

District 13 General Service Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

Opened with the Responsibility Statement at 7:00 pm.

Introductions: 18 attended in person; 3 via Google Meet.

Concept XI – Krissy presented; Rani will present Concept XII in December.

Officer's Reports:

Secretary

- October minutes unanimously approved (motion by Christine, 2nd by Val).

Treasurer

- Christine presented October financials, which were unanimously approved (motion by Val, 2nd by Annie). She also explained the Blue Can Plan (literature for county/state-funded treatment facilities in Anoka County) and the Pink Can Plan (literature for correctional facilities in Area 36). Brian gave a report regarding the Pink Can Plan and that it had \$52,000 at the beginning of the year and \$20,000 have been spent.

Alt DCM

- No report; open position.

DCM

- Lori reported attending the Area Assembly on October 19th in New Ulm. New Officers were elected and the 2025 Budget was passed. I estimated 60 people in attendance and 39 on Zoom, so about 100 people. Doug is our new Delegate from the hat; Jennifer (DCM) is our new Alt Delegate after 3rd vote (72.5%); Matt is our new Area Chair from the hat; Eric is our new Alt Chair after 1st vote (68.8%); Treasurer is open; and Jennifer is our new Secretary after 2nd vote (85.3%). She also reported that the West Central Regional Service Conference is February 28-March 2, 2025, in Casper, WY; the West Central Regional Forum is September 19-21, 2025, in Omaha, NE; and the West Central Regional Service Conference is February 27-March 1, 2026, in Cedar Rapids, IA. In addition, Lori reported that there are 115 proposed agenda items (deadline to submit was September 30th). Some of the reports from Committee Chairs included: The Corrections Chair, Craig, reported attending 3 transition fairs since the last assembly and the temporary contacts went from 500 down to 87, so please sign up as a temporary contact. The Registrar, Justin, reported 838 active groups in Fellowship Connection. The Public Information Chair, Sarah, discussed getting bigger signage for the Minnesota State Fair. The Treatment Chair, Patrick, talked about the Professional Breakfast being held November 13th, which is right after the MARRCH conference hoping those that attend that also come to the breakfast. Lori emailed the flyer and reminded everyone to give it to any professionals at treatment facilities you speak at. If you like to proofread and are looking for a service opportunity, please email newsletter@area36.org to help with the Pigeon. The name submitted from Area 36 for the West Central Region for the Trustee at Large (United States) to be voted on in 2025 at the Annual General Service Convention was Angie E. was the name who won the vote (73.5%); she was our 61st Panel Delegate.

A Word About Commitment was read by Annie.

Minneapolis Intergroup Report – Andy D. is our new Minneapolis Intergroup Board Liaison and made an Intergroup Report.

Committee Reports

- Accessibilities – **Open**
- Archives – **Open**
- Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) – **Rachel is putting together gift bags along with a list of clinic managers for primary care clinics and hopes to deliver these before the end of the year.**
- Corrections – **Open**
- Grapevine – **Open**
- Group Outreach – **Open**
- Literature – **Open**
- Public Information – **Open**
- Registrar – **Open**

- Technology – **Website is now up to date; we may want to add links to Area 36 with the Temporary Contact info for both Corrections and Treatment. Lori will contact the webmaster for Area 36 to see if we can do this.**
- Treatment – **Barb attended the Area Assembly in New Ulm and the Treatment Facilities Booth for the MAARCH conference. She reported Grace Counseling is strictly days now and Unity outpatient is at 10 am; both looking for speakers.**

Old Business

- District 13's vision for 2024 – Invite Area Committee Chairs to visit, Outreach (focusing on young people), and Workshops.
- Spotlight on Opioids and Overdose – hosted by the Anoka County Opioid Solutions Initiative; great event with 35 vendors.
- Gratitude Celebration – Our Friends Place Alano hosted and did a fabulous job! There were 40 in attendance. The speakers were great and the food was delicious!
- Recovery, Unity, and Service Conference (RUSC) – January 17-19, 2025 – continue to distribute flyers.

New Business

- 2025 Budget – please discuss with your groups; we will vote in December.
- Intergroup Phone Answering Commitment the 4th Thursday of every month will be done at the end of the year. There was a second no-show for October. Serenity Sisters will answer in December, and then Intergroup will open it up.
- The Lino Lakes Correctional Facility is looking for volunteers to bring in meetings to the men's minimum security. More information will be emailed and those interested should let Lori know.

Focus – Elections (19 voting; need 14 for 2/3)

- DCM – **Barb** (15) / Annie (4)
- Alt DCM – Annie (12) / Ron (7); second vote **Annie** (16) / Ron (3)
- Secretary – **Rachel** (no contest)
- Treasurer – **Krissy** (no contest)

GSR Questions/Sharing

- Lori mentioned GSRs emailing or texting her saying “I’m sorry, but I can’t serve anymore.” It is your responsibility to tell your group and your group to elect another GSR. Val discussed that her group is uneasy about nobody standing for Area Treasurer.

Sample GSR Report was given by Alex.

Anniversaries/Announcements

- Anniversaries – Tim had 9 years; Rachel had 2 years.
- District 13 Steering Committee Meeting, November 25, 2024, at 7:00 pm via Google Meets; **all Officers and Committee Chairs are expected to attend.** If you would like something added to the agenda, please attend.
- District 13 Meeting, December 3, 2024, @ 7 pm, Coon Rapids United Methodist Church and via Google Meets; all Officers, GSRs, and Committee Chairs are expected to attend.
- Area Committee Meeting, December 7, 2024, from 9:30 am until 5:00 pm via Zoom.
- **Trusted Servant Leadership Training, December 14, 2024, from 10 am until 1 pm via Zoom.**

Closed with the Declaration of Unity. Adjourned @ 8:25 pm.