

## March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – District 9 Monthly Meeting

### Attendance:

**Chairs:** DCM, Alt. DCM, Treasurer, Archives, Corrections, Grapevine, Secretary, Treatment.

**Groups:** Bettendorf Group, Big Book Study, Sisters in Sobriety, The Three Legacies

### Chair Reports:

**Treasurer:** Beginning Balance: 7,203.80. Income \$200 Expenses \$0 Seed Money \$300 Prudent Reserve \$300 Operating Balance: \$6,803.80 **DCM:** Greetings district 9- over the past month I had the honor of working with a group of passionate and dedicated people to get the agenda items out, broke down and dispersed. Thank you all who sacrificed your valued time to carry the information to our groups and who were able to participate in the West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous service conference. Here are the agenda items that I am reporting on (thank you Park and Toni) Only the agenda items that had any feedback will be included in my report. You can find a list of Agenda items on the [aaquadcities.org](http://aaquadcities.org) website. **Policy & Admissions:** Consider a request that a procedure be drafted for appealing a ruling by GSC chair – an issue came up last year and there is currently no procedure in place. Discuss the revised proposed process for equitable distribution of workload – Literature always has so many items and others may have one or two. Review the report on the Conference Committee Assignment Application implemented in 2020 Committee Selection process – the process has been automated, how is it working. Consider requests regarding participation of online groups in the General Service Structure – right now virtual only meetings do not participate in the service structure – considerable discussion on this – create an online only area? Carried over from last year and no discussion-Review GSO's General Manager report regarding GSO Conference Site Selection. Review the floor action process. Consider a proposed process for how a Conference committee could review, discuss, and act on proposed agenda items not forwarded to a Conference committee. **Trustee:** Consider the procedures for a partial or complete reorganization of the General Service Board, the AAWS, or GV Boards. **BACKGROUND:** The reorg would be to possibly assign Alternate Trustees, like we have Alternate Delegates, etc. Due to many laws in NY...alternate isn't a good option, so they are considering how to find a replacement if someone has to step down. I will be attending Area 24 business meeting March 20-21 st to carry our voice. If your group would like its voice heard please send me an email or call and I can bring your voice to Area 24. [leegarnica@yahoo.com](mailto:leegarnica@yahoo.com), yours in service, Lee C DCM district 9. **Alt. DCM:** The Webmaster did not have a user report this month as Intergroup held their elections at their last meeting. He asked me to remind people of the Illowa Intergroup Online Event. It is March 20 th from 9-5. If you have any questions, please contact the Intergroup office. There is also a flyer on the website, [www.aaquadcities.org](http://www.aaquadcities.org). I attended the virtual West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Conference. I sat in on the Agenda and Report & Charter/PI committee sessions as well as the morning and afternoon recaps. Whenever I attend a function like this, I realize how much more I have to learn about Alcoholics Anonymous. **Conference Agenda Items:** International Convention & Regional Forums, Public Information, and Report & Charter. **Archives:** Archive's Report Greetings from Archives! I attended the WCRC this weekend. Those are always a great avenue to hear the conscious of our region. I also attended the Archives session. The agenda items this year for the 71 st service conference is as follows: 1. Review Archives Workbook 2. Review report on Proposed Book on A.A History 3. Election of chairperson for the 72<sup>nd</sup>. The background information on Item 2 were notes from the Trustee's Archives Committee, GSO working group which included members of the publishing and Archives department. Most committee members were in favor of the idea and thought it was important to publish a book of historical documentation. The book must be historically accurate, neither biased nor representation of the authors interpretation. Creating an acceptable time frame to complete such a book is a concern. The question was asked whether G.S.O. is able to write this history and present an unbiased account? What will be the financial impact of this project be? How much will it cost? Is this how we want to allocate our financial resources? A professional writer/historian should be hired to undertake such a project. Could we publish an e-book format instead of print and embed links to audio files, as appropriate to supplement the historical material. **Group Highlight -** The Blandine group started in 1954. This year will celebrate 67 Years I receive a copy of a letter from Bill W dated April 11, 1960 congratulating them on their 6 year Anniversary. Bill wrote that he was glad his old sponsor Ebby was to be with the Group on May 11, 1960. I also received that audio of his talk. I am looking into different ideas of where we could store our Archives, so that our records are stored and preserved. In Love & Service Sheryl F. **Corrections:** Greetings from Corrections. I attended the West Central Regional Form and found it very informative. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service. I met with Jaelyn and received all the Corrections information. I have contacted all the facilities. Scott County Jail is currently doing 1 virtual woman meeting every Monday from 11am-12. They are not currently having a men's virtual meeting. I will update everyone when that will become a possibility. I am

