

February 6th, 2022 – District 9 Monthly Meeting

Attendance:

Chairs: DCM; Treasurer; Alt. DCM; Archives; Corrections; CPC; Grapevine; Intergroup Liaison; Treatment

Groups: Bettendorf; Big Book Study; Blandine; Courage to Change; The Freedom Group; The Three Legacies; West End

Chair Reports:

Treasurer: Beginning Balance \$5,846.84; Income \$130.14; Expenses \$230; Ending Balance \$5,746.98; Seed Money \$300 Prudent Reserve \$300 Operating Balance \$5,146.96

DCM: Here is highlights from the delegates report, Our delegate Maryanne G says I have been attending the monthly West Central Regional Delegates Meeting chaired by Mike L. We now have the alternate delegates joining us as observers. GSO has shared a new form for agenda item submission. Even though the deadline of 15 September is passed for the 72nd General Service Conference – it is never too early to start planning ahead for the 73rd General Service Conference. Election results for other areas in our region were as follows: Area 76 – Mary M. Area 35 – Steve L. Area 63 – Katie B. Area 41 – Cara G.

Reminder that registration is now open for the West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Conference (WCRAASC) 4-6 March 2022 in St. Louis Park, MN. I have sent flyers out electronically and you are able to register online at the following address: www.wcraasc2022.eventbrite.com

The October General Service Board weekend was held in New York from October 29th to November 1st . There were 19 Trustees present with 2 participating virtually. With the help of the tech team, Mike stated the hybrid format was effective. The plan is to hold the January Service Board weekend in person with the hybrid option available. The AAGV Board met with representatives from American Prison Data Systems and Edovo to discuss the progress made with placement of digital material on notebooks for people in custody. They received assurances that people in custody and their family/friends would not face financial burden for the AA material downloaded. final interviews for Non-Trustee Director were conducted virtually, and a finalist was forwarded to Trustee’s Nominating Committee for approval. The AAWS Board met and planning is under way for the 2025 International Convention, to be held in Vancouver, BC, in Canada. A site visit was completed in September. The Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW) has overwhelmed the Conference assignment at GSO. They received 178 proposed agenda items (PAI’s), which needed to be processed and distributed to the Trustee’s committee/board before the Board Weekend. This is the first year of a three-year trial. The new Corrections Correspondence System (C.C.S.) was launched in late September, which dramatically speeds up the process of matching outside members with people in custody wishing to correspond. A draft podcast was developed and distributed to board members for consideration and feedback. Fellowship Connection Release 3.0 launched on October 14th, with the following enhancements; new, user-friendly dashboard; ability to automatically provide end dates to outgoing position holders; ability for area registrars to see when the service kits were ordered; and the ability to choose to receive digital or physical kits or to opt out of receiving any kits. As of September 30th GSO contributions were at \$7.4 Million, and Literature Sales are at \$8.6 Million, for total operating revenue of \$16.1 Million. Cost of Sales was \$3.5 Million, which gives a gross profit of \$12.7 Million. The total operating expenses were \$11.5 Million, leaving an operating surplus of \$1.1 Million by the end of September. The net other income of \$281K brought our surplus up to \$1.4 Million. Operating cash was \$1.7 Million, which represents 1.3 months of cash on hand. The Reserve Fund balance – as of December 27th, was 8.5 months of operating expenses. Our target is to have the Reserve Fund between 9 and 12 months of operating expenses. As a reminder, we were at 7.9 months at the end of 2020. AAWS is projecting a 1.9-2 million surplus overall for 2021, due to increased contributions and literature sales. The original projection was \$700,000, however contributions and literature sales were much higher than projected. At the January Board Weekend, a determination will be made on what to do with the surplus. They are anticipating \$250,000 towards 2022 anticipated expenses and the remainder being moved into the Reserve Fund. The goal is to have the 72nd GSC in-person. GSO understands this goal is entirely out of their control, based on COVID status and travel restrictions that could be in place. There will be a contingency for hybrid format, as well as full virtual format in case the situation worsens. GSO published a new service piece SMF209 (The Safety & A.A.) Several delegates in the region did not receive the email distribution and were unaware of the publication. The service piece is located on AA website: www.aa.org Our West Central Regional Trustee has received feedback that this service piece crosses the line from sharing information to establishing policy.

