

June 14th, 2020- District 9 Monthly Meeting

ATTENDANCE

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

Groups: Bettendorf: Toni F Big Book: Erik T, Blandaine: Christy P, Three Legacies: Shawna, Intergroup: Jennifer

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: Beginning Balance: 5,386.82; Total Income: -791.43; Total Expenses: -; Balance: 6,178.25; Seed: 300.00; Prudent Reserve: 300.00; Operating Balance: 5,578.25

DCM: I attended the virtual spring conference. They decided to have the Marshalltown business meeting in August virtual. It was a long discussion but the body decided to have the fall conference virtual. Dan gave his delegate report. He put it in the drop box and also I will receive ten hard copies. I will also reach out to Dan to see if he is willing to come and talk about his experience or virtual. I will keep you posted. Mike L is our new trustee for the West Central region. Due to the holiday our meeting will be July 12 at 1030 virtual. I wanted to thank Inner group and Randy for all the wonderful information on virtual and in person meetings going on. I am always here too for support. Love and service Marybeth

Alt DCM: Hello district 9. I had the pleasure of sitting in on the DCM sharing group and here are the topics discussed. Dan is to speak in our district time to be determined. Dan stated he will be wearing a mask; his wife is in healthcare and he will not be offended if we decline to invite him due to covid. Dan asked that we take 10 final reports. Discussion on what to do with the leftovers or outdated conference items, the experience shared was to shred them but save a copy for archives. Be mindful of what you do with them, they have confidential information in them. The other districts are mixed with in meeting and zoom meetings and the experience seems to be the same across the board, this has been a real experience in autonomy and we are all doing our best and listening to the concerns of our groups.

A few ideas that other groups are doing regarding the pandemic-
Meeting in person and passing phone around with zoom.
Cannot join hands but can join spirit- for not holding hands at end of meeting
Reminder we are someone's guest when joining a zoom meeting.
Bring own material instead of using community literature.
Set up pay apps for basket donation
One person pour coffee only and use disposable cups.
Meeting in house with zoom app open and microphone in middle of room

Webmaster report- Hello Everyone, we had 2,179 users total but 1,642 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec. The Meetings Guide Page is back to the most visited page, maybe because all the meetings and info is located there now. I created a Reopened Page and changes the menu meeting tab to contain the Guide, Virtual, Closed and Reopened pages. I also put some links on the front page about lettings us know about your Re-Opening Information and how to use the Meeting Guide. That's all I have until next month. In Love and Service Randy C.

Alternate Delegates report Dave G.- Area 24 Alternate Delegate Report June 6, 2020. Since my last report I have been working hard to keep the Area 24 Directory as accurate as possible. The directory is current through June 3, 2020 and is in the Area 24 shared Dropbox folder. Now, about the new Netsuite database system at the GSO records office. They are having problems converting data from the old system to the new one and this has caused significant delays in updating the information. Area registrars do not have access to the database and are unable to add or modify records. We do not know when we will get access to the database. Consequently, we are required to continue to forward all changes to the records office for them to enter. As a result of switching to the new system, each group has been assigned a new number. The old group number is still valid and is now called the legacy number, so please don't be confused or alarmed. All groups that were in existence before mid-October 2019 now have two numbers. New groups after mid-October 2019 only have one number. Big announcement! Area 24 is changing the way we collect group and service chair information. Beginning on July 1 you will be asked to go to the Area 24 website and enter all group and service chair change information there. Let me explain: When you have your group elections this fall, or have any other changes (e.g. location, time, GSR, alternate GSR, email, etc.), please do not use the old group change forms. Instead, please go to www.aa-iowa.org, our Area 24 website, and you will find three links on the home page: 1) A link for new groups, 2) A link for change of information for existing groups, and 3) change in service chair information for district and area officers and service chairs. Please enter all changes in this manner after July 1. This new method will streamline the gathering of information that will be sent to the GSO records office, to our Area 24 Directory and to our website meeting list. If you have any questions about this process, please contact me. Yours in love and service, Dave G. Area 24 Alternate Delegate. Love and service Lee C Alt DCM District 9

Archives: Hello everyone! Archives here! I had a chance to attend the virtual area conference and truly enjoyed reconnecting with the other districts. We discussed some interesting history regarding our very own Blandine group and one of its founding members. The area chair will be mailing me a copy of the information he discovered. More on that at a later time. So looking forward to things getting back to normal and getting back in the rooms! Love and service, Ronna B.