looking for volunteers for the virtual women's AA meeting. It is a monthly commitment, not background check is required. I have 2 spots available. 605 Main is still not currently having in person meetings I have been in contact with them We are still currently have meetings at RCF, which is a men's speaker/discussion meeting from 730pm-830pm. Projects for 2021: 1. Corrections Workshop 2. Obtain GSO's video with our information and get that information out to the facilities 3. Download AA speaker either by CD/zip drive and distribute to facilities. Proposed Budget: \$500 In love and Service, Vicki Filiatreau. **CPC:** Good morning Beautiful people. It has been so far a really fun learning experience serving as your CPC. I had the pleasure of meeting with Park and having this position clarified a whole bunch more. I have been able to present to the St Ambrose nursing students and have 2 more presentations lined up in the near future. I am working on putting a committee together so if you or someone you know may have an interest in this type of service work please contact me at Shawnalynsherrill@gmail or I can be reached at 563-570-5301. I am working on contacting another group of individuals to share our information and pamphlets with, in hopes of being able to get AA out to those that may need it! I will be doing my best to attend this upcoming Area 24 business meeting however I may not be able due to my work schedule. Maybe if PI is attending they could assist me in any CPC information that may come up. I am very excited about this upcoming year and am thrilled to serve. Love and service, Shawna. Hello there! I attended the CPC portion of the WCRAASC agenda items committee report. Here is the topics and discussion. A Discuss progress on Linked IN- nothing. The latest published report is Feb with numbers etc. B. consider request for pamphlet mental health. Helpful in determining what AA is/isnt, however if one created for mental health should it be more specific (mental health seems to general) and then does that lead to making more specific pamphlets for other professionals. Does this single out mental health saying it is more important than others since it has its own pamphlet. C. review content of workbook and kit - nothing D. review draft update on pamphlet "member of clergy"--consider changing clergy to spiritual leaders as the term clergy is specific for a few organized legions but not all. In Love and Service, Jaclyn Mayse. **Grapevine:** hello all! things are slowly moving forward with Grapevine. i have sent out emails to all the gsr's introducing myself and have attached my information in case there is anyone interested in being on my committee. More to come in the future as the world is slowly opening up. i have ideas as to how we can help get the message to those who may be in need. (i.e. hospitals libraries etc.) i also had the pleasure of attending the Western Conference Saturday and learned a lot. i attended the grapevine/international conference workshop in which they talked about the agenda items. the feedback from that group was good and has given me a lot to bring back and share with you. Here are the agenda considerations for grapevine-la vina: Consider a request to develop an A.A. Grapevine pamphlet on how the A.A. Grapevine can be utilized to carry the A.A. message. Background: Area 39 made a motion for the development of this pamphlet. A suggested title was: "How to use the A.A. Grapevine to Carry the A.A. Message." The new pamphlet should include the A.A. Grapevine Statement of purpose. The new pamphlet could also include separate sections discussing how to use the A.A. Grapevine in specific areas of A.A. life, such as: Meeting topics, Correctional Facilities, Probation and Parole, Treatment facilities, Loaners, Public Information (Displays, Barbershops, Dr's offices, etc), Accessibilities, A.A. Anniversary gifts, Newcomer Packets, Sponsoring Newcomers, Military A.A.s stationed over seas, Vacation / Travel, Telling your own story (including how to submit your story), Art / Photographs (photo of your group), A.A. Grapevine booklets/book, A.A. Grapevine website (archives as well as current articles), and Area, District and/or Group Grapevine Representative. Each section might include a paragraph describing how to use the A.A. Grapevine in each specific are of A.A. life followed by a short personal story from A.A. members who share their experience, strength and hope in relation to how the A.A. Grapevine has enhanced their sobriety in each specific section. A final section would include how to subscribe to the online or paper copy of the A.A. Grapevine with discussion of what advantages there are to having your own subscription. 2. Consider the list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2022 or later. Background: From 2002 Advisory Actions: "It was unanimously recommended that the Conference Committee on the Grapevine annually review a list of proposed related items at least one year in advance of possible production, so that the Conference might provide guidance, recognizing that the committee may request more than one year to review some proposed items. **Intergroup Liaison: No Report. Literature: No Report, open position. PI: No Report, open position. Treatment:** Hey all! I attended the WCRAASC for the treatment and accessibilities committee agenda review items. A. review progress on pamphlet of "older alcoholic" March 15th is the deadline for submission of stories to go in that pamphlet. consideration to add how the older AA can access AA. B. review progress on audio interviews – nothing C. review contents of treatment kit - want it in print and online and when online please keep updating etc all consistent and release patterns the same. D. review contents of accessibilities kit - AA with special needs is it being removed all together or replaced - this is the kit where it should be. Also consideration on adding how to sponsor something with accessibility issues, either rural or a stroke patient-consideration on how to help them and how to sponsor them. In regard to local treatment things, all meetings that are currently happening are going well and nothing new to report.

