

District 9 Meeting Minutes

DATE: 5.21.23

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer with Jack, Chuck, Cathy, Patrick, Diane, Phyllis, Ricco, Tom, Joe, and Jeff in attendance.

Tradition IV: Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity *having but one primary purpose* -that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Read by Ricco.

Agenda Additions: Website Manager Description, Request for a date change for August District Meeting & Inventory Questions

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

CHAIR REPORTS

Treasury Report:

Beginning Balance	\$2,014.08
Income	\$ 0.00
Expenses	\$ 338.40
Ending Balance	\$1,675.68
Less Reserve	\$ -300.00
Total Balance	\$1,375.68 (See Attached)

Treatment: I spoke to Jeff, Area 36 the Treatment Temporary Contact Coordinator. I told Jeff about the Area 35 Treatment Committee's idea of having a Statewide Treatment Committee. Jeff is the one that gave us (Area 35 Treatment Committee) the presentation on 7/17/22 on how the Bridging the Gap Program is working in Area 36. That was the fire that got us going in Area 35 to put something together for our area. I talked about our BTG Program and Jeff talked about the Area 36 BTG Program. We then talked about the Statewide Treatment Committee, which he is on

board to put it together with us. During our talk I was getting excited, and I could tell Jeff was getting excited too. I don't know who was the most excited, but we were just excited. In Service Ricco, Area 35 Treatment Chair

Corrections: I have been privileged to sit in on the Statewide Correction Committee during their monthly meetings. I told Laura I was just there to learn, and she said fine. Now Mark is the chair, and he allows me to sit and learn also. I don't know the workings of the corrections program, so I don't contribute anything. What I did learn was that they have, an excellent, well run Statewide Correction Committee. I also learned that the purpose of the Statewide Corrections Committee (SWCC) is to: carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to persons in custody by fostering communication, cooperation, and collaboration between Northern Minnesota Area 35 and Southern Minnesota Area 36.

The Statewide Treatment Committee (SWTC), if it does get put together, I believe should have the same purpose: to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to persons in treatment by fostering communication, cooperation, and collaboration between Northern Minnesota Area 35 and Southern Minnesota Area 36. In Service Ricco, Area35 Treatment Chair

Literature/Grapevine: Pat M., Area 35 Literature Chair will have new catalogues available at the ACM in June. He and the Grapevine Chair would like to visit our district. Pat also has a bundle of books he put together: AA Comes of Age, Dr. Bob and the Good Ole Timer, Pass It On, As Bill Sees It, Came to Believe, Living Sober, A.A. In Prison, Experience Strength and Hope, A.A. Service Manual, Our Great Responsibility, A Visual history of A.A. and then throws in a handful of pamphlets. The cost is \$84.89 and you're getting 11 books and pamphlets with each book coming to \$7.71. He initially put the bundles together for Literature Charis to share

with groups but has been selling to individuals more than groups. It makes a good gift for sponsors and sponsees.

Archives: Vacant

CPC/PI: I was able to get 1,000 QR stickers for District 9 made for \$20.00. I will be attaching them to our literature that will be handed out to the treatment centers, business's etc. in our District. I have been involved with our Tri-District team to put together another workshop in September. In Service, Tom T., CPC/PI Chair

Web Manager: Phyllis reported there were **323** new hits out of the **1,069** hits this month on www.district9online.org.

GSR REPORTS

GSR	Hibbing Downtown Group \$110172 Monday Night St. James Church 7:00 pm Meeting ID: 399 875 003 Password: 129930	Attendees: 12-14
Tom, Alt	Format: Hybrid – Steps, Traditions, Big Book, CAL	Pins: 0
GSR	Thursday Morning Downtown Group #101949 St. James Church 10:00 am (Handicap Accessible)	Attendees: 12
Jack	Format: Steps & Topic	Pins: 9 Months
GSR	Tuesday 4 pm Group #12541 Hibbing Alano Club (New Location)	Attendees: 8 -10
Cathy	Format: Grapevine Literature	Pins: 10 Years

GSR Chuck	Thursday Noon Group #8471 Hibbing Alano Club 12:00 pm Format: 12x12	Attendees: 8-10 Pins: 30 Days
GSR Patrick	Zim Group #42543 McDavitt Town Hall, Forbes, Wednesday Night 7:00 pm Format: Steps, Traditions, Grapevine, Big Book, 5 th week outside group takes a CAL Topic	Attendees: 3-4 Pins: 0
GSR Joe	Hibbing Saturday Morning Group #110174 Hibbing Alano Club 10:00 am Format: Daily Reflections	Attendees: 12-20 Pins: 0
GSR Jeff	Hibbing Morning A.A. #24189 M/T/W/F Only Hibbing Alano Club 10:00 pm Format: Big Book, Living Sober, 12x12, & Grapevine & Open Topic	Attendees: 6-8 Pins: 1 year

ALT DCM Report: No Report

DCM Report: The Tri-District Workshop Committee met on 5/7/23. We will be having the workshop at the Hibbing Alano Club on 9/23/23 from 1:00 pm to 4:00pm. We will be meeting again on June 18 at 5:00pm on Zoom. If you would like to attend, please let me know. We are looking for newcomers to service to present topics. If you know anyone, please let me or Tom know. The presentation would be 3-5 minutes on a district position. The ones we have open are Archives, DCM, GSR, Secretary, Treasurer, Literature, Grapevine. They would research the topic using available A.A. literature and anyone that has held that position. They do not have to stand for that position, just do a presentation on it. We will be grilling afterwards. If you would like to bring something, please bring a dessert. The district will not pay for any food.

