

**District 13 General Service Meeting Minutes**  
**May 5, 2026 @ 7:00 pm**

Opened with the Responsibility Statement at 7:00 pm.

**Introductions:**

**Concept V- Read by Krissy. Concept VI will be presented next month by Sue L.**

**Officer's Reports:**

**Secretary (Barb)**

- April minutes unanimously approved (motion by Val; second by Lenny).

**Treasurer- Krissy**

- Krissy read financials, which were unanimously approved (motion by Lenny; second by Nikki).

**Alt DCM-**

- No report

**DCM- Barb**

- Barb attended the Area Assembly and Delegates Workshop on April 18 at the Roseville Oval Skating Center. Very well attended by Area Committee Chairs, DCM's, GSR's and guests from all around Area 36. A finance motion was made and passed to budget one night lodging for the Area Chair and Technology Chair for the purpose of streamlining facility and technology performance to ensure a smooth-running Area Committee Meeting and Area Assembly in the future.

- Eric M. the Alternate Chairperson gave us the recap on the 44th Annual RUSC Conference which was held in Mankato, Mn. 1/16 /2026- 1/18. 113 people registered. Revenue that came in as a result was \$5870.00 and Expenses were \$8114. 00 with a shortfall of \$2306.00. Without the travel expense included it would have increased the shortfall to closer to \$4306.00. Suggestions for a future RUSC event were made such as perhaps limiting the RUSC event to only one day; finding a way to promote the event more effectively and reach more people; increase registration; perhaps keep the event closer to Minneapolis, St. Paul and suburbs; consistent scheduling 3rd weekend of January so people can plan and reach out to the young people more to encourage them to attend. Someone came to the mic and said...However, we may have lost money but how do we measure success? Is it how much we lost or gained financially or how many attend? Or do we measure success in AA by the fellowship of those that did attend, the great time that that attended had, the great wealth of information and insight gained by attending, the spiritual experience of talking with other people in their commitment to service, and the opportunity to spend a weekend devoted to service. Eric mentioned the numerous amounts of times he has attended RUSC, there have never been over 200 people that have attended.

- During the Assembly, there were also many GSR's that came to the mic to share information about what their groups are doing and events they have planned.

- Then at 1:00 pm we all broke out into Conference Agenda Items Discussion Committees and went through and gave feedback on the agenda items in all the committees. I chose to sit in on the Grapevine Committee. If you want to read about the Agenda Items, you can go to Area36.org and they will be listed there. Doug H., our Delegate, took this information with him when he went to the General Service Conference in NY on April 26. The next Area Assembly will be in June 20th from 9-5pm at the Bass Pro Shop Owatonna. Apparently, they can accommodate a larger group in their space!

- Also, on April 25, a small group of us got together at the Caribou on Hanson Blvd. in Coon Rapids to begin to organize the Gratitude Celebration. Thank you to Krissy, Sue L. and Ron for attending. A thank you also goes out to Barbara E., Barb D., Patrick E. and Tony H. for volunteering to help at the event, as well as Barbara E.'s grandsons, who are unbeknownst to them, will be available to pull out and set up many big tables for the event! Christine will be setting up the Literature table as well! Brian H. will provide mics and sound for us that day too. Thank you

- One last note- I did get out to Intergroup and picked up more AA Service Manuals. Please help yourself to one if you do not already have one.

**A Word About Commitment – Read by Shaun**

**Minneapolis Intergroup Report: Bob T. Intergroup Liaison:**

- The new Mirus is out, and Bob provided copies for the district. Looking for people to contribute stories to the Mirus.
- Gratitude Night went very well with 422 people that attended! 52 tickets were donated and when the AA Countdown was done, 7 people had less than 30 days sober and each one received Big Book. Next Gratitude Celebration is April 3, 2027, at the Marriot NW Conference Center in Brooklyn Park, Mn.
- Gopher State is on May 22 at the Double Tree Hilton in Bloomington all weekend. Intergroup will have a hospitality suite, room 215. People can sign up to help with the hospitality suite and donate a shift. Contact Mpls. Intergroup. Meeting directory is up and running well. Finances at Intergroup look very good at Intergroup as well.

#### **Focus: Guest Presenter Becky N. Area 36 Technology Chair**

- Becky's home group is Foxhall Chapter 7 District 7. Becky oversees the hybrid and in-person events at Area 36 and work with Josh the Webmaster. She chairs all the Area Technology Committee meetings as well; soundboards, audio equipment and external equipment. She says, if you have experience using zoom, you can manage being a technology chair!
- Currently they are working on two motions "Provide Districts Organizational Units within the Area 36 Google Workspace account so that the appropriately determined District Officer or Committee Chair can manage District emails through the Area 36 account. The Area will provide a template of Officer and Committee Chair email addresses aligning with each District's needs. This will help Districts maintain consistent email accounts and access through chair rotations;" "Provide Districts subdomains through the Area 36 website where DCMs, Alt DCMs, and District Technology Committee members can manage District websites through the Area 36 account. The Area will provide a template website or support redirecting to existing externally managed district websites. This will help Districts maintain consistent website presence and access through chair rotations." These motions are expected to be presented to GSR's and Districts by the DCM to get feedback on. Then August 8, at the Area Committee Meeting the feedback can be presented.
- Becky says her role is to facilitate email accounts, passwords, gain access to google drive and set up Area Meetings.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- Accessibilities – **Open**
- Archives – **Open**
- Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) – **Open**
- Corrections – **Tim-** There is someone interested in becoming the next person to oversee Lino Lakes Prison and coordinating speakers each month. Jim, the interested individual, will attend next month's District meeting and will consider stepping up as Corrections Chair in the future. Tim had to renew his pass with Lino Lakes to go in to speak. Background checks and paperwork are required. Meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Looking for more volunteers to speak.
- Grapevine – **Open**
- Group Outreach – **Open**
- Literature – **Christine-** no report
- Public Information – **Open**
- Registrar – **Open**
- Technology – **Open**
- Treatment – **Jordan-** no report

#### **Old Business**

- Need Technology Chair and Secretary.
- Gratitude Flyer is out and distributed.
- Agenda Items summaries-submit feedback from your groups to the DCM [dist13@area36.org](mailto:dist13@area36.org)
- Anoka County Fair- July 21-26, 2026. Consider volunteering to sit at the booth! Sign up will go around May District meeting as well as June and July meeting.

#### **New Business**

- **Gratitude Celebration- June 7, 2026, 2:00pm-5:00pm at the Coon Rapids Methodist Church.**
- **Sign-Up sheet for volunteering at the Fair-** Contact Joe with questions or if you can sit at the booth. Joe's number is: 612-703-1822.

#### **GSR Update-**

##### **Anniversaries/Announcements-**

**Val has 22 years sober.**  
**Shaun is 18 months sober.**  
**Nikki has 60 days sober.**

- **Next District Steering Committee Meeting: May 25, 2026, at 6:00 pm.** In-person Panera Riverdale, 3540 Rapids Dr. Coon Rapids, Mn. 55448.
- **Next District Meeting: June 2, 2026, at 7:00pm.** Coon Rapids Methodist Church and via Google Meets.

- **Next Area Assembly: June 20, 2026.** Owatonna, Mn. 9:00-5:00pm at the Bass Pro Shop.
- **Joint Areas 35/36 Committees Meeting- On-line July 11, 2026, 11:00am-1:00pm.**
- **Area Committee Meeting: On-line August 8, 2026.**