

February 2nd, 2020- District 9 Monthly Meeting Minutes

ATTENDANCE

Chairs: DCM: MaryBeth P. Alt DCM: Lee C. Secretary: Kiersten C. Archives: Ronna B.. CPC: Park P. Literature: Kristin C.

Treasurer: Sheryl F.

Groups: Big Book: Erik, Central Discussion Tim, Clinton: Mike, Dewitt: Shelly, Foglight: Kyle, Freedom Group: Brandon, Three Legacies: Shawna, Intergroup: Kevin

New Business:

- MaryBeth P. motioned to accept 2020 budget for the District Chairs. Park P. seconded the motion. Motion passed.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: Beginning Balance: 5,652.52; Total Income: 666.04; Total Expenses: 128.11; Balance: 6,190.45; Seed: 300.00; Prudent Reserve: 300.00; Operating Balance: 5,590.45

DCM: The District Mini event is February 8th 2020. **Upcoming dates-** Jan 11 & 12, 2020- Marshalltown- Best Western. March 21st & 22nd 2020,-Marshalltown- Best Western. June 5th – 7th-Buena Vista College- Storm Lake IA. October 9th – 11th ,2020- The Fall Conference - Coralville, Iowa City. Reminder that both Treatment and PI chairs are currently open. District 9 Chairs please get the Spring Conference forms filled out so that Sheryl can send 1 check. Couple of items from the Marshalltown Business Meeting: Currently there are no bids for the 2021 Spring Conference. There will be further discussion regarding 2021 during the upcoming meetings. There is going to be a survey sent out for the GSRs from John R. They are looking for more participation from the GSRs and will be asking questions around attending conferences etc... The agenda items for the upcoming Marshalltown meeting should be available mid-February

ALT DCM: Greetings district 9, here are some highlights from Marshalltown. Dave G our area 24 Alt delegate has reported that he is passing along all the group information that he has received to the records department at GSO into the new update to NetSuite. Dave also reported 654 active groups and 17 groups unknown in area 24. If you have any updates to your groups, please give to me or Mary Beth and we will forward them on to Dave.

Here are highlights from Dan the area delegate. Dan has been making his rounds to different groups and sharing his experience strength and hope with various meetings in our area. He will be attending NYC GSB January 30th to February 3rd. He is finalizing agenda items there. Dan will also be attending the west central regional AA service conference in Billings Montana, March 24 meeting for the agenda items, and the General service conference 2020 in NY.

Dan also wants to bring up a concern for the meeting guide app coinciding with information that is gathered by the new group/change forms. Dan contacted these departments and he was informed there are not any plans at this time to revise those forms but that could change. He was also informed that the intent for the new group/group change forms is to capture the address information to GSO can stay in contact with the groups. GSO is hosting the meeting guide on the website, however, we have nothing to do with the information in the meeting guide. We are two separate entities.

Marshalltown- There was no unfinished business. Accessibility check list for conference- It was suggested that it should be placed in the drop box for when the bids are submitted. And there also will be an explanation if the accommodations are not met. There was a motion made to create a committee to plan a constant location of a conference to a central location such as Des Moines. This motion was postponing until June conference. Some concerns where we must ask Des Moines groups, not have equal votes, need a committee. Another motion was made to develop a form to be completed by groups to be used to populate the area 24 website with detailed info regarding Area 24 meetings. (comment was made)- Could submit form electronically, but if a meeting is not established or registered there can be problems. Concerns that groups other than AA could be listed. Motion mad e to postpone until June conference, motion passed.

Conference report June 2020 reported all is well just received a quote for the banner of 480\$ and all requirements have been met. Rooms are 89\$

Conference report for fall 2020 in Coralville- 7500\$ minimum for food and beverage needs to be met, no paid block and there is a 22% service charge. Tickets are 22\$, lunch 25\$ and dinner is 35\$ I did not catch a room price.

Webmaster report- Hello Everyone, we had 4,093 users total but 1103 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec. We up by 100 from last month which is great and hopefully continues to stay above 900. We did have a spike on the 27th, about 100 more than other days. The New Service Page only had 83 visits, while the events page had 317, I would like to see around 100 for the Service page but since the number was close to last month that may be all the higher, we will get. Next month I will separate the service flyers and put some sort of notice on the Events Page that they have been moved to the Service Page. We did have someone use the Dist. 9 email, replying to the service opportunities so maybe the District email addresses will get used. Love and service, Randy C.

