

District 9 Meeting Minutes

DATE: 11.24.24

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer with Vickie, Chuck, Denny, Patrick, Russell, Phyllis, Denise, Jeff, Gary, Dan, Molly, Ricco, Rich, Tom 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.

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 principle of attraction rather than promotion. There is never need to praise ourselves. We feel it better to let our friends recommend us.

Agenda Additions: None

CHAIR REPORTS

Secretary Report: Last months meeting minutes approved

Treasury Report:

\$ 2,388.58	Beginning Balance
\$ 325.00	Income
\$ 850.16	Expenses
\$ 1,863.42	Ending Balance
- 300.00	less reserve
\$ 1,563.42	Total Balance

Treatment:

Jeff attended the Fall Assembly. He learned that the Bridging the Gap program is not meeting the needs of the treatment centers and they will be asking treatment centers what they would want from us.

There are opportunities to speak at **Partner’s in Recovery, 404 E. Howard St., Hibbing, MN** the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Speakers are needed for January 8, 2025 at 9 am and 6 pm. 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. Russ will be putting together a book to sign up at the Hibbing Alano Club also.

Corrections: Jerry B. and I went to the Togo Prison for Men on 10/30/24 and put on an A.A. meeting. They are always very glad and nice to us when we go there. I attended the 11/2/24 Corrections Workshop. It was a roaring success, need I say more. I attended a Statewide Corrections meeting on 11/6/24. I am trying to make this report short because an important new mailing system is in effect for us to abide by. **To send Mail:** Due to an increase in dangerous contraband coming into Minnesota Correctional Facilities through the mail, the Department of Corrections (DOC) is implementing a new mail delivery procedure to prioritize the security and well-being of everyone in our correctional facilities.

New Mail System: Effective November 1, 2024, the DOC will launch a system-wide mail management system through TextBehind®, a mail scanning and printing service used increasingly by state correctional systems and jails across the U.S.

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- Regular (unprivileged) mail should be sent to the designated P.O. Box for processing
- TextBehind will copy all items and mail the copy to the facility for distribution
- Each piece of mail will include a cover letter summarizing sender and recipient information, total number of pages, and scanned copies (in color, if appropriate) of the mail contents.
- TextBehind mail processing and delivery services operates Monday through Friday

Every Mail envelope sent to an incarcerated person must contain the following information:

First Name/Last Name, and OID

MCF-facility name, Minnesota (do not abbreviate Minnesota)

P.O. Box 247

Phoenix, MD 21131

If you have any questions, please contact Ricco, Corrections Chair District 9 @ 218-262-3565 or riccos@northlc.com

Literature/Grapevine: Nate has Resigned. Please go back to your group to see if anyone is interested in serving as Literature Chair. Literature Chair responsibilities include: Literature and Grapevine is combined, make appropriate literature available to committees. Displays literature at A.A. meetings and events. Meeting lists compiled. Participate in area 35 committee meetings and workshops.

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

PI/CPC: Denise has provided 12 packets to clergy in the area when speaking with them as well as Nuns or Administrative Staff. They enjoyed meeting for lunch to discuss brainstorm. It was suggested they may want to attend the Vet Clinic in Hibbing and the Armory.

I went to the Hibbing High School Assist Principal. He was positive and said he would give it to the social workers. I went to Minnesota North College and gave the flyer to the counselors, Keewatin PD and the Clerk of City Hall who will put in the library and post in the office. I couldn't connect with the Nashwauk PD officer and put one in the Nashwauk laundry mat. The questions were asked as to whether or not we want to participate with Alanon on a joint PI Luncheon. Please go back to your groups to discuss the possibility of supporting financially and/or supporting by being on the committee. In Service, Phyllis

Dan volunteered to update the flyer for PI/CPC. Thank you Dan.

