

November 7th, 2021 – District 9 Monthly Meeting

Attendance:

Chairs: DCM; Treasurer; Archives; Corrections; Grapevine; Intergroup Liaison; Secretary; Treatment

Groups: Bettendorf Group; Blandine; Central Discussion; Courage to Change; The Freedom Group; The Three Legacies

Chair Reports:

Treasurer: Beginning Balance \$4,944.35; Income \$76.82; Expenses \$49.00; Ending Balance \$4,972.17; Seed Money \$300; Prudent Reserve \$300; Operating Balance \$4,372.17. Motion to accept treasurers report made by Sheryl and 2nd by Rachel

DCM: For the period August 31, 2021, through September 30, 2021, our income was \$8,124.18 which consisted of \$4,737.70 in contributions, \$3,314.23 in returned seed money from District 2, and \$72.25 in coffee basket money from the August business meeting. Expenses totaled \$2,717.50 and consisted of \$12.00 in bank service fees for a contribution check that was returned NSF, \$378 for conference committee expenses, \$1,250 for conference seed money, \$748.57 for the August business meeting, \$548 for the Regency Inn for the August business meeting, \$59.86 for the web site, \$15.89 for the Zoom account, \$321.35 for returned archives expenses, and \$26.53 for treasurer expenses. Year to date we show a profit of \$4,392.91. As of September 30, 2021, our bank balance is \$24,418.30. With our prudent reserve of \$3,000.00 our available balance is \$21,418.30. Delegate visiting multiple districts to share the 71st General Service Conference Report attending the West Central Regional Delegates Monthly meeting chaired by our West Central Regional Trustee Mike L. Mike shared that both AAWS and the Grapevine are financially better than positioned than they had anticipated in the budget GSO is currently working on digital materials being used in correctional facilities. They are currently working with four (4) vendors. Each vendor is at a different stage of progress. The first one is Edova which they have been working with for several months. They have 103 facilities across 24 states. They will expand through a new partnership to another 100+ facilities. The GV publisher is finalizing the arrangements with American Prison Data Systems (APDS). If you go on their website you can see where they have facilities. (<https://apdsincorporate.com/#contact> – added by admin). AAWS is still negotiating with them, Grapevine is about ready to go live with them. GTL is the third company. A contract is currently being negotiated. AAWS is also in progress with them. Jpay (Securus Systems) is the 4th company. A contract was signed in July and is awaiting counter-signature. They serve facilities in 35 states. Since each of these companies operates a bit differently, the challenge is how to inform the Fellowship about how to participate in this Next, Mike shared about the subcommittee assignments. The committee that has gotten the most attention is the one dealing with the simple language translation. The committee has distributed RFI's (Request For Information) to potential vendors who have experience with this. There are five (5) sectors in which simple language translation is used. (Education, Government documents, Self-Help Industry, Legal and Medical) The committee will be requesting samples of translations to selected excerpts from the Big Book so they can make an apples-to-apples comparison. The committee wants to make sure that any translation is such that it carries a message that alcoholics can identify with. That's critical to a determination of whether a translation can work. The vendor will be selected based on that criteria. The process may take 3-5 years. There will be a National Corrections Conference, in New Orleans on November 12-14, 2021. It will be a hybrid event. Please pass this info along to your groups and encourage participation. I emailed the flyer out last month to everyone. Mike L. will be representing the GSB, giving an update on projects that are going on – Corrections Correspondence Service (a new digital application) and the digital placement of materials in correctional facilities, and Nancy McCarthy, who will be presenting on something to do with professionals, will be there as well We are working through the proposed agenda for the West Central Regional Service Conference. Dates will be 3-6 Mar 2022 in Minneapolis, MN GSO is currently planning on the 72nd General Service Conference will be in person in Brooklyn, New York Alt delegate report As of 8/1/21, Area 24 currently had 653 active groups listed. Most groups that were once online are now back in person or with a hybrid option, but some remain online only. New groups, both face-to-face and online, continue to form in many Districts and it exciting to learn about them. 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 (aka me) via email or the forms on the Area Website, which are then forwarded to my email. Conference report e-registration was at 272, lunch 194 and dinner 191. I would like to also share with you all that