**Group Reports: Bettendorf Group:** Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm. 19 in attendance. Minutes were read and approved. Bettendorf Group has cancelled plans to hold its anniversary event this year due to COVID. Bettendorf Group Voice on GSO Convention Items • Corrections: o Consider removing terminology that may be considered offensive from literature such as inmate and offender. ▪ They did not really have an opinion, but felt it really wouldn't be necessary to make the change. • CPC: o Consider a pamphlet for mental health professionals. ▪ BG is fine with that. We agree that the professional title be expanded to Behavioral Health Professionals. • Literature: o (B) Consider the following revisions/additions at the next printing: ▪ Add pages 3 – 41 of the pamphlet “The AA Group” as an appendix in the next printing. • The Group is fine with that ▪ Revise the first 164 pages • NO changes or additions to the first 164 pages o (C) 5TH Edition ▪ Good with all additions, no changes o (D) Spanish 4th Edition ▪ No input o (E) Revise the 12 and 12 ▪ No changes o (F) Subtitle to Living Sober ▪ No opinion o (G) The AA Group Pamphlet ▪ No opinion o (H) Revision about Self Support in the FAQ Pamphlet ▪ No opinion o (I) Q & A on Sponsoring ▪ 1 No to changing the verbiage suggesting sponsor & sponsee be of the same sex ▪ 2 Service Sponsorship – Yes to this proposal o (J & K & L) No opinion o (M) Traditions Illustrated ▪ Yes to not retiring the pamphlet Bettendorf Group Business Meeting February 17, 2021 o (N) NA o (O) NA o (P through T) NA o (U) Plain Language Big Book, workbooks ▪ No o (V) Long Form of each Tradition... ▪ No Opinion o (X & Y) The A Group ▪ OK with these changes o (Z) Native North American ▪ No Opinion o (AA & BB) No opinion. **Big Book Study:** No Report **Sisters In Sobriety:** No Report **The Three Legacies:** Good Morning, Our anniversary meeting is being held virtually Thursday, March 11th at 6:30 pm with guest speaker Bev H. from Omaha, Nebraska. Three Legacies meetings are still being held via the Zoom (online) platform & will continue to do so until the church opens back up for the group. Three Legacies currently holds three virtual meetings each week: Thursday @ 6:30pm (Open Speaker), Tuesday @ 8:00pm & Saturday @ 9:00am (Closed Big Book Discussion), The centralized link & password to our virtual meetings can be found on the Intergroup website. (aaquadcities.org) In Love & Service, Rachel Becker

**Old Business:** Open Positions - PI, Literature, Conference Agenda topics, Reminder – April meeting moved to April 11th

**New Business:** N/A

**Motion to Adjourn:** 11:38am / Rachel B / Kevin K.