

March 6th, 2022 – District 9 Monthly Meeting

Attendance:

Chairs: DCM; Alt. DCM; Treasurer; Corrections; CPC; Grapevine; Intergroup Liaison; Secretary; Treatment
Groups: Bettendorf; Big Book Study; Blandine; Courage to Change; The Three Legacies; West End

Chair Reports:

Treasurer: Beginning Balance \$5746.98; Income \$0; Expenses \$281.22; Seed Money \$300; Prudent Reserve \$300; Operating Balance \$4865.76. Motion to accept report made by: Toni F. and 2nd by: Kristen

- Discussion: Invoice from Intergroup? Not yet
- Post Office Box cost went up – Timing issue created billing issue that is being resolved.

DCM: Greetings district 9. The agenda items were reviewed and discussed at our monthly district meeting. I covered Agenda and reports and charter. There are agenda items that are discussed every year and those are regarding topics for 2023, standing review topics for workshops and evaluation forms. If your group has any ideas for topics, please let me now and I can pass the information on. One of the topics from report and charter did get some attention in our meeting: Conference Committee: Report and Charter E (EDW from Literature) Agenda Item: Consider requests that the chapter titled “The Doctor’s Opinion” in the book Alcoholics Anonymous be returned to page one, as it was in the First Edition. Historical Context: Why is it on the agenda? This is a new request, that upon the creation of a Fifth Edition of the book, Alcoholics Anonymous, the chapter titled: “The Doctor’s Opinion” be returned to page one, as it was in the First Edition, published in 1939. The committee considered the request to restore the original page numbering of the book, Alcoholics Anonymous, by making "The Doctor’s Opinion" page one, not "Bill’s Story". From the submission: “The Doctor’s Opinion” was moved from page one to the Roman Numerals when the Second edition was published. Data suggests that the average reader does not read the Preface and Forwards. Instead, they start on page one. If the suffering alcoholic, without a sponsor or guidance, starts on page one they will miss the only medical explanation of the disease presented in the Text, Alcoholics Anonymous. Back in 1939, when this chapter first appeared, the Foundation was mailing the Big Book out and newcomers were reading it without any guidance. The AA Fellowship saw exponential growth. This content packaging worked. The suffering alcoholic, without a sponsor or guidance, will begin reading The Doctor’s Opinion on page one and absorb the only medical evidence presented in the book, Alcoholics Anonymous. Furthermore, readers will be validated with a sense of surety, freedom and well-being in learning that alcoholism is a disease and not a moral failing. What your group might consider: Does your Group support this change? Why or why not? Background information: Former District 10 DCM Dave T. brought forth a motion to his Salem Noontime homegroup on 1/23/2021 asking to return The Doctor’s Opinion to page one which was approved with substantial unanimity. The motion was then brought forth to the District 10 Committee Meeting. GSR’s were asked to bring the motion back to their home groups for discussion and a vote. On 4/15/2021, all participating groups voted with substantial unanimity in favor of the motion. It was then decided to bring the motion to the Area 43 Assembly for endorsement with a final vote taken on 8/21/2021. Of those in attendance 60% voted in favor of the motion; 67% was needed for Assembly substantial unanimity approval Here are websites to visit for more information.

<https://seacoastaa.org/return-tdo>

<https://www.seacoastaa.org/docs/Archives/TDO-PPT.pdf>

<https://www.seacoastaa.org/docs/Archives/TDO-Proposal.pdf>

Yours in service, Lee C

Alt. DCM: There were 2,829 users total with 1,519 actual users, those being on the site for more than 30 seconds. This is slightly higher than average. The most visited pages were the Meeting Guide, the Virtual Meetings Page, and the Events Page. We did have a spike on the 26th. We continue to have very consistent daily usage. I will be attending the Area 24 Service Weekend in Marshalltown, March 19th & 20th. Lee and met to divvy up Agenda items and get them delivered. We also met to begin documenting District’s past actions. In love and service, Park

Archives: Greetings from Archives! The agenda items this year for the 72nd service conference is as follows:

1. Review Archives Workbook
2. Election of a chairperson

The background information on item 1 and 2

- Most committee's review content and format of their workbooks annually. This is a past action. They discuss in committee the contents and look for ways to improve or update if needed.
- All panel 72 members are eligible except for the 2023 delegate chairperson and 2023 Conference committee chairpersons. The new chairperson serves one year beginning at close of the conference

Group Highlights The Marquette group is celebrating 48 years on March 17. They had their first meeting on March 17, 1974. Three Legacies is celebrating 9 years. They had their first meeting was held on March 7, 2013
In Love & Service Sheryl F

Corrections: Hello from Corrections! After our committee meeting. We would like to attend each home group's business meeting and have 5-10 mins of your time. We are wanting to do this to talk to each group about the need for volunteers and answer any questions. If your home group would be so gracious as to let us get on your agenda we would appreciate it. When your group decides if they would allow us to come and speak to them could you send me an e-mail with the following: 1. Homegroup; 2. Date and time; 3. And let me know if you want us at the beginning or end of the business meeting. Thanks, I really appreciate your time. Vicki

