

FEBRUARY 5, 2023 – District 9 Monthly Meeting

Attendance:

Chairs: DCM, Alt DCM, Treasurer, Archives, Corrections, CPC, Grapevine, Literature, PI, Secretary, Treatment,

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

Intergroup Liaison

Chair Reports:

Treasurer: Beginning balance - \$6,407.99 Total income - \$2159.27, Expenses - \$495.36 Ending Balance - \$8071.90, Seed Money \$300.00, Prudent Reserve \$300, Operating Balance \$7471.90. Motions accepted to approve.

DCM: I attended the Service Weekend in Marshalltown January 7th-8th. The meeting minutes are available in the Dropbox. As of 31DEC2022 Area has an available balance of \$11,562.33. There will be 5-8 first draft chapters (without AA edits) from the Plain Language Big Book available at the West Central Regional AA Service Conference in March. A new hardcover jacketless Big Book is now available. The hardcover looks like the jacket and will reduce production and delivery time. EDW, Equal Distribution of Work, is going to be used at the GSC. PI and Literature have the greatest number of items. Webmaster, Adam B., is working on giving the website a facelift. Area is still reviewing alternate sites for the Marshalltown Service Weekends in January, March, and August. It is their hope to continue holding the meetings in Marshalltown due to its central location. The March meeting will be held at the Marshalltown Arts & Civic Center (MACC), 709 South Center Street.

Area new business:

- **Motion** – Area 24 cover cost of WCR AASC registration, lodging and travel for all Areas Officers and Chairs for the 2023 Conference. Amended to include past delegates. Motion passed.
- **Motion** – All Area 24 Committee Meetings and Assemblies be hybrid from this point forward (5 Meetings annually). Motion failed.
- **Motion** – Transfer the Pink Can fund back to Area 24 Corrections Chair. Motion passed.
- **Motion** – Marshalltown Community College be used for the March Service Weekend 2023. Motion failed.
- **Motion** – Area Chair appoint a technical committee that whose responsibility is to purchase equipment and censes (Zoom and/or other) to support hybrid/video conferencing with a limit of \$1,500. This committee will also be responsible for setup and facilitation of the video conference, including admission to deo and vote counting during the meeting. Amended, Area Chair appoint a technical committee to explore hybrid business meetings and assemblies. Motion passed.

I will be receiving the Agenda Items for this year's GSC something after February 15th. Jaclyn and I will separate them and get them sent out, digitally, to each chair. I will not be printing them this year. If you are in need of a hard copy, please let me know and I will do my best to provide one. I will be attending the West Central Regional AA Service Conference, via Zoom, Friday evening and Saturday, March 3rd-4th. As always. I am available to all of you. If you have questions and/or comments don't hesitate to let me know. This is a joint effort by all of us.

Alt. DCM: Good morning, all! This last month I have been getting acquainted with all that I am needing to do. Here is the Webmaster's report. "We had 2,775 users total but 1,686 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec., which is 60 more than last month and just above our average of 1400. The Meeting Guide was still the most visited page, followed by the Events Page, leaving the Virtual Meetings Page as the third. There was no noticeable spike this month which is good since I don't have any reason for the spike. I did publish the "New Look" last week. I still have some more changes in mind and should be putting them out over the next month. The content will stay the same but the pages will have a different look. I did get some positive feedback from several people so it seems I am moving in the right direction. Keep checking the Events Page for any type of Group Announcements."

