

June 4, 2023 District 9 Minutes

Attendance:

Chairs: DCM, Alt. DCM, Treasurer, Archives, Corrections, CPC, Intergroup Liaison, Literature, PI, Secretary, Treatment,

Groups: Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Blandine, Central, Clinton, Courage to Change, DeWitt, Marquette, Three Legacies

Chair Reports:

Treasurer: Beginning balance: \$6,980.54; Income: \$111.12; Expenses: \$47.00; Ending Balance \$7,044.66; Seed Money \$300; Prudent Reserve \$300

Secretary: Read new and old business from May meeting.

Motions accepted to approve

DCM: I am meeting with Jaelyn and Rachel before the June 4th meeting in hopes of becoming more familiar with the new District 9 Dropbox. I have received no communication from Julie regarding her GSC experience. I look forward to hearing her report in Grinnell. I will be attending the Spring Conference in Grinnell June 9th through the 11th. I look forward to seeing you all there. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any question/concerns that you may have. In love and service, Park

Alt DCM: Greetings everyone! I am grateful to be back in person from all of my travels. Thank you for your patience with the technology difficulties we have had. I don't have much to report this month other than I will be attending Grinnell for the conference next weekend and I will have more to report then. I have met with Rachel and Park to discuss and get more training on Dropbox. Here is the webmaster's report. Hello everyone, we had 2,485 users total but 1,332 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec., which is a little below our new average of 1500.0. The Meeting Guide is still the most visited page, followed by the Events Page, and the Virtual Meetings Page is third. There was a noticeable spike on Wednesday May 10th. Keep checking the Events Page for any type of Group Announcements. In love and service Jaelyn M

Archives: Good morning, This last month seems to have gone by so quickly. I am happy to have assisted with getting the District Dropbox account up and running. If it's anything like Area's, I believe it will be a very helpful tool for all chairpersons moving forward. Archives Anecdote: The mission of the Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Office Archives is: to document permanently the work of Alcoholics Anonymous; to make the history of the organization accessible to A.A. members and other researchers; to provide a context for understanding A.A.'s progression, principles and traditions. G.S.O. has great online resources for anyone interested in A.A. history! Reminder to G.S.R.s to please get with their group's Secretary to share their business meeting minutes with me so that they may be added to their group's history. Yours in love and service, Rachel B

Corrections:

CPC: Good morning, all, Update from CPC, Received a lead from Christina G from a local bail bonds man. Great place for AA literature. I will be attending the Area 24 Spring Conference this coming weekend and look forward to attending the CPC workshop. As always if you or anyone you chat with has any contacts or leads with the professional community, please feel free to email, text or call me. Yours in service Colin

Grapevine:

Intergroup Liaison:

Literature:

PI: Good Morning Everyone, I'm really looking forward to attending the PI Workshop at the Area 24 Spring Conference next weekend. We recently created new flyers for the Meeting Guide app to be distributed. The Meeting Guide app is an excellent tool for the public to use to find local AA meetings anywhere, any time. I've attached a copy of the flyer to this letter. Please feel free to copy and share. Thank you In Love and Service, Ayla B

Treatment: We continue to provide speakers for Rosecrance. I also was connected to the volunteer coordinator for country oaks. More to follow on the process for being approved to go into country oaks. 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. Thank you to everyone who has been helping carry the message. If anyone is interested in contacting individuals coming out of treatment and getting connected with AA, please contact me. I continue to communicate with the Abbey. They have decided against taking clients to meetings in the community, but have members of the community come in to chair meetings. The women's 10 am Saturday meeting has increased attendance. Several members of a local sober house attend that meeting and are always looking for rides. I have discussed the accessibility inventory agenda item with my committee members and I am waiting to hear what was decided at GSO for next steps. Stay Tuned! Love and Service, MJ

Group Reports:

Bettendorf: Greetings from the Bettendorf Group. We discussed the issues going on at GSO. The Bettendorf Group wants more information from the Delegate following the Spring Conference before making any decisions. I will be attending the Service Weekend in Grinnell June 9-11. Next Business meeting is July 19 @640pm immediately following the 5:30pm meeting. Love and Service Vicki F.

