

## September 12, 2021 – District 9 Monthly Meeting

### Attendance:

**Chairs:** Treasurer, Archives, CPC, Intergroup Liaison, Treatment, Secretary, Zoom Coordinator

**Groups:** Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Courage to Change, The Three Legacies,

### Chair Reports:

**Treasurer:** Beginning Balance \$5,322.18; Income \$25; Subtotal \$5,347.18; Expenses \$81.25; Ending Balance \$5,265.93; Seed Money \$300.00; Prudent Reserve \$300; Ending Balance \$4,665.93. **DCM:** Greeting's district 9, I attended the area 24 business meetings in Marshalltown August 15<sup>th</sup>. Here are some of the highlights- the west central regional forum will be September 10-13<sup>th</sup>. (I will be attending periodically throughout the weekend). Delegate highlights: - The West Central Regional Delegates Meetings have been a wealth of information from the West Central Regional Trustee and the other Delegates across our region. - GSO announced the selection of the new AA Grapevine publisher Chris C. Chris has been the interim Publisher over the last 8 months. He was chosen from a competitive pool of 20 candidates. - Change to preamble from men and woman to people in the preamble was an advisory action from the 71st General Service Conference not from the Grapevine itself. - GSO is working to revise the Corrections workbook which was also an advisory action from the conference. There were approximately 60 changes to the workbook, and 20 changes to the kit. Alt delegate highlights: - In July, Alternate Delegates of the West Central Region (7 states and 8 Areas including Iowa) presented on their respective Areas, providing history, strengths, and opportunities. - Adding and updating information regarding districts and groups. - As of 8/1/21, Area 24 currently had 658 active groups listed. Many groups that were once online are now back in person or with a hybrid option. - Just as a quick point of clarity...if one completes the form for New Groups or Group Changes via aa.org (rather than aa-iowa.org) we at the Area level unfortunately will not get looped in on that information. The way to assure that everyone (District, Area, and GSO) gets information on all additions or changes is to go through the Area Registrar (area 24 alt delegate Julie Shaw). - At my last audit, everyone who has submitted information has been entered into the Fellowship Connection system. Fall 2021 conference report- The dates are October 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>. The conference will be held at the Embassy Suites downtown Des Moines. Flyers are on aa-iowa.org. Al anon has decided to make this a hybrid conference and is requesting that we arrange for equipment for them. Al anon has agreed that those joining via zoom will pay a registration fee. We will set this option up on our cheddar.com registration process. 20 people join via zoom. It is undecided at this time if a luncheon/speaker fee will be charged for a hybrid luncheon or if a hybrid luncheon will even be an option as that will require additional equipment. They are still requesting space for 150 people per conference guidelines. They have also let me know that moving forward, they will offer a hybrid option for conferences. Please note that the minimum for the conference did increase to \$6500 since the last time we met. During the walk through our Al anon committee members requested additional space. I met with the finance committee, and we decided to reserve the entire space. This increased the minimum to \$6500. I am concerned about our finances as registration is coming in so slow. As of August 4<sup>th</sup>, we had 15 online registrations and our treasurer received \$632 in registrations. That said, our committee is working hard to get the word out to register. Please make sure to register for the conference as soon as you can. Also, just a friendly reminder that the conference is paid for by meals so please register for meals!! A few highlights from notes I took- Grapevine publisher position filled, and grapevine did not make the decision to change the preamble, it was an agenda item brought to the 71<sup>st</sup> GSC. Was an advisory action and did receive a 2/3 vote. Also, not everyone receives a packet from GSO when starting new positions. Several of our district committee members have this experience. If you did not receive a packet, please let me know. Or you can print your packets at aa.org, I can also help you get those printed. Please let me know. 2021 spring conference storm lake numbers - 200 in attendance. Profit of 3200\$. Registration was 828\$ at the door. Coffee had a loss of 295\$. Made 3000\$ on meals. Returned 3200\$ to area for seed money. Attendance 160 AA and 50 al anon. I chose to include a detailed report of how the voting process worked at area on August 15<sup>th</sup>. I was fascinated and confused with how the process worked. And it did. Heated discussion regarding next year's 2022 area business meeting to online. Several great points were brought up- first, we have space already rented and paid for. If we cancel now, it will cost more money. Cheaper to rent space year at a time. Need equitable workload, training process is difficult. There were many great discussions, motion made to postpone, failed. Discussion people sit in front of computer and do not participate, motion to reconsider. Reopened debate needed 2/3 majority to end debate. Discussion was younger generation tech savvy. Motion defeated. We will meet in person area 24 fall conference 2022. It was an amazing process that I was able to participate in. I did vote in favor of meeting in person. Following the amount of people that come to in person meetings is larger than those who participate online at our district. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Yours in service, Lee C DCM D9 Alt. **DCM:** There were 2,779 total users but 1,444 that were on the site for more than 30 sec. We had 200 more users this month which has changed our downward

