

District 13 General Service Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

Opened with the Responsibility Statement at 7:00 pm.

Introductions: 21 attended in person; 2 via Zoom.

Concept IV – Danny presented; Jami will present Concept V in May.

Officer's Reports:

Secretary

- March minutes unanimously approved (motion by Danny, 2nd by Ron).

Treasurer

- Christine presented the financials for March, which was unanimously approved (motion by Ron, 2nd by Tim). She also discussed the Blue Can Plan, which provides conference-approved literature to county/state-funded treatment centers.

Alt DCM

- No report; open position.

DCM

- Lori reported working with the Area Registrar to make sure all groups are both registered with GSO and listed on the Minnesota Meeting Finder. She sent emails to previous GSRs identified on Fellowship Connection inviting them to attend district meetings. She also is completing a list for the Alano Clubs relating to which squads are registered with GSO, have GSRs, and listed on the Meeting Guide App. Lori attended the Ramsey AA Meeting at Lord of Life Church on March 11th and Squad 5 at the Andover Alano on March 12th; both contribute to District 13. She also brought literature to the Substance Use Awareness, Prevention & Recovery Event at Anoka Ramsey Community College on March 20th and had a sponsee who lives in Cambridge do so for the same event at the Cambridge Campus the following day, March 21st. Lori attended the Area Assembly and Delegate's Workshop on March 23rd. Area 36 has spent \$20,000 of the Pink Can Plan! Group contributions are \$14,828 so far; total income is \$22,016, total expenses are \$19,431; net operating income is \$2,585. Much of the day was spent on breakout sessions for the General Service Conference Agenda Items and informing (not instructing) the Delegate.

A Word About Commitment was read by Jody.

Committee Reports

- Accessibilities – **Open**
- Archives – **Open**
- Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) – **No Report Out**
- Corrections – **Open**
- Grapevine – **Open**
- Group Outreach – **Open**
- Literature – **Open**
- Public Information – **Open**
- Registrar – **Open**
- Technology – **Amy** reported keeping the website updated. You can now email the Treatment Committee Chair directly if interested in speaking commitments. The website is dist13southernmn.org.
- Treatment – **Barb** gave her report to Lori who reported Barb spoke at Unity Out-Patient Program on March 10th where there were 9 patients and 4 requested Big Books! She gave them 4 used Big Books, and one new one that day. She has since ordered 7 more Big Books and will deliver them to the Lyric Building. Barb spoke with staff who were going to ask the Allina Foundation to provide \$500 to purchase BB for the patients who request them. She is waiting to hear what they decide. Barb is still looking for speakers, so contact her if interested. In addition, she also attended the Area Assembly and Delegate's Workshop on March 23rd and a final vote was taken for gender inclusive language to be included in the Bridging the Gap-Temporary Contract Program pamphlet passing 63/3.

Old Business

- District 13's vision for 2024 – Invite Area Committee Chairs to visit, Outreach (focusing on young people), and Workshops.
- Area 36 Area Assembly/Delegate's Workshop – March 23, 2024. Soana reported a lot of discussion and opinions. You can email the delegate with your group's conscience until the end of April or before the Conference begins.
- Delegate's Report / Potluck – July 16, 2024 – continue to distribute flyers.
- Gratitude Celebration – Our Friends Place Alano hosting; will be held November 3rd at the First Lutheran Church in Columbia Heights. There will be a flyer by next month.

New Business

- Anoka County Fair Info Booth – July 23-28, 2024. Amy will be chairing again and create a sign up QR Code. Shifts will be two hours, and the District pays for your ticket into the fair. Christine will be making the deposit next week.

Focus – Listed vs. Registered Groups; Steering Committee Meetings

- Lori discussed the difference between groups being listed on the meeting app and registered with GSO. She also discussed what takes place at Steering Committee Meetings and who is to attend.

GSR Sharing – Amy shared an issue with abuse by a sponsor and reminded everyone about Safety In The Rooms.

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.

Sample GSR Report – Amy

Anniversaries/Announcements

- Anniversaries – Amy had 18 months; Brian had 23 years.
- District 13 Steering Committee Meeting, April 29, 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.
- Area 36 Committee Meeting, May 4, 2024, at 9:30 am via Zoom.
- District 13 Meeting, May 7, 2024, @ 7 pm, Coon Rapids United Methodist Church and via Zoom; all Officers, GSRs, and Committee Chairs are expected to attend.
- Area 36 Assembly, June 22, 2024, at 9:00 am at Safe Harbor Properties, 2110 Hwy 14 E Frontage, Rochester, Minnesota.

Closed with the Declaration of Unity. Adjourned @ 8:00 pm.