the hotel has been so kind to us and decided yesterday to give us coffee! Many DCM reports reported going back to live meetings, some hybrid (not many) and lots of picnics and speaker meetings. All seems to be at a new normal- whatever that is. Some districts reported losing groups and decline in service positions, while others have reported the opposite, as we all know, Alcoholics Anonymous is forever evolving and changing. Several districts are back in correctional facilities and some still are not. As I was reading all of the district reports in our area, one thing is for certain and that is Alcoholics Anonymous is resilient. If someone came in from another planet and never knew we had a pandemic they would not know any different in Alcoholics Anonymous. It almost seems unchanged except for the few minor details of certain public involvement. If you need more information please reach out to me and I can get you a copy of the area 24 minutes or help you get access to the drop box where all the reports are stored.

Alt. DCM: There were 2,333 total users in October. 1,474 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec. There were almost 100 less users this month but that is a normal fluctuation. The most visited pages were the Meeting Guide, the Virtual Meetings Page, and the Events Page. There was no noticeable spike this month, but we did have some heavier usage the weekend of the 16th. I attended Central Discussion's October 10th business meeting stressing the importance of a group's GSR participation and involvement. In love and service, Park

Archives: Greetings from Archives! This month's Triva question: What year was the first General Service Conference? 1951 (• 1951 First General Service Conference / • 1952 The arrival of Al-Anon / • 1953 Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions is first published. Bill W becomes increasingly devoted to writing projects, one of which emerges as the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions / • 1954 The Alcoholic Foundation becomes the General Service Board • 1955 Second Edition of Big Book published in 1955) We met as a committee in September and were able to start the organizing of our Archives. We were not able to meet in October but hoping to schedule something before the end of November. We decided as a committee to meet monthly. It was exciting to watch the expressions and excitement with the committee when we started to go through our Archives. If you would like to be part of this process, please feel free to reach out to me at 563-340-2870. In Love and Service Sheryl F

Corrections: Greetings from Corrections, Scott County Jail meeting have temporarily been suspended. They will resume within the next couple of weeks. I have a phone call with Jennifer from the jail on Monday. Even though we had that bump in the road we still need more volunteers for both the male and female meetings at the Scott County Jail. Women's meeting needs to be filled is Wednesday 7pm. If you are new to serving, once approved via volunteer application you will orientate with an experienced volunteer on Monday nights. For men we need additional volunteers Monday and Wednesday nights at 7pm. I am asking all GSR's to bring this information back to their group along with the volunteer application. I would also like this to be posted to the Intergroup website. Lastly, there is a National Corrections conference November 12-14. Virtually the cost is \$25. I am asking for funding to attend. Please contact me if you have any questions. Vfiliatreau28@gmail.com 563-271-9651 In love and service, Vicki F.

CPC: Good morning District 9!!! I was not able to attend the fall conference due to my work schedule change. I was under the assumption that the conference would be Hybrid however I was informed it was not. I did email Area 24 CPC inquiring about any possible zoom options for the CPC breakout session but I did not hear back. At this time I am not able to view the Fall Conference minutes but will update when I hear any new information. I have not heard back from 2 of the Nursing Colleges or the VA, I will be reaching out again. I did receive a message from a local Physicians office requesting information on how someone could get in contact with AA. I made packets for this particular clientele and took them to the office. At this time they decline having us come and share with the providers as a group. District 9 CPC is still looking for committee members to help us take information on AA into the professional community, I can be reached at 563-570-5301 I hope Fall is treating you well. Love and Service, Shawna

Grapevine: Greetings, I was able to attend fall conference this year and once again had a wonderful time connecting with other GV reps in our area. We focused a lot on gathering ideas for potential workshops and ways to gather more interest to grapevine. There was also discussion on getting more people to write articles for grapevine. So myself and a couple other district reps will be working together on potentially creating a zoom workshop which will focus on how to write an article for grapevine. We are working with our area rep and will keep you up to date on the progress. In love and service, Ronna

Intergroup Liaison: Intergroup is still low with contributions. Income 3003.23 expenses 2846.18. Total minus expenses 154.05. Checking 1459.88 savings 4110.68 totaling \$5570.56. PHONE CHAIR HAS BEEN FILLED! The intergroup office needs afternoon office coverage Nov 23-30. Please contact Lisa if anyone is interested. Sat Jan 15 intergroup is having a jungle jam. It will be a day full of speakers and a dance to follow. Any questions please contact Cassidy G at cgrn@gmail.com. Next intergroup business meeting(still online) December 6th @6pm In love and service, Erica B

