

## May 3rd, 2020- District 9 Monthly Meeting

### ATTENDANCE

**Chairs:** DCM: MaryBeth P. Alt DCM: Lee C. Treasurer: Sheryl F. Archives: Ronna B. Corrections: Jaclyn M. CPC: Park P. Grapevine: Jeremy W. Literature: Kristin C. Treatment: Kevin K.

**Groups:** Bettendorf: Toni F Big Book: Erik T, Blandine: Christy P, Central Discussion Tim, Courage To Change: Jennifer N, , Dewitt: Shelly, , Three Legacies: Shawna, Intergroup: Jennifer

### REPORTS

**Treasurer's Report:** Beginning Balance: 5,986.82; Total Income: -; Total Expenses: -; Balance: 5,986.82; Seed: 300.00; Prudent Reserve: 300.00; Operating Balance: 5,386.82

### Alt DCM:

**Webmaster** 2,198 users total but 1,905 actual users on site for more than 30 seconds. Big increase last month due to all the closing but we still have twice what we normally have. The meeting app page for the first time since we switched to it in August is not the most visited page, the virtual meeting page is now. All meetings are now located on the Meeting App page.

**Area 24 Special Meeting** Update from Area Delegate -Dan G. reports that the General Service Conference will be held virtually. Currently it is scheduled for May 15th – May 19th. The schedule is still being finalized. -Dan will inform the body when it is time to meet to discuss conference agenda items. Right now it is anticipated this will be done in short virtual sessions and/or by email. Watch for communication from your Delegate on this.

**New Business for Area 24 Special Meeting!** I move that Area 24 2020 Spring Conference be changed to a Virtual Conference. Motion submitted by Sheryl F.: seconded by Margaret F. Vote taken. Motion passes. (Note: It is anticipated that 2021 Spring Conference will be held in Storm Lake) I move that Area 24 purchase a Zoom account with capacity for > 100 persons for 6 months. Motion submitted by Dan G.; seconded by Jamie G. Vote taken. Motion passed I move that Area 24 Officers and Chairs comprise the Spring 2020 Virtual Conference Committee. Motion submitted by Julie S.; seconded by Dave G. Vote taken. Motion passed (Note, we extend our deepest gratitude to the 2020 Spring Conference Committee, and will also be in contact with Al Anon. First planning committee will be held Saturday 4/25 at 1030am ✓ Margaret F. would like to organize a DCM Sharing Session sooner than June. She will do this when the new Zoom account is created. Area Officers will assist.

**Delegates report (highlights)** I have had the opportunity to meet several times with the General Service Board as a delegate chair to listen to the work the Trustees and the General Service office are doing to assure that the "business" of Alcoholics Anonymous continues. The GSB has met numerous times in addition to the times I was involved. They are all working diligently as a board to make rather difficult decisions. It goes without saying that the Office is currently closed which means there is not anyone there answering phones. As you all know planning is still underway for the Virtual 70<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference. There are a few things that I would like to bring to the fellowships attention and don't feel it would be prudent to wait to report them until we meet in June during our assembly. \*Committees are in the process of meeting to determine which agenda items will be discussed in their committees during conference and which ones will be placed on the "shelf" to discuss next year. Due to the uncertainty of which items will be discussed it will be rather difficult to schedule a meeting with you all via Zoom. I realize this is not a fan favorite but frankly it is beyond my control. I may not have a final list of agenda items until the week of conference. This will be difficult for all members of the conference as it will not give a lot of time for anyone to study the "new list" of agenda items. I do however feel that each committee is working hard at deciding which items are of "sensitive" nature and has to be discussed this year. \*The GSB recently approved to draw down a substantial amount of money from the Reserve fund which amounted up to \$3 million. This draw down will be used to simply help pay bills and keep the business of AA flowing as well as it can while not receiving the estimated amount of contributions that was projected. This draw down will result the reserve fund to dip down to about \$15.9 million. This means that the RF will be around 7.2 months. This is a concern. I send this letter to make you all aware of the financial situation that GSO is currently in and encourage everyone to prayerfully consider "hitting the hat" a little harder if you possibly can. I completely understand that while many groups are not getting the hat donations while conducting zoom meetings as they would normally get by having an in-person meeting. Lastly, I would like to encourage everyone to continue to plan to attend the Area 24 virtual conference. The Area Officers and Chairs have met several times via Zoom and have come up with a schedule for that weekend. Area 24 Chair Mary Ann G. and Secretary Julie S. will be sending out details soon. Additionally, I would like to commend each of you by stepping up in your groups and districts to continue to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous by being creative in how you are all conducting your meetings. I have seen numerous Zoom meetings and other virtual meetings take place and I feel that is important to recognize the efforts put forth by everyone that are making those happen. As our State starts to "open up" I would still like to encourage everyone to be safe by whatever means you feel are appropriate. If it means you wear a face mask while at meetings, then by all means do so. If it means that you as a group stay a bit later to help disinfect your meeting place for the next meeting that meets there to be safe than by all means do so. IN closing I am looking forward to seeing everyone virtually in June. I will continue to try my best to represent Area 24 as best as I can during the 70<sup>th</sup> GSC in May.