Establishing policy is only done in AA through the work of the General Service Conference when the conference passes an advisory action. A service piece does not need to be approved by the General Service Conference. The West Central Regional Trustee does believe these concerns to be valid and has requested the process for approval this specific service piece and is awaiting a response. Mike has been notified that SM209 did not go through a final screening process before it was released and therefore the current plan is for it to be revised. The current version will remain on the website for now. Dennis B. our West Central Regional admin's term will end at this year's General Service Conference. A new West Central Regional admin will be elected by the West Central Regional delegates. Dennis explained that he has only served a two-year term to get the position going. The full-term is for four years, which is offset from the Trustees term to help provide continuity to the region. If there are any Area 24 past delegates that have interest in standing for the Regional admin – please contact me. GSO sent out communication to the fellowship regarding supply chain issues and print delays of our literature including the Big Book. Please be aware of current issues which may cause delays for literature orders and shipments. The Big Book English hard cover is currently out of stock and unable to be printed expeditiously. This is due to a serious supply-chain matter beyond GSO's control regarding a disruption in the necessary paper at our printing plant. The expected in stock date is currently mid-February. There are many forms of the Big Book available on AAWS Webstore: -Big Book Unabridged Soft Cover -Big Book Pocket-Size Soft Cover -Big Book Large Print Soft Cover Unabridged -Big Book Large Print Soft Cover Abridged

I attended the dcm sharing session where there were 5 topics discussed. They were, develop a district website and usage. Requesting liability insurance, how to bring groups back during covid, how do districts deal with prudent reserve, and serving anonymously in service work, there was great feed back on all of the topics. If you would like information let me know and I can get with you about the responses.

Here are the motions made at the area 24 business meeting

2022 Budget – I move to approve the proposed budget presented Motion submitted by Dan G.: seconded by Laryl V. Vote taken. Motion passes.

Report from sub-committee on prudent reserve. I move that Area 24 adopt a prudent reserve of \$12,000.00 to reflect our current needs Motion submitted by Rick W.; seconded by Beth C. Vote taken. Motion passes.

I move that all Area 24 officers and service chairs that are not scheduled for this rotation be given the opportunity to attend the 2022 WCRAASC in Minneapolis and be reimbursed for customary costs per SOP. Motion submitted by Bill H.; seconded by Julie S. Vote taken. Motion passes.

I move Area 24 pay Literature Chair to mail the new service manual to Area 24 Committee members sub-committee members DCMs and Past Delegates Motion submitted by Todd H.; seconded by Bill H. Vote taken. Motion failed.

I move to form a committee to review and revise the accessibility checklist (Exhibit H) to better match the ADA guidelines. Motion submitted by Dawn V.; seconded by Dave G. Vote taken. Motion passes.

I move to create a committee to research and recommend venues for Future Area service Weekends and business meetings that better suit our current needs and membership Motion submitted by Dawn V.; seconded by Jane C. Vote taken. Motion failed.

A few things for this year is I wanted to ask our district if I could hold a Roberts rules of order workshop so the district would better understand why we make motions.

Yours in service, Lee C District 9 DCM

Alt. DCM: There were 2,714 users total with 1,715 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec., which is almost 200 more than last month. The most visited pages were the Meeting Guide, the Virtual Meetings Page, and then the Events Page. There were a couple of noticeable spikes this month on the 2nd, and another on the 19th. Still very consistent daily usage. Keep checking the Events Page for any type of Group Announcements.

I did not attend the Service Weekend in Marshalltown. I am happy to assume the duties of Zoom Coordinator. In love and service, Park

Archives: Greetings from Archives

Trivia Question: What year did AA adopt the AA Grapevine as its national Journal? 1945

Our committee will meet on Feb 12, 2022 at 2:00pm of the organization of our archives. If you would like to help, we would love to have you. I want to encourage you to please bring me all past meeting minutes and flyers from your group for our Archives.

Did you Know?

- 1976 Third Edition of the Big Book released; estimated 1,000,000 AA members.
- 1980 *Bob Smith and the Good Oldtimers* gave an account of AA development in and around Akron and Cleveland, Ohio
- 1984 *Pass It On* detailed Wilson's life story.

Archives Desk GSO: All visitors are welcomed to the Archives center. There they can see selected materials and speak with the Archivist about our holdings, about archival activities in their areas and about how they might be able to take advantage of the G.S.O. Archives.

