

**DISTRICT 9 MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE: 11.19.23**

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer with Diane, Ricco, Jeff, Tom, Joe, Jack, Cathy, Chuck, Jake M., Bobbie, John, Denise and Sandy in attendance.

**Tradition XI:** Our relations with the general public should be characterized by personal anonymity. We think A.A. ought to avoid sensational advertising. Our names and pictures as A.A. members ought not be broadcast, filmed, or publicly printed. Our public relations should be guided by the principles of attraction rather than promotion. There is never need to praise ourselves. We feel it better to let our friends recommend us.

**Agenda Additions:** Transitions from job functions to another, Long Timer Surveys, letter from GSO

**Secretary's Report:** Last Month's Meeting Minutes pending verification of October Treasurer's Report

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**CHAIR REPORTS**

**Treasury Report:**

Beginning Balance	\$ 2,345.35
Income	\$ 90.00
Expenses	\$ 310.96
Ending Balance	\$ 2,124.39
Less Reserve	\$ -300.00
Total Balance	\$ 1,824.39

Update to the October's Treasurer's Report: Zim's \$50.00 contributions was missing from the line item on October statement and was included in the Income. The revised minutes emailed and mailed out did not include the Zim contribution. Please find the corrected October Treasurer's report as well as November.

**Treatment:** The speakers for Partners in Recovery have been set up for December. Jeff asked if anyone was interested in January. Jake M. volunteered for 6 evening and Diane volunteered for 9 am on January 10, 2024. You may bring a guest to the meeting with you. Jack suggests bringing a sponsee. The timeframe is about 1 hr. including Q&A. When speaking, please remind everyone about the website [www.district9online.org](http://www.district9online.org) and bring meeting schedules with you. Jake M. offered he knew of speakers from Duluth, MSP/St. Paul who would be interested in speaking in large groups (e.g., schools) if we had a need.

**Corrections:** No Report

**Literature/Grapevine:** Reminder that the Grapevine app is online. There are also Birthday Contribution envelopes on the back table at the Alano Club. Please contact me if you or your group has any literature and Grapevine Books if you'd like to purchase.

**Archives:** Vacant

**CPC/PI:** There is nothing new to report this month. I started a new job and it takes all of my daytime hours during the week. If we can get other volunteers to distribute A.A. literature, I will be happy to give it to them to distribute. In Service Tom.

The District 9 Meeting announcement will be posted on the web. Tom made a request to order GSR pamphlets and wanted to remind everyone that an email went out stating GSO saying funding is low primarily because people are not buying literature. There is a lot of good literature out there!

#### WEBSITE REPORT

Month	1 <sup>st</sup> Time Users	Total Hits
November	398	1374

## GSR REPORTS

<b>GSR</b>  Sandy Tom, Alt	<b>Hibbing Downtown Group \$110172</b> <b>Monday Night St. James Church 7:00 pm</b> <b>Meeting ID: 399 875 003</b> <b>Password: 129930</b> <b>Format: Hybrid – Steps, Traditions, Big Book, CAL</b>	<b>Attendees:</b> 12-14  <b>Pins:</b> 2 years
<b>GSR</b>  Jack	<b>Thursday Morning Downtown Group #101949</b> <b>St. James Church 10:00 am (Handicap Accessible)</b>  <b>Format: Steps &amp; Topic</b>	<b>Attendees:</b> 10 <b>Pins:</b> 47 Years
<b>GSR</b>  Cathy	<b>Tuesday 4:00 pm Group #12541</b> <b>Hibbing Alano Club</b>  <b>Format: Grapevine Literature</b>	<b>Attendees:</b> 6-8 <b>Pins:</b> 3 Months
<b>GSR</b>  Chuck	<b>Thursday Noon Group #8471</b> <b>Hibbing Alano Club 12:00 pm</b>  <b>Format: 12x12</b>	<b>Attendees:</b> 9-11 <b>Pins:</b> 0
<b>GSR</b>  John	<b>Saturday Night Keep It Simple Group #64685</b> <b>Hibbing Alano Club 8:00 pm</b>  <b>Format: Big Book Study</b>	<b>Attendees:</b> 7 <b>Pins:</b> 0
<b>GSR</b>  Jeff	<b>Hibbing Morning Groups M/T/W/F</b> <b>Hibbing Alano Club 10:00 am</b>  <b>Format: Big Book, Living Sober, 12x12, Open Topic</b>	<b>Attendees:</b> 3-7 <b>Pins:</b> 0
<b>GSR</b>  Joe	<b>Hibbing Saturday Morning Group #110174</b> <b>Hibbing Alano Club 10:00 am</b>  <b>Format: Daily Reflections</b>	<b>Attendees:</b> 8-10 <b>Pins:</b> 0
<b>GSR</b>  Jake M.	<b>Tuesday Group #13824</b> <b>Hibbing Alano Club 8:00 pm</b>  <b>Format: Topic, Card Night</b>	<b>Attendees:</b> 15-20 <b>Pins:</b> 1-2

**ALT DCM Report:** I have discussed with groups that I attend, the committee chair vacancies and speaking opportunity at treatment center. Also, I have continued to discuss the long-timers questionnaire. Additionally, I have encouraged district meeting attendance. In Service Chuck Chuck will be chairing the next District Meeting and Bobbie will run the internet.

