

June 13th, 2021 – District 9 Monthly Meeting

Attendance: **Chairs:** Alt. DCM, Treasurer, Archives, Corrections, Grapevine **Groups:** Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Blandine, Central Discussion, Dewitt, The Three Legacies

Chair Reports: **Treasurer:** Beginning Balance \$7031.93; Expenses \$311.80; Income \$62.50; Ending Balance \$6782.63; Prudent Reserve \$300; Operating Balance \$6182.63 **DCM:** Greeting's district 9 - It has been an honor and a privilege to sit on two committee in the last month. The in-person vs virtual meeting has raised a lot of questions and hopefully will provide more answers. The podcast committee provided a lot of insight into what it will take to preserve past speakers and future speakers. Christy and I sat in on an intergroup meeting to discuss the podcast committee and Christy provided an excellent power point that was very informative. I attended the spring conference in Storm Lake Iowa and will have a lot to report on next month. The one thing I wanted to mention is it was brought to our attention that due to virtual meetings; our district must be available to adapt if another meeting wants to be part of our district virtually. This means that if a group in Florida wants to be part of district 9 then we must have the technology to support them virtually. Our area 24 delegate mentioned this to me, and we had a brief conversation. More will be revealed! I took it upon myself to reach out to another member of alcoholic anonymous regarding hybrid meetings. I have a feeling this may be a necessity or the new norm. We have not had a chance to connect yet, but it is in the works. Please remember that our zoom account is expiring at the end of this month. Our district needs to decide what to do. Do we pay month by month or renew for another year? Whatever the group decides I am here to serve. Yours in service, Lee C. **Alt. DCM:** There were 2,095 users total but 1,218 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec. The 6-month average is 1,330 so we are trending down, however, anything above 900 is great. The most visited pages were the Meeting Guide, the Virtual Meeting Page, and then Events, in that order. There were no noticeable spikes. The busiest time for usage is 4pm. The last couple of months have been very consistent which indicates we have very consistent users as well. There has been a lot of event flyers posted recently so it's good so see things picking back up. Some groups that have been open for a while, posted flyers as a reminder and to try and boost attendance. The Events Page is where we post anything a group wants to share and it's a quick way to find out what's going on. I know some groups use it for their announcements section at meetings so check it out. I reached out to several of our GSRs whose attendance has been irregular inquiring whether it had anything to do with virtual vs. in-person meeting. The responses across the board were that their absence(s) were completely unrelated to that. I attended the Spring Conference in Storm Lake. Our delegate, Mary Ann, is nothing short of amazing. I would say the same for our Area committee. All sessions were informative. In love & service, Park **Archives:** Greeting from Archives - This month on June 10th A.A. celebrated 86 years since it was founded by Bill W. and Bob Smith. An alcoholic from New York has a vision of the way to sobriety and is introduced to a like-minded doctor from Akron. Their first meeting will lead to the creation of a Twelve Step recovery program and a book that will change the lives of millions. From 1935- 1944 several things to place in A.A. history The Big Book tests the waters 1939 Four hundred mimeographed copies of the Big Book manuscript are sent out for comments and evaluation by members, friends, and other allies. Among those making valuable contributions are a Baltimore doctor who suggests having a physician write the introduction (a job taken on by Dr. Silkworth) and Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick (right), the highly respected minister of Manhattan's Riverside Church, who warmly approves of the book and responds with a positive review to be used as the Fellowship wishes. The Serenity Prayer 1941 Ruth Hock receives a newspaper clipping of the Serenity Prayer that had been printed in the New York Herald Tribune in June 1941. Ruth and many A.A. members in New York and elsewhere all immediately feel this prayer relevancy to A.A. & principles. Soon, the prayer is printed on cards and is being passed out to A.A. members everywhere. The prayer has since become a central part of A.A. heard in meetings around the world. The prayer & authorship is generally attributed to well-known Protestant theologian Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr. The AA Grapevine Debuts 1944 An eight-page bulletin intended to bring A.A. news to members (including soldiers overseas) expands to become the Fellowship's official magazine, with the first issue published in June 1944. It comes to be called A.A. "meeting in print." I want to give a special shout out to Christy for working so hard to provide audio of speakers for our archives collection. Please again a reminder, that if your group has flyers or minutes, please forward them to me to be added to our archives. In Love and Service Sheryl F. **Corrections:** Greetings from Corrections, I attend the Spring Conference and Corrections workshop. I was able to get more ideas for a committee. So this month I will form a committee, and our objective will be to reach out to probation officers- providing literature, education, and anything else they might need. All is well with the virtual meetings at Scott county jail. They have literature. And the statue of in-person meeting is still not in something feasible at this time. Will continue to update on this. 605 main will be getting back to me

