

District 9 Meeting Minutes

DATE: 2.23.25

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer with John, Denise, Tracy, Phyllis, Larry, Tommy, Gary, Ricco, Patrick, Larry, 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 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 Tom

Agenda Additions: Proposed Agenda Items

CHAIR REPORTS

Secretary Report: Last months meeting minutes approved

Treasury Report:

\$ 2,363.53	Beginning Balance
\$ 110.00	Income
\$ 00.00	Expenses
\$ 2,473.53	Ending Balance
- 300.00	Less reserve
\$ 2,173.53	Total Balance

Treatment: There are opportunities to speak at **Partner’s in Recovery, 404 E. Howard St., Hibbing, MN** the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Russ will be going round to other meetings to share the opportunity and his experience. 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

Going very well with speakers at Partners in Recovery. Looking for speakers in May 14, 2025 9:00 am and 6:00 pm. You can bring someone with you to help fill up the time. Great service, work if you have a sponsee that is ready to speak. Wednesday really appreciates the opportunity to hear from us.

Corrections: I attended the AA meeting at the Togo Men's Prison on 1/29/2025. More than half of the inmates at the meeting were being discharged to end their term in prison. They all came to the prison together and left together. Togo is a prison that takes inmates from different prisons that are close to leaving incarceration and if they qualify for release at Togo, they can shorten their confinement. So it was a very happy and meaningful meeting.

I attended the Area 35 Corrections Meeting at Aitkin on 2/2/2025 and the Statewide Corrections Meeting on 2/5/2005 on zoom. Both meetings were very informative.

Mark R. called me and forwarded some information he had found out that the Minnesota Department of Corrections is making some big changes to our Transition Fairs. If you are interested in them, I can let you know what they are. It would take too long to put it on paper. I believe I gave some handouts previously on what transition fairs were. If you didn't get one let me know. Another thing about the transition fairs is that there are more AAs wanting to attend them than there are spaces available. There maybe is an opening somewhere so let me know if you are interested.

Tom asked, "How does one participate at prisons?" Please contact Ricco. There is a process to complete a form (6 pages) where you check off which prisons you want to get approved for to speak at. Once you're approved you can speak. Each prison may have their own rules and criteria.

Literature/Grapevine: Vacant. Please go back to your group to see if anyone is interested in serving as Literature Chair. Contact Mike U., Area 35 Literature Chair for your literature needs. He can be emailed at literature@Area35.org. Orders can be mailed or picked up at the ACM meetings, etc.

Patrick	Format: Step, Grapevine, Big Book Chapter, Tradition 5th week an outside group takes the meeting	42 Years 52 Years
GSR	Hibbing Thursday 10:00 am Group St. James Church 10:00 am	Attendees: 6-8
Tracy	Format: Daily Reflections	Pins: 0
GSR	Thursday Nite Live AA Group Hibbing Alano Club 8:00 pm	Attendees: 3-5
Russ	Format: Big Book	Pins: 1 Year
GSR	Friday Night Hibbing Alano Club 8:00 pm	Attendees: 6-8
Russ	Format: As Bill Sees It – one to two stories per night with discussion	Pins: 1 Year 9 Months 1 Month
GSR	Keep It Simple Saturday Night Hibbing Alano Club 8:00 pm	Attendees: 6
John	Format: Big Book	Pins: 0
GSR	Sunday Night 12x12 Hibbing Alano Club 8:00 pm	Attendees: 8-10
Tommy	Format: Steps and 3rd week a Tradition	Pins: 0

Alt DCM: Chuck was absent.

DCM: Since our last District meeting on January 26, 2025, I have attended some meetings in our District. The attendance was lower than usual, but it is likely because of winter and also the cold and flu season has been very active. I know because I couldn't attend the February ACM in Aitkin because I had a cough and congestion myself. Other than that, I have been reading some of the proposed Agenda Items. We will begin to look at them today and next month we will discuss them more thoroughly. Things will get more active now with the West Central Regional AA Conference coming up next week in Wyoming, (although I will not be there) and the Spring Assembly coming in April. I encourage all GSR's to attend this Assembly, it is very informative about what is happening in Area 35. If the reason for not going is financial, please talk to me and we can probably find a way to meet those needs. I will

be there and hope to see many from District 9. Remember that these meetings are information plus we have a lot of fun there.

As far as further details about the winter workshop, our District was asked to participate by sharing on the topic of “How do we make the voice of every group count?” Lynda, our GSR from Monday Night Downtown Group, Mike (Jake), past Delegate, and myself gave the presentation. We each shared about different aspects of the topic and it was well received by the audience. The other presenters all did a great job as well. It doesn't matter how long we have been sober, we can always learn new things. These workshops are a great learning experience. Happy to be in service in Alcoholics Anonymous, Tom T.

Old/New Business:

Proposal: Ricco presented the District 9 proposal to nominate our 2026-2027 Delegate for Area 35 (see attached) Its up to a district to recommend that he be placed on the ballot for the position. Do we want to put someone on the ballot for the next rotation. Tom knows Mark through workshops and area committee meetings. Tom is in agreement with Ricco on Mark's qualifications. Nomination deadline is the end of June. Please take it back to your groups. East district can only pick one person.

GSR Orientation was attended by Tommy, Lynda and Phyllis. Teams was the platform used for the workshop. Lynda took back from the workshop the value of the Service Manual. GSR is great service to spread the message and opportunity to serve our groups. There were some technical difficulties with slides. Phyllis attended and liked the process of learning how agenda items are determined. The West Central Regional conference plays a part. A copy of the recording and slide presentation is available if you missed it and wanted to attend. Diane, Pat Heidi and Vicki from Area 35. The workshop was very well done! Phyllis learned that when signing into Teams it is best to login in through your calendar.

Agenda Items: Our Area 35 Delegate, Diane R., will give a presentation and answer questions on the Agenda Items at our March District Meeting. Each member can go onto the Area 35.org to review Agenda Items to be discussed with your groups. Please bring back any questions you may have. Look at all the “consider” as these are the items that will come up for a vote when Diane is at the meeting in New York. Tom gave

out some packets with information that are “consider” to be taken back to their respective group for discussion and brought back to the next district meeting as follows:

Lynda Grapevine

Sandy Living Sober

Denise Unhoused Pamphlet

Tommy LaNina

The website information to view these items is under “**area35.org**” then under “**cai2025**” under “**agenda items**”. Please remember this is confidential information and is never to be put on your general website information. Please read the item and background information.

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 # 11

Business Cards: Business Cards are available and look great!

We need Archive, Literature and Secretary positions filled. 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. Sandy is Temporary District Secretary until then.

Next District 9 Meeting: March 30, 2025 @ 6:00 pm Hibbing Alano Club

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Closed with the Lord’s Prayer

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