I will be attending the West Regional Conference virtually in March. In love and service Jaclyn

Archives: Good morning, everyone, I have been brainstorming a few ideas for archives over the past few weeks. I have spoken with Lisa about possibly arranging archives display in the Intergroup Office in an effort to make our district's archives more available to the public. This idea still lives mostly in my mind, though I'm working on how to make this come to life. Anyone interested in this project or presenting any project ideas of your own, please see me after the meeting to confirm your contact information. I have prepared and submitted an expense report for the 2023 year. I am looking forward to all the conferences and service commitments!!!! Archives Anecdote: "Sam Shoemaker was a clergyman who was influential during his lifetime to many, including A.A. co-founder Bill W. Doctor Shoemaker (1893-1963) helped many alcoholics through his work at Calvary Church in New York. His ideas were fundamental and instrumental to the development of the A.A. program. Dr. Shoemaker helped A.A. in fundamental ways. Physically, he provided refuge for alcoholics in New York through Calvary Church. Spiritually, he directly influenced the Twelve Steps and the nature of A.A.'s program of recovery. His long and close friendship with Bill W. provided support to the co-founder. Sam helped the Fellowship weather its fledgling years." G.S.O. shares an online Archives Exhibit on the AA.org website from the "About A.A." dropdown located in the blue ribbon at the top of the page. www.aa.org/aa-archives-exhibits Reminder for GSRs: PLEASE make certain to share your Home Group's meeting minutes with me so that I may add them to your Home Group's history with our district. Yours in love and service, Rachel B

Corrections: Good morning, District 9. Things are moving along with Corrections. I have a comprehensive list of volunteers created with phone numbers and emails, pending applications, etc. Scott County Jail: Women's meetings are scheduled on Monday Nights at 7:00 pm. We do not currently have enough volunteers that have completed orientation to do a Wednesday night meeting for women. As soon as we do, the jail will be happy to add it to their schedule. Men's meetings are being held on Monday's and Wednesday's. There is a fellow AA that has been handling the men's meetings, scheduling, etc. I have not reached out to him yet. It's my goal to speak with him before our next District Meeting. I'm not quite sure how he started scheduling and handling the Men's meetings, but I would like that to come back under the district umbrella and he can certainly assist if he would like to. I have scheduled 2 meetings with Jennifer Rice and we have yet to connect. I have reached out again and we will be meeting. It's just been a scheduling thing. I also plan on reaching out to RCF and 605 in the coming months. Since jail meetings are currently active, I'm trying to get my bearings there first. That's all for this month. Love and Service, Toni F.

Treatment I continue to receive bridging the gap slips from Country Oaks and have connected members to these individuals. If you know of any men interested in connecting newcomers to AA, please have them contact me. I submitted my budget request for \$400.00 this year. This was the requested amount last year and I believe will be adequate for our needs. I connect with Craig K. who is Treatment Chair for district 90. We discussed the areas where we feel we could do better at connecting those in treatment to AA. I emailed staff at the Abbey treatment center to ask if there is anything else that would like to see from us, or if there are more opportunities there for people to sponsor/bridge the gap. I am awaiting a response. I contacted Eagleview to ask if they would interest in hosting AA speakers for those in mental health treatment there right now and I am awaiting a response. We had 4 speakers at Rosecrance for the month of February. There will be need for 4 speakers in the Month of March as if anyone is interested in volunteering, they can contact me and I will provide the dates and times. Love and Service, MJ

CPC: Good morning, all. I have received from Shawna the CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community) work book and have read thru it, a lot to wrap my head around but gives great guidelines. Looking ahead, I would like to put out my cell phone number to all GSRs to pass onto your home groups for anyone who would be interested in getting onboard a committee to assist with CPC. I believe in our area medical students, health care professionals, high school counselors, clergy, and possibly even military personal on the Arsenal are areas to reach out to share AA information. My cell phone number is (563-320-5782). Yours in service, Colin M.

PI: Hello everyone! I received the Public Information Workbook in the mail which is super helpful. I also reviewed the budget sheet that was shared from previous years and I think a \$200 budget for PI would be sufficient as in previous years, when data was reported, it appears that we used far less funds than were allotted. Vicki F. got me in contact with Troy who is the PI liaison from Bettendorf. Troy and Beth H. from Last Chance both agreed to be on the new PI committee. We will touch base this week to schedule our first meeting. In love and service, Ayla

Grapevine: I don't have anything as of yet. Will get hold of Rona to find out more: will send letters to groups to introduce myself as the District Grapevine Chair and go from there. I have turned in a budget request for \$300 as well today. In love and service Angel

Literature:

Intergroup Liaison:

Group Reports:

Bettendorf Group: Greetings from the Bettendorf group, We will be doing our annual group inventory February 11th following the 10 AM meeting. At our last business meeting we made disbursements to the three entities; GSO district and Intergroup. Make sure to mark your calendars for the Bettendorf group anniversary which is April 15. We have officially started business meetings every other month and that is all I have. In love and service, Vicki F.