about the possibility of starting in-person meetings back up. If anyone would like to me on the corrections committee, please let me know! In service, Vicki **CPC:** Good Morning All - I am sorry I am unable to attend this District meeting today due to my work commitments. CPC is going very well. I have not, as if yet, reached out to the VA but I am excited to be able to have more opportunities due to the COVID restrictions slowly lifting & the nursing students breaking until Fall. If you are looking to serve on a committee or you know somebody who is, I can be reached at (563) 570-5301. I can sure use all of the help I can get! I have learned in Alcoholics Anonymous that we do not make commitments that we cannot keep, so I need help taking information to the professional community & our committee is made up of individuals that can help do just that. I had the incredible opportunity to attend the 2021 Spring Conference in Storm Lake & let me tell you, that is a beautiful community! Buena Vista University is stunning & provided an incredible venue for us. It is an absolute honor & privilege to be in attendance with so many alcoholics & continue to learn about the service structure. This world of ours is so big & yet we are just a tiny piece, what we are doing is saving lives, ours included. I attended everything that this conference had to offer, spent time with wonderful women in the dorms, heard personal stories from AA members, Al-Anon members & even some Ala-teens, ate fantastic food, laughed my fool butt off & once again, was able to watch my sponsor & see her passion & knowledge serving as our Delegate. Area business meetings are very interesting, encouraging & entertaining to say the least. I did attend the CPC chair session, which was different this year due to COVID as well. There were only about 6 CPC chairs at this session. Our Area CPC chair was unable to be there due to the promises coming true in his life. It was told to me that he was attending a baby shower for his soon to arrive grandbaby. He did have Cedar Rapids CPC help with the discussion. We are very fortunate in our area to have so many options, most of the CPCs that came were from small towns & say there is very little participation in their area. I have been very blessed with all of the alcoholics that have instructed, taught & shared with me how to serve in this position &

capacity. I did share about forming a committee & asking people to help with taking information about AA & what it has to offer to the nursing students & that we are hoping to reach more professionals in our area so they can be better equipped when they are working with someone that can benefit. All of the other CPCs reported they were not given much, if any information & had no idea where to start or even who to reach out to & that kind of broke my heart. I have to say I felt proud & more informed knowing that the peeps who went before me shared everything they learned for this position & lead me down a road they had previously walked. I feel we are reaching people that need us through the professionals that we meet with. This share session led to brainstorming, getting creative & throwing ideas of others we can reach out to & I made new friends as well. I hope if you have the opportunity to attend a Conference that you choose to do so. I have a fire lit under my butt after everyone I attend & I leave with my heart full!!!! Love and Service, Shawna **Grapevine:** Greetings everyone! This is your grapevine chair, updating you on the happenings within grapevine. I attended the conference and had a wonderful time. It was so good being face-to-face and reconnecting with everyone!

I was able to sit in with my area grapevine chair as well as other districts and share some great ideas on how to bring grapevine to the groups as more and more open up! We are still at a standstill as not all groups are open yet. We discussed different ways to promote Grapevine/Lavina as well as ideas on potential upcoming workshops. We will be communicating via email and sharing ideas. Grapevine and Lavina celebrated founders' day with free access from May 26th through June 10th. And there are 2 new books out- Free on the Inside: Stories of Recovery in Prison and Women in AA, Spanish language version. Check them out. That's all I have for now more good things to come. In love and service Ronna **Treatment:** Hello all! I attended the spring conference, and it was a great conference. At our treatment workshop everyone went around and shared what they are currently doing in their districts. A few ideas for me to consider are as follows: Ride Share Program is being used where AA newbies are picked up and taken to their first outside treatment AA meeting Going to hospitals and locked wards just like how it was done from the beginning and sharing about what AA is and to check on them during this time of COVID. When at the hospitals, tell them what happened, what it is like now, and keep it to 30 minutes, then open it up for questions. Things to highlight are sponsorship, meetings, and the big book. Instead of an hour speaker meeting-make it is more of an "educational" time - meet with the staff and then meet with the groups. This also helps to prepare those in treatment to say alcoholic or to identify alcoholic versus drug addicted and why. How can we be effective with regards to halfway houses? Bridge the gap forms should be handed out at each treatment center and then one Friday (or other day) should be the hope video and give the form. Most important thing of all is be consistent. With this information that I received and direction from others at the workshop, I intend to reach out to the local treatment centers first and establish what they are willing to allow us to do and then move to local hospitals with the help of CPC maybe to accomplish this. In love and service