**DCM Report:**

We are in need of District 9 Committee Chairs for the next rotation. If you can, let our fellowship know that this is a rewarding way to serve A.A.

I attended the Statewide Corrections Workshop in Foley MN. It was an excellent workshop. Ken B, Past West Central Regional Trustee, gave a presentation on the history of A.A. in Correctional Facilities and his personal journey with service work in Correctional Facilities. James N. told his story about how he was introduced to A.A. in a correctional facility and how he continues with work in correctional facilities. He stresses the need for individual A.A.s to be of service to bring meeting into these facilities. A Benton County Program Director for Benton County Jail explained their process for individuals in correctional facilities and how we can be of service. Kelly D talked about bringing meetings into jails, Laura S. talked about the literature on tablets that is becoming available to individuals in correctional faculties. Craig H. talked about the need for A.A. members to be signed up and become a Temporary Contact. Mark, Area Corrections Chair, did an excellent job chairing and setting up.

This is about the Literature Questionnaire. This is a questionnaire about making revisions to AA Literature. Please take the time to fill this out in a group setting. These questions arose out of Finance Committee Consideration and the questions the committee asked. Steve, our Area 35 Delegate, went over this in his post-General Service Conference (GSC) reports. When completed please send the results back to the area delegate [delegate@area35.org](mailto:delegate@area35.org), or give to your DMC. These will be used in a sharing session at the 2024 GSC.

I received emails back from GSO on the proposals we submitted to them. Responses are below:

The committee considered a request *that the Twelve Steps from the book Alcoholics Anonymous in the First, Second, Third, and Fourth editions remain as originally written in the First, Second, Third, and Fourth editions; and that the proposed side by side comparison in the current draft of the Plain and Simple translation of the Twelve Steps be removed; and that no other translation of the Twelve Steps be written for the proposed Plain and Simple Book* and took no action. The committee noted that the project is in its final stages to be presented to the 74<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference and that Conference procedures provide a process for feedback as to the direction of the project.

The committee considered a request *that changes made by the 71st General Service Conference: Advisory Action 18 for changes to page 117 phrase “opposite sex” with the word “partner” Advisory Action 19 changes to page 66, “No one wants to be angry enough to murder, lustful enough to rape, gluttonous enough to ruin his health” with “No one want to commit the deadly sins of anger, lust or gluttony” in the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, be returned to their original text. Note: This would include the Introduction be returned to its original text,* and took no action. The committee noted that the 2023 Committee Consideration requesting input from the Fellowship regarding changes to the writings of A.A. co-founders is currently being implemented, which will allow for wide Fellowship sharing and discussion regarding this topic.

In Service Diane R. DCM

### **Business (Old/New):**

Our next district meeting will be the last for this rotation. The transition will take place for Tom T., DCM, Chuck R., Alt DCM, Sandy K, Treasurer and Cathy R., Secretary, Jake M., CPC/PI.

Some of us will meet 1 hour earlier than the district meeting to review the books, provide

information on upcoming positions to those taking them on or have other arrangements to meet in person.

Jeff, Treatment Chair, asked if anyone is willing to help when he is gone for the winter months in keeping the daily meetings open. We can update the contact person for the winter months on the internet. Jeff is also looking for support with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month for speaking engagements at Partner's in Recovery. We need 6 more people thru May. Jeff will be gone for about 4 ½ months of the year. Denise volunteered to be the Alt Treatment Chair. Please contact Denise to speak in February, March, April and May. Information will be available on our website [www.district9online.org](http://www.district9online.org). Denise will be a new contact on fliers and online as well.

It was announced that Wednesday Happy Hour Group is discussing the possibility of closing, while others are interested in supporting it staying open.

**NEW AREA 35 TREASURER** Please send all AREA 35 contributions checks to:  
NMAA 37258 Lakeland Rd, Sturgeon Lake, MN 55783

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

**District Meeting:** Sunday, December 17, 2023 @ 6:00 pm Hibbing Alano Club & Hybrid  
**Meeting ID:** 884 1245 0410 **Passcode:** 020124

**48<sup>th</sup> Annual Area 35 Service Workshop “Connecting with Love, Unity and Service”:** January 13-14, 2024 River's Edge Convention Center, 100 4<sup>th</sup> 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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