

## **February 4, 2024 District 9 Minutes**

### **Attendance:**

DCM, Alt DCM, Archives, Corrections, CPC, Grapevine, Intergroup Rep, Literature, Secretary, Treatment

Groups: Bettendorf, Blandine, Central Discussion, Courage to Change, DeWitt, Three Legacies, West End

### **Chair Reports:**

**Treasurer:** Beginning balance: \$4,949.81; Total Income \$766.10; Total Expenses: \$85.38 Ending balance: \$5630.53; Seed Money \$300; Prudent Reserve \$300; Operating balance \$5030.53 (these are figures from the corrected Treasurer Report)

**DCM:** I attended the January Service Weekend January 13th -14th . Due to weather the entire weekend was via Zoom. Dave G. gave a presentation, How to Bid a Conference. Mary Ann G. gave a presentation, How to Submit a GSC Proposed Agenda Item. I have printed out one copy of each. The presentations are also available in the Area 24 Dropbox. Jeff P. provided yearend expenses and incomes for 2023. He also submitted the 2024 proposed budget which passed. I have printed one copy of each. If you need additional copies, please let me know. All this information is available in the Area 24 Dropbox. I have confirmed Julie S., Area 24 Delegate, for July 7th . She will be sharing her experiences from the General Service Conference in New York this April. There will be upcoming discussion pertaining to charging for virtual participation at the Spring and Fall Conferences. Nothing has been decided. The 2024 GSC agenda items will be available 15FEB2024. I will distribute them as quickly as possible. I will be attending the West Central Regional AA Service Conference March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> . The Conference runs through the 3<sup>rd</sup> but conflicts with our March District meeting. There is a \$30 cost associated with Zoom participation. Anyone that would like to join me at my house is more than welcome. I encourage everyone to do join in as the 2024 agenda items will be reviewed. In love and service, Park

**Alt DCM:** Hello District 9. I was able to attend the service weekend on Jan 13th and 14th. The 13th consisted of conversations around the founders' writings. There was a lot of discussion and it was recommended to bring the information back to groups and GSR's would get a pulse on how the membership feels about it. I attended the 2nd zoom session and there has been a lot of discussion back and forth. It was made very clear that there is NO motion on the floor and NO voting taking place. GSO is looking to the fellowship for future direction. There is another upcoming zoom sessions for more discussion. I plan to attend that one as well. There was a presentation on how to bid a conference as well as how to propose an agenda item. There was 38 GSR's and 27 DCM that were in attendance. On Jan 14th was the business meeting. The balance at area (at the time) was 7,784.30. The groups had the largest increase in their contributions since 2018. The update on the Pink Can Fund was given. by Jan 2025 all the money and process should be overseen by the area 24 committee (specifically corrections chair). Any questions about the pink can currently, please see me or Park. Other items discussed was the 2024 budget and seed money was dispersed (500) to the fall conference. There is no bid for the spring 2025 conference and they are currently looking for a district to host otherwise one will be appointed. The website report from Illowa is as follows: "we had 3,591 users total but 1,490 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. There was a spike on the 18th, and the 27th, but the rest of the month looked pretty normal." As always, if you need anything, please do not hesitate to reach out.

**Archives:** Good morning everyone, I am very pleased to join you this morning!!! This past month I have met with the Archives Chair from Bettendorf Group to see how we could best assist each other in our roles. It was good to set goals and chat about service work. I am looking forward to meeting again and moving forward into the new year!!! Yours in love and service, Rachel B

**Corrections:** Greetings, District 9! Meetings at Scott County continue to go well. We are so fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers to carry the message to the folks that are there. We are always open to more volunteers and if anyone at your groups are interested, they can contact me at the [d9corrections@aaquadcities.org](mailto:d9corrections@aaquadcities.org). I have met with our Corrections Liaison from the Bettendorf Group. We are planning to take 2 action items from the workbook and focus on those for the remainder of this term. I will have more to report on that at next month's meeting. I plan on re-visiting the meetings situation at 605 and will update at the next meeting. In love and service, Toni F.