trend. The most visited pages were, the Meeting Guide, the Virtual Meetings Page, but then the “Who is Intergroup” slideshow jumped to the 3rd spot, from 25 visits to 450, which was 15 more than the Events Page. We did have a noticeable spike on the 7th, which was over twice that of any other day. The odd spike we have around the 3rd week wasn’t there so maybe that was it. Keep checking the Events Page for any type of Group Announcements. I attended the Area 24 Service Meeting August 15th in Marshalltown. Happenings will be covered in the DCM report. In love and service, Park **Archives:** Greetings from Archives, Trivia Question: What year was the responsibility statement created? Answer: 1965 By Al S. 1947 First stirrings in England Though the first official A.A. group in England won’t be formed until 1948, the ball gets rolling when a visiting American woman, Grace O., writes to five Londoners who are in touch with the Alcoholic Foundation and schedules a meeting at the Dorchester Hotel (right) for March 31, 1947. The eight attendees include two A.A. members from North America: an A.A. from Hollywood, California, whose acquaintance she had made on the voyage across the Atlantic, and “Canadian Bob,” whom Grace had met in a London restaurant and who will figure large in A.A.’s growth. Meetings will continue in restaurants and residences, among them the home of Canadian Bob. 1950 A.A.’s first International Convention In July 1950, Alcoholics Anonymous’ 15th anniversary is marked with an international convention in Cleveland, with some 3,000 people in attendance. One of the most significant events is the adoption of the Twelve Traditions. The convention, held at the Cleveland Public Auditorium (right), also features the last public message to the Fellowship by Dr. Bob, who stresses, in his brief remarks, kindness and “keeping it simple.” We met as a committee on August 29 and have a few projects we are starting to work on. One of our committee members will start interviewing the Bettendorf Group as they are celebrating 50 years this year. We are also starting the interview process with groups that had to move from in person meeting to zoom meeting in 2020 and still 2021. We are looking for volunteers to join us here on Sept 26 at 10:30 am to sort and go through our archives. We have really cool stuff in our archives and lots of sorting that needs to be done. Please if you would like to help, please join us here at Central Discussion. I am still looking for a place to store our archives. I would like to be able to display what we have and also preserve what we have. I learned yesterday at the forum that in 2020 there were more inquires at GSO for Archives 1221 than any other. How exciting is that. In Love and Service, Sheryl F **Corrections:** Greeting from Corrections, We have started the women’s jail meetings back up in person. It takes place on Monday nights from 7-8p. The men will have their jail orientation September 16, and will start back up soon after that. 605 Main st. Meetings are still on hold at this time. Literature is being sent as needed to facilities. In love and service, Vicki F **CPC:** Good morning friends. CPC is doing well. We did have the opportunity to share with some of the staff at Genesis about AA and I hear that went well. Soon AA will be taking meetings into the hospital setting and that is a very exciting thing. We have started back as of 9/9/21 taking information into the Robert Young Center and sharing with the Blackhawk nursing students and committee members will be going to share with another set of students on 9/16/21. I had the opportunity to speak with one of the SCC nursing coordinators and she is working on taking this possibility to the Mental Health/public health instructor and is giving him my contact # so we can hopefully start sharing with those nursing students as well. At this time I have not heard from the other two Nursing colleges but I will update as I hear from them. I still have not heard back from the V.A but Covid continues to keep us at a distance with medical facilities. We are always looking for people interested in service work to join our committee. Currently we have a small group of 4. The more people we have the more student schedules we can accommodate as each school and each different semester those times can and do change. I do appreciate the patience from this committee. We are having people join and then stop as the schedules do not work for them. I am grateful that we can continue to be flexible. If you or someone you know would like to join us and help share information about AA with the professional community, please contact me via text at 563-570-5301. Love and service, Shawna **Grapevine:** Greetings everyone! Lots of good things going on with grapevine. New out, our latest book Prayer and Meditation. And besides our Instagram account, we now have a YouTube channel! Finding inspiration is easy. I had the pleasure of attending the West central regional conference yesterday and got to listen to Chris C the new editor for grapevine as well as John W senior editor for grapevine speak on behalf of the magazine. They shared a little bit of the history of grapevine and what they see going forward! I’ll be attending the fall conference and am so looking forward to getting together with everybody. In love and service Ronna **Intergroup Liaison:** Hello! Income \$1482.00 expenses \$2619.69 leaving them in the red \$1137.38 for the month. Checking \$880 savings 6359.35 total \$7239.40. Keep checking the intergroup office hours. Still looking for volunteers. Lisa will be gone oct 8-15 and needs volunteers for that week or office will close. Telephone chair is still OPEN. Events chair has secured a date for the annual intergroup event April 9th 2022 @holiday inn Rock island. Next intergroup business meeting is Monday October 4th @6pm(still virtual) In love and service, Erica B **Treatment:** Hello from treatment! Great stuff this month as a few members from CPC and myself met the staff at Genesis West 2North where AA has been asked to bring a meeting in to the clients. We had a presentation with staff to give information and currently have a few members going through the process of getting badged to go in to 2N. At this time, Genesis has asked us to keep our volunteers to a minimum to make sure that AA and Genesis will be a good fit for each other and to work out any necessary changes. It is not being held on Wed evenings at this

