

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer with Chuck, Ricco, Cathy, Tom, Jack, John, Denise, Sandy, Bobbie, and Rich in attendance.

Tradition XII: read by Ricco – And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all.

Agenda Additions: Area Sound/Tech position – needed equipment, Jeff snowbird Tuesday Big Book study and 10 am morning meetings are covered.

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

CHAIR REPORTS

Treasury Report:

Beginning Balance	\$ 2,124.39
Income	\$ 150.00
Expenses	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 2,274.39
Less Reserve	\$ -300.00
Total Balance	\$ 1,974.39

Treatment: Denise, Alt- spoke with Jeff regarding Partner’s In Recover Treatment Center about the speakers for Dec. and Jan. She is in need of speakers for the following:

- 1 person Feb.14th @ 6 pm
- 1 person March 13th @ 6 pm
- 2 people April 10th @ 9 am and 6 pm
- 2 people May 8th @ 9 am and 6 pm

Ricco shared his experience at speaking as a warming and welcoming greeting well with a lot of questions and an attentive audience for the morning. Cathy shared having had the same great experience speaking in the evening at Partner's in Recovering Treatment Center. Denise reported a bit of history with our Thursday noon meeting having been created by their request to have a meeting. Tuesday 4 pm group is sponsoring a Christmas dinner 12/25/23@ 11:30 – 5:30 pm at the Alano Club with food and games. Bring a dish to share. Kids welcome.

Corrections: No Report

Literature/Grapevine: Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Literature/Grapevine Chair. Please continue to order books for yourself and your group. Books sales are down and there are many amazing stories available to purchase for yourself or as gifts. Cathy shared her group is reading a Grapevine Book as part of their meeting.

Archives: Vacant

CPC/PI: I want to thank District 9 for allowing me to serve as CPC/PI this past rotation. It has been a great learning experience about reaching the still suffering Alcoholic in our communities. I am glad that we, as a team, got our website operational and the QR code for easy access to it. We did get into some of the establishments with our literature and other information but I was hoping for a lot more. Hopefully someone new will take the reins and do the CPC/PI work that is so vital for our community. In service, Tom T

WEBSITE REPORT		
Month	1st Time Users	Total Hits
November	414	1473

GSR REPORTS

GSR	Hibbing Downtown Group \$110172 Monday Night St. James Church 7:00 pm Meeting ID: 399 875 003 Password: 129930	Attendees: 10-15
Bobbie	Format: Hybrid – Steps, Traditions, Big Book, CAL	Pins: 0
GSR	Thursday Morning Downtown Group #101949 St. James Church 10:00 am (Handicap Accessible)	Attendees: 11
Jack	Format: Steps & Topic	Pins: 0
GSR	Tuesday 4:00 pm Group #12541 Hibbing Alano Club	Attendees: 8-10
Cathy	Format: Grapevine Literature	Pins: 0
GSR	Thursday Noon Group #8471 Hibbing Alano Club 12:00 pm	Attendees: 9-11
Chuck	Format: 12x12 1 step per week	Pins: 43 Years
GSR	Saturday Night Keep It Simple Group #64685 Hibbing Alano Club 8:00 pm	Attendees: 7
John	Format: Big Book Study	Pins: 0
GSR	Hibbing Morning Groups M/T/W/F Hibbing Alano Club 10:00 am	Attendees: 3-7
	Format: Big Book, Big Book, 12x12, Open Topic	Pins: 0
GSR	Hibbing Sunday 12x12 Step Group #83295 Hibbing Alano Club 8:00 pm	Attendees: 10-20
Joe	Format: Daily Reflections	Pins: 0

ALT DCM Report: I have asked my home group the questions from the Literature Committee.

The responses varied. I am still working with the long timers questions. And, constantly

encouraging AA members to attend district meetings and become involved in service. In Service,
Chuck

DCM Report: Since we last met, I attended the Area 35 Committee Meeting in December.

There is a list of sound tech equipment that the area would like to purchase. They will vote on it at the Area Assembly in April. Something to bring back to your groups to discuss. The Area Committee passed a motion to buy an Area Officer or Area Committee member a laptop if they needed one for their position. The cost would be up to \$500.00. Right now, it appeared that two incoming Area Officers and/or Committee chairs will need laptops. The new Incoming Area 35 committee chairs are as follows:

Archivist – Marc N
Archives – Cathy R
Cooperation with the Professional Community – Vacant
Corrections – Mark R
Grapevine – Terry A
Group Records – Ray F
Literature – Mike U
Northern Light – Jennifer T
Public Information – Randy A
Treatment – Kyle H
Sound Tech – Aaron A
Webmaster – Terry P
Financial Oversight – Scott A

The January Workshop is at the River's Edge Convention Center in St. Cloud. Area 35 plans to send all Area Officers and Committee Chairs to the West Central Regional Service Conference in Minot ND. They will review finances at the ACM Meeting in February.

Steve asked that you have your group fill out the Trustee's Literature Committee Questionnaire. Send it in to either Steve L. or me.

I have attended a few groups in our district in the last month. It is important that your group have a GSR and that they attend the District 9 meeting.

After our district meeting last month, I called the contract person for the Wednesday Night Happy Hour Group. In the end she stated that a group of A.A.s will keep that group open.

It has been a good two years as your DCM. I would like to thank all District Committee Chairs, District Officers and GSRs for their service to District 9. Thank you all for your sobriety and commitment to A.A. We need to continue to keep the doors open so when someone new reaches out for help, the hand of A.A. is there for them as it was for us.

If you have questions, please give me a call, 218-929-7846 or 218-262-3565.

In Service Diane R.

Business (Old/New):

Area Sound Tech has a need for equipment in 2024 (see attached). Equipment is available for purchase on amazon. Also needed is space to centrally store recordings where others can access it, like Archives and the Secretary. The equipment we currently have has worn out. With the use of Zoom meetings, etc., there is a need for updated equipment for recording into the archives as well.

Cathy announced she is the Area 25 Archives chair. She is requesting you go back to groups and see what they would like from Archives. She believes the most thrilling thing is to see all of the first edition big books we have, the 2nd 1st edition, and version 3 and 4, all the grapevines. Jake has a copy of a story to share with Cathy. The area currently pays \$520 a month to have a room that houses archives, including posters, brochures, etc. Once can also to the New York to see archives. Please let Cathy know if you would like to schedule a time to see all that Area 35 has in Aitkin. It's open for quarterly meetings as well.

Iron Range Get Together scheduled for May 3-4th 2024 voted to use the slogan “Gratitude in Action”. They would like to borrow the previously purchased banner hanging in the Alano Club. It was recommended to go through the Alano Society.

Positions Open:

Corrections
CPC/PI
Literature/Grapevine
Archives

Please let Tom T., DCM know if you are interested in serving in any of the available positions.

Closed with the Responsibility Statement

Minutes submitted by Sandy K., District 9 Secretary 520-664-6011 skomula@gmail.com

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

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

District Meeting: Sunday, January 28, 2024 @ 6:00 pm Hibbing Alano Club & Hybrid
Meeting ID: 884 1245 0410 **Passcode:** 020124

Area 35 Committee Meeting (ACM): February 4, 2024 @ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, Aitkin, MN

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

Area 35 Spring Assembly: April 6-7, 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)