Treatment report- Need speakers for Tuesday of every month 8-9pm at Country oaks. Also need volunteers to chair meetings at treatment centers. Will need to attend orientation at Trinity volunteer services. Please see Lee C for now if you have any questions. 563-210-4942 or leegarnica@yahoo.com.

Mini event report- District chairs are bringing deserts and group liaisons and GSR's are bringing festive snacks. Food chairs are Park P and Sheryl F Food is being catered in by Hy-Vee. It will be a taco bar. Coffee and pop are Joy P. Marybeth is raffles. Decorations are Kiersten and Ronna. Game is Lee C. Love and service, Lee C ALT DCM

Archives: Hi all, Nothing new to report at this time. I was not able to make it to marshalltown due to weather. Continuing to take inventory of what is needed and will keep you all updated. In love and service, Ronna

Corrections: Hello all! Sorry I am missing out as I am probably on the beach right now in sunny Florida. Everything is going well. The scott county jail has received the big books, 12 by 12 books and are stocked up with pamphlets. They have recently cancelled the Friday am meeting due to some rearrangement of programs. I was assured it was no fault of AA as all the Friday am programs are being cancelled. She encouraged us to start another AA meeting any other night or Friday afternoon. I have not pursued any other opportunities at this time. I will send out a poll to all scott county volunteers to see if anyone is willing to help with another meeting there. The 605 meetings are going well to the best of my knowledge and that meeting is stocked up with pamphlets as well. I was not able to attend the conference in January as the weather was bad. In love and service Jaclyn M

CPC: The committee met 01FEB. We have decided to work with high school counselors in 2020. We will be meeting at Intergroup 28FEB to select the literature we will be using. Once the literature has been selected, we will begin making our appointments. During the summer months when school is not in session, we will be contacting VA organizations in hopes of meeting with their staff. In loving and service, Park

Grapevine: Nothing new to report from the Grapevine perspective. In love and service, Jeremy W.

GROUP REPORTS:

Big Book: Big Book Study group is doing well. Attendance has been steady and growing some. We have our group anniversary coming February 25 at 5:30. Food and fellowship to start and Mike M. From Cedar Rapids will be our speaker at 6:30. We have donated 25\$ to the mini event which our guy will give Sheryl the check Thursday 2/6/20. Thank you for everything. In Love and service, Erik T.

Clinton: The Clinton group is doing very well. I went to the steering meeting Sunday morning, and was introduced as the new GSR. The only new business that was brought to the table was a verbal threat to a newcomer by a seasoned club member. Myself and some other chair members, are addressing the matter, on sat evening before the 8:00 pm meeting. I am also going to remind all members willing to chair, to please arrive half hour early to open doors, I will post new flyers at the meeting. In love and service, Michael M.

Marquette: Highlights of our Business meeting. 01-27-2020-Our income this month was down \$100 from last but still strong. Total income \$844.20 expenses \$568.81 with a prudent reserve of \$5,000. We added another trustee Ranae, which is the 4th Trustee member, and we discussed adding a 5th later. 2. Don our PI discussed having a problem getting anyone to commit to 12 straight Tuesdays covering the 12x12 at our Noon meeting. So after the discussion we decided to break the 12x12 into 4 weeks, three times to cover it. Everyone agreed to try the change. 3. The Focus group met, and have developed rough drafts of individual responsibilities (SOP) for the steering committee positions. We made multiple copies of the drafts and passed them out to everyone present then we discussed them. We asked that everyone to take their copy home review what the committee has developed. Suggested that they review make changes as they think it should be, and submit next business meeting to the Focus group. We had a discussion on the contributions we are presently making they are only to intergroup, and Dist. 9. The question was asked why we don't make contributions to AA World Service? After discussion we decided that we would give \$50 to each group monthly (Intergroup, Dist. 9, & AAWS) providing that our income is healthy enough to support our expense's. Love and Service Jim

Three Legacies: Thursday night speaker meetings are going well. We do have childcare available with a 5\$ fee per child. This money goes to pay the staff so parents are able to attend the AA meeting. If you have any questions or concerns about that fee, please see any one of our homegroup members. We are very excited for the upcoming District 9 mini event this Saturday. Our last business meeting went well with no new business or old business. Happy Superbowl Sunday, love and service, Shawna