# July 10th, 2022 – District 9 Monthly Meeting

## **Attendance:**

Chairs: DCM, Alt. DCM, Treasurer, Secretary, Archives CPC/PI, Intergroup Liaison, Webmaster

Groups: Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Blandine, Central Discussion, Courage to Change, The Three Legacies, West End

## **Chair Reports:**

**Treasurer:** Beginning Balance \$6713.46; Income \$30; Expenses \$1646.88; Ending Balance \$5,096.58; Seed Money \$300; Prudent Reserve \$300; Operating Balance \$4496.58 - Motion to approve by Kristen G. and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rachel B.

**DCM:** Greetings district 9, I attended the Area 24 Business Meeting Minutes Saturday June 11, 2022 – Creston, IA. Here are some of the highlights.

Save the date, Mary Ann is presenting her report on the general service conference on October  $2^{nd}$  central discussion 10:30-12p. Her report is in the drop box if you need more information or are curious about an outcome of a certain agenda item before then. Let me know if you need help accessing the drop box and I can get you set up.

Julie the alt delegate reports that she meets monthly with the North American Alternate Delegates, comprised of the alternated delegates from the United States and Canada and affectionately called the NAADs group. Every month a region picks a topic for discussion. She also meets monthly with the North America Registrars and GSO Member Services staff to discuss issues or new changes to the Fellowship Connection and with the West Central Regional Delegates and Trustee as an invited observer. As of 6/10/22, Area 24 currently had 632 active groups and 2 virtual groups listed in the Fellow Connection database.

Motions made and passed at area 24 business meeting I move to have Area Chair appoint a committee to evaluate Translation equipment to see if it needed upgraded or replaced and report back to the Fall 2022 conference. Motion passes I move to have Area 24 Chair appoint a committee to look into feasibility and cost to offer a hybrid option for all Area 24 business meetings for GSR attendance. Motion passes. I move to have the treasurer find a way we can make donations electronically via the Area Website or the best suitable way. Motion passes.

Yours in service, Lee C. DCM district 9

**Alt. DCM:** There were 2,184 users total with 1,362 actual users on the site for more than 30 seconds. This is just below our average of 1400. The Meeting Guide was still the most visited page. The Events Page moved back to the second most visited page with the Virtual Meetings Page third. It looks as though people are checking the site for events. There was heavy usage on the 6th and 7th last month but no noticeable spike this month.

I attended the Spring Conference in Creston June 4th-6th. It was a great conference. I attended the DCM sharing session on Friday evening. I asked what other Districts are doing as far as mileage reimbursement goes. Mary Ann was chairing the session and she recommended I check with Dave G, Area Treasurer. He indicated that they, Area, are following the current IRS guideline. Mary Ann shared her report from the General Service Conference on Saturday. It was very well done; she is just killing this Delegate thing! In Love and Service, Park

#### **Archives:**

Trivia Question: What was the date of Dr. Bobs last drink? June 10,1935

1971 - Jan 24,1971 Bill W dies at the age of 75. On Feb 14, groups around the world hold memorial meetings honoring Bill's work as co-founder of A.A, author of the Big Book along with the architect and articulator of the Fellowship's principles.

1973 - The Big Book distribution reaches one million. The one millionth copy is presented to President Richard Nixon in a ceremony at the White House.

1975 - Living Sober is published. This was a book of members experiences that describes methods of living without drinking. the material for the book was gathered in the early 1970s from groups and individual correspondence of shared experience, then writers compiled it into a book.

1975 - A.A archives opens at the general service office. in November 1975 Lois W and Tom S from Jacksonville FL a trustee who chairs the archives committee cut the blue ribbon to officially open AA archives at GSO in New York. Play in a brief speech doctor John L Norris points out that a must continually renew itself by going back to its source recalling Bill W's frequent request that the board and the dogs so should put everything they do on record. The archivist is non alcoholic Neal Wing who served as Bill's secretary for many years and is described as one woman walking encyclopedia of a lore.

1976- Third edition of the big book published in 1976. 13 new stories appear in the third edition of Alcoholics Anonymous. By the summer of 1976 more than 1,450,000 copies of the big book first two editions have been distributed world worldwide. If you would like to learn more about Archives and get involved, please feel free to reach out to me or you can join us next Saturday July 16 TH at 1pm here at Central Discussion.

In Love and Service, Sheryl F

#### **Corrections:**

Greetings from Corrections, I met with Craig (corrections) from District 90 and discussed ways we could collaborate with corrections. Craig shared his experience on how meetings are run and the need for communication with the warrens. RCF requested Big books. They did not get the shipment requested. I am following up on this with the Area 24 Corrections Chair. I have still been visiting the group Business meetings to talk about the need for volunteers at the Scott County Jail/RCF/605 main. 605 Main is ready to start back up! Yay! Wednesday night both men and women volunteers needed.

