

****District 35 GSR Business Meeting Minutes 05/18/26****

Opened the meeting at 7:05

--GSR Preamble was read.

--Serenity Prayer was said altogether.

--Attendance: Jane, Cody, Mark, Laurie, Delores, Sarah, Al, Carol, Ashley, Keith
4 GSRs present...2 Chair Committees present...0 Visitors

--Anniversaries: Mark has 5 years today!

--Read and Discussed Tradition 5 and Concept 5: Gratitude for old timers and respect that they might still suffer also...About getting people to show up: "feed them and they will come"...Having snacks is carrying the message...A story about a group collecting money specifically to buy a bench to celebrate an AA member who died...It was shared about the wording "it's message" referring to the idea that AA's primary purpose is to carry the message...Stay teachable...Everyone has a right to say their piece...Often we learn from minority shares...It's important to voice the minority view point even if it's not the easy, comfy way.

--Minutes From last meeting. Motion __Al__ 2nd __Mark__ Accepted(Yes)/Declined(No) Motion Passed.

--Treasurer's Report: Delores W. TREASURERD35A11@gmail.com Copy attached.
Motion __Laurie__ 2nd __Mark__ Accepted(Yes)/Declined(No) Motion Passed.

--DCM report: Jane F. DCMD35A11@gmail.com

She went to Pre Conference assembly where opinions/thoughts get out there and the Delegate takes notes to take to the Conference. She will also go to the Post Conference assembly to discover what they actually worked on at Conference.

--GSR Reports. Laurie S. gave one. The attendance at Thursday noon and Monday noon meetings at Trinity Episcopal Church's Parish House is picking up.

--District 35 Committee Reports: See attached.

--Old Business: New Officers for District 35:

Laurie S. as Recording Secretary

Al as Alternate DCM

Both gave their qualifications and were voted in. Laurie agreed to not vote as GSR until we review Guidelines. Al will step down as GSR and encourage another AA group member to step up. Jane said she was overjoyed to have some more help and that we would meet soon.

--New Business:

1. Other open positions are Registrar/Schedules, Literature, Grapevine, Professional Community, Hospitality, Archives, District Reps for all Area 11 Events. We discussed what these positions are.
2. Reviewing Meeting Etiquette was shelved.

--Close with the Responsibility Statement

Close the meeting Motion __Sarah__ 2nd __Carol__ Accepted(Yes)/Declined(No)--Motion Passed

--Meeting adjoured at 8:30pm

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District 35	
April 2026	
Hometown Bank Account	
Beginning Balance as of April 1, 2026	\$7,663.71
INCOME:	
Contributions from Alcathon	\$0.00
Group Contributions	\$252.00
Contributions at Meeting	\$16.00
Other (Return Dep. For Venue)	\$100.00
Total Income	\$368.00
EXPENSES:	
Administrative:	
DCM	\$0.00
Alternate DCM	\$0.00
Secretary/Registrar	\$0.00
Treasurer	\$0.00
Rent	\$25.00
Technology/Media	\$0.00
Post office box	\$0.00
Service Convention (Maine)	\$721.57
Sub-Total Administrative	\$746.57
Spec Committee Expenses:	
Treatment	\$0.00
Public Information	\$0.00
Events (Service Workshop)	\$308.41
Archives	\$0.00
Hospitality (Food at D35 meeting)	\$0.00
Corrections (6 Books for inmates)	\$0.00
Grapevine	\$0.00
Literature	\$0.00
Intergroup- Living Sober books	\$0.00
Sub-Total Spec Committees	\$308.41
Total Expense	\$1,054.98
Income - Expenses	-\$686.98
Ending Balance as of 4/30/2026	\$6,976.73
<u>We Thank You For Your Generosity:</u>	
ECSF #000375116	\$202.00
Keep It Simple Group #000166785	\$50.00

workshop

- Income

Julie! Jane went

The 345 times that the CCI agents transferred a caller to an AA Volunteer in the last year, this more accurately reflects the number of 12 Steps calls, since that represents one alcoholic helping another, which is the definition of a 12 Step Call.

CCI only codes a call as a 12 Step call *, if the caller says "I would like to speak to an alcoholic". We've discussed coding the 16 referrals to AA Member volunteers as 12 Step Calls, but implementing this change will take time.

7 SMS text messages were sent to AA Member volunteers in April 2026 ; this is a relatively new feature offered by our commercial Answering Service Central Communications (CCI), ride requests are sent out via SMS Text message to all volunteers in that district of the callers gender, that have indicated that they are willing to give rides to meetings, other volunteers are contacted by SMS text message if calls to volunteers are not answered in a reasonable period of time.

All the volunteers for Area 11 Answering Service and Bridging the Gap, should have 800-374-5098 in their phone as the outbound phone number of the Area 11 Answering Service and the Bridging the Gap, phone number and should answer calls from that phone number.

Monthly we meet with Central Communications (CCI) our commercial Answering Service to advise them on how to handle and code the calls they receive on our 800 numbers; On May 5, 2026 we will be meeting with CCI, any input you might have on how to improve our Answering Service would be welcomed.

Please help us recruit more Answering Service and Bridging the Gap (BTG) volunteers from your district, currently we have 887 Answering Service Volunteers (380 female and 507 male) and 187 BTG (71 female and 116 male) volunteers in Area 11, our goal is to have both female and male AA member volunteers from each town in CT to help sick and suffering alcoholics that reach out to us for help.

Our next meeting of the Area 11 Answering Service Committee will be on Thursday May 7, 2026, at 7:30 PM on Zoom at Zoom ID 852 963 7281 with Passcode 761212. If you have any questions or comments about the Area 11 Answering Service, please join us.

District 35 Web Chair Report – May 18, 2026

District 35 Web Chair, Mark M., attended the Area 11 Web Committee meeting on Tuesday May 12th, 2026. Successful meeting with 8 attendees.

Currently postings on the District 35 site; Safe Haven announcement, District 35 Wellness event flyer, Area 11 Assemblies Flyer, Soberfest 2026, Putnam Unity flyer, Area 11 Literature Committee flyer, and 2026 AREA 11 PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY packet. Please use <https://ct-aa.org/district-35/> to view our District 35 website.

Discussion on liaison between literature committee and web committee. Ideas in reaching out to other committees to inform them of ways they can be utilizing the web site.

Discussion on Literature Purchase through AAWS, shipping costs, bulk shipping, and making literature available to purchase online.

Web committee is not going to be represented at soberfest 2026.

Erik A. voted in to chair newly created Website redesign ad-hoc committee. Need to bid design cost, approve design and then get bit for build cost.

Discussion on changing slogan and to place on website header or just on landing page. As trusted servants, the web committee made a motion to change slogan to:

“Do you or someone you know have a problem with alcohol?
There is a solution. Call 866-783-7712”

Area 11 Web Committee meets monthly on the 2nd Tues montly 7:30-9pm on Zoom. Any member welcome to attend. Please see <https://ct-aa.org> to view the Area 11 website.

Next Area 11 web committee meeting on Tuesday June 9, 2026.