

August 1st, 2021 – District 9 Monthly Meeting

Attendance:

Chairs: DCM, ALT. DCM, Treasurer, Archives, Corrections, CPC, Grapevine, Intergroup Liaison, Treatment
Groups: Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Blandine, Central Discussion, Clinton Group, Courage to Change, DeWitt, Marquette Group, The Three Legacies

Chair Reports:

Treasurer: Beginning Balance \$5,267.11; Income \$433.36; Expenses \$378.29; Ending Balance \$5,322.18 Seed Money \$300; Prudent Reserve \$300. Operating Balance \$4,722.18 **DCM:** Greeting's district 9- I will be attending Marshalltown and what I can of the west central regional forum and hoping to make it to Cedar Rapids to listen to Maryanne share her experience the 71st General Service Conference. Reminder to register for the fall conference. Paper registrations are available at district meetings or online at aadesmoines.org. Registration is \$23 in advance and \$28 at the door -Lunch \$15 -Dinner is \$25 -Hotel room \$112. Please purchase the meals along with the registration so that we can meet the budget and have a successful conference. GSR's and all attendee's present today, please help spread this message. I was gifted several tasks for our district. One was to follow up with our CPC chair with regards to several questions our district had. 1 Get experience with answering service vs intergroup telephone chair- Left voice mail at GSO- takes ten days to respond also emailed PI at GSO asking for experience. It has since been brought to the districts attention that intergroup is not pursuing an answering service. I will no longer pursue information regarding this. 2.Ask Maryanne if she minded being recorded October 3rd sharing her experience regarding her attendance at the 71st General Service Conference – Her response was “I cannot unilaterally say it is ok to record me. This is a service talk about my service and representation of Area 24. There would need to be a motion passed at the area level” Maryanne our area 24 delegate is speaking October 3rd sharing her experience with district 9. Flyer will be made for her speaking October 3rd. no reports will be given then but will still need to be sent to Kristin. We will have snacks or whatever the group decides we should do for treats for her. **Alt. DCM:** There were 2,324 users total but 1,198 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec. We are still trending down, however, anything above 900 is great. The most visited pages were as usual, the Meeting Guide, the Virtual Meetings Page, and then Events, in that order. We did have a noticeable spike on July 20th, which hasn't happened for the last couple of months.. We did have slightly higher usage the 6th and the 11th which was probably due to the John Deere Classic. Randy was asked to remove the Podcast Information. He would like to let everyone know that the Meeting Guide Phone App has some issues; the Online Meetings show up as crossed out, and due to the App automatically getting information from Area 24 and Intergroup's Websites, it is important that your GSR submit your meeting changes to Area 24 as well as Intergroup. District will be able to help you contact Area 24 and provide any forms if needed. Keep checking the Events Page for any type of Group Announcements. I will be attending the Area 24 Service Meeting August 15th in Marshalltown. In love and service, Park **Archives:** Greetings from Archives. I am thankful that we will be having a archives committee meeting this month. I had the opportunity this past month to go through some district 9 archives. I came across the history Of the Clinton group from 1948 to 1996. The group started when a du Pont man by the name of Charlie M who was having the same problem that most of us have today. His wife happened to see the Jack Alexander article on a in the Chicago Tribune. He called a Davenport AA group and two AA men came up and 12 step Charlie and talked to his wife Margaret. He attended a group in Davenport and decided they needed a group in Clinton. Charlie and two men met at the Clinton YMCA every week. The first meeting was held January 13,1948. The second member of our Group A year later was Jack D a butcher from Preston IA. Charlie and Jack's names are on the lease of the old meeting place at 139 and a half 5th Ave S Clinton. Between 1948 and 1950 the group had two other locations. The first location was at the YMCA the second location was in the 300 block of N 2nd St. From there they located above the old Woolworth store. Finally, the group came to rest at 139 and a half 5th Ave South. The pioneering of Clinton A.A had just begun. Our fair city was blessed with many who were seeking help. The Jack Alexander article has given many some hope as the big book says. I found it remarkable to see the lengths and miles traveled by members to help the Clinton began to carry the message to the suffering alcoholic. I also was able to locate some history on the northwest group. They believe that the northwest group was founded in 1974 by Marion F and George. The meeting first began at Georges house and then eventually moved over to Ridgeview Presbyterian. over the years there had been a couple times that the membership became so low that there was a discussion of closing the doors. At one point the treasurer Stephen F was going to close the meeting when the treasury ran dry, but it never did. The Thursday night meeting was changed to Wednesdays at 5:30. I am excited to work with the committee and began gathering history of

more groups in district 9. 1945 Knickerbocker Hospital Treats Alcoholics - At New York's Knickerbocker Hospital, a pioneering experiment accepting alcoholic patients for treatment begins. The A.A. ward is headed by our first friend in medicine, Dr. William Silkworth 1946 Ireland joins the program - The decision of a Philadelphia A.A. member and former tavern owner, Connor F., to travel to Ireland leads to the formation of the first Irish group. Connor and his wife visit a Dublin sanitarium, where a doctor introduces them to patient Richard P. In Love and Service Sheryl F

