## April 11th, 2021 - District 9 Monthly Meeting

<u>Attendance:</u> Chairs: DCM, Alt. DCM, Treasurer, Archives, Corrections, CPC, Grapevine, Secretary, Treatment **Groups:** Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Courage to Change, The Three Legacies

## **Chair Reports:**

Treasurer: Balance brought forward \$7403.80; Income \$50, Subtotal \$7453.80, Expenses \$505.11 (DCM \$472.11, Secretary – Newsletter Flyers \$21, CPC – Meeting Schedules \$12), Ending Balance \$6,948.69, Seed Money \$300. Prudent Reserve \$300, Operating Balance \$6348.69 DCM: DCM report from spring service conference Area 24 virtual conference committee met. The committee met to broadly discuss the essential roles of a virtual conference, each committee member has had experience with the planning and execution of virtual conferences. A rough guideline has been created and is in the process of being edited by each committee member. We anticipate a more finalized version of this guideline by the March Area Business meeting. District 7 was nominated to host fall conference 2021. No other districts stood to host. Delegate Report: Mary Ann G. (Summary). On Saturday we began early, and discussion of the agenda items were separated into breakout rooms. My breakout room was Grapevine/La Vina and Trustees. The Grapevine/La Vina discussion focused on Item D. Review progress report on development of an Instagram account and Item F. Review suggested gender-neutral language options for the changes to the AA preamble. The Trustees discussion focused on Item F. Review the Statement of Concern and motion to censure the General Service Board. The Trustees committee has met twice in preparation for the General Service Conference. There are 8 vacancies which equates to 53 resumes for the committee to review. We have already been individually reviewing and sharing any administrative errors or missing information to try and reduce our workload once at the conference. We plan to meet again in 2 weeks. On 29 Mar I will attend the West Central Regional Trustee Delegate Orientation. Alternate Delegate Report: Julie S. (Summary) I meet monthly with "NAAD" (North America Alternate Delegates) groups which are Alternate Delegates from the US and Canada, on the first of every month, Recently our discussion has been centered on how each Area approaches disseminating and discussing the Conference Agenda Items. My general take-away is: that while it always feels like a lot to get through in 3 months, I believe Area 24 has, and continues to do an excellent job of this. I also was privileged to attend the West Central Regional Conference, attending the Agenda and Trustee breakout sessions, and all the summary sessions. The General Service Office database (Fellowship Connection) is fully functional. Group and District, and Area changes are entered into this system. This signals the GSO of new positions so they can send packets, workbooks, and other needed material if applicable. I do have to have a personal email in order to look up or enter a person into the database, so please assure that this information is included. If the position has an email (i.e: Area24.altdelegate@aaiowa.org) this will be used in the Directory as desired, but we do not want to tie the position email to a person. The person email will only be used in the FC database which is not public. Additionally, please assure you provide physical addresses as well in order to receive mailings. The Area 24 Directory is a separate document maintained for the use of Area members to conveniently look up Area and District information. The most current Directory will always be available in the Area 24 shared Dropbox folder. It is difficult, if not impossible right now to maintain an accurate Directory and Meeting guide with the many groups utilizing a virtual or hybrid format for their meetings or temporarily changing locations. Our hopes are that most groups stabilize this year. If you think the group will continue in temporary quarters for a longer period of time, you may send me a notice or complete a group change form indicating temporary location. Then complete or send notice of change when the group returns to its previous or original location. Each group is assigned a Group ID number. If your group was in existence before October of 2019, the old FNV group number is still valid and is now called the legacy number. Your Group ID # is listed in the Directory if it has been assigned. Love and service, Lee C DCM D 9. Alt. DCM: There were 2.573 users total with 1.423 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec. The most visited pages were the Meeting Guide, the Virtual Meetings Page, and then Events, in that order. There was a spike that was about double the usage on the 9th which is when the General Service Conference Agenda Items were posted. The busiest time for usage moved from 5pm to 4pm, however, 5pm was still noticeably high. A link was added on the front page with the recordings of the Online Event that was held on March 20th. Recovery-Tapers allowed usage of their ZOOM account plus they recorded and posted the event for anyone who missed it. The Website was renewed for \$139.04 (1 year) which gets split 3 ways: Intergroup, District 9 & District 90. I attended the Area 24 March Service Weekend virtual event. Agenda items were reviewed. In love and service, Park Archives: Greetings from Archives! I am still in search for a new location for our Archives to be stored. It is highly important that the materials be placed in a way that there can be no substantial distortion. Did you know that you can visit AA.ORG and view Archives & History? Here you can view the timeline of A.A. history. Digital Archives, Audio Archives and the markings newsletter. This has been a

