

## July 9, 2023 District 9 Minutes

### Attendance:

**Chairs:** DCM, Alt DCM, Treasurer, Archives, Corrections, CPC, Grapevine, Intergroup Liaison, Literature, PI, Secretary

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

### Chair Reports:

**Treasurer:** Beginning balance: \$7,044.66; Total Income: \$50.00; Total Expenses: \$38.75; Ending Balance: \$7,055.91; Seed Money \$300; Prudent Reserve \$300.00

**Secretary:** Read new and old business. Vicki requested that last month's report on Old Business be changed to: Melissa G. was nominated **and elected** for our Technology Coordinator

Motions accepted to approve.

**DCM:** I apologize to anyone that came to Central or logged on for the District meeting on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. We had voted to move the meeting to the 9<sup>th</sup> however I failed to send out a reminder...lesson learned. I attended the Spring Conference in Grinnell, June 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>. Here are my takeaways from the Conference:

- GSRs please ask your groups if they are in favor of offering the Zoom option for all Area Business Meetings. There was extensive discussion surrounding the upgrade of the current system. There was a committee that had formed for that purpose, and they came back with a figure of approximately \$7,000.00, which Area does not have at this time.
- Area voted to add Venmo as a payment option.
- Julie was able to preview ten chapters of the plain language Big Book at the GSC. Many conference attendees were initially not for this translation. After reading it they did not feel that way. Julie shared how inspirational it was.
- The agenda items that passed at the GSC are in the Area 24 Dropbox. Julie has posted her report to the Dropbox and those items are in her report.
- To improve communication there will be a working group created to create inventory questions to pose the GSB prior to the 74<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference.
- It is recommended that the GSB meet with the Area Delegates twice a year rather than once. This action is to enhance unity, trust, and transparency.

- Mike L., currently the West Central Regional Trustee, is the acting Chair until the Chair position is filled.
- Literature prices have gone up, books 20% and pamphlets 30%.
- Jaclyn and I are exploring the possibility of creating a District newsletter in hopes of amping up interest and participation. It would not be in competition with the Intergroup newsletter. We would be looking at 1-2 pages. We attended the Area Newsletter workshop and given good direction from Patti.
- There are currently two virtual Districts in the United States. There is no virtual Area.
- Area's prudent reserve raised from \$3,000 to \$12,000. I personally asked Jeff, the Treasurer, about that jump. Normal costs have increased, i.e., P.O. Box, Archive rent, Zoom costs, tax preparation. The primary reason it went up though is because they decided to incorporate the cost of the Delegate's trip to the GSC into the prudent reserve.

I will be attending the August Area Business Meeting in Marshalltown on the 13<sup>th</sup>. In love and service, Park

**Alt DCM:** Greeting everyone! I was in attendance at the Spring Conference in Grinnell, June 9-11. It was a great conference and so much learned about the process of AA on the business side of things! I will not rehash the things that Park has already reported on. There were a few notable things that I took away from the conference and the DCM sharing session. First off, we are amazingly blessed in this District to have such presence and guidance in how we operate. Many districts have open positions or there are few doing the work of many. One thing that a few districts are doing are newsletters that gets sent to all groups for communication purposes. There are many ways to subscribe and send out the newsletter. I did meet with the Area 24 newsletter chair and attended her breakout session. I don't know if there is a place for us to have one so Park and I are still exploring options and what that would look like since we have intergroup here. More to come on that! Another interesting thing is that Area 24 Archives chair Jeff and District 7 will be hosting the National Archives event in Des Moines in Sept 2024 for the US and Canada. What a cool event coming close to us! There were 2 motions passed -add Venmo as way to accept contributions and payment as well as 500 for seed money for the spring conference. There was 1 motion that was postponed to the fall conference with regards to appointing a technology committee chair as Area awaits the groups response to the Zoom option for business meetings that is in question. I will be attending the area business meeting in marshalltown on Aug 13th. I have also registered for the fall conference in Dubuque in October. Here is the webmaster's report: Hello Everyone, we had 2,504 users total but 1,332 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec., which is exactly the same number we had last month. The Meeting Guide is still the most visited page, followed by the Events Page, and the Virtual Meetings Page is third. There wasn't a noticeable spike this month but we did have some heavier use during the last week. Keep checking the Events Page for any type of Group Announcements. In love and service Jaclyn M

**Archives:** Good morning everyone, Archives is going well. I am intending on digitizing more documents into the Dropbox. This past month I have been focusing on solidifying a date and location for the mini event. Archives Anecdote: 1986: In November 1986, for the first time, the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, is published as a paperback. The softcover book makes it easier for AA members to carry the message into correctional facilities, where hardcover books are often not permitted. 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](http://www.aa.org/aa-archives-exhibits) Reminder for GSRs: PLEASE 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:**

**CPC:** Attended Area 24 Spring Conference, sat in on both PI and CPC workshops. I met John R. our Area 24 CPC chairperson. I got a lot of good ideas and information from both workshops. Meeting with the WISH Ministry next week. GSR's, as always if anyone from your home groups have any contacts with the professional community, please have them give me a call, or text me. Yours in service, Colin M

**Grapevine:**

**Intergroup Liaison:**

**Literature:**

**PI:** Good Morning Everyone, June has been a relatively slow month for PI as our schedule has been slam pack with family fun activities since kids have been home for Summer. However, I have been reaching out and connecting with different churches, local businesses, and organizations who might be willing to post our new flyer and/or meeting schedule on their community boards. I did attend 1 day of the Area 24 Spring Conference, including the Public Information workshop which I found incredibly helpful. It was comforting to hear from other PI Chairs in our Area. Apparently, it is totally normal to feel like you don't know what you're doing for quite some time after taking on a new position and I enjoyed listening to the conversation on potential ideas for making connections in the community. I was not able to attend the last PI/CPC Zoom meeting as it was at the same time as my daughter's high school graduation party, but I do look forward to logging on for the next one and staying connected with the other PI Chairs in our Area. If you or someone you know would be interested in posting one of our new Meeting Guide App Flyers please let me know and I would be happy to provide you with some as I brought copies with me today. Thank you In Love and Service, Ayla B