If a researcher would like to physically handle, read, and review a large quantity of archival material, he or she should contact the Archives staff ahead of time to make arrangements. In most cases the Archives staff can provide access to **published** information, such as books, newsletters, magazines, pamphlets, service pieces, and reports, in some cases dating to the earliest days of A.A.

However, if a researcher wishes to use any **unpublished** materials in the Archives (correspondence, meeting minutes, financial information, manuscripts, etc.), a written request for access must be made to the trustees' Archives Committee. The user must give full information about the subject, scope, and purpose of the research being undertaken. Each request will be considered on a case-by-case basis. As the committee meets three times each year, on the last weekends in January, July and October, research requests are considered three times a year. In special cases, consideration can be obtained at other times. In Love and Service Sheryl F

Corrections: Greetings from Corrections! Greetings are still on hold at the Scott County Jail. They have literature and I will continue to monitor. I am going to be working with Jennifer Rice on providing a bridging the gap service and correspondence with the inmates since we are not currently able to be present in the jail at the time. More to come. Meetings still have not restarted at 605 main as well. RCF started meetings back up and are in need of literature. I spoke with Joe who is holding the meetings And they are in need for literature so I get literature sent from the pink can fund. Please let me know if you have any questions! In love and service, Vicki

CPC: Good morning District 9. I am thrilled to be able to join you this month as it is my weekend off. I will be adding a list of the dates that I will be able to attend District meetings as I understand there is some concern about my work weekends limiting my ability to be in attendance. I will be in attendance in March, April, May, June, July and October. I will not be able to be in attendance for August, September, November and December. There is talk at work that we may be changing schedules, I will do my best to keep you all in the Loop. I will continue to keep my reports as thorough as possible and continue to send them in early so they can be reviewed by everyone. I hope this clears up some concerns as I absolutely love serving Alcoholics anonymous. As for the happenings for CPC and recently combined PI, we have not heard from any of the Nursing schools to go share with the nursing students. We have not heard back from the VA either. I have recently reached out to one of the High school guidance counselors to inquire if they would be interested in having us come share with a group of guidance counselors but have not received a response. I have been in contact with the new Bettendorf CPC/PI liaison and she is researching some helpful pamphlets to take into a local women's shelter for an upcoming gathering. We did also discuss the possibility of getting with some of the outreach personal/professional to share about AA for them to be able to take out into the field with them as resources. I hope this information is helpful. We are always looking for additional committee members so if and when we do get back into more in person opportunities we will be able to meet those demands. Love and service, Shawna

Grapevine: Greetings all, Things are still slow on the local grapevine front, but I did want to encourage everyone to check out the February edition, which speaks of getting through tough times. There are lots of stories of how members use the tools of AA to deal with isolation fear hardship and dashed expectations.

Also, don't miss the latest release, Free on the Inside! Which is a collection of stories about how Members of AA in prison maintain their sobriety.

As your new literature chair, I am still working on gathering together information on what needs to be done. Lee has been kind enough to try and help me get my SOP, i have heard nothing back yet. I also will be reaching out to former chairs to see what has been done in the past. I will keep you all posted. I hope to have more to report at the next meeting.
In love and service Ronna

Treatment: Greetings from Treatment! I am currently looking for volunteers to take a speaker meeting into Rosecrance on Wed at 9:30 am or 5:00 pm once a month. Must have 1 year of sobriety and completely atleast a 5th step and begin currently sponsored. Please text me if interested. I am now speaking at CADS once a month at the end of the month and introducing AA to their 2 outpatient programs. I went for the first time at the end of January and it seemed well received. They are requesting literature and schedules to put out there. I am making sure that information is available. I am looking for 3-5 members to form a treatment committee to discuss and continue to grow our treatment outreach to different centers. Please contact me via phone or email. I would be looking to meet with the treatment committee once per month on the first Sunday of the month at 9am. Location TBD. I reviewed the budget that Lee sent out and I agree with the budgeted amount. I also attended Freedom Group's business meeting as they were discussing how to take a meeting back into country oaks since the treatment centers are not allowing outside meetings. At this meeting, the discussion of Bridging the Gap come up and how those in treatment can get in touch some someone from AA outside of the hotline and get plugged into meetings if they are not going to any outside meetings. These are the types of discussions that I feel a treatment committee could help to move forward and best serve AA in. ON March 6th at 9am at Iron and Grain Coffee, located on Main st, I will be having a Treatment Committee meeting if anyone would like to attend and become a committee member. In love and service Jaelyn M.

