

## **April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 – District 9 Monthly Meeting**

### **Attendance:**

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

### **Chair Reports:**

**Treasurer:** Beginning Balance \$5465.76; Income \$45.00; Expenses \$409.99; Ending Balance \$5,100.77; Seed Money \$300; Prudent Reserve \$300; Operating Balance \$4,500.77 Move to accept report by Toni F. & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rachel B.

**DCM:** District 9- I attended the March service weekend in Marshalltown. Here are some highlights from our delegate. She attended the West Central Regional Service Conference March 3-6<sup>th</sup> in Minneapolis and saw many Area 24 peeps. She attended her first West Central Regional Delegates Only meeting in person. A quick update on the SAFETY DOCUMENT (SMF-209) which was removed from the www.aa.org website late January pending a revision. This was due to the Fellowship writing letters to share concern. Initially the revision was to be done in a matter of weeks. We are now 3 months into the year however and it may not be ready until sometime next month. It will go through legal review and the AAWS board will review it at their next board meeting. She leaves for the General Service Conference on 22 April and attend the Remote Communities Meeting and ‘Delegates Only’ Meeting on 23 April. Official Conference Opening will take place the morning of 24 April and conclude 30 April. (Side note- please sign the card for Mary ann. Also, Park and I are sending cookies and a Starbucks gift card to her in care of district 9). Mary Ann also said Thank-you to all who have shared their group conscious with me on the agenda items. Another idea I stole from one of the delegates in our region was to hold sessions via zoom with the delegate to further discuss agenda items. I will be holding 3 one-hour “Coffee with the Delegate” sessions prior to the conference on Thursday evenings from 7-8pm (Dates will be March 31st, April 7th and April 14th) via zoom. Meeting ID is 879 0027 0381, Password is coffee. I encourage you to attend and share your group conscious on any of the agenda items so I can take that voice along with me to the GSC. My address while at the GSC will be the following: Mary Ann Greazel New York Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge 333 Adams Street Brooklyn, NY 11201 I ask for prayers while I’m at the conference. I’ve been continuously shown throughout my recovery that prayer works and I have faith in the spiritual principles we practice in the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. Thank-you for allowing me to serve. Mary Ann Greazel. Marshalltown highlights: The meeting minutes are not out yet but I will cover a few things, and I will get the treasurers report as soon as it becomes available. Saturday, we discussed the agenda items and according to our area 24 it was over in record time. They believe it was because our area is well informed and the in person and zoom capabilities at the west central regional conference helped to educate people. Here are a few high lights from our agenda item meeting in Marshalltown: There was a lot of discussion for corrections agenda item B “reconsider use of the term “person in custody” in our literature. There was a lot of conversation, the consensus was to be in favor or support. Grapevine agenda item D “discuss the wide ranging impact the preamble change has had in our AA fellowship”. The overall consensus was split a few people talked about no changes seen or impact another person said it was written as a historical document. Literature agenda item K “review progress report regarding the translation of the book Alcoholics Anonymous 4th edition into plain and simple language”. The group consensus was in favor. It is an accessibility tool only does not replace big book. First 164 pages, appendices and doctor’s opinion remain the same. Literature agenda item L “review progress report regarding request to develop study guide workbooks for AA”. This seemed to be split, a few discussions were that it may show only one way to be involved in AA, need conference approved, if you use the workbook no reason to go to AA. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Lee C

**Alt. DCM:** There were 2,882 users total with 1,630 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 5th. We continue to have very consistent daily usage. I attended the Area 24 Service Weekend in Marshalltown, March 19th & 20th. Agenda items were reviewed. In love and service, Park

**Archives:** Greetings from Archives! Trivia Question: In what year, did the Cleveland Plain Dealer published a series of articles about A.A.? 1939

Our committee met on March 26th and discussed different ways to share our Archives with all of District 9. We have decided to take pictures of our archives monthly and submit it to our newsletter with a small tidbit of what we are sharing. In addition, we talked about creating a portable archive exhibit to display at local A.A. events. I have ordered 5 archive workbooks for the committee. We are still working with GSR'S to collect material for our archives. What to collect? Have you ever thought about what should we send to the District Archivist? The following is a suggested list of materials that you might consider collecting:

- Books/pamphlets about A.A.
- Documents developed locally to support Twelfth Step work.
- Photographs.
- Directories.
- Meeting lists.
- Newsletters (particularly those published by your area/district)
- Audio recordings.
- News clippings.
- Magazine articles.
- Correspondence.
- Minutes of service committees.

If you want to learn more about archives or join our committee, we will be meeting again on April 16th at 12:15, here at Central Discussion. In Love and Service, Sheryl F.

**CPC:** Good morning District 9 and Happy Sunday. I am currently in contact with an employee for Humility Homes and Services and still waiting to hear back on a time that we can go share with the staff about AA and or take pamphlets for them to give to their clients. I did receive a call from District 8 CPC/PI, they are wanting to plan a workshop in or around Cedar Rapids. They are thinking possibly May or June, I have responded back to my weekends that would work and am waiting to hear back from them for a date to hold the workshop. I will update the District when I know more. Last night I had the opportunity to speak with District 90 who are hoping to be here today to share some ideas and information for us to be of service to a community of individuals who are in need of AA ,however there are language and many other barriers making this difficult for them. This really was an exciting conversation and I know many of us would be eager to learn more about this service opportunity. That is all for now, Love and Service, Shawna

**Grapevine:** Greetings all! Happy Spring! Here's what's going on in grapevine world: April's cover story talks of what its like to get back out there after covid. i think we all can agree with the new creation of "hybrid" meetings, our lives have forever changed. this is a wonderful article written by a member who wonders about the new normal and the challenges that lie ahead. there are so many more articles that really hit home, subjects that my home group as well as district has discussed, please check out this month!! Please don't forget to check out the podcast, run by AA members Don and S at [aagrapevine.org/podcast](http://aagrapevine.org/podcast).