\*\*\*There will be a new process for volunteer applications. All applications will be turned into the corrections chair via mail or e-mail. The corrections chair will then turn in applications to Scott County. New volunteer applications will be made and distributed. The mailing address will be the District P.O. Box. The e-mail address will be announced as soon as it is voted on in new business.

Lastly, our committee meeting meets on the 4th Friday of the month @ 11:15 at the Bettendorf Group. Come and get involved in some service work! Here is a list of the meetings and time for Corrections:

Meetings at Scott County Jail:

Women's Monday 7pm; Women's Wednesday 7pm-we have started orientating the new volunteers; Men's Monday 7pm- not officially started; Men's Wednesday 7pm; Men's Thursday 3:45pm

Meetings at RCF: Men's Tuesday 7pm

605 Main: Facility wanting to restart meetings on Wednesday nights. In love and service, Vicki

**CPC / PI:** Good morning District 9. Happy Sunday! I am unable to attend today as I am going to Des Moines to hear my sponsor speak/get dunked in dunk tank, i sure hope the rumors if this happening are true hahahaha. I wish I could say that there has been a large response from our multiple previous contacts with the Nursing schools, the V.A or Humility Homes and services but I can not. I have been connected with another resource for Humility homes and have reached out, I am waiting a response to see if we can set up an appt to share with staff and or personnel about AA. If you are connected to any professionals that would be interested please reach out to me and I can make contact with them personally to see if AA can be of any assistance to them or If you know of anyone who could use or benefit from some of our pamphlets I would be happy to assist in any way possible. Love and service, Shawna

Grapevine / Literature: Greetings everyone! This years spring conference was wonderful. so much to explore for our district, the main thing i took away from the conference is, dont be afraid to get involved, on any level, ask questions, use your power of vote to help AA continue to thrive and be strong. Many good ideas were discussed at my grapevine workshop, including the rising popularity of grapvine discussion meetings in many of the districts. Please look for something soon to come at a district level, it will be held via zoom, i am looking at once a month, to explain what a grapevine discussion meeting is, its a meetin in which we read an article from the grapevine and then discuss. It will be open to all in AA, there is also an online workshop coming up in October, districts 8 and 4 are hosting, it will give tips on how to write and submit an article for grapevine and even the big book, grapevine editor will be the guest speaker, when i get the flyer, i will send to intergroup to put up on the web, i encourage anyone who feels drawn to share their experience strength and hope to attend this workshop. Nothing new to report for literature. Many Blessings, Ronna

**Intergroup Liaison**: Good morning! I'm unable to be there in person as I'm out of town with my family. I will be joining via internet if I have connection. Not much to report. The intergroup treasurer report is still being sorted out. I should have some report next month. If u have any questions, please contact Lisa at the office. In love and service, Erica B

## **Group Reports:**

**Bettendorf Group:** Bettendorf picnic will be September 18<sup>th</sup>; Bettendorf anniversary is booked for April 2023 **Big Book Study:** Going well, growing numbers. Corrections chair is coming to present at the group this week. **Blandine:** Picnic Sunday, Sept 11 @ 11am. Garfield park, will have speaker & meat. Please bring a drink and a dish to share.

**Courage to Change:** Unable to attend fall conference; No new business.

The Three Legacies: Good Morning All, Treasurer's Report: (March 22, 2022 – June 14, 2022): Income: \$743.30, Expenses: \$1,068.65, Account Balance: \$2,903.01, Prudent Reserve: \$600.00, Operating Balance: \$2,303.01. Our Area 24 Delegate, Mary Ann G., posed a challenge to our home group to do our part in making G.S.O. completely self-supporting. If every AA member were to contribute \$5.14 to G.S.O. the self-supporting goal would be easily reached. Mary Ann posed that we each contribute \$6.20 on 06/20 via www.aa.org & clicking on the "Make a Contribution" tab at the top of the page. The next Three Legacies Group business meeting will be held in August. Minutes for the meeting will be recorded & brought back to the next District meeting that follows. 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

# **New Business:**

- Motion to add a Bridging the Gap Chair Removed from agenda per Mike (Tyler)
- Motion for Individual e-mails to be created for each District 9 chairs Motion made by Rachel and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Park
  - o Friendly amendment to include both officers & chairs
  - O Discussion: Replicate what area 24 does; Nothing special, only need a web browser, will be given a password & email; Passwords can reset passwords

Motion to Adjourn: By Park and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kristen