great tool for me and have enjoyed reading or listening to our history of A.A To learn more about the life stories of A.A co-founders, our A.A. history and the development of the Fellowship in A.A. Conference approved literature and other materials, visit the A.A.W.S. online store. APRIL 10 IS A HISTORIC DAY FOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS.

On April 10, 1939, 4,650 copies of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, became available for distribution, Cornwall Press would deliver copies to Works Publishing Company, with an office on William Street in Newark, New Jersey. The grand bill for the print run was \$1,783.00! Copies were also delivered directly to "friends" of the Fellowship, including associates of John D. Rockefeller who aided significantly in the publishing venture. Today, over 40 million copies have been sold! I look forward in sharing with you each month the history of Alcoholics Anonymous. In Love and Service Sheryl F. Corrections: All is well with Corrections. I have remained in contact with the facilities even though we have not restarted in-person meetings. I have assessed the need for Big Books and offered those out since learning we have a surplus in our Pink Can fund at Area. There was a 5-week period that the women's virtual meeting was not being held at Scott County Jail due to staffing difficulties, Scott County will restart the virtual Women's Monday Meeting at 11am on April 19th. I am in-need of 2 women volunteers to chair these meetings. It is a monthly commitment. You do not need a background check. I plan on attending the June 4,5, and 6th. In Love and Service, Vicki F. CPC: Good morning beautiful people. I am thrilled I get to attend today as the weekend was changed for the Easter holiday. I am so excited to report we do have a CPC committee and have had a Zoom meeting and another one coming up. We have been discussing and learning so much. The previous CPC chair had already done so much as far as coordinating the opportunity to work with the nursing students in our area. We have already done 2 presentations with the St Ambrose nursing students and I have set up dates and times to share with the Blackhawk nursing students. If you or someone you know is interested in joining us to see what we are sharing that would be great. I can be reached at 563-570-5301. We are still waiting to hear back from the Trinity nursing program. We had discussions on different professional institutions and or facilities and are leaning towards the local veterans in our area to add to our focus. I was not able to attend the Area 24 business meeting that was held on Zoom due to my work schedule however Christina G. from 3 Legacies was able to attend and take notes in the CPC share session. There was discussion on LinkedIn as far as if it is still a professional site or if it is becoming more of a social media FB type platform. It was questioned if the comments and messaging sections had been disabled and the response was Yes, they had. They were disabled to keep it to a more professional platform. Questions as to if LinkedIn pushes information out to the professionals that request it. The concern is that it may be becoming more of a social platform and not as much geared towards the professionals. There was a request to consider creating a pamphlet for Mental Health professionals however there was not much talk in response in regard to that. Contents of CPC kit and workbook format are updated and added yearly. There is a pamphlet out for the Clergy, however there is a request that the wording be reviewed, it is currently worded Clergy, the request is to change it to Faith Leaders to be more inclusive. Every year those items are up for review and it is up to the fellowship to make those changes. That is about all I have, and again, I am so grateful for this opportunity. Love and service, Shawna Grapevine: Hi Everyone, not a lot going on at the moment with grape vine, i do have 2 new committee members, Bettendorf group and 3 legacies! I am scheduling our first meeting in a couple of weeks! GSR's please look for the email that i sent out introducing myself and my info. if there is anybody interested in being part of my committee there is still time. Looking forward to the June spring conference! I will be attending. In love and service, Ronna Intergroup Liaison: No Report, open position? Literature: No Report, open position. PI: No Report, open position. Treatment: Hi there! Nothing to report this meeting. I attended portions of the service weekend and nothing new was brought up over treatment:) no discussions were had on agenda items. In love and service, Jaclyn Mayse Webmaster: No Report

