

ILLOWA MESSENGER

May 2024

MAY BIRTHDAYS



2	Mel M.	'00
3	Michelle C.	'04
4	Vern H.	'12
5	Sergio M.	'96
5	Desiree K	'09
6	Theresa K.	'82
7	Robert S.	'77
11	Bea R.	'79
13	Dan F.	'82
14	Cissi L.	'90
15	Karl W.	'82
17	Jamey C.	'96
20	Jim H.	'87
21	Darcy S.	'06
22	Bob P.	'80
22	Karen K.	'04
24	Bud V.	'80
25	Erv	'78
25	Brett F.	'90
27	Sandi D.	'11
28	John H.	'94

MAY EVENTS



6th – Intergroup Zoom Business Mtg.

19th – Blandine's 70th Anniversary

Last Sat each Month Campfire Meeting -
Blackhawk Park



Sunday May 12th

Monday May 27th



GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

February

Jan.-Dec. 2024

8n8 AA		95.00
Aledo		0.00
Bettendorf		0.00
Big Book Study		0.00
Camden Serenity	100.00	300.00
Central Discussion		700.00
Cleveland		0.00
Clinton	10.00	20.00
Coal Valley		0.00
Courage to Change		330.54
DeWitt	2.50	2.50
District 90		400.00
Geneseo	34.00	73.00
Henry County Group		0.00
House Group		0.00
IAYPAA		0.00
La Nueva Vida	10.00	20.00
Ladies Night		493.67
Last Chance		0.00
Marquette		200.00
Milan Hillcrest		0.00
Morrison		0.00
New Boston New Hope		5.00
North Scott		0.00
Rainbow Group		0.00
Sisters in Sobriety		0.00
Surrender Group	25.00	25.00
Three Legacies		0.00
West End	15.00	60.00
Winola Group		0.00

