

District 9 Meeting Minutes

DATE: 09.29.24

Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer with Tom, Lori, John, Denise, Cathy, Chuck, Linda, Jeff, Denny, Larry, Patrick, Russ, Phyllis, Shannon, Vicki, Joe, Diane, Molly, Ricco, Rich 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 IX: Each A.A. group needs the least possible organization. Rotating leadership is the best. The small group may elect its secretary, the large group its rotating committee, and the groups with large metropolitan area their central or intergroup committee, which often employs a full-time secretary. The trustees of the General Service Board are, in effect, our A.A. General Service Committee. They are the custodians of our A.A. Tradition and the receivers of voluntary A.A. contributions by which we maintain our A.A. General Service Office at New York. They are authorized by the groups to handle our overall public relations and they guarantee the integrity of our principle newspaper, the A.A. Grapevine. All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in A.A. are but trusted and experienced servants of the whole. They derive no real authority from their titles; they do not govern. Universal respect is the key to their usefulness.

Agenda Additions: Proposals and Contributions

CHAIR REPORTS

Secretary Report: Last months meeting minutes approved

Treasury Report:

\$ 2,099.18	Beginning Balance
\$ 350.00	Income
\$ 28.18	Expenses
\$ 2,421.00	Ending Balance
- 300.00	less reserve
\$2,121.00	Total Balance

Treatment: Jeff continues to look for speakers at the **Partner's in Recovery, 404 E. Howard St., Hibbing, MN** the 2nd Wednesday of each month. He made a request today for October morning speakers. Cathy and Chuck will take the 10/10 at 9 am. Speakers are needed for November 13, 2024 at 9 am and 6 pm. This is a great opportunity to be of service and share your experience, strength and hope. **Please call Jeff if interested @ 218-780-9338.**

Corrections: At our last District 9 meeting a question was asked of me if I knew the process of getting a background check on all the facilities on the list I passed out. Simple answer I should have figured out. We have to call the contact person given for each facility on the list you might want to attend and find out what they need of us.

I attended the Transition Fair at Moose Lake State Prison with Joe S. from Area 36 on 9/17/2024. As a result of handing out our Corrections Contact pamphlet, I made a contact with one of the inmates that was OK with correspondence by mail in prison. So, I sent him a letter and am waiting for a letter from him. I had correspondence by mail with an Inmate in St Cloud State Prison previously and it was very rewarding and good for my sobriety.

I attended the Statewide Corrections Meeting on 9/4/24 on zoom.

I will be attending the Area 35 Assembly Meeting and participating in the Statewide Corrections Meeting on 10/5/2024.

Don't forget about the Corrections Workshop on Nov. 2 in Foley Minnesota. It is going to be very informative with Carl D, A.A. Corrections Speaker, Castle Rock, Co., Jesse Pugh, Warden MCF-St Cloud Prison, Craig H, A.A. CTCP presentation, Area 36 Corrections Chair. And Question and Answer Session. A Buffet Lunch \$16.50 Free coffee all day. In person and online (See attached)

Ricco, District 9 Corrections Chair (any questions please contact me.) 218-262-3565 or riccos@northlc.com.

Literature/Grapevine: Absent

Archives: Vacant

Cathy R., Area 35 Archives, reported there will be Archives at the Area 35 Fall Assembly in Alexandria, MN. There is a posting on our board at the Hibbing Alano Club with contact information if anyone is interested in going to Aitkin to view our Area Archives in Aitkin. We also have archives downstairs for viewing.

PI/CPC:

Denise: I went to the Rudy Perpich bldg., Range Mental Health Center. She gave professional material in gift wrap to SUD counselor and mental health providers and left some pamphlets in their holder.

GSR	Goodland Monday Night 7:00 pm Goodland Community Church	Attendees: 10
	**New schedule has Goodland Community Center vs Goodland Community Church with the correct address	Pins: 1 year 10 months 7 months
Shannon	Format: 12x12, last week of the month a Tradition	
GSR	Zim Wednesday Night 7:00 pm	Attendees: 8-10
Patrick	Format: Step, Grapevine, Big Book Chapter, Tradition 5 th week an outside group takes the meeting	Pins: 9 years
GSR	Thursday Noon Group Hibbing Alano Club	Attendees: 6-10
Chuck	Format: 12x12 one Step per week	Pins: 44 years
GSR	Keep it Simple Saturday 8:00 pm Hibbing Alano Club	Attendees: 8
John	Format: Big Book	Pins:
GSR	Friday Nite AA 8:00 pm Hibbing Alano Club	Attendees: 6-10
Russell	Format: As Bill Sees It (1-2 stores)	Pins: 0
GSR	Saturday Morning 10:00 am Hibbing Alano Club	Attendees: 8-15
	Format: Daily Reflections	Pins: 0
GSR	Sunday Night 12x12	Attendees: 15
Rich	Format: 12x12	Pins: 22 years

Alt DCM: Tom T, DCM asked me to go out to the groups in our district to talk about what a GSR is and what they do. Tom T. and I went out to the Sunday Balkan Group and talked about the responsibilities of a group's GSR and encouraged the group to attend the district meetings.

I am continuing to talk about our district inventory and continuing with the inventory. In Service, Chuck

DCM: Since our last District Meeting on August 25, 2024, I attended (on TEAMS) the second training on using TEAMS put on by our Area 35 Webmaster, Terry. It was very informative, and I think I will be able to navigate it now. It is much like ZOOM but with some additional features.

I have been working on reaching all our GSR's about the PAI that we are discussing at this meeting. Some by email and others either by direct contact at their meeting or by phone.

Cathy R. has resigned as our District 9 Secretary, (thank you Kathy for your service). We may decide, at this meeting, who our incoming Secretary will be.

Chuck R. and I have started attending the meetings in our District to give them the support they may want and bring them any new information.

I am planning to attend the Fall Assembly in Alexandria, MN. on Oct 5 & 6. Our next business meeting will be on October 27, 2024. Pleased to be in Service – Tom Toscano, DCM, District 9, Area 35

Old/New Business:

Envelopes are available on the back table at the Alano Club for contributions to the District 9, Area 35 and GSO. You may also find the addresses for all three entities posted on www.District9online.org.

Inventories: Chuck read from the Service Manual on PI Responsibilities. Some of the responsibilities covered include: Bring info to the public, including media, workshops and Public announcements. They attend all PI meetings at the Area, as well as PI workshops

Some districts combine PI with CPC. They became a separate committee in 1971. CPC distribute AA material to organizations who have contact with alcoholics through their profession.

All chairs are encouraged to create a team by getting others to help support them by getting others involved in making your position easier and fun! Jeff and Tom have done things together in the past with CPC and Treatment.

District Meeting Schedules are completed! Thank you, Diane & Ricco. Diane submitted the expenses for schedules and Zoom (\$117.50 for schedules and \$97.08 for Zoom).

Business Cards: Since the Hibbing Hospital has made a request for business cards, is there anyone interested in taking on exploring design and costs. Cards may include our phone number, QR code, etc. Tom does have samples of 1-2 sided and magnets.

Secretary Position. Cathy made her resignation known in the last minutes. Cathy was acknowledged for her service as Secretary. Tom made a motion to nominate Lori as Secretary. Patrick second the motion.

Unanimously passed. Lori later graciously declined to accept the position of Secretary. Please go back to your groups with the position of District Secretary and invite them to attend our next District meeting if interested. If you have any questions about the position, you may contact Tom, DCM or Sandy, Treasurer with questions.

We covered who can vote: All GSRs and District Chairs.

Any are currently looking for nominations or volunteers for Archives Chair.

Proposals: #1 Our proposal request is that the explanations of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts from the Appendices in the book; Plain Language Big Book: A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous, be removed.

Discussion followed. Monday night group voted to remove the “Explanations” and submit the proposal to the district. The Plain and Simple Language Big Book is published and becomes available Nov. 1, 2024. An additional description as added to the appendix in the back of the book with “Explanations” of the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts. The proposal is requesting these “Explanations” be removed from future publications. Monday Night DT meeting believes this violates our charter. Chuck made a motion to approve submitting the proposal to the conference. Molly second the motion. Motion passed unanimously!

#2 In accordance with Appendix L: Resolution authorizing the general service conference, our motion would include all registered A.A. worldwide groups. Our request is that the explanations of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts from the Appendices in the book; Plain Language Big Book: A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous, be sent to all the registered A.A. groups worldwide so they are suitably notified of modifications and would have the right to vote on them. Discussion followed. The proposal is requesting the worldwide AA be notified of the modifications made in the Plain and Simple Language Big Book with a ¾ vote. Chuck made a motion to approve the submitting the proposal to the conference. Russ second the motion. Motion passed unanimously!

Tom spoke with District 8 and they are inquiring if we are interested in a Workshop. In the past we participated in the Tri-District Workshops with District 8 & 16. Please contact Tom if you’re interested in participating.

Next District 9 Meeting: October 27, 2024 @ 6 pm Hibbing Alano Club

Closed with the Lord’s Prayer

Minutes taken by Sandy Komula, Temporary District 9 Secretary 520-664-6011