

September 13th, 2020 – District 9 Monthly Meeting

Attendance: Chairs: Alt. DCM, Archives, Corrections, CPC, Grapevine, Literature, Secretary, Treasurer, Treatment.

Groups: Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Blandine, DeWitt, The Three Legacies, West End.

Chair Reports: Treasurer: Beg Balance \$6,220.80, Income Received \$0 – Due to travel I was unable to make any deposits so far this month, I will be making deposits to the account soon. Balance \$6,220.80. Seed Money \$300, Prudent Reserve \$300. Operating Balance 5620.80. Motion to accept by Kristen G & 2nd by Kristin C. Alt. DCM: Area has a zoom account we can use if districts do not have one. Recently I have placed the anonymity protected electronic version of the 70th GSC final report in the drop box. Been working hard to keep the Area 24 Directory as accurate as possible. The directory is current through August 7, 2020. Take Back to Groups: Dave G made motion to send extra \$5000 to GSO, this was tabled and will be revisited in October. Few points of interest- GSO is 8 million dollars into their prudent reserve, that about 8 months of function. Area 24 has \$14,790.81 in bank account. Archives: Things are going well with the archives committee, i received some interesting articles from my area archivist, Jeff M. Sister Blandine, whom our own Blandine group was named after. I also received a copy of "the founding of AA in iowa". Things are at a standstill with archives at the moment given the current situation, but i will keep you updated. Corrections: The GSO letter that was sent out had some great information for what has been happening around the country with regards to COVID. There was mention that GSO needs spanish speaking men to correspond with those behind bars. They are also looking for experiences to be shared on how the message is being carried behind bars. I have sent an email out to both Jennifer Rice with the Scott Co Jail (You are welcome to drop off pamphlets, books, brochures etc.. I can put on the library carts for each unit. We are not open for visitors, volunteers, or service providers. We have a donation box by the officer desk or I can meet someone out front of the building wearing a mask etc.) and to Brianna with 605 (I am the best contact yes, as for in house meetings, our visitation is still on hold with COVID-19. Thankfully we have not had any cases so the visitor limitations have been successful. Updated schedules and literature always helps). At this time we are currently not taking in meetings anywhere with no anticipated return date. CPC: Venues are still very restricted, uncertain on how to contact people. This years goal was to work with the schools, however their main focus has been redirected due to COVID. Grapevine: Carry the message project is still going on. On the website you can donate a subscription, or sign someone up a to receive a subscription. Literature: Nothing new to report, making sure 605 has updated schedules & literature. Treatment: Nothing new to report, not doing any inpatient treatment centers due to COVID. Discussion: Can we create a sheet to provide the Abby with folks who are willing to sponsor? (Good idea, will contact) Do they have bridging the gap slips? (Yes)

Group Reports: Bettendorf Group: Picnic today from 11:30 – 2pm @ Bandshell, food & games, come enjoy the fellowship. Disbursement was 50% Intergroup, 25% Area, \$25% GSO. Big Book Study: Continue to see an average attendance of 20-25 people. Contributions slightly down but remain steady. Blandine: Treasurer report Starting \$718.90, Contributions 83.83, Expenses 1 Grapevine subscription to the Scott Co Jail \$28.97, Books \$98.25, Ending bal \$675.51. President asked the Area 24 database be updated for new people. Another member asked what was going to happen to the intergroup tickets that were previously sold. Motion was made to announce the Intergroup “Sobriety Challenge” going on to the end of October. This is where members send in money for the number of years they have been sober. Talked of arrangements the day of the 66th Annual Picnic and Anniversary celebration. Patricia and Chris are going to sell raffles. Group is trying to find poster of “Just for Today”. AWS apparently doesn’t sell it but England’s area does. Thanksgiving meal set for 11/22/20 and Christmas meal set for 12/20. DeWitt: In person and online meetings continue, Adding a new meeting on THURSDAY at Noon, location of new meeting will be at West Berg Park. Picnic will be held on September 26th at 12:30pm at the outdoor pavilion at Grace Lutheran Bible Camp. The Three Legacies: 3 Legacies virtual meetings continue to have good attendance and have resumed speaker meetings which have been amazing, we have also resumed virtual chip celebrations. woop woop!!!! Our last business meeting there was discussion in regard to looking into different locations to have weekly AA meetings due to the continued Covid restrictions. Will continue to update District as I hear more information. There was a motion, discussion and a vote for a 200\$ disbursement to Intergroup in which that passed. Marquette: 1st Item of Business: Treasury Report, as of Aug. 31st, Beginning bal. in Checking Beginning 8/01 \$3,382.60. Income for Aug.: \$919.50 Expense \$348.83 Checking Ending 8/31 \$3,953.36 Prudent reserve ending Aug. 31 st \$5,012.88. 2nd Item of Business: Purchaser report Leo’s reported expenses low because haven’t needed supplies in Aug., will take inventory of supplies 3rd Item of Business Program Chair Jennifer said intergroup business office still closed, but will take orders. Jennifer also said that donations are very low may need help with rent if things stay the same. Also when things in the office get back to normal they will need several volunteer to help man the office. There is a sobriety countdown coming soon \$1 per year pledge. 4th Item of Business: GSR report all

meetings are still virtual meetings only. Dist. 9 will evaluate monthly, based on the Covid 19 virus conditions. 5th Item of Business: Election of Marquette trustee position, there were two nominees for Trustee: Debbie K. & Mel. P. After tally Debbie K. was elected to the 5yrs Trustee Position. 6th Item of Business: One time donation to Intergroup of \$300 to help with financial needs. Also a \$50. Donation to World Service donation was made. 7th Item of Business: Leo suggested we donation our old out of date and near out of dated pop to the Blandine Picnic. Vote taken and agreed to donated Soda to Blandine Picnic. Tabled Marquette picnic planning to September meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business: Motion Made by Sheryl. to continue VIRTUAL district meetings for the remainder of 2020 and discuss in-person meetings during January meeting. 2nd by Park, Motion Passes. Elections will be in October, Secretary to make flyers. SOPs will be sent out & reviewed, so we have them for elections. District officers need to make sure they register for the upcoming conference.

Motion to Adjourn by Sheryl, 2nd by Toni.