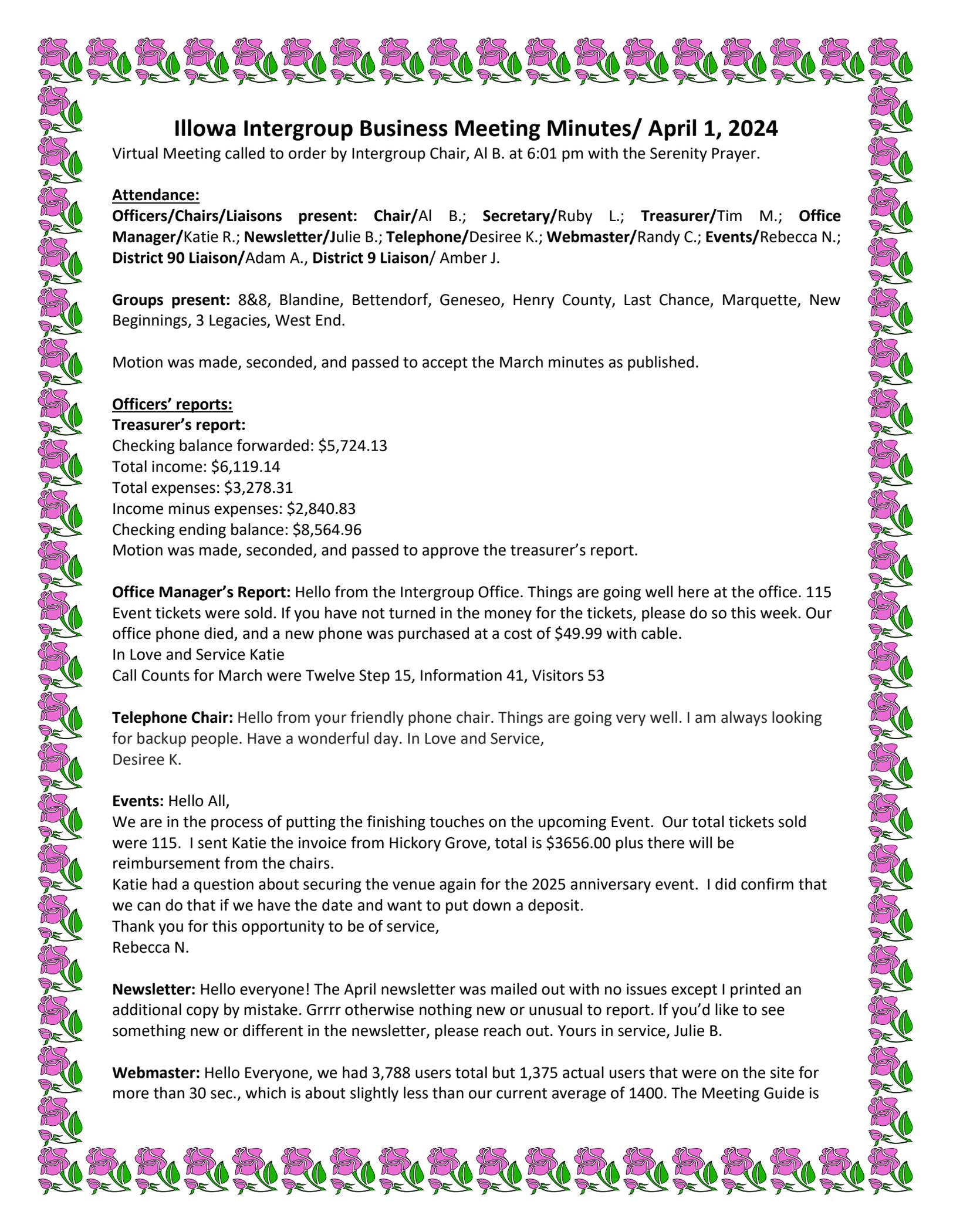
TOTAL

196.50

2724.71

February Call Count

12-step	7
Information	49
Visitors	21
Al-Anon	0



Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes/ April 1, 2024

Virtual Meeting called to order by Intergroup Chair, Al B. at 6:01 pm with the Serenity Prayer.

Attendance:

Officers/Chairs/Liaisons present: Chair/Al B.; Secretary/Ruby L.; Treasurer/Tim M.; Office Manager/Katie R.; Newsletter/Julie B.; Telephone/Desiree K.; Webmaster/Randy C.; Events/Rebecca N.; District 90 Liaison/Adam A., District 9 Liaison/ Amber J.

Groups present: 8&8, Blandine, Bettendorf, Geneseo, Henry County, Last Chance, Marquette, New Beginnings, 3 Legacies, West End.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the March minutes as published.

Officers' reports:

Treasurer's report:

Checking balance forwarded: \$5,724.13

Total income: \$6,119.14

Total expenses: \$3,278.31

Income minus expenses: \$2,840.83

Checking ending balance: \$8,564.96

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the treasurer's report.

Office Manager's Report: Hello from the Intergroup Office. Things are going well here at the office. 115 Event tickets were sold. If you have not turned in the money for the tickets, please do so this week. Our office phone died, and a new phone was purchased at a cost of \$49.99 with cable.

In Love and Service Katie

Call Counts for March were Twelve Step 15, Information 41, Visitors 53

Telephone Chair: Hello from your friendly phone chair. Things are going very well. I am always looking for backup people. Have a wonderful day. In Love and Service, Desiree K.

Events: Hello All,

We are in the process of putting the finishing touches on the upcoming Event. Our total tickets sold were 115. I sent Katie the invoice from Hickory Grove, total is \$3656.00 plus there will be reimbursement from the chairs.