Corrections: Hello all! Not much to report. I received an email from Scott County Jail stating they are not holding any outside program until further notice. It is indefinite as to when outside programs will be allowed. We are welcome to drop off literature, but that is the extent. They do not have zoom or virtual capabilities. We are currently not taking meetings into any facility. I did attend the Corrections workshop portion of the Conference on June 5th- a lot of discussion was focused on how to get the message to inmates around the country during this time. Mail correspondence is a great way- right now there is a huge need for male correspondence. We talked about how to get our program into juvenile detention centers. A reminder was also mentioned about pre-release forms (mostly state penitentiaries). In Love and Service Jaclyn M.

CPC: I attended the Area 24 virtual CPC Workshop, Saturday, June 7th. I am attending a CPC/PI Workshop put on by Area 14 on Saturday, June 13th. I continue to gather ideas as to the continuation of our services within the professional community in these uncertain times. One suggestion made at the Area level was to distribute a Big Book in those little stand-alone libraries in yards. I know of several of those so I am going to be doing that. In love and service, Park

Grapevine: Grapevine January-May issues will continue to be free online until 7/1/2020 In love and service, Jeremy W.

GROUP REPORTS:

Bettendorf: Bettendorf held its first business meeting since February 19th. Items discussed:

- Quarterly Financial Disbursements - o BG allocates anything above our prudent reserve to Intergroup, Area, District & GSO. Normally, this disbursement is split equally to each service arm. Due to the financial strain our Intergroup is facing due to COVID, it was motioned and passed to allocate all of this quarter's contribution to Intergroup.

- o BG began having meetings at the community center on Friday, May 15th. The original stipulations for meetings was no more than 25 people, face masks and room sanitizing after each meeting. These "suggestions" were not being followed. It was decided to put the remaining chairs (over 25) into the locked storage area and make masks and hand sanitizer optional.

- o We had discussion regarding Iowa "opening up" completely. Our chair was questioning whether it would be appropriate for him to make the call to lift room restrictions. It was decided that he is a trusted servant and could make that call without having to schedule a group conscience for the collective group decision.

In love and service,

Toni F, GSR, Bettendorf Group

Blandine: Blandine meetings are no longer restricted to 10. Asking to maintain 6 feet and wipe down tables and chairs after meetings. Hand sanitizer set out for attendees. Treasurer \$572.65 starting balance. \$53.66 contributions (after expenses). No disbursements made to intergroup, district or AWS. 605 attendees expressed desire to be able to return to meetings. Talked of combining annual picnic and anniversary and having at Blandine Sept 13. Discussion on Intergroup event. Speaker meeting were discontinued and discussed having again starting in July. Discussion on slip signing. In love and service Christy

Clinton: The Clinton meetings are back in full swing. We are able to keep social distancing and masks are optional In love and service Mike M.

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. No one in office, ordering material online. Will bring receipt for literature later.. GSR report Jim made motion to make \$50 contribution too each; Intergroup, Dist. 9 & World Service Office. After discussion a decision was made to contribute \$100 to Dist. 9, we should continue supporting our local support. Until a clearer understanding on when everything will open up. This included Sam's suggestion to hold off on intergroup contribution until a request is made, or the intergroup office opens, whichever comes first. 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 except one. Final Business item Bill made a motion to change the Monday night 8pm meeting to 7pm. Bill's point was a majority of the folks at the 8pm he talked with would rather it at 7PM instead of 8. After discussion Bill decided to contact the various treatment centers about it would affect their program. Discuss at June meeting. . Love and Service Jim D. – GSR/Secretary

Three Legacies : Good morning beautiful people!! 3 legacies is remaining virtual at this time as the church has asked us to respect their guidelines of adding bodies in the building. There is a link to our Thursday night meeting on the aaquadcities.com website which will take you to Intergroup page. We did just have our monthly business meeting and have voted to continue the Saturday 9am virtual meeting as well that we have been hosting. I hope you are all well and wish you a happy Sunday!!!! Love and Service, Shawna