District 13 General Service Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2026 @ 7:00 pm

Opened with the Responsibility Statement at 7:00 pm.

Introductions:

Concept X- Joe and Tim read. Next month Shaun will do concept XI.

Officer's Reports:

Secretary (Barb) Need a new Secretary. Please consider volunteering! September meeting minutes were approved.
1st motion: Lenny/ 2nd motion: Shaun

Treasurer- Krissy- September 2026 Treasurers report minutes were approved. (Corrected totals will be out at the November District Meeting.)
1st motion: Ron/ 2nd motion Lenny.

Alt DCM- Ron

- Ron asked the District to help attend meetings to encourage groups to appoint GSR's to represent their groups at the District. Also, remind rotating GSR's to find replacements.

DCM- Barb- no report

A Word About Commitment- Shaun read.

Minneapolis Intergroup Report: Andy Intergroup Liaison- Report is found at the end of these minutes.

Focus: Archivist Area 36 Vince F.

- Vince has served in this position with Area 36 for four years. He reminded everyone that Founders Day is coming up November 28, 2026, at Double Tree in Bloomington, Mn. Archives will have a display there. They will have the video of Pat Cronin telling his story. January 16-17, 2027, is RUSC at the Hilton Bloomington; West Central Regional Conference is September 10-12, 2027, Holiday Inn Duluth, Mn. and the Area 2027 Calendar is out.
- Vince attended the 28th National A.A. Archives Workshop on September 10, 2026, in Tacoma, Washington. Los Angeles District had put together a group history book on display at the Conference. Any District can put together a group history book by going to AA.org and looking for a form they provide.
- Vince and Dave, Archives Chair, would like people from groups to come to the facility where Area 36 archives are stored which is curated and maintained by the Southern Minnesota Area 36 Archives Committee. Mail contact is P.O. Box 2812 Minneapolis, Mn. 55402. Many files that are being kept date far back and many old receipts etc. are being saved, which perhaps do not need to be.
- Vince would like more groups to share more of their Districts history for Archives.
- Next year, Vince would like to get a space that is far more spacious for our archives. We are not allowed very much space in the current location.
- Next Archivist workshop in in August 2027 in San Bernardino, California.

Committee Reports-

- Accessibilities – **Open**
- Archives – **Open**
- Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) – **Open**
- Corrections – **Tim-** Two AA meetings were held at the Lino Lakes Correctional Facility last month. Four inmates attended.
- Grapevine – **Open**
- Group Outreach – **Open**
- Literature – **Christine-** no report
- Public Information – **Open**
- Registrar – **Open**
- Technology – **Dave K-** no report
- Treatment –

Old 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.

New Business-

- **District Elections-** will be held November 3, 2026, for DCM, Alt. DCM, Secretary and Treasurer.

- **Committee Chairs-** If you are interested in becoming a District Committee Chair please see the DCM. **Update:** Danny will be the new Chairperson for Treatment Facilities.

GSR Report and Information- Joe mentioned that the meeting he attends on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm is now at the United Methodist Church in Anoka.

Anniversaries/Announcements-

- **Next District Meeting: November 3, 2026, at 7:00pm.** Coon Rapids Methodist Church/ via Google Meets.
- **Area Assembly-Election and Budget- October 17, 2026.** Jordan Community Ct. Jordan, Mn. 9:00 am- 5:00.
- **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.

Manager's Report to the Intergroup Reps
September 2026

Tonight, I'm especially excited about our Board elections. We have talented, willing AA members standing for four open positions. Their willingness to stand for service means so much to the continued strength of Minneapolis Intergroup and our ability to carry hope to alcoholics throughout our fellowship.

Rory Jean

I also want to thank the four Board members rotating off: **Pam N., Andy D., Jennifer M., and Mark S.** Each gave their time, skills, and effort so generously while helping steer Intergroup in the right direction. I am deeply grateful that I've had the chance to work alongside them.
At Tuesday's Executive Board elections, **Bob T. was elected Board Chair, Brian B. Co-chair, Richard M. Treasurer, and Angelique P. Secretary** for the upcoming Board year. I'm thrilled to welcome them into those roles. Our committees and Board members have been working hard to wrap up their projects and hand off the work that needs to continue. Bob and I will meet soon to make committee assignments.

Founders Day is coming up quickly, and this year Intergroup has both our hospitality suite and literature sales. Please start talking with your groups about taking a hospitality suite shift. With your help, we can carry on the tradition of having the suite, with the best food, fellowship and so much FUN —at least in my very biased opinion!

We have **fewer than five Summer Outreach packets left**. I promised I would keep mentioning them until every meeting has been visited, so if you're looking for a new meeting and a way to be of service, please stop by the office, grab a packet, and help us finish.
The outreach has already brought back **44 group update forms**, including updates to meeting names and locations, **22 meeting type changes**, and **31 new group contacts**. We also closed two listings for meetings that are no longer meeting. Every correction helps someone find an accurate, open meeting, and having a current group contact helps us resolve questions when they arise. Thank you to everyone who has taken a packet.

You may have noticed some of the technology trouble I had getting information out this week. Our Tech Committee is working on improvements, including software and our internet service, and exploring phone and website plugins to help with accessibility and ease of use. We are also looking for a replacement for **Publisher, which is not supported after October 1st, 2026**. We use it for so many Intergroup projects: the *MIRUS* and *When & Where* event, workshop, and service flyers; Big Book and Twelve & Twelve index bookmarks; greeting cards; and trifold pamphlets about the Birthday Plan, Grateful Givers, Intergroup services, and AA information talks. We've saved PDFs to preserve much of that work, information, and history. We now need software that volunteers and staff can use to keep creating and updating materials for both print and our website. **If you know of a user-friendly replacement, please send me your suggestion.** So many different people help with these projects, and their ability to contribute matters.

Finally, thank you to everyone who came to our **Phone Service Workshop on Saturday, September 19**. We had a great turnout and a wonderful panel. A First Step meeting was offered in another room and was well attended, too. Hearing nearly two hours of stories about the impact our hotline has had on callers and volunteers reminded me how powerful this service is.If you'd like to get involved, stop by the office or fill out a **Contribute Your Time** form on our website. We're continuing to build our Twelfth Step list and welcome volunteers for daytime phones, group phone commitments, Early Bird, and Night Owl shifts. Please bring those opportunities back to your groups.
Thank you for everything you and your groups do for Intergroup. I'm excited to see who joins the Board tonight and what we'll accomplish together in the year ahead.

With so much gratitude, Erin D., Intergroup Office Manager.