

November 6th, 2022 – District 9 Monthly Meeting

Chair Reports:

Treasurer: Beginning Balance \$6,299.72; Income \$1582.59; Expenses \$1060.27; Ending Balance \$6822.04; Seed Money \$300; Prudent Reserve \$300; Operating Balance \$6222.04

DCM: Greetings district 9, I attended the fall conference in Spencer IA and have information to report for our district. Our delegate reported that the 2022 membership survey was launched in late September and is still ongoing through October 15th. There were ten groups throughout area 24 randomly chosen to participate. Our area delegate also reported that she participated in a delegates only survey from GSL early this month pertaining to the participation of online groups in the US and Canada service structure. GSO is interested in how we are incorporating the online in virtual groups in our service structure. She also reported that during the monthly West central regional delegates meeting our West central regional trustee discussed GSL financial updates. AAWS and Grapevine are experiencing increased expenses largely due to cost of goods sold tripling across the board. AAWS has been negatively impacted to a larger degree because of the volume of material they sell, and the supply inputs included in their budget period great vine will need to increase prices to accommodate for the increased expenses. They are trying to limit the increase to the ten book titles that will need to equal the replacement cost. Price increases for Grapevine books will take effect in January 2023, however Grapevine is offering free shipping on products through the fourth quarter 2022. AAWS budgeted a 1.2 million loss for 2022. At the July board weekend, it appeared as if the loss may double due to increased expenses. AWS were able to reduce projected loss back to 1.2 million. Keep in mind GSOD did have a surplus last year of approximately one million. The surplus should wipe out the deficit this year and balance out. Currently there are no plans to move funds from the prudent reserve. Group contributions are on pace to hit 11 million, similar to group contributions in 2021.

I attended the GSR sharing session and there were four topics discussed The first one was fear of rotating out after your term as DCM. What do you do when no one else steps up to serve. (Asking for suggestions). There was a lot of great feedback including how to promote the service position and visit different meetings and leaving the results up to God. The second topic discussed was the Lord's prayer when closing a meeting. Feedback was to follow what area does, and it's a group decision. The Third question was regarding changing the format of an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting to include non-alcoholic issues, feedback for this topic included that we ask ourselves are we in an AA meeting? How does the nonalcoholic subject separate themselves from Alcoholics Anonymous? The 4th and final question was how often does a group take their inventory? Feedback was very light but included some comments that some groups don't take inventory, or they give it a different name to attract attendance.

There was a hefty debate regarding a proposal for a 2024 general service conference agenda item. There was a lot of confusion with wording and explanation. After several votes, reconsiderations, and re-votes, a district from our area is sending an agenda item to keep the first 164 pages Of our big book as is.

Motion: I move that Area 24 send a proposal for a 2024 General Service Conference agenda item stating we will not make any changes to the Doctors opinion and the 1st 164 pages of our book "Alcoholics Anonymous" Made by Cindy G.; seconded by Dave B. Vote taken. Motion passed. (Count of 37 to 43)

Yours in service, Lee C

Alt. DCM: There were 2,635 users total with 2,277 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 seconds, which is almost 900 more users higher than our average of 1400. The Meeting Guide was the most visited page, the Events Page was second and the Virtual Meetings Page was third. There was heavy usage for the last week of the month, no real single day spike but the last week was noticeably higher usage. Lee, Sheryl, Pat, and I met to review the SOPs. In love and service, Park

Corrections: Greetings from Corrections! Literature has been requested and sent to SCJ, 605 Main, and RCF. We are looking at reducing the women's jail meetings from 2 to 1 meeting per week due to lack of volunteers. We are still in need of both male and female volunteers. Please reach out if you have any questions. Love and service, Vicki F

Group Reports:

Courage to Change: We held elections, all positions are filled. Attendance is steady.

The Three Legacies: Good Morning All, Three Legacies Treasurer Report: (August 25 – October 13, 2022) Income: \$509.39, Expenses: \$324.52, Account Balance: \$3,562.02, Prudent Reserve: \$630.00, Operating Balance: \$2,932.02 Our group's last business meeting was held October 13th during which time we held elections. All service positions were filled as follows: Chair: Erin B, Secretary: Rachel B, Treasurer: Kristin E, G.S.R.: Christina G, Alt G.S.R.: Joy P, Intergroup Rep: Mary Ann G, Grapevine: Katie A, Coffee Chair: Melissa G, Set Up Chair: Rebecca N, Teardown Chair: Shawna S. A motion was passed to disburse \$400 each to G.S.O., Area 24, District 9, and Intergroup to total \$1,600. Our next Business Meeting will be January 26, 2023. The Three Legacies group holds two meetings each week on Thursday Evening @ 6:00 pm (Hybrid – Open Speaker – Childcare available) and Saturday Morning @ 9:00 am (Online Only – Closed Big Book Discussion). Yours In Love & Service, Rachel B. Three Legacies GSR RachelBofService@Yahoo.com Cell: 563-459-7382

Old Business:

Treasures report – read, motion to approve by Toni & 2nd by Sheryl F.

New Business:

Reports not read, Delegate speaker meeting.

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Jaclyn M. & 2nd by Kristen M.