

District 9 Meeting Minutes

DATE: 12.29.24

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer with Carolyn, Chuck, Linda, Patrick, Russ, Tommy, Jake, Gary, Phyllis, Ricco, 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 XII: 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.

Agenda Additions: None

CHAIR REPORTS

Secretary Report: Last months meeting minutes approved

Treasury Report:

\$ 1,863.42	Beginning Balance
\$ 310.00	Income
\$ 9.89	Expenses
\$ 2,163.53	Ending Balance
- 300.00	Less reserve
\$ 1,863.53	Total Balance

Treatment: There are opportunities to speak at **Partner’s in Recovery, 404 E. Howard St., Hibbing,**

MN the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Russ will be going round to other meetings to share the

opportunity and his experience. This is a great opportunity to be 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: There will be an opening for the Statewide Corrections Committee chair and voting will be on January 1st at the SWCC Meeting. So far Tony S. Area 35 District 8 Corrections Chair and Carter L. (Area 35 District 5 Corrections Chair) have volunteered to stand. Anyone else that is interested to stand please contact me as soon as possible.

I attended the SWCC meeting in Aitkin on 12/1/2024. I will be attending the Area 35 Workshop in Crookston MN on 1/10-11/2025 and registering for the West Central Regional Service Conference held in Wyoming on Zoom which takes place on 2/28/25. In Service, Ricco R.

Literature/Grapevine: Nate has Resigned. Please go back to your group to see if anyone is interested in serving as Literature Chair.

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

PI/CPC: Denise is out sick tonight and unable to be with us. She handed our flyer to 6 counselors at the Heartwood Center right next door. Tracy's reported she has not handed out any this month. We have new colored flyers that are great! Thanks to Dan! We also have new colored business cards to hand out. Phyllis has posted the new colored flyer on the Downloads page on the website so you can print it and hand it out whenever you want to. In Service, Phyllis

We discussed the significant increase in new hits and total visits to www.District9Online.org! Great Job!

Web Master	NEW HITS	26,345	TOTAL VISITS	30,255
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GSR Reports

GSR	Hibbing Downtown St. James Monday 7:00 pm Hybrid Meeting ID 399 875 003 Passcode 129930	Attendees: 12-14
Lynda	Format: Step, Tradition, Big Book, 4th & 5th CAL	Pins: 47 Years
GSR	Tuesday Afternoon Hibbing Alano Club 4:00 pm	Attendees: 6-8
Carolyn (New)	Format: Format: Vary – read from various AA literature	Pins: 14 Years
GSR	Tuesday Night Hibbing Alano Club 8:00 pm	Attendees: 16-18
Jake	Format: 1st Tues – Card with topics, 2nd & 3rd Topics 4th question & 5th Tues Potluck and speaker	Pins: 30 days
GSR	Zim Wednesday Night McDavitt Town Hall 7:00 pm,	Attendees: 3-5
Patrick	Format: Step, Grapevine, Big Book Chapter, Tradition 5th week an outside group takes the meeting	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	Friday Night Hibbing Alano Club 8:00 pm	Attendees: 5-8
Russ	Format: As Bill Sees It – one to two stories per night with discussion	Pins: 0
GSR	Sunday Night 12x12 Hibbing Alano Club 8:00 pm	Attendees: 8-10
Jake	Format: Steps and Tradition	Pins: 28 Years

Alt DCM: December has been a busy month. I have attended several different groups and talked about the district. I have also talked to several groups about this spring PI Luncheon and have had a very good response. Several people have given me good ideas-how each group can pay for a ticket to the PI luncheon. I hope everyone had a happy holiday and looking forward to the new year.

In Service, Chuck R.

DCM: Since our last District Meeting on November 24, 2024, I attended the ACM (Area Committee Meeting) in Aitkin, MN. on December 5, 2024. I am an appointed member of the CPC/PI Area committee, so I attended that meeting. We had 13 people in attendance. We discussed future

participation, with Area 36, in the State Fair. It is recommended that this be brought back to our groups for input and discussion, so GSR's please note this and discuss it in your groups and bring back your group's voice. If our Area 35 commits to participating, in the future, it means we will have enough volunteers to man the booth for one weekend during the fair and our Area will pick up about \$750.00 of the cost. Volunteers go at their own cost.

We also talked about putting on an Area 35 workshop in 2025 for PI/CPC. This has progressed and there is now a flyer out for the workshop which will be held in Brainerd on January 25, 2025. Let's see if we can get our available GSR's and PI/CPC Team to ride share and participate in this workshop.

There was a lot of other information shared from the districts that had representation at the ACM. There are many meetings, like this at the ACM, where we can learn from others in our Area about how to participate in reaching the still suffering alcoholic. Please become involved. (Even if you don't think you have enough time) Remember the end of the promises "God will do for you what you cannot do for yourself". Happy to be in service in Alcoholics Anonymous, Have a Happy New Year, Tom T.

Old/New Business:

Northern Lights quarterly newsletter is available on the table.

District 9 Contribution Envelopes are available on the table.

AA Pamphlets are available on the back table

District inventory: Question # 10- Does the District do its fair share toward participating in the three Legacies of Recovery, Unity, and Service? Discussion Followed. There is always room for improvement! There are many service opportunities available in the district.

Business Cards: Business Cards are available and look great!

PI Luncheon: Discussion followed on whether or not we are affiliated if we share the expense of the luncheon with Alanon. Some suggestions were: Alternating every other year and inviting Alanon to participate in speaking was suggested. Another suggestion was for the groups to sponsor by purchasing

ticket(s). There were other suggestions such as holding more than one for each of the different professionals, i.e. Courthouse, Jail & Police Dept, another for Hospitals, and one for schools/colleges. In the past the Iron Range Get Together held them in conjunction with the annual event and invited Alanon to participate. Please contact Denise, CPC/PI chair or Tom T, DCM if you are interested in participating on the committee. Please go back to your groups to discuss and invite members to participate on the committee.

Tri-District Workshop no additional information.

Area 35 Workshop: January 11 & 12, 2025 Crookston. Tom, Jake and Lynda will be presenting on the topic “Closing the GAP: How do we make the voice of every group count, are all groups involved in alcoholics anonymous and working together increases trust”@ 9:00 am.

January 25, 2025 CPC/PI Workshop in Brainerd: we can choose to participate whether or not we hold our own/Tri-District workshop.

Randy Area 35 PI and Mary, Area 35 CPC, will be attending our next meeting to share what is PI/CPCP, what they do and how they are alike and different.

Secretary – Vacant Please go back to your groups to see if anyone is interested in servicing as District Secretary for the remainder of the 2024-2025 year. Sandy is Temporary District Secretary until then.

Potluck: We held a potluck before the district meeting. Great food and conversations! Thank you to all who participated!

Next District 9 Meeting: January 26, 2025 @ 6 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