Big Book Study: Greetings from Big Book Study group! Things are going well with attendance at our meetings steadily increasing. We are now averaging between 35 to 40 people per meeting. With this we have ordered more books for the meeting and are continuing to build our fund to get better equipment for our online attendees. We also have a new zoom link, which you can find on AAquadcities.org I will also be attending the Spring conference. Looking forward to seeing everybody in love and service Ronna.

Blandine: May 28, 2023, Blandine Business Meeting In attendance: Jason, John, Tricia, Bill, Christy, Chris, Bob Old minutes approved. Treasurer's Report submitted and approved. Intergroup Rep absent Old business: Signature book from Blandine Group 69th Anniversary was signed by 53 people for a total of 462 years. Posters were approved by Blandine Inc New Business: Bill asked if it was mandatory to read the anonymity statement at meetings. Discussion was it was not mandatory. Chairman has the discretion to follow outline. The outline for meetings has daily reflections and 24 Book and that is not mandatory. At the anniversary we wanted a group photo but also wanted to remind attendees about the anonymity on social media. The Anonymity statement is the standard statement sent from GSO included in the open and closed meeting statements. Blandine to add Roger A to Blandine Audio archives at District 9. Roger has 40 years of sobriety. His home group is the Bettendorf Group and his sobriety date is 02/21/1983. Roger learned of AA/Alanon when his mother went into Al-Anon due to her husband, Jimmy, Roger's father's, drinking. Jimmy went into treatment for alcoholism and then attended AA until his death. Roger's story contained relapse, resentment, guidance from employer's employee assistance program into treatment and then participating in AA for the next 40 years. His first meeting was at Moline Group that was in building down by Riverside Park in with name of Port of Figurines on it. Dick B. was chairing the first meeting he went into. He also went to the House Group in Moline. Barney gave him a silver dollar during this time. While he was in treatment at Mercy Hospital, they took him to meetings at Blandine on Thursdays for the step meetings and Sunday morning meetings. At that time, they met downstairs. He says the greatest gift he was ever given was meeting AA members during this time. Tom from Central was his first sponsor. Ray I. was his 3rd sponsor. The Marquette Group was his first home group. The 80's were a wonderful time to sober up. There were a lot of younger people coming in that time. Fellow members during that time that were at Blandine's 69th anniversary gathering were Leo and Joanne. Spiritual awakening came through Alcoholics Anonymous. Roger stated he had a God flame in him since early childhood. When he was drinking it had almost been extinguished but Alcoholics Anonymous has brought it roaring back to life. He is married to a woman in AA and his daughter is in AA. Science tells us that substance use disorders run in families. AA shows us that recovery can run in families too. Also, submitted for Blandine's archives at District 9 was copy of flow chart provide by Rip. Sincerely, Christy P for Mia

Three Legacies: Hello District 9! Three Legacies Thursday night speaker meeting has been well attended. We meet at Asbury Church each Thursday from 6-7 pm and offer childcare at a suggested \$5 donation. Daycare has been well utilized as we have only had one week with no kids. Our Saturday morning zoom meeting's attendance has dropped and stayed low for a few months. Three Legacies will have our next business meeting on Thursday June 15th directly following our regular meeting. In Love and Service, Christina G

Old Business:

- Mini Event date and theme – Discussion on doing during voting years only. Decided to keep it yearly.
- District 9 Dropbox – Rachael presented how we would proceed with this process. We will use both methods for awhile as we learn this new process. Basically, it will act as a file cabinet for District and will be less work for transitions after elections. Also, will keep the Past Actions up to date better.
- Melissa G. was nominated for our Technology Coordinator

New Business:

Motion to Adjourn

Dates to Remember:

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