Group Reports:

Bettendorf Group:

Big Book Study:

Blandine: 1/31/2022 Blandine Business Meeting, The next Blandine Business Meeting will be March 27, 2022 at Noon Blandine will be holding a Chili Cook Off March 6, 2022, at 12:30 Elections held, nominees accepted. Next 2-year rotation Chairman: Bob B. Secretary: Tricia L. Treasurer: Chris Intergroup Rep: Mike GSR: Christy Alternate GSR Dave M Speaker Chair: Donnie. Treasury's Report Beginning Balance \$272.00, December Contributions \$115.06, Replace books sold \$11, Books -\$25.50, -\$66.25 Ending balance \$306.31 Chairman Report Weekly meeting open Intergroup Rep report: Monday only day open at Intergroup GSR: Itemized list and microSDHX flash card turned into group for audio library. Group decided to keep Google Drive account up. 5 samples have been donated to District Library of local events, 2021 Blandine Picnic speaker Linda A., 2001 Clancy speaking at Ed M. 30 Anniversary in Bettendorf, 1998 Quad City Intergroup 25 Anniversary, 2000 Happy Hour 10th Anniversary speaker Max M, 2003 Melon City Round Up Ed M. This sample of audio stretches 25 years and highlights members that have died and groups that have closed. *In honor of Black History Month I would like to recognize Joe McQ. There were actually 2 Joe's from the Joe and Charlie Big Book Study. When I came in to AA I listened to Joe McC. Blandine has a tape from Joe McQ. Joe McQ spoke of coming into AA in the south during Jim Crow. AA let let him go to meetings but after meetings he wasn't allowed to linger at the coffee and food table. I think this represents the society changes that AA as come through and speaks to what a program Joe McQ had. The AA members wouldn't let him come to the table but he went on to help thousands of white people.* In Service, Christy

Courage to Change:

The Freedom Group: Freedom Group GSR Report for 2/6/21 Meeting Last meeting was held on 2/2/2022 – not enough attendance to vote on motions. Opened with “we” version of serenity prayer Minutes January 5th business meeting Jaclyn M, treatment chair, joined our meeting to update the group on what’s happening with treatment. There are opportunities to take a meeting into Genesis 2 north and Country Oaks, but there are a series of steps a volunteer would have to take to be approved by both Genesis Hospital and Unity Point Hospital including a background check, update on vaccinations including recent covid and influenza vaccinations. If interested in volunteering for this member will reach out to Jaclyn to get the process started. There was also discussion of AA presence at the outpatient groups at CADs on Fairmount in Davenport Iowa. If a member would like to volunteer to represent AA and answer questions from the outpatient classes, connect with Jaclyn M to get that started. Regular business meeting included attendance from the treasurer, intergroup, GSR, chair, and secretary. Open positions include alt intergroup, alt GSR, alt chair and co secretary. These will be listed at the beginning of every meeting to continue offering service work positions to the freedom group members. Treasurers report was submitted. Intergroup report: Jingle Jam is coming up, can we help donate money towards food? Will be discussed in new business. GSR report: upcoming area events were discussed, GSR will attend the January area 24 meeting in Marshalltown. Open positions still available at district level. Discussed the service positions that are being combined at the district level: Grapevine & Literature. CPC and PI. Discussed Freedom Group event in June. Dates decided were June 10,11 and 12. More information to follow. Freedom group will donate \$50 to Jingle Jam to contribute to food for event. Discussed expanding freedom group by offering a second meeting every week. Tabled for next month. Discussed adding a speaker meeting every Month. Tabled for next month. Discussed group inventory. Tabled for next month. Discussed what Freedom group can contribute to District for 2022. Tabled for next month. On February 2nd Opened with “we” version of serenity prayer Regular business meeting included attendance from the treasurer, intergroup, GSR, chair, and secretary. Open positions include alt intergroup, alt GSR, alt chair and co secretary. These will be listed at the beginning of every meeting to continue offering service work positions to the freedom group members. Minutes: treatment information, tabled topics and upcoming event in June. Treasurers report was submitted. Intergroup report: Next intergroup meeting is Monday 2/7/21. Nothing else to report. GSR report: upcoming area events, GSR will attend the January area 24 meeting virtually due to weather. Notes taken from event were available for anyone to read. Open positions still available at district level. Group inventory should be scheduled. Discussion of what can be contributed to district should be decided. Discussed Freedom Group event in June. Dates decided were June 10,11 and 12. More information to follow. Discussed expanding freedom group by offering a second meeting every week. Jackee F motioned to take a vote on discussing freedom group adding an additional weekly meeting. Motion passed, will discuss what this could look like at next business meeting. Discussed adding a speaker meeting every Month. Bill W motioned to discuss adding a speaker meeting, motion did not pass. Discussed group inventory. Scheduled for Saturday March 26th and will be announced at our meetings moving forward. Discussed what Freedom group can contribute to District for 2022. Mario N explained that Freedom group donates 75% of its basket money to Blandine, whatever Blandine chooses to donate to district would be considered Freedom Group donation as well. No additional money from Freedom Group will be allotted to District in 2022. New business: Discuss details of Freedom Group event in June. Darcie D announced that Freedom group is now her home group. Darcie D was welcomed to the Freedom Group. In love and service, Jackee F

