

Meeting Minutes

District 35 GSR Business Meeting DATE_1/19/2026

DCM: Jane F. (860)-420-9376 DCMD35A11@gmail.com

Alt. DCM/ open

Secretary: open

Treasurer Dolores W. (508)-981-9056 .

Open meeting__7:00_____ GSR Preamble followed by the Serenity Prayer

Welcome to all present, introduction of any new GSR's/Alt. GSR's and visitors.

#of GSR's present__5_, Chair Committees present__5_____, Visitors present__1_

Anniversaries: Dolores 5 years 01/17, Jenny 25 years 02/04

Tradition 12/Concept 12 read and discussed

Recording Secretary Report: motion Jenny 2nd AI Accepted

Treasurer Report: Motion Ashley 2nd Jenny Accepted

DCM Report: A11 meeting 01/14/26. A motion was made to change the procedure to amend the A11 guidelines. See complete information on attached page. Event committee reports were given for 2026 events which include A11 Convention in September, CSCYPAA the weekend after Thanksgiving, Rompiendo Fronteras in July(Rompiendo Fronteras will be 25 years old this year), Round-up 3/4/26, Soberfest in June, All Chair positions are filled except for A.A. Rep— AI-Anon in 2027.

Website Report: See attached committee reports.

PI Report: Present: Jeff Chair person, Veronica D9, Chris D14, Richard D35. Don't know results of budget \$. Christian D5 set up table at the Methadone Clinic. New Spanish people and dark skinned. \$500 order for literature Area from no shipping charge. \$700 Christian D5. Cost of table cloth. Up to 40 districts in Area.

GSR Report: No Report

Answering Report: No report, Area 11 Answering Committee did not meet due to holidays.

Events report: See attached committee reports

Corrections Report: Chair person of the corrections meeting(Roger) is the contact for DOC and discussion is being in place at this time to be able to bring in Big Books and 12&12 books in addition to subscriptions for the Grapevine. Once approval is granted, D35 will provide the literature. Roger has been involved for many years and the program runs smoothly and he will continue in his role. Dave has been approved by the DOC to work along side Roger to assist as the Corrections Chair person for D35. Meeting is Tuesday evening and alternated Step meeting and a discussion meeting, meetings can be canceled by DOC if any disturbances are occurring in the facility. Currently have 35 speakers who have been approved to go into the prison. Attendance at the meeting is approximately 20-30 inmates.

Old Business: Reviewed need for all Committee Chairs to come up with a list of what they need so D35 can supply them with books, pamphlets give to you with racks. I have ordered 800 of the free newcomer card which I will give you at next D35 meeting. Just a reminder that the purpose for figuring out what we need is to assist D35 with finalizing a budget.

GSR Wrap up

Make groups aware of motion voted on at A11 and encourage attendance at Assembly

Close with the Responsible Statement

Meeting Adjourned ____8:30pm_____

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Events Committee Report

1/19/26

No old business to discuss. Our balance remained at \$115 from our last event of Friendsgiving and is currently being used to fund our next event... Bingo/Open Mic Night.

Bingo/Open Mic night is being held on January 24th (this coming Saturday) from 6pm-10pm at Westfield Congregational Church. Bingo will be held from 6pm-7pm. We are charging \$3 per card with a cap on 3 cards per person. There are various people in the fellowship who are donating to the prize baskets as well as some items purchased by the events committee with our current balance of \$115. There will be a discussion meeting from 7pm-8pm. Open mic begins after the meeting and will run from 8pm-10pm. There will be a sign up sheet for people to sign up when they arrive. Between Open mic sets we will have karaoke slots available. We are asking for \$0 in seed money for this event as all items purchased will be funded by money raised by previous events committee events.

The Valentines Day dance has been tentatively scheduled for February 7th from 6pm-10pm pending availability confirmation from Westfield Congregational Church. We will be asking for \$0 in seed money as it will be self funded by the Events Committee with money made from Bingo/Open Mic.

District 35 Web Chair Report – January 19, 2026

District 35 Web Chair, Mark M., attended the A11 Web Committee on January 19th. Overall successful meeting with about 10 attendees. The Area 11 Web Committee spent 79.66% of their 2025 budget. Discussion about filling Area 11 Web Master and Web Schedules Liaison positions. Continued Discussion about including a search feature or chat bot on the <https://ct-aa.org> website. Please see <https://ct-aa.org> to view the Area 11 website. Currently on the District 35 site; Karaoke Night, Putnam Unity, A11 Literature Committee, Area 11 website improvement questionnaire and District 35 meeting minutes. Please see <https://ct-aa.org/district-35/> to view our District 35 website. Next Area 11 web committee meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2026.

Motion: I move to change the Procedure to Amend the Area 11 Guidelines from:

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Background:

The procedure to amend the guidelines and formation of an ad-hoc committee are separate functions. Requiring an ad hoc committee to be formed to look into every guideline change that goes to an assembly is confusing and has unintended outcomes.