Web Master

NEW HITS 938

TOTAL VISITS 3,194

GSR Reports

GSR	Hibbing Downtown St. James Monday 7:00 pm Hybrid	Attendees: 12-14
Lynda	Format: Step, Tradition, Big Book, 4 th & 5 th CAL	Pins:0
GSR	Goodland Monday Night 7:00 pm Goodland Community Church	Attendees: 8
Denise	**New schedule has Goodland Community Center vs Goodland Community Church with the correct address Format: 12x12, last week of the month a Tradition	Pins: 0
GSR	Hibbing Morning Groups (M/T/W/F) 10:00 am Hibbing Alano Club	Attendees: 6-10
Jeff	Format: Living Sober, Big Book, 12x12 and Open Topic	Pins: 90 Days
GSR	Wednesday Happy Hour 6:00 pm Hibbing Alano Club	Attendees: 5
Dan	Format: As Bill Sees It	Pins: 6 Months
GSR	Zim Wednesday Night 7:00 pm McDavitt Town Hall	Attendees: 4-5
Patrick	Format: Step, Grapevine, Big Book Chapter, Tradition 5 th week an outside group takes the meeting	Pins: 0
GSR	Thursday Noon Group Hibbing Alano Club	Attendees: 6-8
Chuck	12x12	Pins: 0
GSR	Thursday Nite Live AA Group 8:00 pm Hibbing Alano Club	Attendees: 4
Molly	Format: Big Book	Pins: 0

GSR	Friday Night 8:00 pm Hibbing Alano club	Attendees: 5-8
Russ	Format: As Bill Sees It	Pins: 0
GSR	Keep it Simple Saturday 8:00 pm Hibbing Alano Club	Attendees: 7
Denise	Format: Big Book	Pins: 0
GSR	Sunday Night 12x12 8:00 pm Hibbing Alano Club	Attendees: 15
Richard	Format: 12x12	Pins: 0

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DCM: No

Report

DCM: Since our last District Meeting on October 27, 2024, I attended several District 9 AA meetings, besides my home group, and I am pleased to report that the meetings are doing great even when they are small in attendance. It's not the size of the meeting that matters as much as the content. The meetings that I have attended have always been keeping the topic on AA and the input is always inclusive of the 12 Steps and how they are applied in our lives. I've listened to people with just a few days of sobriety to many years of sobriety and have learned from all of them. I find it very rewarding to attend meetings outside of my usual meetings and especially heartwarming to see the new people come to find some hope in AA.

I'm waiting to hear from Districts 8 and 16 about their interest in a joint workshop this winter. If they are not interested, at this time, we can proceed with having our own or just be involved in the upcoming Area Workshop this spring.

I will be attending the ACM (Area Committee Meeting) next weekend in Aitkin.

Something else to think about, maybe we can have the District 9 meeting next month also be a pot luck. A celebration of Christmas and New Years. We could have the potluck at 5:00 pm and meeting at 6:00 pm. Happy to be in service in Alcoholics Anonymous, Tom T. DCM, District 9

Old/New Business:

Northern Lights quarterly newsletter is available on the table.

District 9 Contribution Envelopes are available on the table.

AA Pamphlets are available on the back table

District inventory: Question 9-Are we doing all we can to attract and assemble at meeting places. Are we being open and welcoming. Monday Night St. James, downtown is handicap accessible. Friday Night Nashwauk meeting has an elevator.

Business Cards. Dan found \$50 for 1000 cards double sided on Amazon. He submitted 2 versions. There was a unanimous vote to print business cards with our logo, QR Code and phone number.

Tri-District Workshop no additional information.

Area 35 Workshop in Brainerd we may choose to participate if we choose not to have a District workshop.

Potluck: We discussed having a Potluck prior to next month's district meeting. It was unanimous in favor of having the potluck. Dan volunteered to work on the flyer for the event! Everyone is welcome to attend the potluck at 5 pm and district meeting at 6 pm.

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

Pot Luck: December 29, 2024 @ 5:00 pm Hibbing Alano Club

Next District 9 Meeting: December 29, 2024 @ 6 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