**Literature:** Greetings all from your literature chair! I first off wanted to welcome a new member to my literature team, Mary Beth P! Mary Beth graciously offered to assist me in getting literature up and going again. she will be helping me with literature and i am so grateful! she was able to get in contact with a former lit chair and get caught up on what has been done in the past and what needs to be done in the future. more to come on that. Lastly, i was able to attend the area business meeting and looking to the future, will be attending the spring conference.

**Treatment:** Greetings everyone! I held my first treatment committee meeting on March 6th and although no one attended, it gave me time to organize all that is going on in treatment. I was contacted by a member who is very interested in being on my committee and being more involved in treatment! YAY! I intent to have a treatment committee meeting once a month --NEXT meeting will be MAY 1st at 9:30 and at 9:30 prior to each district business meeting thereafter. If

you are interested in the committee contact Jaclyn M or Lisa at Intergroup. I was also contacted that Country Oaks meetings have resumed every other Sunday. I am currently making a list of anyone who is interested in being on the Bridging the Gap contact list. This is where someone from Country Oaks makes a request to be contacted by an AA member upon their release of treatment for the purpose of getting connected to AA and having someone meet them at a meeting. The sobriety requirement for this is 6 months and be actively sponsored. I also have a flyer that includes all the volunteer opportunities for treatment. There is such a need for people to serve in various capacities. Please contact me or Intergroup for more information or to full-fill one of these important service opportunities. Jaclyn M District 9 Treatment Chair.

### **Group Reports:**

**Blandine:** The next Blandine Business Meeting will be April 24, 2022 at noon. Blandine 68<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be May 15, 2022 at Blandine at 11 am. Teri B from West End will be the speaker. Treasurers Report Beginning Balance \$381.81, Jan Contributions \$101.35, Book replacement \$69, Grapevine to SCC from Group \$28.97, Books \$74.50, Chips \$12.50, Basket for Intergroup Anniversary \$67.40 ending Balance \$370.79 Vickie from District 9 was put on the June Business Agenda. Discussion on moving kids to back of 2<sup>nd</sup> room and closing dividers. In Service, Christy

**The Three Legacies:** Good Morning All, The Three Legacies Group met March 22<sup>nd</sup> for our quarterly business meeting. During this meeting we passed two motions: 1) A motion for a \$500 disbursement to Intergroup 2) A motion for a \$50 raffle basket and 2 \$30 donations for coffee urns. Our next business meeting will be held Tuesday June 14<sup>th</sup>. Minutes for the meeting will be recorded & brought back to the next District meeting that follows our meeting, in July. Three Legacies meetings are still being held twice a week, once every Tuesday evening @ 7:00 pm (*Hybrid – Open Speaker*) and every Saturday morning @ 9:00 am (*Online Only – Closed Big Book Discussion*). Yours In Love & Service, Rachel B Three Legacies GSR [RachelBofService@Yahoo.com](mailto:RachelBofService@Yahoo.com) Cell: 563-459-7382

### **New Business:**

- Move Meeting Time to 3:30pm by Shawna S. and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ronna B.
  - Discussion: Shouldn't change due to 1 person's schedule; Prefer mornings to have remainder of day for personal activities; Time falls during typical church times
  - Vote: Motion does not carry
    - Minority Voice: Brought up in inventory that we should make our meetings more accessible to the public, should find a time that more people can meet in the middle especially if we want more people to attend district.
  - Will continue to meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month @ 10:30am
- Alt DCM Requests that district purchase handheld microphone & to purchase large screen TV from Christie, Alt DCM cannot make motions.
- New Business for Next Month
  - Purchase large screen TV from Christie for \$25 (Made by Toni, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michelle)
    - In Favor – 10; Motion carries
  - Motion to purchase wireless mic for our meetings not to exceed \$100 (Made by Toni, Jaclyn)
    - Discussion:
      - Would we retain the current microphone & have the other microphone?
      - Blandine has a microphone could provide helpful information on their experience
    - Vote: In-Favor: 9; Opposed: 1
      - Minority Voice: Concerned about health issues, we're not over COVID.
    - Re-Vote: Opposed: 3; Motion Carries

- Guest Speaker: Craig
  - Tyson employees, Myanmar/Burmese have been greatly impacted with alcoholism; underserved population; some of these individuals have medical, legal issues, and treatment issues, language barriers – however we do have a few pamphlets in Burmese & mandarin languages; severe trauma with trafficking, abuse, etc. Pastor Sergio has been in contact to communicate the need of this community. We have been invited to the church to discuss basic information about AA and understand what resources they are interested in [Meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am at church on 1710 E. 35<sup>th</sup> Ave East Moline, IL] Do have some zoom meetings online.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Made by Toni & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jaclyn.