can vote for it, while another conference can vote against it.

Wednesday Happy Hour celebrated after the meeting with hot dogs, potato salad and cake at 7 pm.

Business cards. Denny shared a sample from his wallet. Please give any idea to Dan as he will take this project on! Phyllis reminded up the Hospital is interested in receiving business cards. We discussed having the e-voice # and QR code on the card. Thank you Dan!

Tri-district workshop: We are looking for volunteers for the Tri-District Workshop! Jake will help set up! Please contact Tom T., if you have any questions or are interested in participating in this great service opportunity.

Archives - Vacant Please go back to your groups to see if anyone is interested in serving at the District as Archives Chair. Jake is a great reference. Jake can use help sorting stuff here. Tapes are available downstairs. Or listen downstairs. Tapes are from Bill and Bob, Gopher State speakers from around the country.

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. We acknowledged Sandy for her service as District Secretary over the years.

Area 35 & 36 Statewide Corrections Committee is looking for volunteers to participate on the committee. Please See Ricco if you are interested.

Phyllis reminded everyone that for a group to be listed on the “Meeting Guide” app, it must be registered with GSO and either have a contact person or GSR.

Next District 9 Meeting: November 24, 2024 @ 6 pm Hibbing Alano Club

Closed with the Lord’s Prayer

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