

**District 9 Meeting Minutes**

**DATE:** 2.26.23

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer with Diane, John, Ricco, Amil, Tom, Cathy, Jack, Joe, Chuck, Steve - Delegate, Patrick, Mark -Archivist, Christine - Chair, Renell – Archives Chair, Larry, Phyllis and Sandy in attendance.

**Tradition II:** For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Read by Ricco.

**Agenda Additions:** Archives chair & Archivist Questions, Agenda Items & Area 35 Committee Meeting Items – for Spring Assembly in April.

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

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**CHAIR REPORTS**

**Treasury Report:**

Beginning Balance	\$2,605.50
Income	\$ 0.00
Expenses	\$ 515.61
Ending Balance	\$2,089.89
Less Reserve	\$ -300.00
Total Balance	\$1,789.89 (See Attached)

**Treatment:** The Area 35 treatment committee completed the Bridging the Gap spreadsheet made by Dani. The spreadsheet allows us to contact all the DCM’s and anyone else involved and interested in using the Bridging the Gap program. The updated and final brochure, the client in treatment and the Bridging the Gap volunteer forms are ready to be put on the Area 35 web.

At the ACM the treatment committee decided to have a workshop and make it available via Zoom.

**Corrections:** I attended the Area Corrections Meeting. Two points of interest are: Thistledeew is now open and men are providing an AA meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. If you are interested in helping out with the meeting, let me know and I will give you contact information. A background form will need to be filled out, sent in and approved.

There is an opportunity for women to attend a Zoom jail meeting into a Sherburne County Jail. Forms would need to be filled out. You would also have to attend orientation at the facility. In Service Diane

**Literature/Grapevine:** I did not attend the ACM on zoom. March 10<sup>th</sup> the deadline for submitting literature orders to Pat, Area 35 Literature Chair. Also, literature prices are going up! The new prices will go into effect on April 3, 2023, and generally reflect a 20% increase on books and a 30% increase on pamphlets.

**Archives:** Vacant

**PI/CPC:** I attended the ACM on zoom on February 26, 2023. I attended the CPC/PI meeting there and we discussed what is working in some of the other Districts. There were 6 of us at this meeting. District 12 has put up billboards and sai they are effective. I'm not recommending them for our District because of the cost. Some of the prisons and jails are opening up to A.A. meetings. Thisledeew is open but you need to contact them and be registered with a background check.

I asked Diane to send a letter that I drafted to all the GSR's in our District, which she did, with no response from it as of today.

We do have our website up and running. It is [www.district9online.org](http://www.district9online.org)

We are finalizing our QR code now and we will get business cards printed with the website and QR code on them to be passed on to businesses in our district. Yours in Service, Tom T.

**Web Manager:** Phyllis reported there were 515 new hits out of the 1,914 hits this month.

### GSR REPORTS

<b>GSR</b>	<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> 0
Sandy Tom, Alt.		
<b>GSR</b>	<b>Thursday Morning Downtown Group #101949</b> <b>St. James Church 10:00 am</b>	<b>Attendees:</b> 12 <b>Pins:</b> (1) 6 Months
Jack	<b>Format: Steps &amp; Topic</b>	
<b>GSR</b>	<b>Tuesday 4 pm Group #12541</b> <b>Trinity Lutheran Church</b>	<b>Attendees:</b> 8 <b>Pins:</b> 0
Cathy	<b>Format: Steps, Big Book, Grapevine &amp; Topic</b>	
<b>GSR</b>	<b>Thursday Noon Group #8471</b> <b>Hibbing Alano Club 12:00 pm</b>	<b>Attendees:</b> 8-10 <b>Pins:</b> 0
Chuck, Alt	<b>Format: 12x12</b>	

<b>GSR</b>	<b>Zim Group #42543</b> <b>McDavitt Town Hall, Forbes, Wednesday Night 7:00 pm</b>	<b>Attendees:</b> 3-?
Patrick	<b>Format:</b> Steps, Traditions, Grapevine, Big Book, 5 <sup>th</sup> week outside group takes a CAL Topic	<b>Pins:</b> 40 Years
<b>GSR</b>	<b>Hibbing Saturday Morning Group #110174</b> <b>Hibbing Alano Club 10:00 am</b>	<b>Attendees:</b> 12-19
Joe	<b>Format:</b> Daily Reflections	<b>Pins:</b> 0

**ALT DCM Report:** I have been researching information for a District Inventory, with success, I have found that the Area Website had the information I was looking for, but I am still looking for input from our District.

Cathy and I submitted 2 questions for the meeting with the Archives and the Archives Chair.

I was on vacation for 2 weeks but was able to stay in touch via the Internet.

In Service, Chuck R.

**DCM Report:** Our website is now done. You can view it at [www.district9online.org](http://www.district9online.org)

Phyllis is the website manager. Included in the website are the all meetings, district and meeting contact information, flyers of upcoming events and more. We are hoping to use this website as a tool for CPC/PI work too.