CPC: Good morning District 9. I have placed a call to Ashley V. The executive Director Of Humility Homes and Services. The CPC/PI committee did receive an email response recommending we reach out to the individual supervisors to set up a time to present information and pamphlets at their team staff meetings. This will be a way to be able to serve those individuals that could be in need of information on AA who are experiencing homelessness. At this time we are waiting for a response on dates and times for us to have the opportunity to present. A huge thank you to Angie Marxen, Bettendorf CPC for her help in making those contacts. Angie will be updating individuals she comes in contact with at the shelter letting them know which AA meetings are close in proximity making it easier for them to attend AA meetings. We are always willing to assist anyone in finding AA information and pamphlets and always looking for more humans that would be willing to help serve on this committee, this opens up our opportunities to accommodate dates and times to meet these possible needs. Thank you to the CPC/PI committee for working so hard in always checking your availability and opening your busy schedules in order to be of service. I can be reached at 563-570-5301. Please feel free to text me so I can save your contact name and # to keep you updated on the happenings for CPC/PI. Have a beautiful day, Love and Service, Shawna

Grapevine: Greetings all, Things are still slow on the local grapevine front, but please check out the March grapevine, with several wonderful stories on Emotional Sobriety. Unfortunately, due to some personal family issues, I was not able to connect with former literature chairs as I had hoped. I hope to be able to accomplish that this month as well as get started on my duties as literature chair. I hope to have more to report at the next meeting. In love and service Ronna

Treatment: Greeting District! I was notified by another AA member that Bridging the Gap at Country Oaks started back up 2/20/2022. I am getting the contract information for the contact at Trinity to learn more about how that looks for AA moving forward. At this time, there is no need for additional volunteers there, however treatment will be in need of people willing to connect with people coming out from treatment. I will be compiling a Bridging the Gap list. Please contact the intergroup office to be put on that list. Rosecrance meetings are going well. CADS has been going well. Currently there is a speaker meeting the last Wed of each month to the outpatient group, then an information meeting to another group for 30 minutes-a 10 min speaker meeting, going over the meeting etiquette and types and a Q and A. The Abbey meeting is still going well. Genesis 2N meeting is in the process of starting back up in April. We are still in need of volunteers for that meeting. Here are the requirements to be a volunteer for certain meetings. If you are interested in any of them, please contact intergroup and leave your contact information and I will be happy to follow up with you. If you are looking for service work, there is some available with Treatment :)

Rosecrance speaker: 1 year of sobriety, completed a 5th step, currently being active in sponsorship Genesis: Orientation through Genesis-it is about a 2 hour process with lab testing and vaccinations including COVID, flu, background check

Trinity-Country Oaks--background check, orientation through Trinity, covid vaccination, flu vaccination, TB test CADS-1 year sobriety, completed a 5th step, currently active in sponsorship. In love and service, Jaelyn M.

Group Reports:

Blandine: February 27, 2022 Blandine Business Meeting. Next Blandine Event will be Chili Cook Off March 6 after Sunday 11 am meeting Next Blandine Business Meeting March 27 Noon In attendance: Anthony, Donnie, Mike, Mia, Bill, Bob, Chris, Dave, Tricia Last Minutes read and passed Treasurer Beginning Balance \$306.31, January Contributions \$94.50, Individual contribution \$20, Expenses \$62 to replace books, \$30 Intergroup donation, \$7 flyer for intergroup Ending Balance \$383.81, Prudent Reserve \$300 Old business: Group declined to give projected budget to District 9 Intergroup Rep – Working on starting up Bridging the Gap New Business: Covid19 has moved on and group decided to return to 2 events. Anniversary. May 15th and Picnic Sept. May 15th picnic Mike will bring cake, Mia will make maid-rite meat; Donnie will find speaker by mid-March. The person that cleans the room on Friday will be asked to waiting until 9:20pm. In Service, Christy

The Three Legacies: The Three Legacies Group’s 9th anniversary meeting will be Tuesday, March 8th with guest speaker Andrea H. from the Indianola Group, cookies & coffee will be provided!! We do have a hybrid option for this meeting with the link below (note: this link & passcode are the same as our standard meeting link info on the intergroup website). Our next business meeting will be held Tuesday March 22nd. 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 on Tuesday evenings @ 7:00 pm (*Hybrid – Open Speaker*) and Saturday mornings @ 9:00 am (*Online Only – Closed Big Book Discussion*).

I have attached the anniversary meeting flyer, though it is also summarized below in the body of this email:

What	Three Legacies 9 th Anniversary Event – Speaker Meeting (Cookies & Coffee provided)		
When	Tuesday, March 8 th @ 7:00 pm		
Speaker	Andrea H. from Indianola Group		
Where	<i>We have a <u>HYBRID</u>option</i>	In Person	1706 Brady Street Davenport, IA 52803
		Online	Meeting Link: https://zoom.us/j/2546157093 Passcode: 852140

Yours In Love & Service, Rachel B

Old Business:

New Business:

- Review Area Agenda Items
- MINI EVENT – MAY 15TH 1:30pm – 4:00pm at West End Alano club. There will be 2 panels of speakers (one on Sponsorship and another panel on the 4th step)