Literature: Position Open

PI: Position open

Treatment: Hello all from treatment! Not a lot happening. I have emailed all the treatment centers to see if they are needing any pamphlets or literature. Genesis has been put on hold until after the holidays-January. This is due partly to needing more volunteers and to revise the volunteer process and meeting process. I spoke with the director who agreed to have some things adjusted. Meetings at Rosecrance have been going great. In love and service, Jaclyn Mayse

Group Reports:

Bettendorf Group: Bettendorf Meeting 10/20/2021 Greetings District 9 from the Bettendorf Group! Bettendorf Group will be announcing Corrections Needs Volunteers. Bettendorf Holiday Schedule: Thanksgiving 11/25/2021 Noon to 9pm; Christmas Day 12/25/2021 8am to 9pm; New Years Eve 12/31/2021 8pm to 1am; New Years Day 01/01/2021 8am to 9pm. No news on the search for a new meeting place. Yours in love and service, Toni.

Blandine: Blandine will have a Thanksgiving meal 11/21 at Noon. RCF, and 605 Main will be allowed to eat first since they will have to leave early. Blandine's next business meeting will be November 28, 2021 at noon. Blandine Christmas Celebration 12/19 at noon (after 11 am meeting). New Years Eve Celebration 9-12 with a candlelight meeting at Midnight The 10/31 business meeting was not formally held as the Halloween Gathering was held. Officers In attendance: Bob, Don, Tricia, Christy, Chris Treasurer report Contribution \$85.74, Expenses: Grapevine to the SCC Jail was renewed. \$47.25 books and chips, \$18.25 Intergroup. The Into Action AA board game was taken out to play but no one wanted to work the steps or call their sponsor. In service, Christy

Marquette: 1. Bill wanted to discuss the chairperson's guidelines for chairing meetings. Presently when we recognize newcomers, visitors, and 24hrs sobriety, and we give them a marble. It was suggested that we modify it to read if there is someone with 24hrs Sobriety we are now ask if it is there very first meeting? This is to determine if it will be a 1st step meeting or conduct normal meeting. 2. We discussed and tabled until next month on having Group Conscious Inventory we are going to find more information before proceeding. 3. Bill voiced his concern on our Intergroup's financial and service abilities if there isn't an intervention by the A.A community. 4. We are making a donation to intergroup of \$200 also donated \$50.00 Dist. 9.

The Three Legacies: The last Three Legacies Group business meeting was held Tuesday October 12th. Treasurer's Report: (August 17, 2021 – October 05, 2021) Expenses: \$257.32, Income: \$434.79, Prudent Reserve: \$630.00, Operating Balance: \$1,399.31, Ending Balance: \$2,029.31 Three Legacies has added the meeting pass code to the group's online listings and will remain hybrid until revisiting the topic at the next business meeting. Group Elections were held with the following results: Secretary: Melissa G., Treasurer: Katie A., G.S.R.: Rachel B., G.S.R. Alternate: Christina G., Intergroup: Vickie S., Grapevine: Kamala B., Setup & Coffee Chair: Rebecca N., Chairperson: Joy P., Clean Up Chair: Erin B., Zoom Coordinator: Vote held to table nomination. 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) Yours In Love & Service, Rachel Becker Three Legacies GSR; RachelBofService@Yahoo.com; Cell: 563-459-7382

Old Business:

- Group Inventory Dates – Group inventory date will be set for February and will be held in addition to the normal district business meeting. Will set for a 3-hour time block. The District Inventory is for District Chairs & GSRs.

New Business:

- Discuss combining CPC / PI position and the Grapevine / Literature position – table these until next month
- Discuss Hybrid District Meeting
- Kristi from Blandine made motion to put the audio file of a PI workshop on the intergroup website and advertise that district is in need of PI chair. Sheryl second and motion passed adding that Kristi will take the file to intergroup to get in on the website as it is on a flash drive.

Motion to Adjourn: Vicki motioned to adjourn, Kristi second - adjourned