**Treatment:** District 9 Treatment Report – June We continue to provide speakers for Rosecrance. They have also asked to connect some women with sponsors or meet them at a meeting. If you are interested in sharing the language of the heart, please let me know. I was able to get into contact with Country Oaks and learn about their process for individuals who want to come in and chair meetings. Here is the link for volunteers to apply. Then you will need to get a badge to get in. Here is the link for those

interested: <https://www.volgistics.com/appform/1082488839>. 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. Love and Service, MJ

### **Group Reports:**

**Bettendorf:** Greetings from the Bettendorf Group! At our last Business meeting we discussed and made distributions to the following entities: Intergroup, GSO, and District. Our next business meeting is July 19th immediately following the 530pm meeting. I will be updating Bettendorf group on the Area's financial status. Since the last conference I have distributed flyers on local events. In service, Vicki F.

**Big Book Study:** Greetings from Big Book! Things continue to go smoothly at big book. We remain steady at 35 to 40 ppl, and with that are focused on buying more big books. Our next business meeting is this Tuesday. I did attend the spring conference which was a good experience, and was able to take this information back to my group. I will also be attending fall conference. In love n svc Ronna

**Blandine:** Blandine agreed to announce at each meeting, that the IAYPPA Conference is to be held July 14-16, 2023, at the Double Tree Hilton. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. In love and service, Mia V.

**Marquette:** Hello District 9! Marquette meetings have been well attended, especially the 11 A.M. meetings. Marquette currently meets at Adventure Church on Northwest Blvd in Davenport. The entrance is in the back, up the wooden steps. The monthly Speaker Meeting is held on the last Saturday of every month, and will be held this month on Saturday, July 29th at 7PM. Jennifer B., home group Marquette will be speaking, along with fellowship, a 50/50 raffle, as well as raffle item(s). The Business Meetings are always held on the last Monday of the month, and will be held this month on Monday, July 31st at 5:30 PM. The Annual Marquette Picnic will be held Saturday, September 9th, at Garfield Park. Fellowship is at 10, followed by an 11:00 meeting and then potluck lunch to follow. The group will provide the meat; please bring a dish to share. Respectfully, Samantha P.

**Three Legacies:** Good Morning District 9! Three Legacies held our quarterly business meeting June 15th . There was a motion made to discontinue Saturday morning meeting due to low/inconsistent attendance effective August 1st. The motion carried. I will provide an updated flyer for District's website. Attendance for Thursday's hybrid open speaker meeting is good. We have an average of 31 people in person, 8 online, and an average of 4 children attending daycare each week. I look forward to attending the upcoming mini event and celebrating enthusiasm for sobriety with my home group members and other fellows in District 9. In love and service, Christina G.

## Old Business:

- Mini Event report by Rachael: Good morning all, In regard to the District Mini-Event date set for Saturday, July 29th from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm: We will be allowed to begin setting up at 10:15 am & need to be out by 2:15 pm. I've priced out burgers and hot dogs food approximately 50 - 60 people with a suggestion that people bring a dessert to share. There is also an adult, auto-entry raffle with 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place drawings (Name out of a hat style) after lunch. Please see the attached for a quick view of a projected budget for this event. I'm open to any & all feedback on quantities, event set up, budget, etc. as this is my first time. The food was priced out from Sam's Club, the raffle prizes from Amazon, and the game prizes from Oriental Trading (an online party store). This will all be on the agenda for the meeting on the 9th but I wanted to give a heads up so that people would be informed ahead of the meeting as the event date is at the end of this month.

Your help is needed!!! What was your favorite carnival game growing up?

We need at least 8 game stations to be hosted by Chairs! It's suggested that some chairs team up (DCM & Alt. DCM, Secretary & Treasurer, Corrections & Treatment, etc.)

Please let me know who is willing to host a game & if you're teaming up with another chair Budget for each game station is approximately \$30.00 for supplies

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns!!

Game ideas - Not limited to these...just ideas:

Cake Walk

Face Painting

Ring / Ball Toss

Pyramid Knock

Yard sized Jenga

Yard sized Connect 4

Yard game "Bags"

Spin board for prizes

Pick a duck from a baby pool pond

Basketball indoor hoop game

Fish Cup (Similar to table pong)

Lollipop Tree

Leap Frog

Hole-In-One

Penny Toss

Yours In Love & Service, Rachel B

There was a lot of discussion on this proposal. Various comments were: Spending \$960 on a Circus is deviating from our primary purpose and not what Groups send money to District for; It's a celebration of our Groups; We have the money to support this; We budgeted \$500 for this event; Other recent mini events were less money however that was mostly during Covid; It's a way to say thank you to the Groups. Motion made by Vicki and seconded by Jaclyn to keep the mini event at \$500 as was budgeted. Vote: 9 yeas; 8 nays. Park didn't feel we should pass this as there wasn't "substantial unanimity". A second Motion by Mike to spend \$700 on the mini event and seconded by Toni.

**Motion passed** 13/4. Minority: It was in the budget to spend \$500 for this year. No votes were changed.

- Welcome to Melissa our new Technology Coordinator.
- Dropbox questions

### **New Business:**

Meeting adjourned at noon

Dates to Remember: Area 24 Fall Conference – October 13-15<sup>th</sup> in Dubuque. Workshops are late. District will pay for mileage, one day of meals and one overnight.