This is a reminder for the Tri-District Workshop. It will be held at the Hibbing Alano Club on March 18, 2023 starting at 1:00 pm. A zoom link has also been set up. The theme is “Focus on Sponsorship”. Charlie C. has been asked to share on Sponsorship, we have Newcomers telling their experience working the steps with their sponsors, and Abby and Evan from Grand Rapids

telling their stories to include the theme of sponsorship. It will be followed by an ice cream social. A very full afternoon. Next committee meeting is on March 12 at 5pm on Zoom.

The Tri-District Workshop will have a Conference Agenda Item Discussion meeting in Grand Rapids with Steve L., our Delegate. It will be held at the Grand Rapids United Methodist Church starting at 1:00pm until done. This will also be held on Zoom. The date is March 25, 2023. There is a flyer on the [www.district9online.org](http://www.district9online.org) .

If you would like me to come to your group meeting and discuss the agenda items with you, please let me know. The agenda items are available for download at [www.area35.org](http://www.area35.org) under general service conference. You will need a password which is cai2023 .

Make sure you are discussing the following with your groups for the Spring Assembly in Alexandria. April 1-2, 2023. The cutoff date for reservations is March 3, 2023.

- \*General Service Conference Agenda Items

- \*Proposed Archives Policy

- \*Office 365 for all DCM's, Area Officers, and Committee Members and maybe past delegates too.

- \*Delegate Nomination Process Discussion

- \*Other Area Officers Elections Process Discussion

- \*This is a proposed motion: Area 35 will host area committee meetings virtually going forward and offer hybrid assemblies and workshop.

\*Read treasurer's report in the Area Committee Meeting regarding having Venmo and/or PayPal options for contributions.

All of these proposals can be researched in past Area 35 meeting minutes. If you want more information on any of them, please let me know. Discuss them with your homegroup prior to the Spring Area Assembly. In Service, Diane R.

**Business (Old/New):** Diane asked that you bring back to groups the following topics to be discussed at the upcoming Area 35 Spring Assembly:

\*have digital Northern Lights vs hard copy?

\*the area committee meetings only on Zoom and hybrid for Area 35 Assemblies permanently?

\*proposed use and purchase of Office 365 for all Area 35 positions to streamline all documents. The cost of the program is \$700 per year/\$99 per month for Area 35 officers and chairs or \$149 to include past delegates.

Everyone was reminded to get the background information we agreed to print which was available to grab, review and bring back to the next District meeting for discussion.

**Archivist and Archives Chair Question Session was recorded via audio and the transcription of the session will be available on [www.Area35.org](http://www.Area35.org).** Thank you to

all of those who attended whether you traveled or participated via Zoom. Your time, commitment and service to A.A is greatly appreciated.

Steve L, Delegate, reminded us that we own Grapevine as a corporation, that AA Board owns AAWS literature, the Grapevine, and is conference approved. However, the monthly articles are not conference approved but done by editors.

He also reminded us of the following: that everyone in Area 35 understands we asked for a lot of money this in budget; groups said we were willing to pay for these expenses; when we say we are going to have these bills and we are going to pay; and it goes both ways with Tradition 7 - you may need to dig deeper in your pocket as a dollar today doesn't go as far.

Steve is ready to go over the Agenda Items as long as it takes! He suggests that the Report and Charter is of interest. Wyoming has requested to rescind a footnote in "registered in groups". We should look at what the implications may be later on.

Christine, Area 35 Chair, provided a breakdown and information on Vicki's Treasurer updated today from the ACM through 2/22/23:

7,819.00 Group Contributions

1,325.00 Birthday Contributions  
1,930.00 Service workshop (includes registration and coffee sales income)  
903.00 Income after expenses for literature and grapevine  
11,977.00 Total Income  
- 8,898.00 Total Expenses  
\$ 3,097.00 Net Income.

The checkbook balance currently is:

11,591.00 Check book Balance  
5,272.00 Expected projected contributions for march and April  
15,000 Expected expenses through end of April includes  
1,500 Expected checkbook balance at the end of April.

Christine also commented that with Area 35 Spring Assembly early in April, we may have to dip into prudent reserve. The Area 35 Spring Assembly budgeted 8k and trusted servants are being prudent with room and ride sharing. So, expenses are covered for March and April.

**Delegate Agenda Items Report:** March, 25, 2023 @ 1:00 pm United Methodist Church, Grand Rapids, MN

**Tri-District Workshop:** March 18, 2023 @ 1:00 – 4:00 pm Hibbing Alano Club  
**Meeting ID:** 851 2526 7788 **Passcode:** 882338

**WCRAASC:** March 3-5, 2023 Omaha, NE available on Zoom.

**Area 35 Spring Assembly:** April 1-2, 2023 Holiday Inn, Alexandria, MN available on Zoom

**Next District Meeting:** Sunday, March 26, 2023 @ 6:00 pm Hibbing Alano Club & Hybrid  
**Meeting ID:** 884 1245 0410 **Passcode:** 020124

**Closed with the Responsibility Statement**

**Minutes taken by Sandy K., District 9 Secretary 520-664-6011 [skomula@gmail.com](mailto:skomula@gmail.com)**