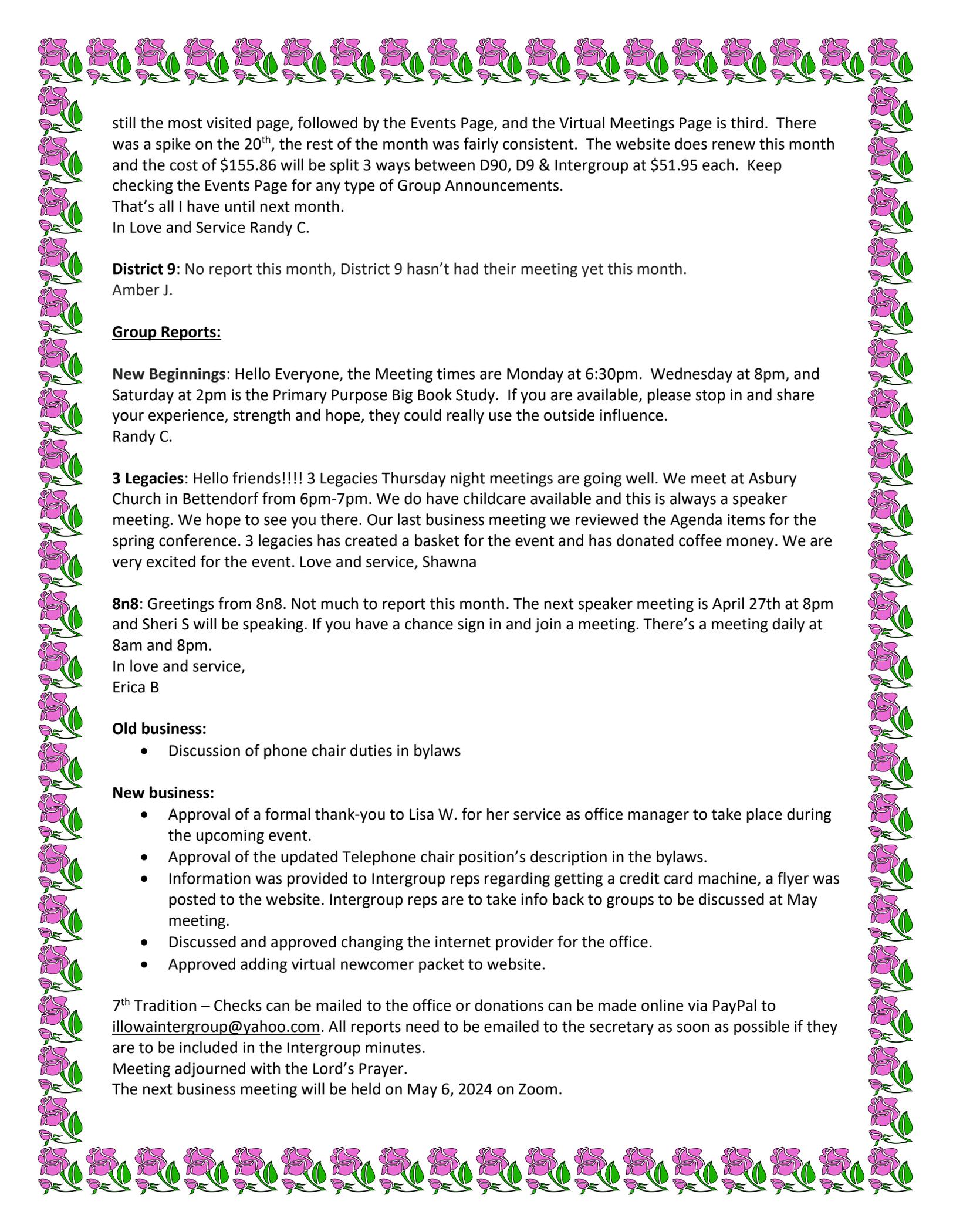
Katie had a question about securing the venue again for the 2025 anniversary event. I did confirm that we can do that if we have the date and want to put down a deposit.

Thank you for this opportunity to be of service,

Rebecca N.

Newsletter: Hello everyone! The April newsletter was mailed out with no issues except I printed an additional copy by mistake. Grrrr otherwise nothing new or unusual to report. If you'd like to see something new or different in the newsletter, please reach out. Yours in service, Julie B.

Webmaster: Hello Everyone, we had 3,788 users total but 1,375 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec., which is about slightly less than 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 20th, the rest of the month was fairly consistent. The website does renew this month and the cost of \$155.86 will be split 3 ways between D90, D9 & Intergroup at \$51.95 each. Keep checking the Events Page for any type of Group Announcements.

That's all I have until next month.

In Love and Service Randy C.

District 9: No report this month, District 9 hasn't had their meeting yet this month.
Amber J.

Group Reports:

New Beginnings: Hello Everyone, the Meeting times are Monday at 6:30pm. Wednesday at 8pm, and Saturday at 2pm is the Primary Purpose Big Book Study. If you are available, please stop in and share your experience, strength and hope, they could really use the outside influence.
Randy C.

