

MARCH 5, 2023 – DISTRICT 9 MEETING MINUTES

Attendance:

Chairs: DCM, Alt DCM, Treasurer, Archives, Corrections, CPC, Intergroup Liaison, Literature, Public Information, Secretary, Treatment

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

Chair Reports

Treasurer: Beginning balance - \$8071.90; Total Income - \$2189.27; Total Expenses - \$663.12; Ending Balance - \$7934.14; Seed Money - \$300; Prudent Reserve - \$300; Operating Balance - \$7334.14.
Motions accepted to approve.

DCM: I have spent a lot of time this month forwarding information. Julie, our Area 24 delegate, has sent multiple emails pertaining to the GSC agenda items. I have found them all useful and sent them to all Chairs and GSRs. I attended Friday and Saturday of the West Central Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Conference. Agenda items were discussed in detail. I found it extremely informative. I will be attending the March Service Weekend, March 18th & 19th, in Marshalltown. As always, if you have any questions pertaining to District please feel free to contact me. If you have an item, you would like to have on the agenda in April please get it to me by March 26th as I will be sending the agenda out at that time. I look forward to seeing all your happy faces April 2nd @ 10:30. In love and service, Park

Alt DCM: Good morning all! I am happy to say that I attended the West Regional Conference and it was very interesting and informative. I look forward to seeing how this process unfolds. Here is the report from the webmaster: "we had 2,349 users total but 1,470 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec., which is right online with our average of 1400. The Meeting Guide is still the most visited page, followed by the Events Page, and the Virtual Meetings Page is third. There was no noticeable spike this month which is the 2nd month in a row so hopefully whatever was causing it has stopped. I am still working on making the virtual meetings page look something like the meeting guide page instead of just flyers. I have been emailing out the Newsletter to those who have requested, I plan on continuing doing that even if we get a Newsletter Chairperson. Keep checking the Events Page for any type of Group Announcements" In love and service Jaclyn M

Archives: Good morning everyone, I am looking forward to attending the March Service Weekend in Marshalltown to further my understanding of the Archives position and gain some insight from our Area 24 Archivist. I have also brought back further information on DropBox and PayPal experience from Area 24 chairs. Archives Anecdote: "The A.A. Fellowship is one of the world's major sociohistorical movements. We owe it to future A.A. members, as well as to historians, scholars, and researchers, to maintain as complete a record as we can of this society at all times, so its message, meaning, and contributions, not only to alcoholics but in other problem areas, can be recalled and assessed for whatever future purpose, fully and accurately." — NELL WING (NONALCOHOLIC), G.S.O.'S FIRST ARCHIVIST 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 our Home Group's history with our district. Yours in love and service, Rachel B

Corrections: Greetings District 9, I was able to meet with Jennifer Rice at Scott County. I've placed an order with the Area 24 (Pink Can Fund) for 30 Big Books and 30 twelve and twelves. She will let me know when she receives them. Discussed length of time she needs to complete the approval process for volunteers. She asked for 4 weeks, but is getting it done much quicker than that. 5 new volunteers are going through orientation on Monday night (March 6th). After that's done, the men will be added to the existing schedule. We have 14 active men volunteers and 15 women. Right now, the men are doing a meeting every Monday night at 7 pm, every Wednesday night at 7 pm and one meeting on Friday afternoons. I will be scheduling three Wednesday night meetings at 7 pm for the women and a "Bridging the Gap" is in the works. It will be held the last Wednesday of the month for the ladies. I met with Don, the gentleman that is currently scheduling the men's meetings. He does not want to give that up and I was not comfortable telling him he had to. I'm not quite sure how to handle that and am open to anyone's input. If all goes well with getting the new meetings started, I plan to reach out to 605 Main this month to discuss their needs and how we might be able to bring the message of AA recovery to their residents. Another goal in the coming weeks is to reach out to all District 9 group corrections liaisons. I want to find a way to get them active in their positions. I attended the West Central Regional Forum on Friday and Saturday, March 3 & 4th via Zoom and will be attending the Area 24 service weekend in Marshalltown on March 22 nd . Thank you so much for the opportunity to service. In love and Service Toni

Treatment: We continue to provide speakers for meetings at Rosecrance New Life on a monthly basis. The Abbey Treatment Center has opened its Saturday morning women's AA meeting to the public. This is a good opportunity to carry the messages as clients are not able to leave to find a sponsor. We continue to need males who are interested in bridging the gap. If interested in this opportunity, please contact me at d9treatment@aaquadcities.org. I reviewed the General Service Conference agenda items and will discuss this at our March meeting. I will be attending the service town in Marshalltown on 3/18 -3/19. Love and Service, MJ

