

District 13 General Service Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

Opened with the Responsibility Statement at 7:00 pm.

Introductions: 17 attended in person; 2 via Zoom.

Concept II – Annie presented; Danny will present Concept IV in April.

Officer's Reports:

Secretary

- February minutes unanimously approved (motion by Christine, 2nd by Jami).

Treasurer

- Christine presented the financials for February, which was unanimously approved (motion by Ron, 2nd by Lenny). There were two contributions that did not identify which groups; therefore, names are listed. We cannot accept contributions from Alano Clubs.

Alt DCM

- No report; open position.

DCM

- Lori reported working with the Area Registrar who is finally up to date on all new GSRs and groups. On February 17th she attended the Area Committee Meeting, specifically the DCM Sharing Session in the morning where they discussed why the fellowship doesn't receive agenda items earlier. They also reflected on how DCMs (or any trusted servants) are guardians of A.A.'s traditions and conference structure and they took their own Inventories as DCMs. The afternoon consisted of reports from officers and committee chairs. Our Delegate requested an extra night in New York after the conference to visit Stepping Stones (the cost is \$279). Matt B. is our new Area Alternate Chair. There was a quorum present. Archives will be holding a workshop April 20th based on the MN Model. The Pink Can Plan has spent \$7,500 so far in 2024. Treatment made a motion to change gender identification on Area 36 pamphlets; motion passed and will be brought forward to be voted on at the area assembly. The only new business was various minutes not being approved in 2019 and 2021; these will be put in the Pigeon and voted on at the assembly as well. On February 29th Lori visited the Step Sisters of Anoka group.

A Word About Commitment was read by Annie.

Committee Reports

- Accessibilities – **Open**
- Archives – **Open**
- Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) – **Rachel** attended the Area Committee Meeting, along with three others in the CPC sharing session. They discussed why it is difficult to get people involved. Possible reasons include fear of public speaking and anonymity breaks. People could take meeting information to their professional or put business cards on public bulletin boards.
- Corrections – **Open**
- Grapevine – **Open**
- Group Outreach – **Open**
- Literature – **Open**
- Public Information – **Open**
- Registrar – **Open**
- Technology – **Amy** reported (through Jami) if any updates to the website, please let her know.
- Treatment – **Barb** also attended the Area Committee Meeting; Treatment and Accessibilities is combined and had 17 in attendance. They are working on outreach within the area and presentations at various facilities. Barb will be one of the MARRCH (Minnesota Association of Recourses for Recovery and Chemical Health) attendees. The Statewide Treatment Committee has been dissolved as each Area has their own and it is location-based. Barb has been placing speakers at the Lyric Building and Grace Counseling; she is still looking for speakers at Unity, Lyric, and Grace Counseling and would like a one year commitment.

Old Business

- District 13's vision for 2024 – Invite Area Committee Chairs to visit, Outreach (focusing on young people), and Workshops.

- West Central Regional AA Service Conference – March 1-3, 2024; Lori attended, as did Brian, both via Zoom. There were 318 attendees in person and 86 via Zoom for a total of 404. Service is our gift back to A.A. We don't rotate out, we rotate on to something else. The 2024 budget has not yet been finalized, so how can our delegates make decisions without a finalized budget? The number of Class B trustees will be changing to 15 instead of 14. There is a "1728" meeting held monthly at GSO; 1728 is 12x12x12; 12 steps, 12 traditions, and 12 concepts. This meeting discusses the principles behind the step, tradition, and concept for the month and how they tie together.
- Delegate's Report / Potluck – July 16, 2024; flyers were distributed to be put up at Alano Clubs and individual group mailboxes.
- Gratitude Celebration – Our Friends Place Alano hosting; possible location is First Lutheran Church in Columbia Heights; looking at October 27th or November 3rd from 3 until 7 pm.

New Business

- Delegate's listening sessions regarding the Founders' writings – no feedback.
- Anoka County Fair – will check if Amy is going to chair; Christine will issue deposit.
- GSRs were reminded to hold group consciences after the district meeting March 5th and before the Delegate's Workshop March 23rd.

Focus – 74th General Service Conference Agenda Items / Impact Items. Last year's conference report is available. There are 83 agenda items and 11 high impact. Discuss with your groups and bring to the Delegate's workshop March 23rd.

GSR Sharing – None.

Intergroup Phone Answering Commitment Report/Sign Up Sheet (4th Thursday of the month 4:15 until 7 pm) - Looking for groups to commit to one month per year – May, June, July, and August are open.

Intergroup Report – No report out, but information emailed.

Sample GSR Report – None.

Anniversaries/Announcements

- Anniversaries – None.
- 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.
- District 13 Steering Committee Meeting, March 25, 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.
- District 13 Meeting, April 2, 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 @ 8:25 pm.