

DISTRICT 18 MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

Attendance: Cynthia, Sean, Gary, Marilyn, Donna, Tim, Tad, Manny, Mary, Josh, and Judy.

TRADITION AND CONCEPT READ:

SECRETARY REPORT: Judy. Minutes from the August meeting were passed out to everyone. Motion was made by Marilyn and seconded by Gary to approve. Approved.

TREASURER REPORT: Judy. Activity since last meeting was a \$250.00 contribution from the Little Falls Alano Club. The current balance in our checkbook is \$2,562.22. Motion was made by Sean and seconded by Gary to approve. Approved.

DCM REPORT: Cynthia. Attached is the report.

ARCHIVES: Gary. Everything is up to date. Gary reported that every three months he sends the financial statement and our minutes to Mark, the Area Archives Chairman. He will also send along anything else pertaining to the district's archives if applicable.

CORRECTIONS: Chuck. As of September 1, 2026, Chuck has relinquished his position as Chairman of District 18 Corrections. Manny has been nominated and approved to serve as Alt-Corrections Chair until December 31, 2027, at which time he could be nominated and serve as Corrections Chair for 2 more years. Gary made a motion to have Manny serve the rest of Chuck's term as Alt-Corrections Chair, seconded by Donna. All approved.

GRAPEVINE: Donna. She will be going around to the different meetings in our District, spreading the word about the Grapevine. Printed subscription is \$36.00 per year. Digital subscription if \$29.99 per year. Other benefits of the Grapevine are APPS, PODCASTS, INSTAGRAM, YOUTUBE, BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, and Misc. Related items. SUPPORT is needed for the Grapevine. Help her spread the word.

GSR REPORTS:

Long Prairie: Tuesday attendance 16-18. Thursday attendance 16-18.

Browerville: Attendance 7.

Verndale: Attendance 12.

Eagle Bend: No report.

Parkers Prairie: No report.

Clarissa: 4:30 Open Step/Sponsorship meeting 6-7. 5:30 Open Big Book Study 10-15. 7:00 Closed topic meeting 15-25.

Osakis: 18-20 attendance.

Little Falls: 5th & 5th attendance 10-15. Courage To Change attendance 15-20.

Bricks: 6-10 attendance.

Motley: Sobriety Sisters attendance 6-7.

Staples: Attendance 7.

BUSINESS DISCUSSED

- Any group wanting flyers distributed should follow this procedure. Send to Cynthia those items you want on the Area Website and/or the Northern Lights. Send to Judy those items you want on the District Website and/or District Minutes.
- The Motley Sobriety Sisters and the Staples group will be putting on a 4th Step Workshop sometime in the coming Spring. The date has not yet been set. Tad is furnishing them with material he has used in the past to help them with this workshop.
- A bill for \$31.00 was approved to reimburse Cynthia for copies printed. Sean made the motion; Josh seconded, all approved.
- A booklet entitled Final Report 2025 WORKING TOGETHER, INCREASING TRUST, from the 75th Annual Meeting held this past April in New York is available FOR PURCHASE. Copies are \$5.00 each. Anyone wishing for a copy is to notify Cynthia before September 15. The district 18 board approved purchasing 10 copies @\$5.00/each to be distributed amongst the board members who wish for a copy.

FUTURE EVENTS

1. Next board meeting will be October 6, 2026, 5:30, Long Prairie Alano Club. All are welcome.
2. STAPLES group will be having their GRATITUDE DINNER POTLUCK on Saturday, November 21st at the CHURCH OF CHRIST, 27343 490th St., Staples, MN. 5:00 Fellowship, 5:30 Dinner, a round of GRATITUDE

to follow. Turkey and Potatoes provided. Please bring a dish to share.

3. ANYONE who has an event to share please contact Cynthia or Judy and we will assist.

Meeting closed with Responsibility Statement:

I AM RESPONSIBLE. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that I AM RESPONSIBLE.

Respectfully submitted:

Judy D.

9-2-26

CURRENT ROTATION SCHEDULE - JANUARY 1, 2026
thru DECEMBER 31, 2027

At the September 1, 2026, District 18 Meeting the following information was discussed regarding rotation.

The current officers will serve until December 31, 2027.

In July of 2027, Sean volunteered to put out a flyer announcing the rotation of officers. *At the September 2027 meeting, voting will take place to elect new officers. On January 1, 2028, new officers begin serving their two-year term.

ROTATION SCHEDULE – JANUARY 1, 2028 thru
DECEMBER 31, 2029.

In July of 2029, a flyer will be put out announcing the rotation of officers. *At the September 2029 meeting, voting will take place to elect new officers. On January 1, 2030, new officers begin serving their two-year term.

*Voting in the month of September prior to new officers taking office in January of the following year was based upon the new people being offered the opportunity to accompany the current officer to the Fall Assembly to attend the GSR and DCM Orientation sessions that take place.

(After the discussion of this item, it was the consensus of the district 18 officers to proceed with this decision.)

DCM Report District Meeting 9/1/26

I attended the August 2, 2026 Area Committee Meeting in Atkin.

We had 2 PAI items to discuss and vote on.

1. To Publish the 2022 72nd Conference Article: "Procedure for a Partial or Complete Reorganization of the General Service Board, the A.A.W.S. or the Grapevine Board" into the AA Service Manual Appendix. After discussion, the PAI was PASSED.
2. To increase the price of the Grapevine so that it would be self supporting. After discussion, the PAI passed.

Committee and DCM reports were given – it was interesting to see all the activities in the area this summer. AA's were very active!

Several additional items were discussed:

1. Electronic voting – that committee is continuing to explore options which meet the groups needs and cost little or are free. They hope to have applications to share at the Fall Assembly.
2. The new Area 35 website has been tested and approved and should be launched by now. Please check it out.

The Area Budget was emailed out – we will be voting on it at the Fall Assembly October 3-4th so please get with your groups to discuss and come with questions/comments.

Cynthia
DCM District 18