Corrections: Greetings from corrections. Scott County Jail will be having our first orientation August 5. All new volunteers and pass volunteers have been emailed the information. We will be having a women's Jael meeting on Wednesdays from 7 PM to 8 PM and a men's meeting on Thursdays from 11 AM to 12. As we get more volunteers to support the program, we can start more meetings. You can contact me with any questions. 605 Main will soon be starting meetings back up. I have been in communication with the Director and as soon as they are ready to go she will let me know if you are interested in volunteering for 605 Main please contact me. I have reached out to RCF and not heard anything back- I will keep everyone updated. Literature is still being sent to those who have requested. Grapevine is doing a carry the message project. I received information from the grapevine coordinator and will be sending free Grapevines to these facilities. In love and service, Vicki F

CPC: Hello friends!!! Finally a Sunday off that I get to attend. There is not much on CPC happenings. I have a call out to Patty, the social worker for the V.A however I have not heard back yet. As I have mentioned in my last 3 reports the nursing students are out for the summer and will not return until the fall Semester. We do have 1 new committee member which is awesome. If I do not hear back soon from the V.A. I will be calling again and I will absolutely keep everyone posted. If the V.A. is not one of our options, then we will be looking into and brainstorming other areas where we can be of service. Love and service, Shawna

Grapevine: Things are going well in grapevine world. No changes or updates to report as of yet. If you haven't checked out the AA grapevine on Instagram please do!! (Like and follow) there are a lot of uplifting quotes to help Get you going with your day. In love and service, Ronna

Intergroup Liaison: Hello. Income for last month was 4120.72 Expenses 1157.69; Total in accounts \$6660.48; Next intergroup meeting is September 13th due to the holiday. Please keep checking the website for intergroup business hours as they are always changing. Now Tuesday and Thursday are open for volunteers. Please send ANY CHANGES AND UPDATE group info to area 24 FROM GSR ONLY. This should help with the phone app confusion that they have been having. In love and service, Erica B

Treatment: Hello there! Treatment Chair here! Meetings are going along just fine at Rosecrance, still no changes with the other facilities. If you are interested in sharing at a Rosecrance meeting, please contact Jaelyn M. In love and service.

Group Reports:

Blandine: Next Blandine Group business meeting is Sunday, August 29 at noon. Blandine's 67th Anniversary Picnic will be September 12, 2021 starting at 10:30 am at Garfield Park. District Corrections and Grapevine Chairs will introduce themselves to the group members and talk about their committees. Treasurer's Report Starting Balance \$362.08 Income \$170.19 Expenses 151.00 Ending Balance \$381.27 Prudent Reserve \$300. Minutes from last meeting read and passed. GSR Report and Intergroup report read and passed. New Business: GSR helped everyone attending business meeting to get set up with Area 24 Newsletters and GSO newsletters. This is a cost reduction measure. Motion was made for GSR to e-mail reminders that newsletters have come out and review before the next business meeting. Motion was 2nd and passed. Motion was made to not renew the Grapevine subscription to the Scott County Jail. 2nd and motion passed. Motion was made to renew the Grapevine Subscription for the group. 2nd and motion passed. Motion made for alternate GSR. Tabled for the moment. Old Business: Job duties for picnic will be assigned next business meeting. In service, Christy

Marquette: 1. Bill told the group that Intergroup is operating in the RED! Bill told the group that intergroup is still in the need for Phone and Events Chairperson. Also the Scott County Jail is open to meetings again. Webmaster reported good online activity at our website. Also the webmaster has setup a link to a pole being taken about the Podcast. Which is a AA speaker that you would link to. After a brief discussion we ask the group to vote, there was a weak support shown for the Podcast. 2. GSR report that Dist. 9 was asking that all GSR to discuss the upcoming vote for Podcast. Dist. 9 is still on Hybrid meetings. Dist. 9 Will continue hybrid again next month at 10:30, a zoom coordinator & being developed for Dist.9 it's a non-voting position. Area 24 (Weekend in August) conference is Aug 15, Area 24 Fall Conference Oct. 8th-10th. GSR ask for \$50 donation to GSO. 3. Rodney told us the Month of August is covered for chairperson's 4. We discussed making regular \$200 donation monthly to Intergroup. We all decide some time ago on making monthly evaluation of our Income vs. Expense before donating. 5. Chuck asked questions about the Treasury responsibility, Ranae told the group that we do have the SOP for the treasurer responsibility. The SOP was correct according to Linda. **The Three Legacies:** Good Morning All, I've been working with the Intergroup & the Area 24

meeting listings for Three Legacies as they needed some updating for link info & time/date change. The Three Legacies next business meeting is scheduled for August 10th. Minutes for the meeting will be recorded & brought back to our next District meeting in September. Three Legacies meetings are being held twice a week via two different platforms: Tuesday Evening @ 7:00 pm (Hybrid – Open Speaker); Saturday Morning @ 9:00 am (Online – Closed Big Book Discussion)
Current Vacant Positions: Alternate GSR & Literature Chair In Love & Service, Rachel B

Old Business:

- Blandine has gotten their own hotspot so they are no longer interested in renting District's.
- Mary Ann is not willing to be recorded unless it is approved by Area.
- CPC Chair addressed questions in her report.
- Intergroup is not willing to revisit the possibility of an answering service.

New Business:

- Vicki made a motion to change the meeting time to 10:30 - 12:00. Sheryl seconded. Motion passed.
- At our next meeting we are going to discuss the inclusion of AI-Anon on a regular basis.
- Kevin made a motion to change our next meeting to September 12th. Ronna seconded. Motion passed.
- Park motioned to adjourn. Christy seconded.

Motion to Adjourn: Park motioned to adjourn. Christy seconded.