

District 9 Meeting Minutes

DATE: 06.25.23

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

Tradition VI: And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all. Read by Ricco.

Agenda Additions: Inventory, proposals, request from Tri-District – question.

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

CHAIR REPORTS

Treasury Report:

Beginning Balance	\$1,675.68
Income	\$ 180.00
Expenses	\$ 20.00
Ending Balance	\$1,835.68
Less Reserve	\$ -300.00
Total Balance	\$1,535.68 (See Attached)

Treatment: Ricco Attended the Statewide Treatment Committee meeting (Area 35 & Area 36). He reported Bridging the Gap is on hold while they are working out details to make sure emails and contact information is correct. He announced that Dani, was officially voted in as Area 35 Treatment Committee, Treatment Temporary Contact Coordinator (TTCC). Ricco expressed his

excitement about all the changes taking place with the new coordinator position, Bridging the Gap program, and Area 35 Statewide Treatment Committee meetings and will keep us informed on their progress.

Corrections: Diane reported on Corrections - Mark, Area 35 Corrections Chair, will be attending the Statewide corrections meetings with Area 36. They are coordinating their efforts to do a Transition Fair in Moose Lake in September. Paperwork has been submitted. They discussed the different jails. Mark is trying to get contacts like Bridging the Gap with corrections. Some may want to do only treatment vs corrections. If someone released from a corrections facility to either Hibbing or Chisholm, Diane would give their contact information to Jeff. Let Jeff know if you want to be on the contact list. The brochures are not finalized yet. There are not a lot of opportunities in our area except Thistledeew.

The questions arose, “Does Corrections include probation?” Corrections includes jails and prisons but not probation. Probation would fall under CPC.

Literature/Grapevine: We will invite the Area 35 Literature Chair to our future district meetings to attend either in person or via zoom. Please submit your literature or Grapevine needs to Sandy.

Archives: Vacant

CPC/PI: I’ve been involved in the planning of the Fall Tri-district Workshop. It will be based, in part, on sharing information about what our District 9 offices are and how they reach our community.

I've also been involved with the group, headed up by Ricco, to develop the "Bridging the Gap" program in our Area and also working together with Area 36. It is developing very nicely and can be used to carry our message to Treatment Facilities in our District. Potentially this model of a program could be developed for reaching out in our Probation Department as well.

I also have been spending quite a bit of time trying to put together some literature packets for targeted audiences such as the medical facilities, Probation personnel, Clergy, etc. This can be difficult because I believe we need to give some direction to those who are willing to take literature to the facilities, so they can properly explain what we are and what we are not. They also need to know what the pamphlets say before they take them in. I will continue to work on this.

I also made an approximately 8"x 5" card with our District 9 information on it, that we can produce for just the cost of the stock that we print it on. It can be handed out to be put on bulletin boards in businesses, etc.

We do now have the QR code stickers on our literature, so our website is very easy to access.

However, I think it is important to show people how to use the website, whenever possible.

Please let me know if you are interested in bringing literature into facilities and I will meet with you prior to our District Meeting if you'd like training. In Service, Tom T.

First-time Visitors hits 457 out of the 1442 total hits this month on **www.district9online.org**.

Phyllis reported on the history as follows:

	<u>1st Time Hits</u>	<u>Total Times Accessed</u>
December 2022	570	2330
January 2023	614	2573
February 2023	544	2037
March 2023	517	1378
April 2023	539	1483
May 2023	494	1738

GSR REPORTS

GSR	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: 0
Sandy Tom, Alt		
GSR	Thursday Morning Downtown Group #101949 St. James Church 10:00 am (Handicap Accessible)	Attendees: 12 Pins: 60 Days
Jack	Format: Steps & Topic	
GSR	Tuesday 4:00 pm Group #12541 Hibbing Alano Club (New Location)	Attendees: 6 -10 Pins: 0
Cathy	Format: Grapevine Literature	
GSR	Thursday Noon Group #8471 Hibbing Alano Club 12:00 pm	Attendees: 6-10 Pins: 30 Years 31 Years 20 Years
Chuck	Format: 12x12	
GSR	Zim Group #42543 McDavitt Town Hall, Forbes, Wednesday Night 7:00 pm	Attendees: 3-4 Pins: 0
Patrick	Format: Steps, Traditions, Grapevine, Big Book, 5th week outside group takes a CAL Topic	
GSR	Hibbing Saturday Morning Group #110174 Hibbing Alano Club 10:00 am	Attendees: 12 Pins: 0
Joe	Format: Daily Reflections	
GSR	Saturday Night Keep It Simple Group #64685 Hibbing Alano club 8:00 pm	Attendees: 10 Pins: 0
John	Format: Big Book	

GSR	Hibbing Morning A.A. #24189 M/T/W/F Only Hibbing Alano Club 10:00 pm	Attendees: 4-8
Jeff	Format: Big Book, Living Sober, 12x12, & Grapevine & Open Topic	Pins: 33-Years
Phyllis	Sunday Night 12x12 Step Group #83295 Hibbing Alano Club 8:00 pm	Attendees: 7-21 Pins: 1 Months 9 Months 12 Years 35 Years 51 Years
	Format: 12x12	

ALT DCM Report: Attended the Delegate Report, June 11, 2023. Found the discussion to be very enlightening. The “Plain and Simple” language information that Steve L. provided for us was useful. The ensuing discussion of the 12 steps (in P & S) was informative and allowed me to develop my own opinion.