time. Rosecrance is going well with some new volunteers speaking this month. We are currently not going into Country Oaks. The Abbey is status quo with a few members going in per the request of the Abbey

### **Group Reports:**

**Bettendorf Group:** Bettendorf Group Report August 18, 2021 District September 2021 Greetings from the Bettendorf Group to District 9! Bettendorf held its business meeting August 18, 2021, with 26 in attendance. We are continuing the search for a new location. Our search committee has identified a property across from our current meeting place at the Bettendorf Community Center. Several items have to fall into place before a lease could be finalized. We are estimating we will not be able to finalize an agreement until March 2022. (if then) Bettendorf will be changing our Thursday, 5:30 pm meeting from closed to open. We will allow children at that meeting. Intergroup, Area and GSO have been notified. In love and service, Toni F **Big Book Study** - Continuing to do hybrid meetings. **Blandine:** The next Blandine function will be 9/12/21 10:30am 67<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic. The next business meeting will be Sunday, September 26 at Noon. Last minutes were read and passed. Treasurer Report starting \$381.27, Contributions \$75.96, Literature purchases \$56.22 Ending balance \$401.01, prudent reserve \$300. Intergroup report: Events chair is Cassidy. Bettendorf has signed a lease. Jail volunteer requirement is full. New business: \$150 for food for picnic, Bob will bring intercom, Chris will introduce speakers, Christy will introduce District 9 chairs and get thank you for speakers. Blandine Group felt Al-anon needs to remain separate from AA. The Al-anon number is listed on schedules and a member called that number 2 times and never got a call back. Lack of follow through with Al-anon is a concern. Discussion on pop sales for the building. Treasurer overruled any donation box. A machine or nothing and we didn't sell enough for Pepsi to keep machine there. Blandine, Inc has gotten the new windows installed after many delays. AA members Stephen and Bob donated many, many labor hours so new windows could be purchased. Thank you, gentlemen, for the time, talent and dedication so the building could be improved. This improvement would not have been possible without your labor! The increase in sunlight makes the room brighter and feel healthier. Future 12 step attendees will appreciate the new aesthetics. In service, Christy **Courage to Change:** Emergency Steering Meeting to discuss going back hybrid. This topic will be reviewed monthly and it's asked if you come in person to come with a mask. New meeting on Sunday that is all virtual. **Marquette:** Marquette AA Business Meeting Minutes Aug. 26th, 2021 5:30 PM Meeting started at 5:30 PM. Officers in Attendance: Donnie – Chairperson, Absent- Secretary, Jim- GSR, Linda – Treasurer, Rodney– Program Chair Bill - Intergroup Rep., Absent– Buyer; Trustees in Attendance: Debbie, Ranae. 1st Item of Business: Treasury Report, as of Aug. 30th, 2021. Checking Beginning Bal. 07/30/21 \$7,063.29 Income for July 2021: \$884.17 Expense for June 2021 \$838.93. Checking Ending Bal. 08/28/2021 \$7,108.53; Prudent reserve ending 07/28/21 \$5,013.31; 2nd Item of Business Bill reported that Lisa wants to collect enough money for prudent reserve, for 6mos. Roughly \$12,000.00. Sept 13, for new meeting guide release, phone chair needed and should be announced at every mtg. A flyer was made for announcement. Bill is not asking for donation this month, Intergroup is in the BLACK. 3rd Item of Business: Picnic was discussed, and scheduled for Oct. 16, at Garfield Park pavilion, 10am fellowship, 11am meeting, picnic lunch after, Menu: Hot Dog, Brat, Hamburger, Potluck requested. 