

August 6, 2023 District 9 Minutes

Attendance:

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

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

Chair Reports:

Treasurer: Beginning balance \$7,055.91; Total Income \$0; Total Expenses - \$792.38; Ending balance \$6,263.53; Seed money \$300; Prudent Reserve \$300. A **motion** was made and approved to reimburse Rachael \$36.48 for an unexpected expense for the mini-event.

Secretary: Read new and old business.

Motions accepted to approve.

DCM: I attended the District 9 mini-event July 29, 2023. Rachel and her committee did a killer job. Thank you to everyone that attended and participated. It was a great success. Julie, Area 24 Delegate, will be speaking at our September meeting, Sunday, September 10th. I will be bringing treats for the meeting. If anyone would like to bring something, please let me know so that we don't end up with too many duplicates. Bill from Clinton has already contacted me. Thank you, Bill. We will not be giving reports that day however please make sure to get your reports to Pat so that she is still able to put them in the minutes. I will be attending the August Area Business Meeting in Marshalltown on the 13th of August. The DCM and Alt DCM are the only members asked to attend. If you are interested in attending, you are most welcome to do so. I will also be attending the Area 24 2023 Fall Conference in Dubuque October 13th-15th. There are registration forms available. Please make sure you get signed up at your earliest convenience. In love and service, Park

Alt DCM: Greetings district. My report this last month is short and sweet! I attended the mini event and it was a GREAT time! I feel it was a success with good attendance. I was the food chair for the event and really enjoyed the opportunity to be of service and the games were a HOOT! There was not much else for this last month. I am signed up and will be attending the area business meeting on 8/13. Here is the webmasters' report. "Hello Everyone, we had 3,383 users total but 1,405 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec., which is right at our new average. The Meeting Guide is still the most visited page, followed by the Events Page, and the Virtual Meetings Page is third. There was a big spike on the 4th, and a pretty big one on the 13th. Keep checking the Events Page for any type of Group Announcements." Remember I am always here. and available for any questions, concerns or help! Please feel free to reach out. In love and service Jaclyn M

Archives: Good morning everyone, I am not able to be with you in person as I am visiting a friend out of town. With the DropBox up and running it's time to focus on how to best digitize our materials. I look forward to incorporating committee members into this process by setting attainable goals for each month. I will be setting a date soon for a committee meeting to set this up. Archives Anecdote: 1995: With approval of the General Service Board, G.S.O New York launches a site on the World Wide Web on December 22, 1995. With a click, users can now instantaneously access information about the Fellowship in English, Spanish, and French. G.S.O.'s A.A. Website is constantly evolving. In spring 1998, G.S.O. New York shares the experience of computer-savvy A.A.s when it issues a list of Frequently Asked

Questions for A.A. entities looking to set up their own website. In 2000, 2006 and 2014 "aa.org" will undergo major expansions. 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 share your Home Group's meeting minutes with me so that I may add them to your Home Group's History. In love and Service, Rachael B.

Corrections: I'm happy to report that corrections has been getting back on the beam this past month. Meetings at Scott County are going well. There is always room for more volunteers, so please include that in your reports for your groups. It is a great way to carry the message to people that NEED it. Whether they want it or not is up to them. The commitment for jail meetings is one Monday or Wednesday per month. Men and women meet separately from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Sobriety requirement is one year or recommendation from a sponsor. There is a background check and orientation. New volunteers are scheduled with more experienced members. There are two AA's scheduled for every meeting. I have applications if you want to take them back to your groups. We are on track to start taking meetings into 605 Main in September. This past month I've been able to get to 3 business meetings. (Blandine, Marquette and Bettendorf). I will continue to make the rounds as my schedule allows. I attended the district mini-event. It was definitely a chance to see AA in action, spreading the love to newcomers and families. We were allowed an opportunity to say a few words about our positions. Five people immediately approached me afterwards and we got 5 more volunteers. As it stands right now, we have 10 women and 3 men. A few others are checking to see if they can commit. I have flyers for this to take back to your groups if you want to. Meetings will be held on Wednesday nights. Men's meetings will be from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Women's will be from 6:15 pm to 7:15 pm. Sobriety requirement is that the person be sponsored and have at least 6 months. Volunteers will be scheduled two per meeting. There is no background check or application. They just need to let me know they want to do it and can commit to one Wednesday per month. I would like to post these service opportunities on the Intergroup website. I'm not sure of the process at the district level. Is it something we have to approve? Yours in love and service, Toni

CPC:

Grapevine:

Intergroup Liaison

Literature:

PI: Good Morning Everyone, We've had a good month of making connections with different institutions in our area while distributing the Meeting Guide flyers. Modern Woodman Park, some local small businesses, schools, doctor's offices, and libraries are a few examples of the connections we've recently made in our area. As always, if you know anyone that would be interested in posting our flyer or literature in their office or on their community board, please let me know and I'd be happy to get in touch. I've recently reached out to someone in the media about running a PSA on TV and radio, so that will be the next project we're working on. I am looking forward to attending the next Marshalltown meeting and learning more about this position and potential projects as we go. Thank you In Love and Service, Ayla B D9 Public Information Chair

Treatment: We continue to provide speakers for Rosecrance. I am still looking for a speaker for 8/11 at 9:30am. If interested, please let me know. I have left a couple messages for staff about volunteers chairing 8pm meetings and once I know more about what slots are available, I will be looking for volunteers out there. There is a online 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: I attended the District Mini Event. My family had a great time! Even the teenager! Bettendorf had its Business meeting. Quarterly disbursements were discussed and voted on. I made a service booklet for the group to keep them updated on everything going on with GSO. It is available to view on the literature rack. I will ensure we announce that the Delegate will be attending the September District Business meeting. I am already signed up for the Area Conference Oct 13-15th. In service, Vicki F.

