



District 4 of Area 35 Northern Minnesota

February 23, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Present: Jay, Greg C, Jim, Kari, Gary, Dave, Bill H, Theron, Chris, Steve, Ryan, Jim T, Kiara V, Mary S, Dee Dee, Tony, Lorne, Laurie, Sharon,

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

MOTION (Mary/Greg) to approve January 18, 2025, minutes. MCU
Please note that minutes are always available on District 4 website.

Old Business;

- A. Confirm district meeting schedule for 2025** -This was emailed/mailed to GSR's. The District 4 Round Robin Schedule and Medallion Nights 2025 was mailed or given to all contact people listed on the schedule.

New Business:

Officer Reports;

DCM – Jay nothing to report.

ALT DCM - Jim T brought up treasury balance and discussed ideas to bring AA to the still suffering alcoholic. GSR's will ask their groups for ideas on how to spend down the District 4 treasury balance and this will be added to the March agenda.

Secretary – Dee Dee will follow-up with Holly to get the tape recorder for meeting minutes.

Treasurer – Mary S. gave treasurer's report. Beginning balance of \$4907.20 + credits of \$166.00 - Debits of \$932.17 left ending balance after prudent reserve of \$3641.03. Discussion on increasing prudent reserve.

MOTION: (Kiara/Jay) to approve the January Treasurer's Report and that Mary bring a copy of the budget to the March meeting. MCU.

PI/CPC: Ryan has recurring visits set up. Discussed with case worker about senior services.

Literature – Kari not present.

Treatment – Kiara - Books were provided to Teen Challenge by District 4 and Teen Challenge will reimburse. Teen Challenge is also offering AA and looking for men that would be willing to come in and host meetings. A background study would need

to be completed. Kiara is meeting with Chris from Teen Challenge this week and looking for men to sponsor. Kiara will post a sign-up list at the Alano Club.

Hotline – Tom was not present,

Corrections: Dillon is working with Douglas County Jail and getting a system for Monday nights for jail meetings. A few women and some men have been attending the jail meetings.

Web Manager – Greg C - all information on the District 4 website <https://district4online.org/> should be current. Officers' names are on the website but still some issues with connecting to personal email. There are 5000 to 6000 hits per month on the website.

GSR Reports:

Alexandria Saturday 10:00 am – Gary - good crowd, going well.

Alexandria Sunday 6:30 pm - Dave –February rent is paid and hoping to pay March rent, 6-8 attending.

Glenwood Big Book Study Tuesday 7:00 pm -Theron – Glenwood average about 9, plenty of money

Alexandria 12 and 12 Wednesday 12:00 pm - Chris – going well.

Elbow Lake Thursday 7:00 pm -Tony – Elbow Lake Big Book at 6pm. They are just restarting the 6:00 pm Big Book meeting with step work, financially doing well, 6-8 consistent.

Alexandria Lakes Area Primary Purpose Thursday 7:00 pm First Lutheran Church – Ryan - is an open speaker meeting healthy 8 to 10 everything good.

Alexandria Monday 12:00 pm - Greg – Monday noon healthy, financially sound

Alexandria Friday 12:00 pm - Mary - good attendance, financially good, open topic.

Ashby Not So Straight Arrows Wednesday 6:00 pm - Jim -3 to 6 financially stable, gave a donation to the church to be self-supporting for their meeting expense.

Alexandria Wednesday 7:00 pm. - Sharon – filling in for Wed GSR– runs 8 to 12, financially ok.

Alexandria Monday 7:00 pm - Steve- 8 to 12 open meeting financially sound

Osakis Let Go and Let God Saturday 7:00 pm - Bill – 20 people getting attendees from Todd County jail, giving out newcomer packets.

Alexandria As Bill Sees It Thursday 8:00 pm - Brian – 6 to 10 with a good average of 8, financially stable and donated scholarships for Big Ole.

Alexandria Women's Group Tuesday 6:30 pm - Kiara – over 20 the past week but usually average 12 to 15.

Alexandria New for You Friday 7:00 pm - Kiara -lower attendance, doing okay financially.

Other Business:

- Kiara talked to the Alano Board, and they asked that District 4 pay \$20 every time we meet for the District meetings. This had been waived previously. Jay will ask for an invoice before we act on this.

Round Robin/Medallion Night –

- Concerns were expressed that the decision to change Round Robin and Medallion Night is not for the District or the Alano Board. This should have been brought to the groups. Medallion night started as an Alexandria event only. Open discussion was held on this issue. What is our primary purpose?
- One of the main reasons to combine is the problem of getting speakers. The District was asked to come up with a list of available speakers from their groups. This was discussed at the November 16th District meeting and GSR's that were present brought back to their groups.
- Individual groups can do medallions however they want. The District Medallion Night is open so family and friends can join.

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, March 30th, 2025

*Respectfully submitted,
Dee Dee Buck
District 4 Secretary*