CPC: Good morning all, Update from CPC, I have reached out to St Ambrose Nursing, have not heard back yet, but will continue to follow up with them. I will be getting contact info for the head of nursing at Scott Community College. I will be attending the upcoming Area 24 service weekend via Zoom and look forward to the CPC workshop. Throwing this back out to GSR's, if they have anyone in their home groups that would be interested in coming on broad to assist or have any contacts with the professional community that they could pass on to me, it would be greatly appreciated. My cell phone number is 563-320-5782 Yours in service, Colin M

PI: Good Morning Everyone! Since our last meeting I've spoken to the previous PI/CPC chair about where she left off. We had our first PI committee meeting and went over the list of suggested projects in the PI workbook. We're going to reach out to all the libraries in our district including high school and college libraries to make sure they all have copies of the Big Book. We also discussed creating fliers or cards with the QR Code for the Meeting Guide app with information like aa.org, aaquadcities.org, and the intergroup phone number to provide with literature. I reviewed the PI agenda items for the Regional Service Conference and was able to listen on zoom to some of the discussions which was really insightful. They reviewed the performance reports on You tube/Google Ads/Meeting Guide/GSO's AA website/AAGV Website, Marketing & Podcast/Online Business Profiles/Analytics/Young People's Video Project, the development of a GSO podcast, anonymity on social media, membership surveys, and the PI Kit and Workbook. They discussed PSA videos on streaming platforms, and changes to a few pamphlets & fliers: "AA at a Glance," "Speaking at Non-AA Meetings," and "A Message to Teenagers" and are considering a request to implement an instagram account for AA World Service Inc. Yours in Love and Service, Ayla

Grapevine:

Intergroup Liaison:

Group Reports:

Bettendorf: Greetings from the Bettendorf Group! We had our group inventory on February 11th which went well. Flyers were brought to District for Bettendorf's 52nd Anniversary. The flyer is also posted on the Intergroup website. Location: Duck Creek Lodge Time: Coffee: 6pm Dinner: 6:45pm Sobriety Countdown: 7:45pm Speaker: 8pm 50/50 Raffle: 9:15pm This is an open meeting. Beverages, meat, and cake provided. Potluck dinner. Come and join us for some fellowship! Our next business meeting will be held March 15th at 6:40pm following the 5:30pm meeting. In service, Vicki F.

Big Book Study: Hi all! Hello from big book study group! things have been going incredibly well at big book study group. We celebrated our 22nd anniversary party with 58 people attending. a good time was had by all. Our speaker Kelly F was incredibly funny and insightful! thank you to all who showed up in support and helped out. On another note, our meetings continue to average around thirty people and the latest is that our group is saving up for updated equipment for our hybrid meetings. I will be attending the upcoming area meeting virtually. In love and service, Ronna

Blandine: Intergroup elections March 6, 2023. Still need volunteers for jail. Mia is preparing the basket for the Intergroup Anniversary Raffle and will be called Dog Gone Sobriety. Christy is going to donate two tickets to be raffled off at the end of the month at our normal Friday speaker meeting. Blandine will donate \$30 for coffee for the anniversary. GSR Report – Blandine Group ok'd the use of excess funds from Area 24 to pay for the DCM & Chairs to go to the conference in June. Group will discuss budgeting for travel to the conference in June at the next month's meeting. Blandine Anniversary May 21, 2023. Roger A. from Bettendorf Group to share his story. Mia and Stephen will be gone on vacation at this time so Mia will pass on the recipe for Loose Meat sandwiches to another member's wife. Stephen will provide list of all necessary purchases to be made to another member to purchase for the event. Minutes will be posted unapproved on the bulletin board until next month's meeting. In loving service, Mia V.

Three Legacies: Hello District 9 Three Legacies continues our open hybrid speaker meeting each Thursday 6pm at Asbury Methodist Church. We offer daycare at a suggested \$5 donation. We also host a closed big book meeting virtually every Saturday morning at 9 am. Meetings are well attended, and we welcome you to join. We are celebrating our 10th anniversary Thursday, Mar 9 @ 6 pm. Please join us as we welcome Marc R from Dubuque. In Love and Service Christina G.

The District meeting was spent going over the Agenda Items for the GSC

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat J.

Secretary