**Corrections:** I have reached out to Scott Co Jail to see if there are needing anything such as literature etc. Still waiting to hear back. In Love and Service Jaclyn M.

## **GROUP REPORTS:**

**Blandine:** Blandine is still having meetings. Limit to 10 people. Newcomers will be given priority if there are more than 10 people. People are sitting 6 feet apart and tables and chairs are wiped down with disinfectant. April starting balance 606.06 + 102.26 + 89.32 -150. -7.50-\$67.49 chips remaining balance \$572.65. 5/17 Anniversary cancelled. They will do 1 event in fall. Need to state groups opinion on Preamble to change. Group opinion is leave at men and women. However, group was ok changing To Wives to "To Spouses". Much discussion on to the Employers. I had previously said "To Employers" be updated as laws have changed and medical diagnosis is no business of employers. The group said employers are still clueless on alcoholism and the main purpose of the chapter was to keep employee employed. The Group did agree that the pamphlet "Young People and AA" be updated as the Tina Dupee was interviewed on public media "This American Life" she is now drinking. This American life #539 "The Leap." Blandine requesting support for womens meeting Monday 6:30pm. In love and Service, Christy

**Courage to Change:** So glad to see everyone. We hope everyone is staying safe at this time in the world. We at Courage to Change are all doing well. We are still meeting every Tuesday night at 6:30 at our virtual meeting. You can join from your computer, tablet or phone. <https://global.gotometing.com/join/274425717> or you can dial in using your phone 1-312-757-3121 access code is 274-425-717. We look forward to seeing you there. In Love and Service, Nosa

## **Marquette:**

**Intergroup report** Sam reporting on intergroup, the office assistance is working from home. So getting material (chips) from intergroup will be challenging at the least. Not much to report, the intergroup anniversary event is canceled, also the World Service Conference has been canceled. Sam also said that we were run low on 1 & 2 year chips, and with intergroup closed he will need to look elsewhere. Ranae suggested Sam be granted trusteeship in obtaining our chips elsewhere. Motion by Bubbles that Sam be granted means to purchase 1 & 2 year anniversary chips. It was suggested we make a flyer asking members to donate their 1 & 2 yr. chips, would be appreciated.

**Business GSR report** Jim reported that there wasn't a Dist. 9 meeting for March because of the Covid-19 social distancing, and no preparation to meet for now. For April the webmaster is setting up a web page for the group to meet online Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 10:30.

**Program Chair** Don program chair said there wasn't much for him to report. He was able to fill almost all vacancies for the month of May. Don also recommended that the meeting at 5:30 on M, W, & F. be removed, after discussion, Sam made a motion to remove 5:30 meeting M, W, & F, Bubbles 2<sup>nd</sup> majority in favor motion passed. Sam will address the rescheduling on the web for corrections.

**Picnic** Our picnic that was scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup> was postponed last month and today Linda made a motion to table the picnic discussion until May so we will have a better understanding on what phase we are in with the Pandemic. Bubbles 2<sup>nd</sup> and majority ruled in favor. Tabled until next month.

**10am Meeting** Bubble told everyone that there was a great interest from members meeting for 10am. All of the members poled at the 10am meetings were in favor of the meeting being permanent. Bubble said that he talked with Robin who thought Pastor Judy would probably only let us have a 10am meeting on M,T,W,& Fri. after the Federal Mandate has expired. Joe made a motion to make the 10am meeting permanent, Don 2<sup>nd</sup> motion carried by majority rule in favor.

**Additional miscellaneous meeting minutes** We discuss and decided last month to double our donations to intergroup, district 9 and world service, because there wasn't any checks available at that time. Because of our loss of income due to the Covid-19 virus, we all agreed unanimously that we should table the discussion until next month. Because of the Covid-19 we had to add some additional keys for opening Jim is going to update the key inventory. Love and Service Jim D. - GSR/Secretary

**Three Legacies :** Covid-19 has brought alot of new and interesting changes. We are still holding out Thursday night meeting on Zoom from 6:30-7:30. We do have a P.O box if anyone wishes to send in to the 7th Tradition. Im so happy to see all of your faces!!! Love and Service, Shawna