

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

Opened with the Responsibility Statement at 7:00 pm.

Introductions: 20 attended in person; 2 via Zoom.

Focus – Area 36 Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Chair – Anna attended and explained how professionals are a great referral to help the still suffering alcoholic. Professionals can speak at the public level without breaking anonymity. The CPC Committee reaches out to professionals and lets them know what A.A. does and what it does not do. It can also refer professionals to other 12-steps programs as needed. If you would like more information, email cpc@area36.org.

Lori piggybacked on this and passed around a pamphlet entitled, “Sponsor Your Professional,” along with business cards containing the meeting guide app. Any member of A.A. can talk to professionals in their life including doctors, lawyers, accountants, pastors, therapists, etc. and inform them about A.A.

Lori also mentioned that Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community can overlap, as she was asked to come back to the Coon Rapids Middle School for an AAI presentation to 8th graders, which is scheduled for May 28th.

Concept VI – Jami presented via Amy; Josh will present Concept VI in June.

Officer's Reports:

Secretary

- April minutes unanimously approved (motion by Ron, 2nd by Jody).

Treasurer

- Lori presented the financials for April, which was unanimously approved (motion by Brian, 2nd by Ron). She also reported GSO's quarterly reports from the fourth quarter of 2023 (District 13 contributed \$1,564.86; \$3,093.52 for the entire year) and the first quarter of 2024 (District 13 contributed \$509.17).

Alt DCM

- No report; open position.

DCM

- Lori reported continuing to work the Area Registrar to make sure all groups are both registered with GSO and listed on the Minnesota Meeting Finder. She prepared and distributed a spreadsheet of meetings at the seven Alano Clubs in District 13. Most of her outreach has been on these meetings, and she plans to focus on meetings held outside of Alano clubs during the remaining of her term. There are 20 cities in District 13; Lori has a list of 24 meetings she will attempt to visit. Lori asked if anyone took the Box 459 survey emailed out. Box 459 is the quarterly report about news and notes from the General Service Office. She highlighted the Winter edition that included announcing two new staff members – Kelley C. – Treatment/Accessibilities and Rainer L. – Corrections. The Grapevine released a new softcover book entitled, “Our Twelve Steps.” The 2025 International Convention is in Vancouver, British Columbia, July 3-6, 2025. The 2030 IC will be held in St. Louis, MO, and the 100th Anniversary of AA in 2035 will be held in Indianapolis, IN July 4-7, 2035. Attendance for 2025 is expected at 45,000+. Lori attended the Area Committee Meeting May 4th. Discussions during the DCM Sharing included whether our districts have completed an Inventory, what functions our districts do to get groups involved, do districts have a budget, and do districts host our Delegate for a report back (when and where). Does the district want us to conduct an Inventory? A couple districts do this, but it might be more beneficial to just take a personal inventory and read a word about commitment. It is the responsibility of the Alt DCM to host workshops and we don't have one. We do have our Gratitude Celebration and now a potluck for the Delegate's Report Back. Some districts do an annual picnic or holiday party and miscellaneous workshops. With regard to the budget, we are good asking for committee input and presenting it before year end. A lot of districts do host the Delegate. The afternoon consisted of officer and committee chair reports. Our Delegate, Meg, reported that the manuscript for the plain language (a tool to read the A.A. Big Book) was approved! We have a new West Central Regional Trustee – Charlie H., who was picked from the hat. He is from Area 41 – Nebraska. Contributions to Area 36 are down as compared to last year at this time. The PI Chair will be sending out an email to all DCMs about volunteering to be a day captain for the Minnesota State Fair, which means that day is filled with volunteers from District 13. If District 13 is interested, please let her know. We will revisit this next month.

A Word About Commitment was read by Annie.

Committee Reports

- Accessibilities – **Open**
- Archives – **Open**
- Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) – **Rachel is willing to go to general meetings or Alano Clubs to discuss CPC.**
- Corrections – **Open; Brian attended the Area Committee Meeting Corrections Break Out Session and reported back that they are holding off on changing the gender neutral changes to their pamphlets; they are spending down the Pink Can Plan; and temporary contacts are significantly down so need to build that back up.**
- Grapevine – **Open**
- Group Outreach – **Open**
- Literature – **Open**
- Public Information – **Open**
- Registrar – **Open**
- Technology – **Amy** reported keeping the website updated. The website is dist13southernmn.org.
- Treatment – **Barb** reported that the Lyric Building is looking for daytime speakers. The script she put together for speakers was approved for the Area as well!

Old Business

- District 13's vision for 2024 – Invite Area Committee Chairs to visit, Outreach (focusing on young people), and Workshops.
- Delegate's Report / Potluck – July 16, 2024 – continue to distribute flyers.
- Anoka County Fair Info Booth – July 23-28, 2024. Amy created a google sign up and a flyer, which was distributed. Shifts will be two hours, and the District pays for your ticket into the fair. (The following individuals will distribute flyers at the various Alano Clubs: Lori-Andover; Josh-Anoka; Amy-Blaine; Ron-Our Friends Place; Barb-Coon Rapids; Annie-Fridley; and Nicole-NE Recovery Room.)
- Gratitude Celebration – Our Friends Place Alano hosting; will be held November 3rd at the First Lutheran Church in Columbia Heights from 2 until 5 pm. Flyers for distribution were distributed to the same individuals listed above.

New Business

- What do GSR's want? Greg mentioned it would be nice to have a group chat for GSR's to post questions or keep in communication. We will change GSR Sharing to GSR Sharing/Questions on the agenda and Lori will look into a chat forum. Nicole asked about the Singleness of Purpose and how to "enforce" this at meetings.
- District 13 will change from Zoom to Google Meets as it is free and any officer can host.

GSR Sharing – Nothing in addition to New Business.

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, July, August, and September are open. Annie with Squad 5 at the Fridley Alano Society committed to June!

Intergroup Report – No report out.

Sample GSR Report – None.

Anniversaries/Announcements

- Anniversaries – Rachel had 18 months; Barb had 3 years.
- District 13 Steering Committee Meeting, May 27, 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, June 4, 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 @ 8:15 pm.