



District 4 of Area 35 Northern Minnesota

March 30, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Present: Jay B, Greg C, Kari B, Tom M, Dillon S, Ryan M, Jim T, Kiara V, Mary S, Dee Dee.B, Jim Z, Tony B, Scott S, Tony F

Opened with a moment of silence for the still suffering alcoholic.

MOTION (Mary S/Greg C) to approve February 23, 2025, minutes. MCU

*Please note that minutes are always available on the District 4 website.

Old Business:

A. Jay B met with someone from the Alano Board, and they are discussing the fees for 2025. Fees will not be in effect until May.

New Business:

A. **Discussion of possible usage of District funds** – Jim T presented a handout *“Thoughts Regarding Expenditure of “Excess” District Funds for Appropriate AA Activities.”* Can this be for the greater good of Alcoholic Anonymous?

Thoughts?

- Kiara suggested going to different meetings throughout the District and bringing AA literature along
- Greg C – Discussion on workshops in the District about sponsorship and needing GSR representatives from every group. The DCM along with other members can reach out to all groups in the District to help them feel a part of District 4.
- Use other District officers and Area 35 members for knowledge on how to host an event.
- Mary S present copies of the 2025 budget for discussion of possible usage of District funds.
- Greg C mentioned web designer fees might change.

B. **Newcomer packets** - Kari will work with others to keep an inventory on hand and a list of what goes into the packet.

Additional Agenda Items:

A. **Medallions Discussion** – currently Alano Board orders them. Lakes Area Primary Purpose AA group has a binder of medallions they will donate to take to groups needing them. During January 18, 2025, District meeting, there was a discussion about medallion night and ordering medallions. The Alano Board would need to complete an inventory of medallions on hand. District 4 would need to purchase the medallions. Tabled until more discussion with Alano Board.

B. Cancellation of June 29th and July 27th District meetings. MOTION: (Greg C/Dillon S) to cancel July 27th District meeting. MCU

C. Spring Assembly, Jay is unable to attend and would like someone to attend in his place for District 4 – Jim T will go

Officer Reports;

DCM – Jay B – talked to Emmet from Alanon Board about rent. He would like other AA members to go with him when he goes to meetings in District 4.

ALT DCM – Jim T – “Plain Language Big Book” first 164 pages at a 5th grade level. He read excerpts from both the *Big Book* and the *Plain Language Big Book*.

Secretary – Dee Dee B will email all minutes to GSR’s and officers

Treasurer – Mary S – Presented both February and March Treasurer’s Reports. Beginning balance for February of \$3641.03 + credits of \$150 – debits of \$51.54 - \$500 prudent reserve = \$3239.49.

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MOTION: (Kiara V/Kari B) to increase District prudent reserve to \$1000. MCU

MOTION: (Kari/B /Kiara V) to approve the February and March Treasurer’s Report. MCU

PI/CPC: Ryan M has the master meeting list. 300 new meeting lists are on hand. He met with Alomere and needs additional materials.

Literature – Kari B – has had a few requests for the “*Plain Language Big Book*” Teen Challenge reimbursed District 4 for Big Books and 12 X 12. She will place another book order. Book sales for February and March = \$806.

Treatment –. Kiara V worked with Teen Challenge for Big Ole and the vetting process for mentors who want to bring meetings to Teen Challenge. Kiara is working with Chris.

Hotline – Tom M– going well with calls, he gets a few occasionally

Corrections: Dillon S - not a lot of jail meetings, this has been a challenge as they need staff.

Web Manager – Greg C – everything current on website. The link for District officers to their personal email is not functioning behind the scenes. Website hits over 6000 per month. St. Cloud does a seminar for hotline workers, check Area 35.org website. Someone asked if meeting lists were current on the websites. The Area 35 and Area 36 webmasters have control, and these are not always correct. The meeting guide application is 98% correct. GSO is using computer algorithms to check national meeting lists.

GSR Reports:

Alexandria Saturday 10:00 am – Tom M – have average groups, treasurer struggling with donations, doing alright, and new people

Glenwood Big Book Study Tuesday 7:00 pm -Jim T – attendance low due to weather-related events, 7 to 9, finances in good shape, new treasurer

Elbow Lake Thursday 7:00 pm -Tony B – 6 to 8, financially doing good, looking for ways to spend money, hosting June 14th Round Robin

Alexandria Lakes Area Primary Purpose Thursday 7:00 pm First Lutheran Church – Ryan M – looking for speakers and financially sound

Alexandria Monday 12:00 pm - Greg C– 6 to 16, doing good financially, newcomers every month

Alexandria Friday 12:00 pm – Mary S – 10 -12 and financially stable

Ashby Not So Straight Arrows Wednesday 6:00 pm – Jim Z – 3 to 6 with a newcomer every once in a while

Alexandria Wednesday 7:00 pm. – Scott S – doing great, had Medallion night on March 29th with 2 speakers

Alexandria As Bill Sees It Thursday 8:00 pm – Dillon S – financially stable

Alexandria Women’s Group Tuesday 6:30 pm - Kiara V– doing really well, 20 people, made financial donations

Alexandria New for You Friday 7:00 pm – Scott S -doing fine and money in the bank

Alexandria Wed noon – Kari B - doing very well, 12 to 18 with lots of visitors, they finished the Traditions and will start with Step 1, gave to the 3 entities

Close – Responsibility Statement - *"I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.*

Next District 4 Meeting: Sunday, April 27th, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Dee Buck

District 4 Secretary