Big Book Study: Greetings from big book! Things are going well at BBS, with a continued average of 30 to 35 ppl per meeting. Disbursements were discussed and voted on. I will be attending the upcoming area business meeting and the fall conference. I attended the mini event and had a wonderful time..kudos to Rachel! In love and service Ronna

Central: Greetings from Central Discussion. We had our quarterly business meeting on July 16th. First order of business was the treasurer report. We are doing well with our finances. Sunday 9a.m. meeting continues to be our most popular. The next order of business was to remove Tyler as our GSR. Mike S, as alternate, was asked to finish his term until April 2024. At that time, Mike will start his two year term. Aiden C has agreed to finish Mike's term until April. However, he will be unable to take on the position in April. Having an Intergroup representative is where we are lacking. We haven't had a representative since October 2022. Jill D has agreed to the position. Since she sometimes has a conflict with work, we decided to create an alternate position which has yet to be filled. Toni from District 9 corrections was scheduled to make a presentation. However, due to automobile trouble, she was unable to attend. September 17th has been designated for our anniversary. Final decisions on that were made. Mike C had taken charge. Saturday September 17th: Fellowship at 11a.m. Lunch at Noon. Meat and drinks provided. Please bring a dish to share. Speakers at 1. Pat B, Central. Barry P, Central. Our usual business meeting is on the third Sunday. However, since Mike will be at the conference, the next business meeting has been move to the 4th Sunday, October 22. 10:15a.m. Yours in service, Mike S.

Marquette: Marquette currently meets at Adenture Church on Northwest Blvd in Davenport. The entrance is located off of the back deck. The monthly Speaker Meeting is held on the last Saturday of every month, and will be held this month on Saturday, August 26th, at 7PM. There will be a speaker, Robert D., Muff, from Wisconsin, along with fellowship, a 50/50 raffle, as well as raffle item(s). Marquette had their monthly business meeting on the last Monday of the month, on July 31st. At the meeting we discussed topics such as; Marquette's Fall picnic, the new budget proposal and Zoom option for Area, as well as regular housekeeping. The member was also in attendance, discussing possible service work, by taking meeting to the jails and treatment centers. Marquette Group did vote in favor of supporting the online Zoom option, when the time comes. We look forward to more information on this. Marquette's Fall picnic is to be held at Garfield Park, 29th and Bridge Avenue, on Saturday, September 9th. Fellowship is at 10, followed by an 11:00 meeting and then potluck lunch to follow at noon. The group will provide the meat, please bring a dish to share. The next Business Meeting will be held on the last Monday of the month, and will be held this month, on Monday, August 28th at 5:30 PM. Respectfully, Samantha P.

Three Legacies: Good morning District 9! Three Legacies continues to be well attended on Thursday nights. We are now only meeting on Thursday nights as our Saturday morning virtual meeting has officially been discontinued. Our next business meeting is August 17th directly following the regular meeting. I am grateful to have attended the District 9 mini event. It was wonderful to be a part of so much fun and fellowship. I will be sure to inform home group members of the opportunity next month to hear our Delegate Julie share her report, as I am looking forward to it very much myself. In love and Service, Christina G.

West End: Hello everyone, my name is Keaton and I am an Alcoholic. At the last business meeting of the west end we held elections for the position of GSR. I was elected and I am happy to be here to learn and serve. I do not have much to report at this time other than our upcoming event. The West End Annual Picnic is on August 12th at 11AM. This is being held at West Lake Park. Gate Entrance 1. At the Lakeview Shelter. Come join us for food and fellowship. Glad to meet all of you. In loving service, Keaton G.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- Mini Event Recap – A great time was had by all that attended. (Expense report attached.)
- Create SOPs for the Mini-Event – Park and Jaclyn will develop this
- Dropbox questions – tabled
- Bid for 2024 Fall Conference – A motion was made by Jaclyn for District 9 to submit a bid in Marshalltown on August 13th. Seconded by Bill. This would be a voting conference. Discussion. Vote was 9-9. Park felt we shouldn't rush to get this bid in without further investigation into costs, etc. since there wasn't substantial unanimity on the vote. Perhaps we can consider this for 2024 or later.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Area 24 Fall Conference – October 13th-15th in Dubuque. Workshops are late. District will pay for mileage, one day of meals and one overnight.
- Julie, our Area 24 Delegate, will be attending our next District meeting, **Sunday, September 10th**. She will be presenting her report from the GSC in April. In the past we have had treats for the Delegate's visit. I will be bringing some and if anyone else would like to please feel free to do so. Let's coordinate though so we don't have too much. **THAT IS THE SECOND SUNDAY DUE TO LABOR DAY!**

