

District 13 General Service Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

Opened with the Responsibility Statement at 7:00 pm.

Introductions: 17 attended in person; 4 via Zoom.

Focus – Minneapolis Intergroup Rep – John attended and explained what an intergroup or central office does including providing 24-hour/day phone answering, maintaining a 12th step call list, selling conference-approved literature and Grapevine books, and holding orientation meetings. An intergroup is often referred to as the “front door” of A.A. To stand for the board, you must submit an application form by September 12th, and elections will be held shortly thereafter. The Minneapolis Intergroup is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. It holds a Winter and Summer Open House, along with Gratitude Night and hosts a suite a Gopher State.

Concept VI – Josh presented; Nicole will present Concept VIII in August.

Officer's Reports:

Secretary

- May minutes unanimously approved (motion by Christine, 2nd by Rachel).

Treasurer

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

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- No report; open position.

DCM

- Lori reported she answered phones at Minneapolis Intergroup May 23rd. She also went to the Coon Rapids Middle School for an AAI presentation to 8th graders on May 28th. Lori did an outreach presentation at Pin Night at the Fridley Alano on June 1st and attended a zoom only meeting (Women's Experience, Strength, and Hope) on June 2nd. She discussed a confidential report she received from the 74th Annual General Service Conference regarding an Inventory the General Service Board took of themselves on January 26th. Lori highlighted a few important questions/answers she thought were relevant to district meetings and A.A. groups.
 - **What are three ways we can improve to better serve A.A.?** Improve communication with standard, consistent messaging; manage workflow to match the time available; and include all perspectives in the discussion.
 - **How do we ensure that trustees have an opportunity to express their opinion or any concern?** Avoid meetings in the hallway. Let everyone have the benefit of hearing.
 - **How can we better use Language of the Heart when communicating about the business of A.A.?** Listen like we have no opinion and trust each other.
 - **How do we guard against becoming a “seat of perilous wealth or power?”** Rotation.
 - **How will we fully utilize the spiritual principles of A.A. to address leadership problems? How do we incorporate all 36 principles in Board discussions and decisions?** We fail in our responsibility to those we serve, to our mission, and to our common welfare by accepting unacceptable conduct either by participating in it or by saying nothing instead of raising matters of concern to the entity responsible to address it.

A Word About Commitment was read by Chris.

Committee Reports

- Accessibilities – **Open**
- Archives – **Open**
- Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) – **Rachel** attended the AAI presentation Lori did to 8th graders at the Coon Rapids Middle School and is willing to do more of them. She is also available to discuss CPC and has business cards if anyone is interested.
- Corrections – **Open**
- Grapevine – **Open**
- Group Outreach – **Open**
- Literature – **Open**
- Public Information – **Open**

- Registrar – **Open**
- Technology – **No report out.**
- Treatment – **Lori** reported for Barb that Canvas Health in Coon Rapids is looking for speakers on Tuesdays at 11 am. Email treatmentchairdist13@gmail.com if interested.

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 – continue to distribute flyers and encourage people to sign up for shifts.
- 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.
- We will switch from Zoom to Google Meet for our Steering Committee Meetings and for the hybrid District Meetings. Amy will update the website to reflect this too.

New Business

- Google Chat was enabled for GSRs to post questions or comments. Lori asked that GSRs post to see if it is working.
- District 13 will not take a day at the Minnesota State Fair, but anyone interested in volunteering can email pi@area36.org.

GSR Sharing – A question was asked as to what the birthday plan is. The Birthday Plan is contributing \$3.65 for your first year sober to each of the four entities – GSO, Area, District, and Intergroup, and adding \$1 to each year thereafter.

The Twin Lakes Alano is celebrating 50 years July 20, 2024. It is located in Brooklyn Center. For more information or tickets, contact Geno @ genog1960@gmail.com or Michael @ michaelmn12@ymail.com.

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 – August and September are open.

Sample GSR Report – None.

Anniversaries/Announcements

- Anniversaries – Christine had 34 years; Chris had 7 years; and Lori had 4 years.
- Area 36 Assembly, June 22, 2024, at 9:00 am at Safe Harbor Properties, 2110 Hwy 14 E Frontage, Rochester, Minnesota.
- Joint Area 35/36 Committees Meeting, July 20, 2024, from 1:00 until 3:00 pm via Zoom.
- District 13 Steering Committee Meeting, July 29, 2024, at 7:00 pm via Google Meet; **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, August 3, 2024, from 9:30 am until 5:00 pm via Zoom.
- District 13 Meeting, August 6, 2024, @ 7 pm, Coon Rapids United Methodist Church and via Google Meet; all Officers, GSRs, and Committee Chairs are expected to attend.

Closed with the Declaration of Unity. Adjourned @ 8:05 pm.