

District 13 General Service Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

Opened with the Responsibility Statement at 7:00 pm.

Introductions: 25 attended in person; 3 via Zoom.

Focus – Area 36 Chair, Doug: The General Service Representative (GSR) is the most important job in Alcoholics Anonymous. The upside triangle ensures that the groups are at the top. It is important for your group to have a voice so our Delegate can perform his/her role at the General Service Conference. Questions included how the Area is doing on its budget and how Area 36 is funded. Doug answered these: Area 36 is doing well financially and funded by the groups. Doug also discussed how his role as the Area Chair is to be a conduit for information; he does not share his opinion while serving in that capacity.

Concept II – Soana presented; Annie will present Concept III in March.

Officer's Reports:

Secretary

- January minutes unanimously approved (motion by Christine, 2nd by Barb).

Treasurer

- Christine presented the financials for January, which was unanimously approved (motion by Ron, 2nd by Brian).

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- No report; open position.

DCM

- Lori forwards emails to keep all of us informed; one of which was the results from the 2022 membership survey. She has also been serving as group outreach and registrar. Lori updated the duties and responsibilities for Committee Chairs and Officers and prepared an Alano Club spreadsheet outlining all the meetings and whether they are registered with GSO, have a GSR, and are listed on the meeting guide app. On January 8th she attended the Anoka Squad Council Meeting where nine groups were represented. On January 13th she went to the Twin Lakes Alano to hear Soana speak. Soana did a fabulous job and included how general service is part of her recovery! On January 14th she attempted to log on to the Plain Language Big Book Informational Session, but the meeting via zoom had reached maximum capacity. She did forward the information received from our Delegate. Lori visited the new Grace Recovery Meeting on January 15th to get the group registered with GSO and made an outreach presentation. She also attended the Recovery, Unity, and Service Conference (RUSC) "Connecting with Love, Unity, and Service" on January 19th and 20th. A couple highlights from the weekend included: Service is gratitude made visible; there is no "they" in A.A., only "we;" nobody cares about your opinion, share your experience; and when asked to sponsor, raise your hand proudly! In addition, Lori made outreach presentations to Squad 10 at the Andover Alano on January 24th, Women of Wisdom at the Grace Lutheran Church in Andover on January 30th, and the Bethel Community Group at the Whispering Aspen Community Center on January 31st.

A Word About Commitment was read by Jessica.

Committee Reports

- Accessibilities – **Open**
- Archives – **Open**
- Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) – **Rachel** attended RUSC and connected with the Area Committee Chair. She also attended the general meeting at the Coon Rapids Alano and will be attending other general meetings at other alano clubs to look for people to serve on the CPC committee.
- Corrections – **Open**
- Grapevine – **Open**
- Group Outreach – **Open**
- Literature – **Jessica** presented on the pamphlet, "Do you think you're different?" and the deadline to submit your story for this pamphlet is April 30th.
- Public Information – **Roxanne** was appointed.
- Registrar – **Open**
- Technology – **Amy** reported. We have been receiving contributions through PayPal.

- Treatment – **Barb** also attended RUSC. Anoka Care is looking for speakers the first Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. The updated temporary contact forms are available.

Old Business

- District 13's vision for 2024 – Invite Area Committee Chairs to visit, Outreach (focusing on young people), and Workshops.
- Revise/update District 13's Financial Policy – VOTE – unanimously approved (motion by Christine, 2nd by Annie). *Mileage rate for 2024 is \$0.41.
- West Central Regional AA Service Conference – March 1-3, 2024.
- Delegate's Report / Potluck – July 16, 2024.
- Gratitude Celebration – Our Friends Place Alano hosting.
- Group Records will be changed to "Registrar" to be consistent with Area and GSO.

New Business

- Proposed Agenda Item Submission Form will be emailed so groups know how to submit an agenda item.
- Agenda items will be out mid-February, and our Delegate will identify what she believes to be the most important. Assignments to read the background material and report back were made as follows:
 - ✓ Agenda – **Lori**
 - ✓ Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) – **Rachel**
 - ✓ Corrections – **Christine**
 - ✓ Finance – **Christine**
 - ✓ Grapevine – **Jessica**
 - ✓ Literature – **Jessica**
 - ✓ Policy/Admissions – **Lori**
 - ✓ Public Information – **Roxanne**
 - ✓ Report and Charter – **Lori**
 - ✓ Treatment and Accessibilities – **Barb**
 - ✓ Trustees – **Lori**
 - ✓ Archives – **Lori**
 - ✓ International Conventions/Regional Forums – **Lori**
- GSRs were reminded to hold group consciences after the district meeting March 5th and before the Delegate's Workshop March 23rd.

GSR Sharing – Danny shared that the plain language translation could be used as a study guide, similar to the little red book.

Intergroup Phone Answering Commitment Report/Sign Up Sheet (4th Thursday of the month 4:15 until 7 pm) - No report out, but February, March, and April are covered. Looking for groups to commit to one month per year.

Intergroup Report – John reported that Gratitude Night will be held April 6th. Intergroup does an annual group outreach and different areas are targeted at different times.

Sample GSR Report – Annie presented.

Anniversaries/Announcements

- Anniversaries – Krissy had one year; Annie had two years; and Greg had 11 years.
- Area 36 Area Committee Meeting (online), February 17, 2024, from 9:30 am until 5:00 pm.
- District 13 Steering Committee Meeting, February 26, 2024, at 7:00 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.
- West Central Regional A.A. Service Conference, March 1-3, 2024, in Minot, ND or via Zoom.
- District 13 Meeting, March 5, 2024 @ 7 pm, Coon Rapids United Methodist Church and via Zoom; all Officers, GSRs, and Committee Chairs are expected to attend.
- Area 36 Area Assembly/Delegate's Workshop, Rosemount Steeple Center, 14375 South Robert Trail, Rosemount, Minnesota, March 23, 2024, from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm.

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