The report back from the conference will be held this coming Saturday, June 11 at the Hibbing Alano Club. It starts at 1:00 pm and lasts till about 4:00pm. We will have an ice cream social to follow.

I attended the Zoom Meeting with our delegate twice regarding the Report Back from the conference on the West Central Regional Trustee. It was discussed that our West Central Regional Trustee also took the Vice Chair position of the General Service Board. Because the conference did not select a Chairperson, the Vice Chair plans to fill in. They plan to have a Class A, Kerry M., fill in for West Central Regional Trustee. The concerns of the group that met were having a Class A fill in for the West Central Regional Trustee and that Class As are not alcoholic and that the West Central Regional Trustee is not fulfilling his term. We were referred to the Bylaws of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc., page 133, Trustee Vacancy. They are using the word 'may' to have the Class A fill in. The meeting on Monday afternoon lasted over 2 hours. Lots of questions about this procedure. Two were "Why not immediately fill the Chair position?" and "Can't the second Vice Chair fill in also?". There were a lot of other concerns raised. The Delegate met with the West Central Regional Trustee after these meetings, but I did not get any more information on the meeting.

The Area Committee will meet in person on 6/4/23 in Aitkin starting at 9am at the Aitkin Alano Club. In Service Diane R.

Business (Old/New):

Web Manager: The Web Manager works under the CPC/PI Chair. Changes made to the Website are agreed upon by the DCM and Alt DCM so all keep aware of the changes. The DCM then forward appropriate changes to group records and area website chair.

This position does not represent a group conscience and therefore, the district does not contribute financially for the Website Manager to attend any assemblies, workshops, or roundups. It is also not a voting position in the district.

It is important to keep the website current as changes arise regarding GSRs, Officers, meeting changes, events, contacts, and contribution links. It is also important to report website usage each month at the district meeting in order to keep tabs on its usage (New Visitors and total number of times people came to any page of the Website). The monthly District 9 Meeting Minutes are posted on the website also. This is a volunteer position.

Meeting Change the date for the August Meeting: It was generally felt that it is important to stick to the projected schedule. Phyllis is willing to take notes (like tonight) and get them to Sandy if she is unable to be there. August date will be 8/27/23. PLEASE REMIND ME BEFORE THE AUGUST MEETING

Inventory Questions:

1: What is the basic purpose of the district? Thoughts shared were to channel information to the area and the groups; to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic. We need to step up and do more. Tom is going to make literature available for GSRs to bring back to their groups so

members can take literature with them to doctor appointments, etc. The treatment center in Hibbing is allowing clients to come to the Thursday morning meeting at 10am.

2: What does the district do to carry the message? Our main responsibility is communication from the groups to the area and back to the groups. Our responsibility is to make AA visible to anyone reaching out for help. We do this in our district by contacting treatment centers and jails, maintaining our website, and working with the area committees.

3: Is the district attracting alcoholics from different backgrounds? Are we seeking a cross-section of our community? Including those with special needs? We have wheelchair accessible meetings and hybrid meetings available.

Area 35 Committee Meeting (ACM): June 4, 2023 @ 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, Aitkin, MN

Delegate Report Back with District 16: Saturday, June 11, 2023 @ 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm w/Ice Cream Social, Hibbing Alano Club. **Meeting ID:** 894 8647 8778 **Passcode:** 698778

Tri-District Workshop Committee Meeting: June 18, 2023 @ 5:00 pm
Meeting ID: 844 2122 8372 **Passcode:** 354058

District Meeting: Sunday, June 25, 2023 @ 6:00 pm Hibbing Alano Club & Hybrid
Meeting ID: 884 1245 0410 **Passcode:** 020124

Area 35/36 Joint Commission Meeting: July 22, 2023 - virtual

Area 35 Committee Meeting (ACM): August 6, 2023 @ 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, Aitkin, MN

WCR Forum: August 25-27, 2023 Hilton Garden Inn, Missoula, MT

Tri-District Workshop: September 23, 2023, Hibbing Alano Club.

Area 35 Fall Assembly: October 7-8, 2023, River's Edge, St. Cloud Convention Center, St. Cloud, MN

Closed with the Responsibility Statement

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