

APRIL 2, 2023 - DISTRICT 9 MEETING MINUTES

Attendance:

Chairs: DCM, Treasurer, Archives, Corrections, CPC, Literature, Secretary, Treatment

Groups: Bettendorf, Blandine, Central Discussion, Clinton, DeWitt, Three Legacies, West End

Chair Reports:

Treasurer: Beginning balance \$7,934.14; Income \$15.00; Total Expenses \$663.12; Ending Balance \$7,949.14; Seed Money \$300; Prudent Reserve \$300; Operating Balance \$7,349.14

Secretary: Read new and old business from previous meeting.

Motions accepted to approve.

DCM: March has been a busy month. I attended the West Central Regional Service Conference, via Zoom, March 3rd & 4th. The agenda items were covered in detail. I also attended the March Service Weekend in Marshalltown on March 18th & 19th. District 9 was well represented. Thank you all for participating. Saturday morning the agenda items were discussed. On Saturday afternoon Julie held a special meeting to discuss the current resignations from the General Service Board. Many questions were raised. Saturday evening Julie sent out her response to all questions posed to her. I have forwarded that information to all of you. Julie reported a 20% price increase in the cost of books and 30% increase for pamphlets effective 03APR2023. The last cost increase was in 2014. The Chair of the Board, Linda Chezem, resigned at the request of the Board. Our West Central Regional Trustee, Mike L., held an extra session with the Regional Delegates to inform them of the resignation. He was not able to share any additional information at that time. Shortly after Linda's resignation word was received via Interim Chair Jimmy Dean that Josh E., General Service Trustee and AA Grapevine Trustee Director had resigned as well. His letter of resignation is available in the Dropbox. Mike will be holding a special session Saturday May 8th at 2:00 to provide additional information regarding these occurrences. The Zoom information is as follows:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3197214056>

Meeting ID: 319 721 4056

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If you have questions/concerns, please attend the session. Julie will be hosting Discussions with the Delegate on Tuesdays, April 4th, 11th, & 18th at 7:30 and Saturday April 1st, 8th, and 16th at 2:00. The Zoom ID # is 3197214056 with no password. If you have any questions/concerns that you would like to pose to Julie these sessions will be a great opportunity to be heard. For all other Area information please visit

the Dropbox. I will be attending the Spring Conference, June 9th, 10th & 11th, in Grinnell, Iowa and hope to see you there. As always it is an honor and privilege to serve as your District 9 DCM. Please don't ever hesitate to contact me with questions/concerns. In love and service, Park

Alt DCM: Hello all, I am sorry that I am not there with you this month, but I am in Oklahoma enjoying some time off with the hubby! I did attend the Area 24 service weekend in Marshalltown and wow, what a weekend. The weekend was spent going over the agenda items and the Area 24 business meeting. What I learned from that meeting is there are some open positions on the General Service Board and more details are being revealed as time goes on. I have registered for the Spring and Fall conference already. Don't forget to attend a coffee with a delegate meeting on Tues nights at 7:30 or Sat at 2pm. There will be a special session with Mike (our trustee) to hear more information about the General Service Board's change in leadership. The Area's available balance in their account is currently at 11,734.33 (ending balance of 23,734.33-prudent reserve of 12,000) so it appears they are in good shape financially. As always, if anyone is in need of any help or has questions on anything, please do not hesitate to reach out. I will send the webmaster's report when it is available.
In love and service Your D9ALTDCM Jaclyn M

Archives: Good morning everyone, I attended the March Service Weekend in Marshalltown where we reviewed the Agenda Items for the 73rd General Service Conference. I have also brought back further information on DropBox and PayPal experience from Area 24 chairs. Archives Anecdote: A.A.'s 10th Anniversary Celebration: In June 1945, a historic gathering took place in Cleveland, Ohio. It commemorated A.A.'s tenth anniversary. Over 2,500 members of Alcoholics Anonymous attended the two-day event. Members came from 36 states, two Canadian provinces, and Mexico. 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: Greetings District 9! Corrections has now got 15 women and 15 men actively taking meetings into Scott County Jail. A couple of people are doing two meetings per month to get the new volunteers acclimated. When someone is approved they go through orientation (about 1 hour) with the Program Director, Jennifer Rice at the jail. After completing orientation they get their picture taken for the volunteer badge. They are then ready to start taking meetings into the jail. They are scheduled with an experienced volunteer for a minimum of 3 meetings. All meetings are scheduled with 2 volunteers even after training. Meetings are held Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. The men have an additional meeting on Friday afternoons. I would like to connect with all GSR's to give applications to take back to your group. This month, we are starting Bridging the Gap (Pre-Release) for the women. It will be on the last Wednesday of the month in place of the regular AA meeting. I will reach out to 605 Main this month to see if they are interested in having meetings there. I've heard they already have them and I've heard that they don't. In closing I'd like to read an excerpt from one of Bill W's letters to a group of inmates. It is still pertinent today: "Every A.A. has been, in a sense, a prisoner. Each of us has walled himself out of society; each has known social stigma. The lot of you folks has been even more difficult: In your case, society has also built a wall around you. But there isn't any really essential difference, a fact that practically all A.A.'s now know. "Therefore, when you members come into the world of A.A. on the outside, you can be sure that no one will care a fig that you have done time. What you are trying to be – not what you were - is all that counts with us." In love and service, Toni F

CPC: Good morning all, Update from CPC: attended Area 25 service weekend in Marshalltown March 18th. I have reached out again to the St Ambrose nursing, still not response. I have a friend that has some good contacts with Unity Point Nursing and Scott Community College Nursing. I will be sending out info

to these locations. Throwing this back out to our GSR's if anyone in their home groups has any contacts with the professional community please have them give me a call. My cell phone number is 563-320-5782 Yours in service, Colin M.

