

Nov. 1, 2020 – District 9 Monthly Meeting

Attendance:

Chairs: DCM; ALT. DCM; TREASURER; ARCHIVES; CORRECTIONS; CPC; GRAPEVINE; SECRETARY; TREATMENT

Groups: BETTENDORF; BIG BOOK STUDY; BLANDINE; DEWITT; THE THREE LEGACIES

Chair Reports: Special Meeting – Area 24 Delegate report out by Dan G.

Treasurer: Beginning Balance: \$5827.90; Total Income: \$572.50; Total Expenses: \$83.00; Ending Balance: \$6,317.40; Operating Balance: \$5,717.40.; **DCM: No Report Alt. DCM:** Here are some highlights from the area 24 fall conference 2020 virtual meeting. Dan G area 24 delegate. Panel 69 and Panel 70 delegates as well as Class A and B trustees and some staff from GSO were involved in a discussion via Zoom where we had the chance to visit about the GSB strategic planning initiative. I felt the discussion was meaningful and insightful. I believe the biggest thing that I took away from this opportunity was to recognize how poorly we utilize the Class A trustees in our area. In my time in the Area 24 service structure I don't recall ever inviting a Class A trustee to the Area. I was reminded how much they can offer Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole and the wealth of knowledge they can offer. If for some reason Area 24 continues to host assemblies and other events via zoom I would encourage the planning committees and or the Area committee to consider contacting a Class A trustee to be involved. I don't think you will be disappointed. The West Central Regional Delegates met on 9/14/2020 via zoom. We were informed that the contributions continue to be on the rise however literature sales are down. As a result AAWS did recalculate their budget and I believe that was shared via an email I sent out earlier. The Grapevine board however did not need to recalculate their budget. It was reported that subscriptions are up over all and that it is believed that Grapevine is in good shape. However that doesn't mean you should cancel your subscriptions as a matter of fact if you don't have a subscription please consider signing up for one. The E.R.P (Enterprise Resource Platform) continues to struggle getting implemented. The hope is all the bugs will be worked out and completely up and running by December. Currently there are 2 Areas that are testing it out to help address the bugs and getting them corrected. I also want to report that there will be 8 trustee's that will be rotating after the 71st GSC, 2 regional trustees, Trustee at Large US, 2 General Service Trustees and 3 Class A trustee's. That is 33% of the General Service Board. The General Service Board Chair is also rotating and there is currently a non-alcoholic and 2 alcoholics being considered for the Board Chair position. If one of the alcoholic candidates is chosen the Board will expand by one member to replace the alcoholic if selected. In addition 2 NTD's will rotate, plus the one left over from the 70th GSC. So there will be a lot of new faces on the GSB coming up. Grapevine is considering 6 candidates for their NTD openings. Additionally there will potentially be several changes with staff at GSO due to early retirement incentive program being offered to approximately 25 staff. I currently do not have the information regarding if anyone has chosen to take up that offer. As we often say "more will be revealed" later. I do however know that there very well could be different staff desk assignments coming in the near future with these early retirements. Currently the WCRSC is still being planned as if it will be in person but it will be discussed further when the new rotation of Panel 71 Delegates are present at the WCR Delegates meeting which will be in December. Dave G area 24 alt delegate Since my last report I have been working hard to keep the Area 24 Directory as accurate as possible—thank you to all of the DCMs and GSRs who have provided me with updates. The directory is current through October 8, 2020 and is in the Area 24 shared Dropbox folder. Now, an update on our new national database called Netsuite. The records department at the General Service Office has been sending Excel file updates of our Area 24 group and service chair information regularly this past month. I have been using this to confirm the changes sent to GSO. At this time the records office is nearly completely caught up with group changes to date. Area registrars still 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 will continue to be required to forward all changes to the records office for them to enter. All changes you send to me are immediately forwarded to GSO and I keep track of those changes. I will continue to monitor all updates I send to GSO to assure the changes are made. A reminder that 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 midOctober 2019 now have two numbers. New groups after mid-October 2019 only have one number. For group changes going forward please go to the Area 24 website and enter all group and service chair change information there. 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 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. 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. Motions made: A) Motion that Area 24 create a Conference Committee with elected Chair to plan all Spring and Fall Conferences to held at a central accessible location Area Committee meeting would remain as is. Motion submitted by Julie S., seconded by Hayley W. Vote taken. Motion fails. B) Motion that the following items to be added to the Area 24 Conference Bid Form with the Conference Guidelines: "1. The Accessibility Checklist is completed. 2. All items were met/The following items were not met." Motions submitted by Nancy N., seconded by Nate W Vote taken. Motion passes. c) Motion to submit \$5000 to GSO Motion submitted by Dave G., seconded by Terry C. Vote taken. Motion passes. Webmaster report for November 2020 Hello Everyone, we had 2,270 users total but 1,337 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec. The Meeting Guide Page was the most visited page. The Virtual Meetings Page was the 2nd most visited page. The Challenge Page came in at 3rd with the Service Page jumping up to 4th. The 24-hour phone service flyer had 89 views, which is much better than the 40 from last month. That's all I have until next month. In Love and Service Randy C. Love and service, Lee C. **ALT DCM Archives: No Report; Corrections:** Hello all, Nothing new to report. RCF has resumed a meeting on Tuesday night and asked that we bring back meetings. Tom from the west end has been coordinating those. I have been asked to speak on a corrections panel by our area corrections chair for this years area panel on Nov 14th via zoom. 605 and Scott county jail as still being suspended until further notice. In love and service, Jaclyn M. **CPC:** I attended the Area 24 Conference October 9th. The committee presented to Blackhawk and St. Ambrose nursing students October 21, 22, 23, 29, and 30th. Our new CPC Chair, Shawna, was able to attend one of the sessions. We also presented to the East Moline/Silvis Rotary Club October 29th. In love and service, Park; **Grapevine: No Report; Intergroup Liaison: No Report; Literature:** In October, I took pamphlets and schedules to the Abbey. I will go to Cads, Country Oaks and 605 in November. Love and Service, Kristin; **Treatment: No Report; PI: No Report; Treatment: No Report Webmaster: No Report**

