

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer with Rich, Blake, Chuck, Nate, Ricco, Diane, Russ, Patrick, Diane, John, Tom and Sandy in attendance.

Tradition III: Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation. Read by Chuck

Agenda Additions: Hot Topics with Diane, Delegate Area 35

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

CHAIR REPORTS

Treasury Report:

Beginning Balance	\$ 2,389.19
Income	\$ 100.00
Expenses	\$ 53.64
Ending Balance	\$ 2,435.55
Less Reserve	\$ -300.00
Total Balance	\$ 2,135.55
	(see attached)

Treatment: Denise has April speaking opportunities filled. She has openings for May and June 9 am and 6 pm. Please call 763-229-1322 if interested in this service opportunity.

Corrections: Vacant

Literature/Grapevine: Nate S. has reached out to Mike, Area 35 Literature Chair and already has some book orders.

Archives: Vacant

CPC: Vacant

PI: Denise has volunteered to start as PI Chair for District 9 in May/June when she completes her temporary position as Treatment Chair in May.

WEBSITE REPORT

Month	1 st Time Users	Total Hits
January	804	4663
February	787	2771
March	606	2718

GSR REPORTS

GSR Sandy	Hibbing Downtown Group \$110172 Monday Night St. James Church 7:00 pm Meeting ID: 399 875 003 Password: 129930 Format: Hybrid – Steps, Traditions, Big Book, CAL	Attendees: 12-14 Pins: 47 Years
GSR Chuck	Thursday Noon Group #8471 Hibbing Alano Club 12:00 pm Format: 12x12 1 step per week Open meeting	Attendees: 10 Pins: 39 Years
GSR John	Saturday Night Keep It Simple Group #64685 Hibbing Alano Club 8:00 pm Format: Big Book Study	Attendees: 8 Pins: 30 Days 6 Months 8 Years
GSR Rich	Hibbing Sunday 12x12 Step Group #83295 Hibbing Alano Club 8:00 pm Format: 12x12 & 3 rd week Sunday Traditions	Attendees: 15-20 Pins: 0
GSR Blake	Sunday Morning Daily Reflections Group # 83126 Hibbing Alano Club 10:00 am Format: Daily Reflections	Attendees: 5-9 Pins: 30 Days

GSR Patrick	Zim Group #42543 McDavitt Town Hall 7:00 pm Format: Step, Grapevine, Big Book, Tradition, 5 th week – another group takes meeting	Attendees: 3-4 Pins: 0
GSR Russell	Friday Night Group #106065 Hibbing Alano Club 8:00 pm Format: As Bill Sees It	Attendees: 6-10 Pins: 3 Years 90 Days

ALT DCM Report: No Report

DCM Report:

I attended the “West Central Regional Service Conference” in Minot, ND on March 1-3, 2024. The conference was well attended with over 320 (including zoom) members. It was primarily on the Agenda Items for 2024. The Agenda Items were read, discussed and many views given by the audience. We also had most of the Trustee candidates from our West Central Regional Conference that are standing for the open position this year. The “General Session” topics were also discussed in detail by selected presenters on topics such as “Overcoming the barriers to participation” and “Connecting the home groups to the conference throughout the year to better inform the group conscience”, and “Safety throughout the structure in our fellowship”. There were also break out sessions. I attended the one on “Founders Writings”.

I also attended a service workshop in District 8 on Saturday, March 16, in Virginia MN. It was on the proposed Agenda Items. It was 3 hours of discussion the items that are considered hot topics this time. It was well done with a lot of input from some past delegates as well as GSR’s and District 8 Chairs.

I also attended the workshop out on by our Delegate, Diane R., Saturday, March 23, 2024. It too was well attended by leaders in our area. Diane did a great job of covering the topics that will be primary in this coming conference.

I have attended several more evening AA meetings in our District and am very pleased with the attendance and representation. They all have been receptive to the information I bring, and all now have a GSR or a contact person for their group.

I will be attending the upcoming Spring Assembly in Crookston on April 6-7, 2024. In Service Tom T.

Business (Old/New):

Diane, Area 35 Delegate, went over GSC terminology. Diane brought up the following Hot

Topics for discussion:

II Cooperation E. Consider a request to develop a pamphlet on the unhoused alcoholic in A.A.

III Corrections D. Consider a request to develop a pamphlet on the transgender alcoholics in A.A. Cost of producing a pamphlet is roughly 4-10K. Some discussion that followed: There is one for LGBTQ. Consider the budget. We discussed online literature and pointed out the digital age with Grapevine's app including podcasts and access to online material.

IV Finance C. Review progress report reflecting shared experience from the Fellowship on possible future changes to literature written by A.A.'s founders. Diane will be allowed 2 minutes to discuss. Preserving vs updating language. Discussed that an individual has the opportunity to express, as well as the group or a district on this topic.

V. Grapevine/La Vina C. Discuss the cost effectiveness and sustainability of continuing to print La Vina. It's in the 5 year plan of Grapevine. They expect it to be self-supporting by 2026. They are expecting an increase in income due to subscriptions to online app. There is a 13 point plan that Diane has asked for. A request was made for the history to review financial history of Grapevine. Diane commented that the print version is not going away yet. Grapevine went into the general fund due to the shortfall.

V. Grapevine/LaVina D. Explore the services and costs 91K in no revenue coming in for services including podcasts, Instagram, YouTube channel.

VI Literature F. Review draft manuscript for the translation of the book Alcoholics Anonymous (fourth edition) into plain and simple language. The committee members have 2 hours and literature has more time all day on Saturday to review. No signing of confidentiality or letter of understanding is being asked. The 2023 audited financial statement and actual statements from board meeting is being requested.

VI. Literature F. Review draft manuscript of the translation of the book Alcoholic Anonymous (Fourth A=Edition) into plain and simple language. Discussed group conscious to use the Plain and Simple Language of Fourth Edition or not.

XI Trustees F. Discuss guidelines or parameters for deadlines of Conference agenda items. Questioning the process. The current process comes from meetings, district, Area and individual who bypass the process to GSO. The question arose, Can we change this? The trustees select what will be put on the agenda. There is a proposal to be presented to have a policy to block individuals from bringing topics without going through the group, district and Area.

Chair positions vacant: Corrections, CPC & Archives

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, 1102 East Camp Street, Ely, MN 55731

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