## **Group Reports:**

Alcoholics Anonymous

**Bettendorf Group:** Bettendorf Group Report Business Meeting 3/17/2021. The Bettendorf Group met on 3/17/2021 Items of Note: 7:30 am meeting has not been being opened on a regular basis (Tuesday & Thursday) It was decided to remove it from the schedule and will be communicated to Intergroup. New Archives Chair – Chris D. Bettendorf Group 2021 Phone List is now available. In love and service, Toni F. **Big Book Study:** Still meeting virtually, information is on the Intergroup website. Church is going month-by-month on decision to allow meetings in-person. **Blandine:** Blandine

next business meeting will be 4/25/21 at noon. Treasurer report Beginning balance \$307.83, Expenses \$74.64, Income \$149.21 Ending Bal \$382.40. Prudent reserve \$300. Old Business Blandine Anniversary moved to Annual picnic date. New Business: Friday night meeting are well attended. A lot of newcomers coming from One-Eighty and Adult Rehab. Discussion raffling off program literature the last Friday of the month. In service, Christy Central Discussion: No Report Clinton: No Report Courage to Change: Church still has not opened, similar to BBS, waiting to hear when face-to-face meetings can resume. While the church has shut down, they did remain open for AA groups use. Discussing possibilities of hybrid meetings. **DeWitt:** No Report **Foglight:** No Report **Marquette:** 1st Item of Business Treasury Report, as of March 29th, 2021 Checking Beginning Bal. 03/01/21 \$4,945.03 Income for March 2021: \$802.17 Expense for March 2021 \$603.93 Checking Ending Bal. 03/29/2021 \$5,186.52 Prudent reserve ending 03/29/21 2021 \$5,013.31 We do not receive interest anymore. 2nd Item of Business Purchaser report Donnie reported all chair slots were filled for the month for April. Donnie reported on Bubbles condition as far as he knew, they are waiting results from MRI. 3rd Item of Business Program Chair. Bill overviewed the condition of Intergroup. They are losing money monthly because the donations have been cut in half. But the continuing cost has taken it heavy toll on Intergroup. Bill finally ask the group about making regular donations. We all agreed that a monthly valuate of our financial position should be done before donating. This month we agree to \$100. 4th Item of Business Meeting Schedule Discussion on the 4PM meeting was held, with the weather changing and Covid-19 restriction easing, the group wanted to keep the 4PM meeting going longer. 5th Item of Business GSR report. Discussion was held on the money collected from SNL, Donnie indicated that Cassidy has about \$500 and wants to know what she should do with it. The general response was to bring the money to Linda. She wasn't sure on how the group would handle the book purchase for each event? The group will continue to purchase the same book for SNL. 6th Item of Business Church Cleaning Discussion was held on cleaning requirements, Adventure church implemented some cleaning requirements for the future, during the week after meetings, vacuum (if needed after food), clean coffee bar, push in chairs and change stacking of chairs after SNL five stacks instead of 4 stacks which make them too high to unstack, tabled till next month Adjourn; 6:35 Next Meeting April. 26th, 2021 Love and Service Jim D. – GSR North Scott: No Report Sisters In Sobriety: No Report The Freedom Group: The Three Legacies: Treasurer's Report: (January 8, 2021 – January 24, 2021) Income: Mail in Contributions: \$20.00, PayPal Contributions: \$400.62 Expenses: Zoom Subscription: \$48.12 (Jan – Mar) Miscellaneous: \$7.00 (Anniversary Flyer) Supplies: \$20.62 (Checks) Literature: \$36.25 (Grapevine Chair) Account Balance: \$1,945.88 Prudent Reserve: \$630.00 Operating Balance: \$1,315.88. Current Vacant Positions: Alternate GSR, Literature Chair, Set-Up Chair, Clean Up Chair, and Coffee Chair. Motions Made: Mary Ann G. made a motion to disperse \$400 to intergroup and \$400 to GSO. Christina G seconded the motion. A brief explanation of that the area and district are healthy in terms of funds, and based on the GSR report it sounds like intergroup and GSO could use the funds. A vote was held and the motion passed. 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) Next Business meeting: June 10, 2021 In Love & Service, Rachel Becker Three Legacies GSR Report GSR - Rachel Becker. West End: No Report

Old Business: Open Positions – Public Information (PI) and Literature

<u>New Business</u>: Mini-Event Report (Tabled to next month); Intergroup minutes – Digital vs. Printed (Tabled to next month); Face-to-Face district meetings

Motion to Adjourn: Tony / Park