The Three Legacies: Treasurer’s Report: (October 2021 – January 2022): Income: Mail in Contributions: \$517.25 PayPal Contributions: \$238.90 Expenses: Zoom Subscription: \$48.12 Distributions: \$75.00 Rent Account Balance: \$2,662.34 Prudent Reserve: \$630.00 Operating Balance: \$2,032.34 The Three Legacies Group met for our first quarterly meeting of this year on January 18th. We have been discussing making a group purchase of the necessary gear to continue offering the hybrid/online option for our meeting, seeing as we are currently using a Home Group member’s personal devices. We have decided to wait another 6 months to see how our group develops before making that decision.

There were multiple motions made that lead to the following: 1) The group will be purchasing of an online Grapevine (EPub) subscription. 2) The Zoom Coordinator position has been filled by Sheryl F and Mary Ann G. 3) The temporary duty of liaison between Three Legacies and Central Discussion has been incorporated into the active Chairperson’s SOP.

4) We amended our Chairperson's script to include the current version of the Preamble which states "Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people".

The Three Legacies Group's anniversary meeting will be Tuesday, March 8th with the speaker to be determined. Our next business meeting will be held Tuesday March 22nd where annual disbursements are on the agenda to be discussed. Minutes for the meeting will be recorded & brought back to the next District meeting that follows our meeting, in April. Three Legacies meetings are still being held twice a week, once on Tuesday Evening @ 7:00 pm (Hybrid – Open Speaker) and the next on Saturday Morning @ 9:00 am (Online Only – Closed Big Book Discussion). Yours In Love & Service, Rachel B

West End: Speaker 3rd Saturday with Potluck

Old Business:

- Motion made by Sheryl to combine CPC & PI position into one, until the end of 2022, seconded by Kristen G.
 - Discussion: Will it be too much to combine the position. Should we vote since the chair is not here?
 - Motion to re-vote for the motion, 2nd by Toni F., Motion carries
 - Minority Voice
 - Vote: For 8; Opposed 6
- Motion made by Sheryl to combine Grapevine & Literature into one, until the end of 2022, seconded by Toni F., voted and motion carries.
- Motion made by Sheryl to combine Zoom Coordinator with ALT. DCM position until the end of 2022, seconded by Ronna B. – Motion withdraw since Zoom Coordinator is not an elected position.
- Who will do zoom coordinator responsibilities then? Alt. DCM

New Business:

- Motion to pay central \$250 from last year (2021) Plus this year (2022) so far including inventory – Motion made by Kevin
- Move to as a body – that we operator as Rober Rules of Order – Motion made by Kevin, 2nd by Sheryl F.
 - Amend – We adopt a Rober Rules of order after inventory – then a workshop – motion passes
- Motion to accept the 2022 budget – Motion made by Kevin, 2nd by Sheryl
- Motion to make new business be brought to district under new business added for next month to vote on.
- Make purchase to buy microphone to pass around for easy listening
- Discuss changing meeting time back to 3:30
- Discuss screen for Hybrid
- District Inventory – Motion to make it a hybrid meeting by Sheryl F., 2nd by Toni F.

Dates to remember:

Area 24 Service Weekend -
March 19 @ 9:00 am - March 20 @ 5:00 pm;
Marshalltown Regency Best Western, 3303 S Center St
Marshalltown, IA 50158 United States

Area 24 Spring 2022 Conference

June 10 @ 4:30 pm - June 12 @ 11:59 pm
SWCC Campus, 1501 W. Townline St.
Creston, IA 50801 United States