Group Reports: Blandine: Blandine Business Meeting 10/25/2020: Treasurer report Starting balance \$631.09 receipts \$90.97, \$59.47, Expenses -\$28.97, -33.75. -14.00 ending bal \$702.82. Intergroup Donation challenge participation discussed. Blandine members committed to sending in checks. Blandine Intergroup Rep needed starting January. Discussion newcomer not seeing any identifying of AA downstairs or on outside of building. Room agreed to AAWS signs by both doors. Discussion on donations for furniture. Room approved. GSR asked how to get information back to members in rooms. All bulletin boards except 1 for AA. Two people that attend meetings at the Blandine location have tested positive for Covid19. 1 person was at a meeting 10/10 and found out 10/11 she was COVID19 positive. 1 is currently hospitalized with COVID19 as of last night 10/31. In service, Christy; **DeWitt:** DeWitt Group is still holding in person meetings and 1 online meeting on Sunday's at 8am. Flyer for that is on the Illowa Intergroup website. We will have a Holiday meeting on Thanksgiving Day at 10am and also the regularly scheduled meeting at 7pm. In love and service Shelly B.; **Marquette: 1st Item of Business:** Treasury Report, as of Sept. 30th, Beginning bal. in Checking Beginning 10/01 \$3,885.17 Income for Sept.: \$632.53 Expense \$385.35 Checking Ending 10/26/20 \$4,132.35 Prudent reserve ending Oct. 30th \$5,013.14 Bank isn't open in lobby to make Trustee chg. **2nd Item of Business** Purchaser report Don, program chair said that he has everything covered for Nov. He has been asked if we can split the 12 into smaller segments, Don said he will leave it to the chairperson wants to do it. **3rd Item of Business** Purchaser report. We discussed the Intergroup answering system, and the need for volunteers at Intergroup office. After discussing the options we voted for the Free Answering Service, Jennifer will take to Intergroup. **4th Item of Business** Intergroup report. Ranae asked what plans we have for Thanksgiving. She said that our 11AM holiday meeting in Venue 1 **5th Item of Business** GSR report. We discussed the Saturday's after Thanksgiving & Christmas potluck we usually have will be canceled this year because of Covid-19 **6th Item of Business** P.C report Don made a motion to extend the 4PM for a six month trail because 1month isn't a fair evaluation period. Adjourn; 6:55 Next Meeting Nov. 30th, 2020 Love and Service, Jim D. – GSR/Secretary; **The Three Legacies:** Hello and happy Sunday. 3 legacies meetings are still being held virtually and will continue to do so until The Church opens back up to us. The link to that virtual meeting is on the Intergroup website with a link and a password . 3 legacies did hold elections which were so much fun and amazing. Those minutes have not been submitted but we did fill all positions except ALT GSR. There was much conversation about different ideas and options for intergroup phones, such as live people taking phones VS an answering service. I hope you have the greatest of days. Love and service, Shawna