

District 13 General Service Meeting Minutes **August 4, 2026 @ 7:00 pm**

Opened with the Responsibility Statement at 7:00 pm. (Pizza and fellowship at 6:30 pm.)

Introductions:

Concept VIII- did not read. **Concept IX** will be read by Sue L. at the September District Meeting.

Officer's Reports:

Secretary (Barb) Need a new Secretary. Please consider volunteering!

- Meeting minutes from July are available on back table. We will approve them at the September District Meeting.

Treasurer- Krissy

- Treasurer Report available on back table. We will approve them at the September District Meeting.

Alt DCM- Ron no report

DCM- Barb- no report

A Word About Commitment- did not read

Minneapolis Intergroup Report: Bob T. Intergroup Liaison- no report

Focus: Delegates Report Back- Doug H. Area 36 Delegate to the General Service Conference

- 136 Voting members. 26 Trustees; 16 Office staff; 93 delegates. All eligible to vote. GSO went through a 2.1 million dollar retrofit. It was just completed. Offices were closed for 6 months during this process. Building in NY was built by non-profit for a non-profit. 10-year lease was just up. 20% went up to eighth floor and Grapevine/La Vina went up to the 11th floor. Alcoholics Anonymous has been losing money since Covid; went into Prudent Reserve. There is now an expanded conference room; new H-VAC can adjust temperature. Doug attended the Friday AA meeting that Friday as well.
- The Theme for General Service Conference was "Humility in Action". Doug did the first ever presentation to the Conference on "Restoration and Discovering Grace, Unity and Fellowship".
- Money has started to indicate that there is an upswing in giving. Up \$325,000.00 from last year. Prudent reserve is now at 5 months. Prudent Reserve percentage was established in 1975. But it did not show what to do if we get under 9 months saved. Need to set new rules. Budget will make contributions into the Prudent Reserve this year. Quarterly Financial Report can be found in Area36.org. Password sensitive- use GSC76!
- At the 5-year Convention in Vancouver, CA. we were \$8000.00 ahead at the end of the Convention! 228,000 Plain Language sold.
- The Conference also decided to do away with the EDW, Equitable Distribution of Workload for the Committees during the Conference.
- Average Age of attendees- 58 years; Average sobriety-22 years.
- 2027 Convention will look at the changes to the Plain Language Big Book.
- 5th Addition Big Book coming out end of 2026 or first of 2027. 30 stories removed; 26 new stories added; 2393 stories were submitted. Narrowed it down to the first 48 chosen, rated them and ended up with the 30 new stories. The 30 stories removed will be put in the book "Experience Strength and Hope by the end of 2027 or so.
- Alcoholics Anonymous purchased an outside App- Everything AA. We will fully pay for this app and did not use Prudent Reserves to purchase. Eventually we will own it. \$1.99 a month to use.
- Recommendation to allow special contributions to Grapevine/La Vina did not make the conference floor. Make contributions directly to AAWS for use toward Grapevine/La Vina.
- 34% of all Alcoholics Anonymous groups give to GSO. 40% of our income relies on Literature sales! That is fast changing in this digital age. AA will have to begin to reconfigure how to manage budgets when it no longer can depend on the Literature sales in the future.
- Cost of program Services per person at \$5.16 per person. 1.7 million members.
- For All Advisory Actions; Committee Considerations; GSC 2026 Voting Results; Delegate Assembly notes; And the Redesign, go to- **Area36.org. Password: GSC76!**

Committee Reports-

- Accessibilities – **Open**
- Archives – **Open**
- Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) – **Open**
- Corrections – **Tim-** Two Alcoholics Anonymous meetings were held at Lino Lakes Correctional Facility minimum security, in July. Five people from the inside joined us. Scott S. and Tony H. have renewed their passes and Jim P. is fully approved to be part of the speaking team. Additional volunteers for the meetings would be appreciated.
- Grapevine – **Open**

- Group Outreach – **Open**
- Literature – **Christine**- no report
- Public Information – **Open**
- Registrar – **Open**
- Technology – **Open**
- Treatment –**Jordan**- no report

Old Business:

- **Anoka County Fair**- July 21st-26th, 2026. See Joe for details.
- **Delegates Report**- August 4, 2026, at 7:00 pm. during the August District Meeting.
- **Gratitude Celebration**- was June 7, 2026.

New Business:

- **Guest Presenter next month**- Patrick W. Pink Can Coordinator for Area 36. He will attend the September District Meeting.
- **Anoka County Fair Update**- Joe will give an update at the September District Meeting.

GSR Report and Information- no reports

Anniversaries/Announcements-

Lenny celebrated 42 years sober!

- **Next District Steering Committee Meeting: August 24, 2026, at 6:00 pm.** In-person Panera Riverdale, 3540 Rapids Dr. Coon Rapids, Mn. 55448.
- **Next District Meeting: September 1, 2026, at 7:00pm.** Coon Rapids Methodist Church and via Google Meets.
- **Area Committee Meeting: On-line August 8, 2026.** Online. Committees meet 9:30-11:30 am. Area Committee meet 12:30 pm. to 5:00 pm.
- **Area Assembly-Election and Budget- October 17, 2026.** Jordan Community Ct. Jordan, Mn. 9:00 am.- 5:00 pm.

Closed with the Declaration of Unity.