**CPC:** Good morning, all, Update from CPC, I have contacted and am currently working with Jessica T. (CPC Chair – Bettendorf Group). She is reaching out to her minister at St. Johns Lutheran Church. I have sent out AA information pamphlets, Alya's meeting flyer and cover letter to: 1) Vera French Mental Health Center 2)Diocese of Davenport Iowa 3)Unity Point – Trinity Enrichment Center – Specialty Care Clinic 4)Genesis – EAP Program. My continuing goal it to reach out to at least 4 organizations each month. As always, if anyone has any potential contacts to the professional community, please give me a call. Yours in service, Colin

**Grapevine:**

**Intergroup Liaison:**

**Literature:**

**PI**

**Treatment:** I have contacted Rosecrance several times regarding the new schedule and getting speakers scheduled. I will continue to contact them and pass that information along when I get it. I have been working on gathering numbers for a list of those willing to be a temporary sponsor at the Abbey. Thank you for those who have volunteered. I need a few more men to complete the list. Please contact me if interested. I met with Liz D. from Bettendorf Group to discuss current happenings in D9 Treatment. There is a online link for volunteers to apply to chair meetings at Country Oaks. Then you will need to get a badge to get in. Al B. is currently running meetings at country oaks every other Sunday. If interested in going with, contact me. Here is the link for those interested: <https://www.volgistics.com/appform/1082488839>. You will also need to provide proof of covid vaccination and flu shot or fill out an exemption form. 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. Love & Service MJ

**Group Reports:**

**Bettendorf:** Greetings from the Bettendorf group. Bettendorf had its last Business meeting January 17<sup>th</sup>. We discussed the letter from GSO regarding the founders writings. After much discussion Bettendorf group decided and a motion was made to respond: "We would be happy to address these questions as they relate to specific agenda items but not as they relate to this process." In Service, Vicki F. Bettendorf GSR

**Big Book Study:** Hi all! Here's what's happening in bigbook study group: Our Tuesday night meeting continues to average around 40 members, including online. And we are making preparations for our 23rd anniversary celebration which will be- Tuesday February 27th. Doors open at 5, with food and fellowship at 530. Our guest speaker Mark L from Waukesha, WI, at 630! we hope you all can join us! In love and service Ronna

**Blandine:** Old minutes were read and passed. Treasurer report Beginning balance \$247.41 . December contributions: \$125.24 Replacement of Books \$15.00 Books \$30.75 Chips/schedules/pamphlets \$10.00 Newsletter flyer \$8.00 Ending balance \$338.90 Prudent reserve \$300 Motion made to pass; motion passed Intergroup Rep: New manager Katie; 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Mike selling tickets Motion made to pass, motion passed GSR report: absent New business: Nominations; motion made to have flyer made by Mia so nominations will be next business meeting; motion passed Motion made to adjourn meeting; motion passed meeting ended at 12:20pm

**Central:** Central Discussion held its quarterly business meeting on January 21, 2024. A decision was made to change the terms of the GSR and Alt GSR, so that they expire at the same time as District 9 and Area 24 terms. The current GSR and Alt. terms that were scheduled to end in April of 2025, will now expire on December 31, 2024. Elections for 2 year terms, beginning January 1, 2025 will be held at the October 2024 business meeting. Contributions were authorized: \$700 to Intergroup, \$700 to District 9, \$400 to Area 24 and \$200 to GSO. A discussion was attempted to address the questions about the founder's writings. It was brought up by one member that had seen the questions already, that in his opinion, the questions were not valid as they already sided with one position. A motion was made not to have the discussion and to make it clear that Central Discussion would always hold the position that all founder's writings will never change.

**Three Legacies:** Hello District 9!! Three Legacies just had their first business meeting of the new year on Jan 25th. Home group members are settling into their new service positions nicely. We have booked a speaker for our upcoming anniversary in March. Attendance in person and online has remained steady and daycare has continued to be utilized. I was so glad to be able to attend Marshalltown's service meeting via zoom. Erin and I attended the GSR sharing session, and we were able to bring back some information to our group about happenings at Area. After sitting in on the Founder's Day presentation during Marshalltown I brought back the letter and questions to our group. We had a group conscious, and I was able to bring forward questions and concerns from Three Legacies to Julie on her zoom meeting yesterday. Love and Service Christina G.

**West End:** We have begun holding our monthly speaker meetings again on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. The next three dates are Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, March 16<sup>th</sup>, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Kelly M is the speaker this month. Potluck and activities to follow the 5:30 meeting. We had our business meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup>. We tabled the archive's subcommittee again and will address that in March. Hopefully we can get started on creating a west end file. In loving service, Keaton G.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- Mini Event Chairs will be Colin and Kevin
- Confirm budget submissions
- Jaclyn – Discussion on Founder's Writings

**Dates to Remember:**

- Session #3 – Founders’ Writings Q&A - Special guest Vera F., AAWS Non-Trustee Director, member of the Trustee’s Literature Committee – Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 1:30-3:00 – Zoom link has been sent and is also on the flyer
- West Central Regional AA Service Conference – March 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>. Grand Hotel Minot ND, 1505 North Broadway, Minot, ND - There is a Zoom option available for this event at a cost of \$25.
- March Service Weekend- March 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>. MACC, 709 South Center Street, Marshalltown, IA. Begins @ 9:00 Saturday morning. All GSRs and Chairs are strongly encouraged to attend.