I have discussed with my groups the 3 (4-6) questions of the district inventory. Good discussions in each group I attended. In Service, Chuck R. **DCM Report:** We had a van load going to the June Area Committee Meeting (ACM). At the ACM our Delegate gave his report back from the conference. We had a proposal to move the

February ACM to first weekend in February. Even though the proposal passed it was a non-voting member that made the proposal, so it is not a valid proposal. This will be on the August ACM agenda. They announced the nominations for Area 35 delegate. The next day they said one of the nominations was not a nomination. The nominations are Pat M. nominated by District 6, Heidi B. nominated by District 8, and Diane R. (me)

nominated by District 9. Justin W. was not a nomination. Christine, Area 35 Chair stated: "There was a misunderstanding with the Delegate Nominations that came forward from the districts. There was not a nomination brought forward from District 11 for Justin W." If there are conference proposals that the districts want to area to vote on, that will be done at the August ACM meeting. Watch your emails. GSRs would be able to vote on those proposals only. They will be voting on at least two proposals that day. GSRs can show up in Aitkin or on Zoom. The Zoom link will only be open for voting on the two proposals. The date will be August 6, 2023 at 10:30.

We had our Tri-District Workshop committee meeting on June 18. The September Workshop plans is going along smoothly. We have been asked by District 8 DCM to have an extra hour for the Zonal Forum that day. It was brought up that the flyer is out there, District 16 is not part of our Zone, and District 9 did not want a Zonal Forum. District 9 and District 16 said we would bring this back to their Districts for their input. Our next Tri-District Committee meeting will be July 9 at 5:00pm on Zoom. Meeting ID: 844 2122 8372
Passcode: 354058

We had the Report Back from the Conference on June 11. Thank you to everyone that showed up. Some of the Highlights were: They did not censure the A.A. Board for removing a Class A Trustee but this discussion took up a lot of time at the conference.

The current draft of the Plan and Simple Language Book had our Twelve Steps listed and a translation side by side with our Twelve Steps. You can view all conference information on the Area 35 website under General Service Conference. Please ask me for the password. It cannot be put in minutes.

Remember, no District meeting in July. See you all at the end of August. Please start looking at rotation for group GSRs and all District 9 positions. They are out there. All we need to do ask them. Service is a great way to carry the message and show gratitude for the sobriety we have been given. In August and September, we will take nominations for District 9 positions. The District 9 election will be at the September district meeting.

On Saturday, July 22, 2023 there will be an Area 35 and Area 36 Joint Committee Meeting. See www.district9online for more details under events/workshops. In Service Diane

Business (Old/New): Inventory Questions

#4. Do new members stick with us, Yes or No? Discussion followed: continue to work on participation with GSRs. The spirit of rotation is coming up. Please bring this to your groups. One group has a group conscious on their closing – whether to use the Lord’s Prayer or choose another closing.

#5. Do we emphasize the importance of sponsorship? How effectively? What can the District do better? Discussion followed: Continue to discuss sponsorship. The District has had many workshops on sponsorship.

Proposal: We propose the Twelve Steps from the book **Alcoholics Anonymous** in the First, Second, Third, and Fourth editions remain as originally written in the First, Second, Third and Fourth editions; and that the proposed side by side comparison in the *current draft of the Plain and Simple* translation of the Twelve Steps be removed; and that no other translation of the Twelve Steps be written for the proposed Plain and Simple Book. (See Attached)

A motion was made and second to submit the proposal to Area 35. Discussion followed: This information was discussed at the Delegate report back with Steve L., Delegate. The changes violate the conference charter. The translation has not been brought to the groups, there has been no group conscious from all our groups, and we do not get to see the translation. When it comes out, it could be conference approved literature. Motion approved unanimous.

Proposal: The 2002 Conference unanimously recommended the Advisory Action that the text in the book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, written by Bill Wilson remain as is recognizing the Fellowship's feelings that Bill's writings be retained as originally published. We propose that changes made by the 71st General Service Conference:

Advisory Action 18 for changes to page 117 phrase "opposite sex with the word "partner"
Advisory Action 19 changes to page 66, "No one wants to be angry enough to murder, lustful enough to rape, gluttonous enough to ruin his health" with "no one want to commit the deadly sins of anger, lust or gluttony" in the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, be returned to their original text.

Note: This would include the Introduction be returned to its original text. (See attached).

Motion was made and seconded to forward the proposal as written to Area 35. Discussion followed: There is a comment in the new 12x12 they like Bill's writing. Motion passed with substantial unanimity. The minority was given an opportunity to speak. Area 35 will have an opportunity to vote on it. We were reminded too, that anyone can forward a proposal to the conference. The deadline is Sept 15th. The proposal will most likely end up in the finance committee with equitable distribution.

District 8 has asked if we want to add onto the Tri District Workshop 1 hour from 4:00 – 5:00 pm for a Zonal Forum. Discussion followed. District 9 voted No previously. District 16 is not part of our Zone. They would have to invite their entire district. At a Zonal Forum, Area Officers would come and share about their Area 35 positions. No motion was made.

District Meeting: Sunday, August 27, 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 - 7, 2023 Hilton Garden Inn, Missoula, MT

Tri-District Committee Meeting: Sept. 10, 2023

Meeting ID: 844 2122 8372 **Passcode:** 354058

Tri-District Workshop: September 23, 2023, @ 1:00 - 4:00, 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

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