PI: Good Morning Everyone, I'm sorry to be missing you all today as I am out of town with family. Since the last meeting our PI committee contacted the public libraries in our district and found the following: Clinton library needs a Big Book. DeWitt Community Library has a copy of the EZ Big Book but they do not have a 4th edition Big Book. We're still waiting to hear back from the Davenport & Bettendorf libraries to see what they need We responded to a request for information from WISH ministries which is a bridging the gap program for women coming out of prison, to bring them some meeting schedules and pamphlets. We drafted a flyer with the QR codes for the Meeting Guide app and some general AA contact info (Quad Cities A.A. (309) 764-1016, aaquadcities.org, aa.org). Yours in love and service, Ayla B. **IT WAS NOTED THAT BOTH DEWITT AND CLINTON SAID THEY WOULD TAKE CARE OF THEIR LIBRARIES.**

Treatment: I attended the service weekend on March 18th in Marshalltown. There was not much need for discussion surrounding treatment agenda items as there were very few 'consider' items. We continue to provide speakers for Country Oaks and Rosecrance. If you are interested in sharing the language of the heart, please let me know. Bridging the gap continues to connect individuals with AA members. I need more men who are willing to connect with these newcomers, particularly anyone who in Clinton, Maquoketa, Muscatine or outside of the Quad Cities. I continue to communicate with the Abbey. They are changing how they conduct AA meetings within the facility, and this may provide additional service opportunities for AA members. More information to follow. Love and Service MJ

Group Reports:

Bettendorf:

All is well with the Bettendorf Group. We had our Business meeting on 3-15 and discussed the Agenda Items. Laura, the alternate GSR, took notes in my absence. I was prepared and carried Bettendorf's voice to Marshalltown on 3-18. Bettendorf will be having its 52nd Anniversary on April 15th. Coffee at 6pm, dinner at 645, sobriety countdown at 745pm, meeting at 8pm, 50/50 raffle at 915. Beverage, meat, and cake will be provided. In service, Vicki F.

Big Book Study: hello all, things are well in BBS world, attendance continues to grow at our meetings. Averaging about 25-30 people in attendance and around 10 online. I did attend the area meeting in Marshalltown, and learned a lot, I was able to take the agenda items back to my group and then able to voice those concerns at the area meeting. as this was my first time attending in this capacity, I was impressed with areas efficiency and openness to all the feedback they received. nothing else new to report, In Love and Service, Ronna

Blandine: Blandine Kick Off went well and West End Group won for the second year in a row. We look forward to trying to beat them next year. Blandine Group's 69th Anniversary plans have been finalized and Roger A. from Bettendorf Group will be the speaker. Mia will get the recipe for the maid rites to another member's wife who will be making it her absence as she will be on vacation. Stephen will provide another member with the list of supplies to get for the anniversary as well. The group agreed that the Members Eye View should be retired to the Archives. They agreed that \$10,000 should be the

limit for people to donate to GSO in their wills. The group would like to hear more details about the changing of the wording on page 117 in the 12 x 12 . The group believes that online groups should be a part of AA as long as they want to be a part of AA. The group agreed that the treatment pamphlet should be updated to larger print and thinks the QR code on the back is a good idea. The group agreed that the GSR to go to June Conference. The group will either pay for the full amount if they have the funds after the anniversary or will split the costs with the GSR. In loving service, Mia Valentine, GSR for Blandine.

Courage To Change: Greetings from Courage to Change. Not much to report in the past month. Our 31st Anniversary will be celebrated on Tuesday, June 6. We have a special edition Big Book we will be raffling off for our Anniversary. Tickets are \$1 and the purchaser is able to highlight their favorite portion of the big book and sign it. In love and service, Kristina

Three Legacies: Good morning District 9 Three Legacies had their quarterly business meeting earlier this month. We had great discussion about the Agenda Items. I will be emailing Park and Julie with our groups concerns, ideas, and opinions. I will be attending the April 8th zoom meeting hosted by Mike L to gather further information and bring it back to Three Legacies. Attendance at meetings has been steady, and speakers have wonderful. Please join us on Thursdays at 6 for our hybrid meeting or our Saturday morning zoom meeting at 9. We would love to see you there! In love and service, Christina G

Old Business:

Motion for District to utilize a PayPal account. Discussion. Motion Failed

There was a motion in February for District 9 to obtain a Dropbox. Rachael shared pros/cons/costs and we discussed. There's no cost with 2GB and would be a much easier method for everyone to access our reports, information, and minutes, etc. . Rachael and Park will meet to begin moving forward with this

Discussion on District paying for Chairs overnight in Marshalltown (3x year) and two nights at Area Conferences (2x year) rather than one. – Tabled due to time constraints.

New Business:

We had discussion about creating a new District position for someone to be Responsible for set up and take down of computer, screen, and microphone for every District 9 monthly meeting. It is difficult for someone to be part of the meeting in their respective position and also manage this equipment.

Motion: District 9 create Technology Co-Ordinator position by Toni F.; seconded by Rachael. Please take this back to your Groups and if anyone is interested in this position, please come to our May District meeting.

Mini-event – tabled

Motion: To send our Area Delegate, Julie, a \$100 gift card from our District while she is at the General Service Conference later this month.

Discussion with the Delegate – Zoom login 3197214056 and there is no password – Tuesdays at 7:30 and Saturday at 2:00. These sessions will continue through April 21st.

Dates to Remember:

- Area 24 Spring Conference – June 9th – 11th @ Grinnell College. Workshops are late. District will pay for mileage, one day of meals and one overnight.
- Area 24 Fall Conference – October 13th-15th in Dubuque. Workshops are late. District will pay for mileage, one day of meals and one overnight.