

District 9 Meeting Minutes

DATE: 3.30.25

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer with Dan, Chuck, Blake, Gary, Phyllis, Tracy, Russ, Larry, John, Denise, Diane, Jake, Ricco, Vickie, 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 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: None

CHAIR REPORTS

Secretary Report: Last months meeting minutes approved

Treasury Report:

\$ 2,473.53	Beginning Balance
\$ 442.00	Income
\$ 428.81	Expenses
\$ 2,486.72	Ending Balance
- 300.00	Less reserve
\$ 2,186.72	Total Balance (See attached)

Treatment: April speakers are covered for Partners in Recovery. I am looking for a speaker on May 14, 2025 9:00am . You can bring someone with you to help fill up the time. This is a great service opportunity. Everyone is reporting a very rewarding experience!

There are opportunities to speak at **Partner's in Recovery, 404 E. Howard St., Hibbing, MN** the 2nd Wednesday of each month. 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.

Corrections: On my last report 2/23/25 I mentioned there might be an opening for someone to attend a transition fair at a prison. One did open because someone had to back out, but it got filled right away,. So next year if you would like to do a transition fair let me know early in the year and I could see if there are openings. Some of the changes to the transition fairs I mentioned at our last meeting are being put forward already. I will update you when we find out how and the new changes are going. In Service, Ricco

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.

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

PI/CPC: Phyllis spoke with Greg C. from Alexandria about their web numbers. He thinks the computer has a glitch and is adding in last year's totals to our month's numbers. He has had a call into Tyler for a couple months and Diane emailed Tyler also. Tyler is working 80 hours/week and is behind on his work.

The speaker for the Al-anon Grand Rapids PI Luncheon is Eva.

I contacted my former boss at the hospital to gather information regarding a possible PI Luncheon there. The education department has been dissolved and so, I called a former co-worker for information. She hasn't called me back yet. In Service Phyllis

Web Master

NEW HITS 43,896

TOTAL VISITS 47,515

GSR Reports

GSR	Hibbing Downtown St. James Monday 7:00 pm Hybrid Meeting ID 399 875 003 Passcode 129930	Attendees: 12-14
Sandy for Lynda	Format: Step, Tradition, Big Book, 4 th & 5 th CAL	Pins: 48 Years
GSR	Monday Night Goodland Community Church 7:00 pm	Attendees: 8
Denise for Shannon	Format: 12x12 and 1 Tradition per month	Pins: 1 Year 3 Years
GSR	Hibbing Morning Groups M/T/W & Friday Hibbing Alano Club 10:00 am	Attendees: 4-6
**		Pins: (4) New comers
Russ for Jeff	Format: Living Sober, Big Book, 12x12 and Open Topic	
GSR	Wednesday Happy Hour Group Hibbing Alano Club 6:00 pm	Attendees: 6
Dan	Format: As Bill Sees It	Pins: 90 Days
GSR	Zim Wednesday Night McDavitt Town Hall 7:00 pm,	Attendees: 3-7
Russ for Patrick	Format: Step, Grapevine, Big Book Chapter, Tradition 5 th week an outside group takes the meeting	Pins: 4 Years
GSR	Hibbing Thursday 10:00 am Group St. James Church 10:00 am	Attendees: 5-8
Tracy	Format: Daily Reflections	Pins: 0
GSR	Thursday Noon Group Hibbing Alano Club 12:00 pm	Attendees: 6-8
Chuck	Format: 12x12 one step per week	Pins: 0
GSR	Thursday Nite Live AA Group Hibbing Alano Club 8:00 pm	Attendees: 3-5
Russ	Format: Big Book	Pins: 0

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: 90 Days
GSR	Keep It Simple Saturday Night Hibbing Alano Club 8:00 pm	Attendees: 6
John	Format: Big Book	Pins: 2 Years
GSR	Sunday Morning Hibbing Alano Club 10:00 Am	Attendees: 3-11
Blake	Format: Daily Reflections	Pins: 10 Years 42 Years
GSR	Sunday Night 12x12 Hibbing Alano Club 8:00 pm	Attendees: 8
Jake for Tommy	Format: Steps and 3rd week a Tradition of the Month	Pins: 0

Alt DCM: March has been a good month. I met with the PI Luncheon Committee (myself, Phyllis and Denise). In Service Chuck R.

DCM: Since our last District Meeting on February 23, 2025, I attended an online “Hot topics” discussion where Diane went over the Agenda Items and left room for questions and discussion. It was very informative, and we will be covering the same Agenda Items today but much briefer.

There has been no response for our District 9 need for a Secretary, Literature/Grapevine Chair or Archives Chair. I believe these are great opportunities for our members to be involved in service work with District 9 because it helps to carry the message to the still suffering Alcoholic. I can’t image where any of us might be today if nobody, in the past, was willing to be involved in service. It is what our program of Alcoholics Anonymous is based on. The last lines in the reading from “Daily Reflections” on March 29 were “You must let go in service. There are others who must plant and harvest.” This helps to take away the fear of service work. None of us need to think we must to it all, but we can all participate in service work.

I am planning to attend the Spring Assembly in St. Cloud next weekend. Happy to be in service in Alcoholics Anonymous, Tom T.

Old/New Business:

Proposal to nominate our 2026/2027 Delegate: Last month Ricco presented a proposal to nominate Mark R to stand for the position of Delegate for Area 35 in Northern Minnesota. Discussion followed. The nominations need to be submitted by March 30, 2025. A motion to nominate Mark R. as Delegate for Area 35 2026 to 2027 was made. Motion passed. Mark will be informed at the Spring Assembly to submit his resume.

PI Luncheon Committee: We discussed who we want to target for the PI Luncheon. Do we want to do a seminar at the hospital for the doctors and nurses? Or do we want to do a seminar with the police, the courts and lawyers? After much discussion, we decided that we would have tickets. So that each group can choose who they want to come to the seminar. They are looking to hold it at the Alano Club and pay to rent space, have it catered with Erberts & Gerberts with sandwiches, chips, dessert and beverage. Tickets will be \$10.00. It was suggested that not all like bread and some may prefer to eat healthier. A flyer is being generated. We need your support. We have a minimum ticket sale of 20 required to hold event Denise read the details, and Dan will work on the flyer to be sent out by Tom T.

Agenda Items: Diane provided GSC Terminology, Hot Topics, and the 75th General Service Conference committees handouts. (see Hot Topics attached) Diane covered the following Hot Topics:

III Corrections E. Consider request to update Appendix IV in the Big Book. Discussion followed. Consensus was No.

IV Literature J. Consider request that the Twelve Concepts for World Servi and essays on the Twelve Concepts for World Service be included in the current publication, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. Discussion followed. Consensus was No.

IV Literature K. Consider request to update the book Living Sober. Discussion followed. Consensus was No.

VII Policy/Admissions E. Consider request that a Super Majority of voting members be required to change or amend Founders Literature. Discussion followed. Consensus was Yes.

IX Report and Charter B. Consider a request to expand Article Three in the Conference Charter to protect the co-Founders' writings. Discussion followed. Consensus was Yes.

IX Trustees G. Consider the request to include the version of A.A. Comes of Age, Lasker Award text in the book Alcoholic Anonymous. Discussion followed. Consensus was No.

We need Archive, Literature and Secretary positions filled. Please go back to your groups to see if anyone is interested in service work

Business Cards: Business Cards are available from Phyllis and Tom.

Our Next District 9 Meeting: April 27, 2025 @ 6:00 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