

DISTRICT 9 MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 08.27.23

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

Tradition VII: The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then, too, we view with much concern those A.A. treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money and authority.

Agenda Additions: Discuss the Archives Questionnaire: It is seeking experiences of long-time members. Diane will forward them to the Area 35 Archivist.

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

CHAIR REPORTS

Treasury Report:

Beginning Balance	\$ 1,385.68
Income	\$ 523.00
Expenses	\$ 184.04
Ending Balance	\$ 1,724.64
Less Reserve	\$ -300.00
Total Balance	\$1,424.64 (See Attached)

Treatment: Tom contacted Partners in Recovery Treatment Center and spoke with Lee Mattson. I will follow up with Lee. There are openings for speakers on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at two different times of the day: 9:00-11:45 am and 6:00-8:45 pm. I will coordinate a day and times for our district and then let them who has signed up to speak.

Corrections: Vacant

Literature/Grapevine: I have invited Pat M., Area 35 Literature Chair to our next District meeting via Zoom. The order for literature was received for Saturday Night Keep It Simple. I will be placing an order for the G.S.R. Pamphlet, “The GSR”? to be used at the September Workshop. Please contact me with any orders for your group(s). Diane notified me that as of September 1, Grapevine has a new or updated app available on Google Play or Apple Store.

Archives: Vacant

CPC/PI: I attended the planning committee meeting for our upcoming fall workshop to be held in September at the Hibbing Alano Club.

I attended the ACM in Aitkin on Aug. 6, 2023. In the CPC/PI meeting we shared what is happening in each District represented. The summer seems to be a slower time for most Districts but there is some activity in each one.

I visited the Lee Mattson, Clinical Director at “Partners in Recovery” in Hibbing and was very well received for giving her the information about our website and how to use the QR code to get it on your iPhone or computer. She was especially interested in being able to share the information about the meetings in our District. I also discussed with her about us having speakers come in to share with their groups and she said it would be great if they could share at both the morning and evening groups. I gave this information to our District Treatment Chair, Jeff J. He will follow up.

I believe we have a new meeting starting in Meadowland now, I think it is on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Lutheran Church. I will try to get more details. In Service Tom T

WEBSITE REPORT

Month	1 st Time Users	Total Hits
July	515	1789
August	484	1797

GSR REPORTS

GSR	Hibbing Downtown Group \$110172 Monday Night St. James Church 7:00 pm Meeting ID: 399 875 003 Password: 129930	Attendees: 12-15 Pins: 2 Year 24 Year 41 Year
Sandy Tom, Alt	Format: Hybrid – Steps, Traditions, Big Book, CAL	
GSR	Thursday Morning Downtown Group #101949 St. James Church 10:00 am (Handicap Accessible)	Attendees: 12 Pins: 1 Year 37 Years
Jack	Format: Steps & Topic	
GSR	Tuesday 4:00 pm Group #12541 Hibbing Alano Club	Attendees: 8-12 Pins: 31 Years
Cathy	Format: Grapevine Literature	
GSR	Thursday Noon Group #8471 Hibbing Alano Club 12:00 pm	Attendees: 6- 8-12 Pins: 30 Years
Chuck	Format: 12x12	
GSR	Hibbing Saturday Morning Group #110174 Hibbing Alano Club 10:00 am	Attendees: 16 Pins: 19 Years
Joe	Format: Daily Reflections	

GSR	Hibbing Morning A.A. #24189 M/T/W/F Only Hibbing Alano Club 10:00 pm	Attendees: 6-10
Jeff	Format: Big Book, Living Sober, 12x12, & Grapevine & Open Topic	Pins: 90 Days

ALT DCM Report: I have talked to the groups that I attend about the upcoming elections for District chairs and the Archivist's request to fill out the Long Timers questionnaire.

I have received some filled-out forms and am hoping for more participation.

Today, I am sitting in for the DCM, she is in Montana at West Central Regional Forum.

In Service Chuck R

DCM Report: I attended a Zoom presentation on the Translation to the 4th Edition Big Book. There was a question to the presenter worded just like our proposal that the 12 steps should not be translated. The presenter said that they did not want to violate the Conference Charter and they are looking into a work around. Not sure what that meant.

I attended the August Area Committee Meeting. Both of the proposals that our district brought forward passed. The proposal regarding returning the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions as they were originally written passed with substantial unanimity. The proposal regarding the translation to Big Book regarding not to translate the 12 steps passed unanimously with one abstaining. We also tabled a motion that would make February Area Committee to the first weekend in February. We also tabled a motion to add an area email for treatment committee, Temporary Contact Coordinator. The alternate delegate, Justin W., resigned. This position will not be filled. Kelly D., past delegate, and Chritine G., Area 35 Chair, will work together on the Area Workshop held in January.

The Tri-District Workshop committee will meet on September 10 at 5:00pm. The Tri-District Workshop will be on Saturday, September 23 from 1:00-4:00pm at the Hibbing Alano Club.

In Service Diane R.

Business (Old/New):

1. Nominations will be taken at the September district meeting for positions and voting will occur at the October meeting.
2. Tradition 2 was reviewed, and the Spirit of Rotation emphasized.
3. Announcements: May 3-4 2-24 will be the IRGT at the Eagles in Grand Rapids. Volunteers are needed for the planning meetings. Can this be posted to the Website?
4. Inventories # 6 and #7 are up for discussion. Please bring back to our groups for the next meeting. Do we protect anonymity and are all given the opportunity to participate?

District Meeting: Sunday, September 24, 2023 @ 6:00 pm Hibbing Alano Club & Hybrid
Meeting ID: 884 1245 0410 **Passcode:** 020124

Area 35 Committee Meeting (ACM): December 3, 2023 @ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, Aitkin, MN

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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