

December 3, 2023 District 9 Minutes

Attendance:

Alt DCM, Treasurer, CPC, Literature, PI, Secretary, Treatment

Groups: Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Blandine, Central Discussion, Clinton, Three Legacies, West End

Chair Reports:

Treasurer: Beginning balance: \$5,002.45; Total Income: \$2,465.39; Total Expenses: \$4,090.32; Ending balance: \$4,799.05; Seed Money: \$300; Prudent Reserve \$300; Operating balance: \$4,199.05.

Katie asked everyone to have their 2024 Budget to her by January 15th. Mike S. mentioned that next year's conferences are going to be expensive for GSRs and Chairs. June Conference is in Sioux Center and the Oct one in Sioux City. There is more information on Area 24 website to use for your budgets. It's important that we carpool and double up in rooms as much as possible.

DCM: It's the Holidays!!! As we all get ready to celebrate the many gifts that we have received in sobriety let us not forget those not as fortunate. I wish all of you the happiest of Holidays. I look forward to seeing you January 7th. I will be attending the January Service Weekend in Marshalltown, Saturday the 13th-14th. All GSRs are strongly encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. In love and service, Park

Alt DCM: Greetings to all! Not a lot to report for the month of November! A few reminders for those who don't read their email. There is a message from GSO in regard to the financial state of AA along with a request for increase in contributions to GSO. Please see me if you have not read the email. There is also the link for an AA survey that was sent out. Again, I would be happy to forward the email to whomever wants it with the link to fill it out or you can go to the following link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XZXKWG5>. A reminder to download the grapevine app for more AA related information. See the grapevine chair for details on that. There is a year end sale on some literature with a 20% off if you are wanting to order additional copies of literature. I do plan to attend the January weekend in Marshalltown and of course GSR's are strongly encouraged to go. The webmasters report is as follows: we had 2,760 users total but 1,401 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec., which is right in line with our current average of 1400. The Meeting Guide is still the most visited page, followed by the Events Page, and the Virtual Meetings Page is third. I thought I would mention that the By-Laws beat the Newsletter as the most downloaded file this month. There was a spike on the 30th, but the rest of the month looked pretty normal. As always, Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays, see you in 2024! In love and service Jaclyn M

Archives:

Corrections:

CPC:

Grapevine:

Intergroup Liaison:

Literature:

PI:

Treatment:

Group Reports:

Bettendorf: Greetings from the Bettendorf group, Bettendorf just had elections and all of our positions were filled! I will be connecting all of the liaisons with the District chairs. For Christmas and New Years the Bettendorf group meeting rooms will be open, in addition, all meetings will be opened. In Service, Vicki F. Bettendorf GSR

Big Book Study: Hi everyone, Things are well at big book, our next business meeting is Tuesday December 12th after the meeting. Last month we had elections with all positions being filled. We are looking forward to what 2024 brings for our group.... We are continuing to avg about 35 to 40 attendees both online and in person. I will be attending the January service weekend. In love and service Ronna

Three Legacies: Hello District 9! Meetings at Three Legacies have continued to be well attended. We are grateful to be able to provide child care on a donation basis. It has been my pleasure serving with Joy as my ALT-there's nothing like AA service weekends to get to know your fellows. I am looking forward to welcoming Erin as the new Alt for Three Legacies this upcoming year! In love and service Christina G

West End: We held our business meeting on November 15th. Most of the meeting was concerning elections. I'm happy to report that all positions have been filled and I will be returning next month. We did vote to begin our monthly speaker meeting again starting in the new year. More to come on that later. I will bring up the archive's subcommittee again at our next business meeting on January 17th. Hopefully we can get started on creating a west end file.

In loving service, Keaton G.

Old Business: Progress reports from all Chairs.

New Business: Pat – Birthday Club: I just wanted to bring up that GSO has what's called the Birthday Club where we, as individuals, are encouraged to give \$1 for each year of our sobriety on your anniversary; it would also help if our Groups and individuals order AA books, etc. from Intergroup/GSO and not get them from Amazon or another source.

Vicki is wondering if that lack of funds to GSO are due to Groups practicing "the power of the purse" due to some decisions that were made last year at GSO. Things such as: the plain language Big Book; changes being made to 12 & 12 and Big Book; lack of transparency; the Manager, Chair, Trustees could be doing a lot less travel as well.

Dates to Remember:

- January Service Weekend – January 13th-14th. MACC, 709 South Center Street, Marshalltown, IA. Begins @ 8:30 Saturday morning. All GSRs are strongly encouraged to attend. The Chairs are not required to attend but are most welcome.
- West Central Regional AA Service Conference – March 1st-3rd. Grand Hotel Minot ND, 1505 North Broadway, Minot, ND - There is a Zoom option available for this event.

Jaclyn also mentioned Spring Conference is June 14th on Area 24 Website

September 26-29 GSO will have an Archives workshop in Des Moines