

**District 13 General Service Meeting Minutes**  
**August 6, 2024 @ 7:00 pm**

Opened with the Responsibility Statement at 7:00 pm.

**Introductions:** 17 attended in person; 1 via Google Meet.

**Concept VIII** – Nicole presented; Alex will present Concept IX in September.

**Officer's Reports:**

**Secretary**

- June minutes unanimously approved (motion by Lenny, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Val).

**Treasurer**

- Christine was unavailable, but June/July financials were emailed.

**Alt DCM**

- No report; open position.

**DCM**

- Lori reported attending one new meeting in the past couple months, which happened to be dark. She received notice from the Grapevine that an article she wrote for the CPC work she did is going to be published in the October edition. Lori attended the Area Committee Meeting on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The DCM sharing session included elections, which historically District 13 has had in November. She also talked about what she has learned as DCM in the past 18 months and what goals she has moving forward in General Service. Lori reported learning not to take things personally, and to listen to experience, not opinions. Her goal moving forward is to take some time to "stand at the door" for the newcomer, but she will be back to general service in the future. She also provided some ideas of what other districts are doing to reach the still suffering alcoholic:
  - ✓ District 8 (St. Paul) took out a billboard off Snelling and Marshall.
  - ✓ District 17 (Carver, McLeod and Sibley Counties) is outreaching to seniors.
  - ✓ District 18 (Minneapolis) advertised PSAs at 12 bars near the Pride Festival, which is the second largest festival in the state (MN State Fair is number one).
  - ✓ District 22 (Golden Valley, St. Louis Park, Minnetonka) is outreaching to jails.
- The afternoon of the ACM consisted of officer and committee reports. Our Delegate, Meg, reported that the "Plain Language Big Book: A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous" is expected to be out in November and will cost \$11. Our Chairperson, Doug, reported that the 2025 Calendar is done with a couple changes. First, the Trusted Servant Leadership Training will be moved to December instead of January, and, second, the Area Inventory will be completed in the first year instead of the second. Lastly, Area Assemblies will be hybrid next year and yet this year for the October Area Assembly/Elections in October!
- There are several items the Area is asking to hear back from, which are detailed below:
  - ✓ 2025 Budget.
  - ✓ Changing "Grapevine" Committee to "Grapevine/LaVina" to show unity as the GSC has done this already.
  - ✓ Making Area 36's Action Book accessible. The action book is our history and contains all motions made and what happened to them. The Structure Committee has been working on this and has made it anonymity protected. It is currently available but only if you have an area36 email address. Should it be made accessible to anyone? It would be a searchable pdf. The vote was 80% yes and 3% no.
  - ✓ The West Central Regional Service Conference is funded solely by attendance. Is there a way we can contribute? The Finance Chair brought up a discussion about contributing 75% of the budgeted, but unused travel/registration fees. Feedback was that the WCRSC should be charging more, and 7<sup>th</sup> tradition one entity receives should not be given to another entity.
- Mark your calendars for RUSC – Recovery, Unity, and Service Conference for January 17-19; flyers were distributed.
- Lori also reported on the AAWS Highlights from June 2024 highlighting that the reserve fund for GSO is at 6.3 months (target is 9-12 months) and on the June 26, 2024, letter from our GSO General Manager that set forth that more than 32,000 groups and members contributed to GSO from January to May 2024, which is a 4% increase from what is typically received during this period. However, net literature sales (literature income) decreased by \$200,000 for the same time period. Expenses are trending under budget and GSO is current with accounts payable and have no past due balances! This wasn't the case a year ago!
- Lastly, Lori mentioned that the Anoka Pride Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 7, 2025. She asked if there was any interest for an AA Booth or PSAs in bathrooms around the area. Planning will start up in January and you can email [Anokaprideday@gmail.com](mailto:Anokaprideday@gmail.com).

**A Word About Commitment** was read by Josh.

## Committee Reports

- Accessibilities – **Open**
- Archives – **Open**
- Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) – **Rachel was present, but no report out.**
- Corrections – **Open**
- Grapevine – **Open**
- Group Outreach – **Open**
- Literature – **Open**
- Public Information – **Open**
- Registrar – **Open**
- Technology – **No report out.**
- Treatment – **Barb reported that the Unity Lyric Building has moved to 520 Osborne Road; there is a new database being worked on at the Area level for the temporary contact program; and Area 36 will be hosting a breakfast for treatment center professionals sometime in November. The breakfast will be for staff and/or owners of treatment centers so that they know the treatment committee can provide literature, temporary contacts, and meetings. Barb will also be attending the MARRCH conference at the St. Paul River Center the end of October.**

## 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 was July 16, 2024. Feedback included the report was the same as at the Area Assembly, but GSRs liked the opportunity to hear it in District 13 and the fellowship of the potluck. The delegate has the choice to give the full report at the Area Assembly or a condensed version; some years the full report is only available at the districts.
- Anoka County Fair Info Booth was July 23-28, 2024. Feedback included not as much traffic or vendors this year, but you never know when a seed may be planted. The mint tins were a great hit!
- Gratitude Celebration – Our Friends Place Alano hosting; November 3, 2024 – continue to distribute flyers.
- Google Chat was enabled for GSRs to post questions or comments; there has been none, so this will be abandoned.

## New Business

- Joint Areas 35/36 Committee Meeting July 20<sup>th</sup> – no one attended.
- The Area Public Information Chair will be invited to our September district meeting.

**GSR Sharing** – How do we get others involved in general service? Remind them of the third part of the triangle – service. Incorporate general service into your story. In addition, there was a new person, Tina, at our meeting from Bloomington, who found the information on our website. Her district is dark and she is visiting districts to obtain ideas on how a good district meeting is run.

**Focus** – District Officers Job Descriptions (see attached). Please review these and consider being of service.

**Intergroup Phone Answering Commitment Report/Sign Up Sheet** (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month 4:15 until 7 pm) - Looking for groups to commit to one month per year – September 26 is open.

**Intergroup Report** – None.

**Sample GSR Report** – Val.

## Anniversaries/Announcements

- Anniversaries – Krissy had 18 months; Alex had 13 years; Lenny had 40 years; and Dave had 41 years.
- District 13 Steering Committee Meeting, August 26, 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.
- District 13 Meeting, September 3, 2024, @ 7 pm, Coon Rapids United Methodist Church and via Google Meet; all Officers, GSRs, and Committee Chairs are expected to attend.
- Area Assembly (Budget and Elections), October 19, 2024, from 9:30 am until 5:00 pm, New Ulm Conference Center (in person only), 2101 South Broadway, New Ulm, Minnesota.

Closed with the Declaration of Unity. Adjourned @ 8:20 pm.