3 Legacies: Hello friends!!!! 3 Legacies Thursday night meetings are going well. We meet at Asbury Church in Bettendorf from 6pm-7pm. We do have childcare available and this is always a speaker meeting. We hope to see you there. Our last business meeting we reviewed the Agenda items for the spring conference. 3 legacies has created a basket for the event and has donated coffee money. We are very excited for the event. Love and service, Shawna

8n8: Greetings from 8n8. Not much to report this month. The next speaker meeting is April 27th at 8pm and Sheri S will be speaking. If you have a chance sign in and join a meeting. There's a meeting daily at 8am and 8pm.

In love and service,
Erica B

Old business:

- Discussion of phone chair duties in bylaws

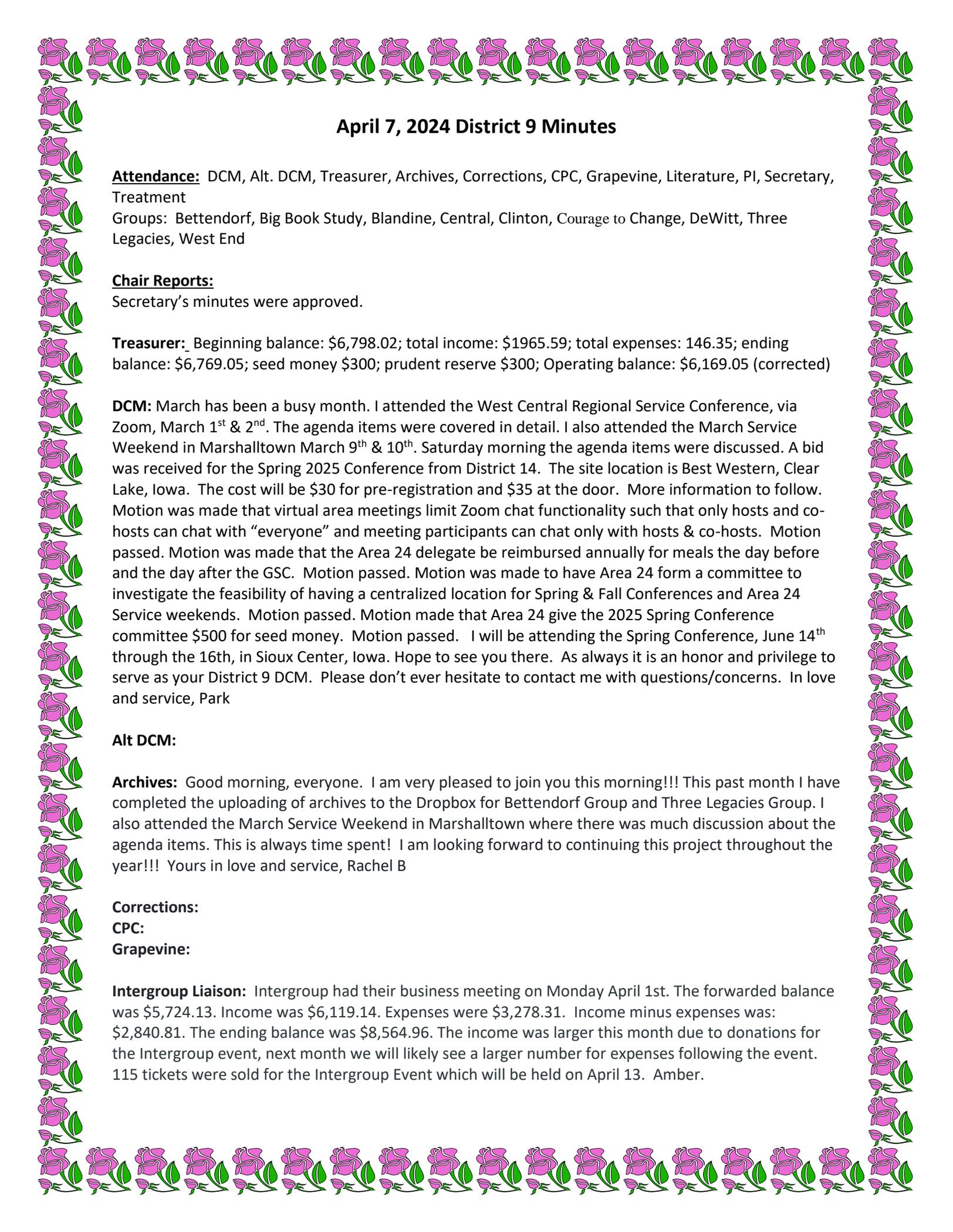
New business:

- Approval of a formal thank-you to Lisa W. for her service as office manager to take place during the upcoming event.
- Approval of the updated Telephone chair position's description in the bylaws.
- Information was provided to Intergroup reps regarding getting a credit card machine, a flyer was posted to the website. Intergroup reps are to take info back to groups to be discussed at May meeting.
- Discussed and approved changing the internet provider for the office.
- Approved adding virtual newcomer packet to website.