Big Book Study: Hello from big book study group! Things are going well with in person attendance remaining very strong. Just a reminder that big book has its 22nd annual anniversary celebration Tuesday February 28th. Potluck starts at 530, Mulkey's chicken will be provided, please bring a dish to share. Our speaker is Kelly F from the Basic Text Group in cedar rapids ia. (This is a hybrid meeting.) In love and service, Ronna

Blandine: Blandine Group has a Chili Kick Off schedule for 2/12/2023, where other groups can participate and win a Certificate and bragging rights for a year. Blandine Group's 69th Anniversary is scheduled for May 21, 2023, beginning at 11:00 a.m. with Potluck and Maid rites to follow. Announcement to follow of speaker. January 29, 2023, business meeting was held, and the following are positions that were elected. Bob B. – Chairperson, Chris C. – Treasurer, Christine P. – Secretary, Mike R. – Intergroup, Mia, V. – GSR, Don C. – Speaker Corodinator, Jesse M. – Coffee Server . In loving service, Mia V.

Courage To Change: Greetings District 9, Courage to Change has implemented our new service positions and will have our first business meeting of 2023 on Tuesday, February 7, immediately following our meeting. Our Anniversary meeting this year will be held the first Tuesday in June, which is June 6th. More details to follow as the date approaches. In love and service, Kristina K. GSR Courage to Change

The Three Legacies: Hello, District, 9! Three Legacies hosts an open speaker meeting each Thursday evening at 6pm. We invite you to pull up a chair and listen to experience, strength, and hope from members in the fellowship. Three Legacies offers daycare to meeting goers at a \$5 suggested donation per child. This Thursday night meeting is hybrid. In person we meet at Asbury Methodist Church and our link to join online is located on aaquadcities.org. We continue to host a Saturday morning 9am closed Big Book discussion meeting virtually. The same link is used for Saturday morning for the Thursday night meeting and again on the intergroup website. Attendance at both meetings is good and there is always room for more! Three Legacies will be celebrating a decade in March! Please join us for our anniversary on March 9th at 6pm. We are welcoming Troy F from Cedar Rapids as our guest speaker. Please celebrate and enjoy cookies and coffee with us. Our last business meeting was held at the end of January. A motion was made that Three legacies pay for the GSR and ALT GSR to virtually attend the West Central Regional Conference in March. Joy and I are looking forward to attending. Our next business meeting will be held March 23rd directly following our regular meeting. In love and service, Christina G

Old Business:

New Business:

- Area – Zoom This will be a continuing discussion
- Motion for District 9 to get PayPal account. Discussion. Tabled to gather more information
- **Motion** by Rachael for District 9 to create a Dropbox account. Seconded. Motion passed. Rachel to gather information on how it is managed, how does it operate and who the Owner is.

- Discussion on District also paying for Chairs to stay one night for Marshalltown Service weekends and two nights (rather than one) for Area Conferences. Motion by Toni F. and seconded. Discussion. Toni withdrew her motion. More discussion. MJ made motion for GSRs to take this back to their Groups. Motion passed.
- Give Park your email address if you want access to Area 24 Dropbox
- Holiday meeting changes: July meeting will be on the 9th and September will be on the 10th

Dates to Remember

- March Service Weekend reminder March 18 at 8:30 AM – March 19 at 5:00 PM. District will pay for DCM and Alt to stay for Sunday meeting. Chairs and GSRs should attend on Saturday.
- Area 24 Spring Conference – June 9-11 at Grinnell College. Workshops are late. District will pay for one day of meals and one overnight

Motion to Adjourn: