

District 13 General Service Meeting Minutes

January 2, 2024 @ 7:00-8:30 pm

Opened with the Responsibility Statement at 7:00 pm.

Introductions: 15 attended in person; 3 on Zoom.

Focus – Treatment Temporary Contact Program presented by Area 36 Treatment Chair, Patrick, who informed us about the QR Code to sign up as a temporary contact, showed us the AA Guidelines from GSO about Treatment, and the new display board. The Temporary Contact Program started in the late 1980's. Its purpose is to connect patients with A.A. members leaving treatment or detox.

Concept I – Barb presented; Soana will present Concept II in February.

Officer's Reports:

Secretary

- December minutes approved with a motion by Kris, 2nd by Barb.

Treasurer

- Christine presented the financials for December, which was approved with a motion by Ron, 2nd by Amy. Brian reminded everyone about the Blue Can Plan, which is specific to District 13 and is used to purchase A.A. literature, including big books, for state-funded treatment centers within our district.

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- No report; open position.

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- Lori made 2 AAI presentations at Oak View Middle School in Andover in December. She attended the Fridley Alano Society Squad Leaders Meeting December 6th. She has been working with Cindy from the Fridley Alano Society and Ron from Our Friends Place Alano in Columbia Heights to get all meetings registered with GSO. Her focus in 2023 was meetings at Alano Clubs, but she will focus this year on meetings at other locations.

Commitment – “A Word About Commitment” was read by Jody.

Committee Reports

- Accessibilities – **Open**
- Archives – **Open**
- Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) – No report out.
- Corrections – No report out.
- Grapevine – **Open**
- Group Outreach – **Open**
- Literature – Jessica presented on three pamphlets for the newcomer – “Is A.A. for you?” “A Newcomer Asks” and “This is AA”.
- Public Information – **Open**
- Registrar – **Open**
- Technology – Amy reported that the website is done, but changes will continue. She will set up an email address for revisions/additions.
- Treatment – Barb has been very busy contacting treatment facilities within District 13. There are monthly openings at Grace Counseling in East Bethel – the 1st Tuesday at 10 am available in March and the 2nd Tuesday at 10 am available in April and Anoka Care the 1st Monday at 7 pm. Nystroms in Coon Rapids is not interested in speakers at this time.

Old Business

- District 13's vision for 2023 of outreach and design/implement website including contributing electronically via PayPal was reached! www.dist13southernmn.org
- Revise/update District 13's Financial Policy – there was no discussion; a vote will occur next month.
- RUSC – Recovery, Unity, & Service Conference – January 19-21, 2024.
- Trusted Servant Leadership Training via Zoom – February 3, 2024.

- West Central Regional AA Service Conference – March 1-3, 2024.

New Business

- District 13's vision for 2024 is to continue having area committee chairs visit, continue outreach especially to young people, and hold workshops.
- 2024 Calendar – do GSRs want the delegate to report? Yes! We will hold a separate potluck either before or after July 4th outside of our regularly scheduled meeting to hear from the Delegate.
- Our Gratitude Celebration will be held in the Fall at Our Friends Place Alano in Columbia Heights. Ron and Soana will be working on planning this, and Patrick, Area 36's Treatment Chair, will be our Alanon speaker!
- Group Records will be changed to "Registrar" to be consistent with Area and GSO.

GSR Sharing – Ron from Our Friends Place Alano reported they have a quarterly speaker meeting on the first Saturday of each quarter with food and fellowship at 6 pm and the meeting at 7 pm.

Intergroup Phone Answering Commitment Report/Sign Up Sheet (4th Thursday of the month 4:15 until 7 pm) No report out, but January, February, and March are covered.

Intergroup Report – John was the Treasurer for Minneapolis Intergroup and now he is our rep, so asked what we wanted to hear from him. Their Gratitude Night is in April, and their board meetings are the 4th Tuesday of the month. We appreciate him connecting us to Intergroup, and he will continue to share information with us.

Anniversaries/Announcements

- Anniversaries: None.
- GSR, Soana, will be the main speaker at the Twin Lakes Alano Club (located at 4938 Brooklyn Boulevard, Brooklyn Center, MN 55429) January 13, 2024, for "Dinner and a Speaker" with food at 6 pm and the speaker at 7:30 pm.
- Plain Language Big Book Information Session, January 14, 2024, at 3 pm via Zoom; Meeting ID 842 6106 1894; passcode 1935.
- District 13 Steering Committee Meeting, January 29, 2024, @ 7 pm via Zoom; **all Officers and Committee Chairs are expected to attend.** If you would like something added to the agenda, please attend as well.
- District 13 Meeting, February 6, 2024 @ 7 pm, Coon Rapids United Methodist Church and via Zoom; all Officers, GSRs, and Committee Chairs are expected to attend.

Closed with the Declaration of Unity. Adjourned @ 8:20 pm.