4th Item of Business Meeting Schedule: Discussion and approval for a new meeting. 3mo. Trial period starting September 7th time 5:30pm OD Chuck and Katie commit to opening meeting for trail period. 5th Item of Business: Discussion and approved unanimously donating \$1,000 to Adventure Church for assistance in offsetting the \$30,000 air conditioning cost. 6th Item of Business: Discussion was held on the microphone and speaker because some people have low volume in there discussion. Will check on speaker. Adjourn; 6:45 Next Meeting Sept 27th, 2021. Love and Service, Jim D. – GSR/asst. Sec. **The Three Legacies:** Good Morning All, the last Three Legacies Group business meeting was held Tuesday August 17th. Treasurer's Report (June 11, 2021 – August 16, 2021) Expenses \$515.59; Prudent Reserve \$630.00; Income \$580.94; Operating Balance \$1,221.84; Ending Balance \$1,851.84. Various Items Discussed at the Group Level: Consider purchasing a laptop & hotspot if we continue to facilitate a hybrid function for our Tuesday night meeting. Currently a group member is bringing their personal devices for this hybrid function. The following Motions were made & passed at the group level: I move that the Three Legacies Group adds the Zoom meeting passcode to the, already existing, online Zoom meeting link information on the Intergroup & Area websites. I move that the Three Legacies group extend the hybrid meeting option to be considered at the next business meeting on October 12th. Three Legacies meetings are still being held twice a week: Tuesday Evening @ 7:00 pm (Hybrid – Open Speaker) Saturday Morning @ 9:00 am (Online Only – Closed Big Book Discussion) Current Vacant Positions: Alternate GSR & Literature Chair; In Love & Service, Rachel B

### **Old Business:**

- Al-Anon Participation: Motion was made by Cissi that only voting members of district 9 have reports at our district meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sheryl.

Discussion: (1) Has Al-anon participated at District in the past? Over the past couple months, they have had reports to share. (2) Welcome to attend, wouldn't have report, can share with everyone.

Vote: Motion carries, votes are unanimous

- Tyson - Jim has been in contact with Fr. Sergio about carrying the message into Tyson @ the Joslin facility. Joslin would be handled by someone in the Illinois District. Park to contact Intergroup to see who the correct person would be for the Illinois district. District 9 can continue to support this request through literature until we can get the appropriate contact.

### **New Business:**

- Motion by Cissi was made to no longer read the traditions & concepts; that we open with moment of silence & go straight to business, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Toni. Discussion: (1) Important to read concepts - those are what guide us, don't know if we want to shorten but still important. (2) Question: Why should we eliminate, what is the intent of motion? - Is anyone really listening? Vote: Motion fails, votes are unanimous. Minority Voice: Support whatever decision was made.
- Motion: DCM & Alt DCM to look for dates to set district inventory, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Park. Discussion: (1) In the past we have had a delegate come facilitate this activity. The same questions that are discussed at the group level. Vote: Motion passes, votes unanimous.

### **Dates to remember:**

- Mary Anne to speak October 3<sup>rd</sup> – We will not go through reports, please send them to the Secretary at the District E-mail
- Area 24 Fall Conference October 8th-10th Embassy Suites downtown (101 east locust street Des Moines, Iowa 50309)

**Motion to Adjourn:** Park, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Toni.