

District 13 General Service Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2026 @ 7:00 pm

Opened with the Responsibility Statement at 7:00 pm.

Introductions:

Concept IX: Sue L. read Concept IX. Next Month Joe will do Concept X.

Officer's Reports:

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

Meeting minutes from July: Approved. 1st motion: Lenny/ 2nd motion: Shaun

Meeting minutes from August: Approved. 1st motion: Ron / 2nd motion: Lenny

Treasurer- Krissy-

July Treasurers report: Approved. 1st motion: Ron / 2nd motion: Shaun

August Treasurers report: Approved. 1st motion: Sue / 2nd motion: Shaun

Alt DCM- Ron no report/

- Ron put together a packet for everyone with July/August Meeting minutes and Treasurers reports for District approval.

DCM- Barb-

- Barb was able to send out our District update to be published in the Pigeon Area 36 Newsletter. That will appear in the September issue coming out this month.
- Barb has remained in contact with our most recent past Technology Chair, Chris. Chris has continued to update our website however even though he resides in California now. We are very grateful to him for doing that. Tonight, Dave K. joined us as the new Technology Chair for a two-year term with our District. Welcome Dave! Chris is helping Dave gain access to the website and is showing Dave how to use the site as well.
- Barb attended the Area Committee Meeting on August 8th and met with the Southern Mn DCMs via zoom. We discussed conducting a District Inventory and other District DCM's gave guidelines for how they have conducted one in their Districts. Matthew sent all DCM's a format for a District Inventory.
- Barb secured a table at the upcoming "Hope and Healing Expo: Building Awareness Around Substance Abuse and Mental Health". This event will be held November 14, 2026, from 9:00 am-1:00pm. at Christ Lutheran Church in Blaine. This is their third annual event. The keynote speaker will be William Cope Moyers, author and Vice President of the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation. Free event. Barb DCM and Shaun volunteered to sit at the table.

A Word About Commitment- Shaun read.

Minneapolis Intergroup Report: Bob T. Intergroup Liaison-

- The summer open house has come and gone. It did rain that day but was well attended. \$1500.00 worth of literature and merchandise were sold.
- Intergroup is still doing the summer outreach to AA groups. They have visited over 60 groups so far. Intergroup could use more volunteers to help with this outreach. This effort is to encourage squads to do volunteer work at Intergroup. 38% of groups support Intergroup.
- Books are looking good! In the past there were minor calculation errors but now they have new software in place. Erin and a hired temp have worked together on the books. In July there was \$37,734.00 in income coming in. \$37,051.00 in expenses.
- The September Mirus is out and concentrates on Step Nine.
- Saturday September 19th from 10:00am-12:00 pm is our Service Workshop.
- Board Elections are on September 24th at 6:00pm. Resumes are being accepted. A person will need to be at least 5 years sober and serve for 3 years. 4 representatives will be elected.
- The 12 Step call list was updated. 80 volunteers were not accounted for. Please ask for members if they are interested in being a 12 Step volunteer!

Focus: Patrick W. Pink Can Coordinator for Area 36.

- Patrick is from Hopkins, Mn. and has 19 years of sobriety. He has been the Pink Can Coordinator for a year and a half now. This is the only Chair position at Area 36 appointed by the Area Chairperson, and it is a 4-year commitment.
- Patrick validates all the money coming in for contributions. There is now a new order form available. 70 corrections facilities have requested literature and books. The new order form is a PDF form. Bought Adobe and this has simplified the ordering process greatly. The order form contains 2 and a half pages of

pamphlets, literature and books that inmates can request. Most requested item is the Big Book and after that the Plain Language Big Book.

- Facility Coordinators in the facilities order the literature and books. The inmate does not do the ordering. All literature and books should be free of charge to all inmates. The inmates can also request Grapevine because Grapevine no longer uses staples in their publication.

Committee Reports-

- Accessibilities – **Open**
- Archives – **Open**
- Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) – **Open**
- Corrections – **Tim-** 2 AA Meetings were held in August at Lino Lakes Minimal Security facility. A total of 4 people attended, 2 at each of the meetings.
- Grapevine – **Open**
- Group Outreach – **Open**
- Literature – **Christine-** no report
- Public Information – **Open**
- Registrar – **Open**
- Technology – **Dave K.-** Dave introduced himself to the District and shared with us that he and the past Technology Chair Chris, have helped him to gain access to the District webpage. David will be updating the webpage monthly. Dave has a background and education in IT, and we are very happy to have him onboard!
- Treatment – **Jordan-** no report

Old 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

New Business-

- **Booth at Hope and Healing Expo-** November 14, 2026. We were represented there last year. Need volunteers to sit at the table. Update: Barb and Shaun will volunteer to be there that day.
- **Anoka County Fair- Update.** Joe W. Good attendance and many questions concerning loved ones that use. Perhaps Al-Anon could also secure a booth next year to reach out to family and friends of those suffering with alcoholism. Sue and Tim both attended and volunteered at the booth. We gave away 7 pamphlets.
- **Next Month Vince F. will attend our District Meeting-** Vince will provide an Archives display and do a presentation. Vince is the Archivist for Area 36.

GSR Report and Information- no reports

Anniversaries/Announcements-

- **Joe W. celebrated 22 years of sobriety on the 23rd!**
- **The new Area 36 2027 Calendar is out-** There are copies on the back table.
- **Next District Steering Committee Meeting: September 28, 2026, at 6:00 pm.** In-person Panera Riverdale, 3540 Rapids Dr. Coon Rapids, Mn. 55448.
- **Next District Meeting: October 6, 2026, at 7:00pm.** Coon Rapids Methodist Church and via Google Meets.
- **Area Assembly-Election and Budget- October 17, 2026.** Jordan Community Ct. Jordan, Mn. 9:00 am- 5:00 pm.
- **Hope and Healing Expo sponsored by the Anoka County Opioid Solutions Initiative- November 14, 2026 at 9:00am-1:00pm.** Christ Lutheran Church 641 89th Ave. NE Blaine, Mn. 55434
- **November 3, 2026- DISTRICT 13 OFFICERS ELECTION**
- **Annual Committee Meeting- December 5, 2026, online. 9:30-11:30 committees meet. 12:30-5:00pm meeting.**

Closed with the Declaration of Unity.