Group Reports:

Bettendorf Group: We are announcing the opening of Phone Chair for Intergroup for two weeks. Update on Bettendorf's search for a new room. A memo was received from the City of Bettendorf saying we could go month-to-month at our current location when our lease expires in June 2021. We continue to explore options. We have secured a realtor to assist us with finding properties to view. We will keep you informed as options present themselves and we draw closer to a decision. **Blandine:** Blandine did not have the June business meeting due to vacations. Blandine Group's next Business Meeting June 13, 2021 at Noon the next business meeting will be at normal date and time of Sunday, July 25, 2021 at Noon. No treasurer report. The annual picnic/anniversary meeting will be Sunday September 12th at 11 am at the Duck Creek Lagoon. Linda A will be the speaker. Group members cleaning discovered old speaker tapes/reading material in the attic. Discussion on online library for group members. In service, Christy P. **Marquette:** May 24th Business Meeting 1. We have decided to Zoom our 11am meeting on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and SNL Saturday night. THIS IS NOT RECORDING OUR MEETINGS. 2. The Wednesday 4pm is being reviewed next month to determine if we are serving the suffering alcoholic's needs. Because of declining attendance, we are going to evaluate its continuing. Please be at our next Business mtg., on 6/28(Monday), if anyone wants the meeting to continue supporting it being open. 3. Our business meeting start time has been changed from 6pm to 5:30pm on the last Monday of the Month. This will provide for more time for discussion before the 7pm meeting. 4. Program Chair position is open with Donnie's election to Group Chairperson. Donnie said that he will help train and work with them on the Program Chair position until they understand the position responsibilities. 5. Chuck D. was elected to a 5 yr. term as our 5th Trustee of Marquette. Steering committee.

The Three Legacies: Three Legacies would like to announce a change in our Speaker Meeting time & location as of June 15, 2021

When	Meeting Format	Location
7:00p.m. Every Tuesday	Open Speaker Meeting (Hybrid)	1706 Brady St #105 Davenport, IA 52803 <i>(Click here for Hybrid Zoom Option)</i>
9:00a.m. Every Saturday	Closed Big Book Discussion (Online Only)	<i>Click here – Online Only – Via Zoom</i>
Please E-Mail the group to obtain the Passcode ThreeLegaciesDavenport@gmail.com		

Current vacant positions include Alternate GSR & Literature Chair. Treasurers Report: Beginning Balance \$1315.88; Expenses \$32.08; Income \$725.91; Ending Balance \$1,861.49; Prudent Reserve \$630; Operating Balance \$1231.49. Next Business Meeting Aug. 17th 2021; Motions Made 1. Move that we change our Thursday night meeting to Tuesday nights at 7:00pm in the Central Discussion building. Discussion was had & Hybrid option will be available 2. Move that we fill the Coffee Chair & Teardown Chair positions. A. Ronna B – Teardown Chair B. Sheryl F – Coffee Chair C. Mary Ann G – Hybrid Zoom Coordinator In Love & Service Rachel B

Old Business: Park reported on the results of the GSR calls. Christy gave the Podcast committee report. Kevin provided a mini-event update.

New Business: Desiree K. attended our meeting as the new Alt DCM for the 8n8 Group. Randy C. is the DCM. Sheryl F. made a motion that District purchase a laptop with camera not to exceed \$1500. Vicki F. seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Sheryl F. made a motion that our July meeting be hybrid. Ronna B. seconded. Motion passed with an 8/1 vote. Sheryl F. made a motion that we pay for another year of Zoom @ \$149. Toni F. seconded. Motion passed. Sheryl F. made a motion that the DCM & Alt DCM look into creating a Zoom Coordinator position at the District level. Rachel B. seconded. Motion passed.

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Sheryl F. and seconded by Ronna B.