7th Tradition – Checks can be mailed to the office or donations can be made online via PayPal to illowaintergroup@yahoo.com. All reports need to be emailed to the secretary as soon as possible if they are to be included in the Intergroup minutes.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

The next business meeting will be held on May 6, 2024 on Zoom.



April 7, 2024 District 9 Minutes

Attendance: DCM, Alt. DCM, Treasurer, Archives, Corrections, CPC, Grapevine, Literature, PI, Secretary, Treatment

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

Chair Reports:

Secretary's minutes were approved.

Treasurer: Beginning balance: \$6,798.02; total income: \$1965.59; total expenses: 146.35; ending balance: \$6,769.05; seed money \$300; prudent reserve \$300; Operating balance: \$6,169.05 (corrected)

DCM: March has been a busy month. I attended the West Central Regional Service Conference, via Zoom, March 1st & 2nd. The agenda items were covered in detail. I also attended the March Service Weekend in Marshalltown March 9th & 10th. Saturday morning the agenda items were discussed. A bid was received for the Spring 2025 Conference from District 14. The site location is Best Western, Clear Lake, Iowa. The cost will be \$30 for pre-registration and \$35 at the door. More information to follow. Motion was made that virtual area meetings limit Zoom chat functionality such that only hosts and co-hosts can chat with "everyone" and meeting participants can chat only with hosts & co-hosts. Motion passed. Motion was made that the Area 24 delegate be reimbursed annually for meals the day before and the day after the GSC. Motion passed. Motion was made to have Area 24 form a committee to investigate the feasibility of having a centralized location for Spring & Fall Conferences and Area 24 Service weekends. Motion passed. Motion made that Area 24 give the 2025 Spring Conference committee \$500 for seed money. Motion passed. I will be attending the Spring Conference, June 14th through the 16th, in Sioux Center, Iowa. Hope to see you there. As always it is an honor and privilege to serve as your District 9 DCM. Please don't ever hesitate to contact me with questions/concerns. In love and service, Park

Alt DCM:

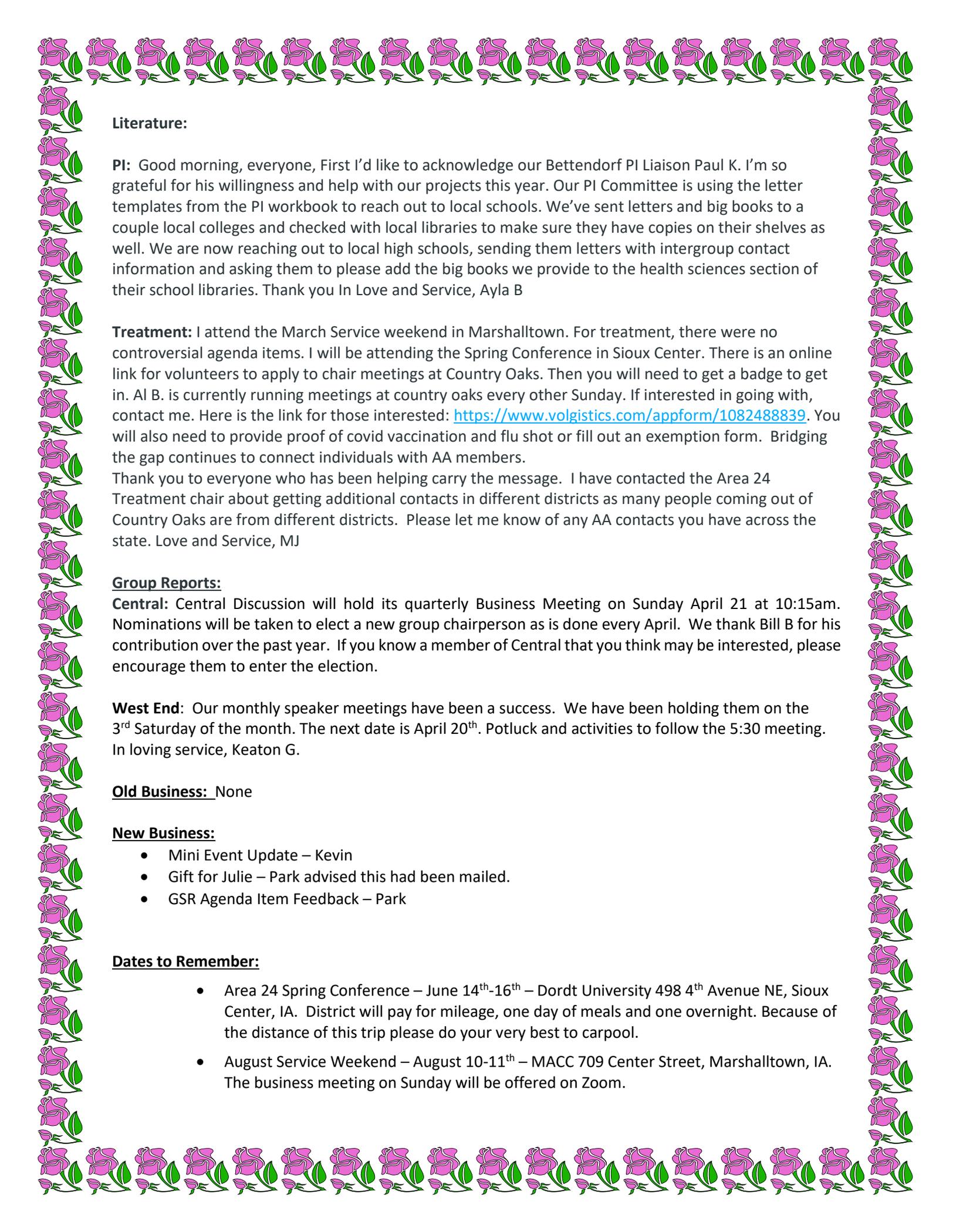
Archives: Good morning, everyone. I am very pleased to join you this morning!!! This past month I have completed the uploading of archives to the Dropbox for Bettendorf Group and Three Legacies Group. I also attended the March Service Weekend in Marshalltown where there was much discussion about the agenda items. This is always time spent! I am looking forward to continuing this project throughout the year!!! Yours in love and service, Rachel B

Corrections:

CPC:

Grapevine:

Intergroup Liaison: Intergroup had their business meeting on Monday April 1st. The forwarded balance was \$5,724.13. Income was \$6,119.14. Expenses were \$3,278.31. Income minus expenses was: \$2,840.81. The ending balance was \$8,564.96. The income was larger this month due to donations for the Intergroup event, next month we will likely see a larger number for expenses following the event. 115 tickets were sold for the Intergroup Event which will be held on April 13. Amber.



Literature:

PI: Good morning, everyone, First I'd like to acknowledge our Bettendorf PI Liaison Paul K. I'm so grateful for his willingness and help with our projects this year. Our PI Committee is using the letter templates from the PI workbook to reach out to local schools. We've sent letters and big books to a couple local colleges and checked with local libraries to make sure they have copies on their shelves as well. We are now reaching out to local high schools, sending them letters with intergroup contact information and asking them to please add the big books we provide to the health sciences section of their school libraries. Thank you In Love and Service, Ayla B

Treatment: I attend the March Service weekend in Marshalltown. For treatment, there were no controversial agenda items. I will be attending the Spring Conference in Sioux Center. There is an 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. I have contacted the Area 24 Treatment chair about getting additional contacts in different districts as many people coming out of Country Oaks are from different districts. Please let me know of any AA contacts you have across the state. Love and Service, MJ

Group Reports:

Central: Central Discussion will hold its quarterly Business Meeting on Sunday April 21 at 10:15am. Nominations will be taken to elect a new group chairperson as is done every April. We thank Bill B for his contribution over the past year. If you know a member of Central that you think may be interested, please encourage them to enter the election.

West End: Our monthly speaker meetings have been a success. We have been holding them on the 3rd Saturday of the month. The next date is April 20th. Potluck and activities to follow the 5:30 meeting. In loving service, Keaton G.

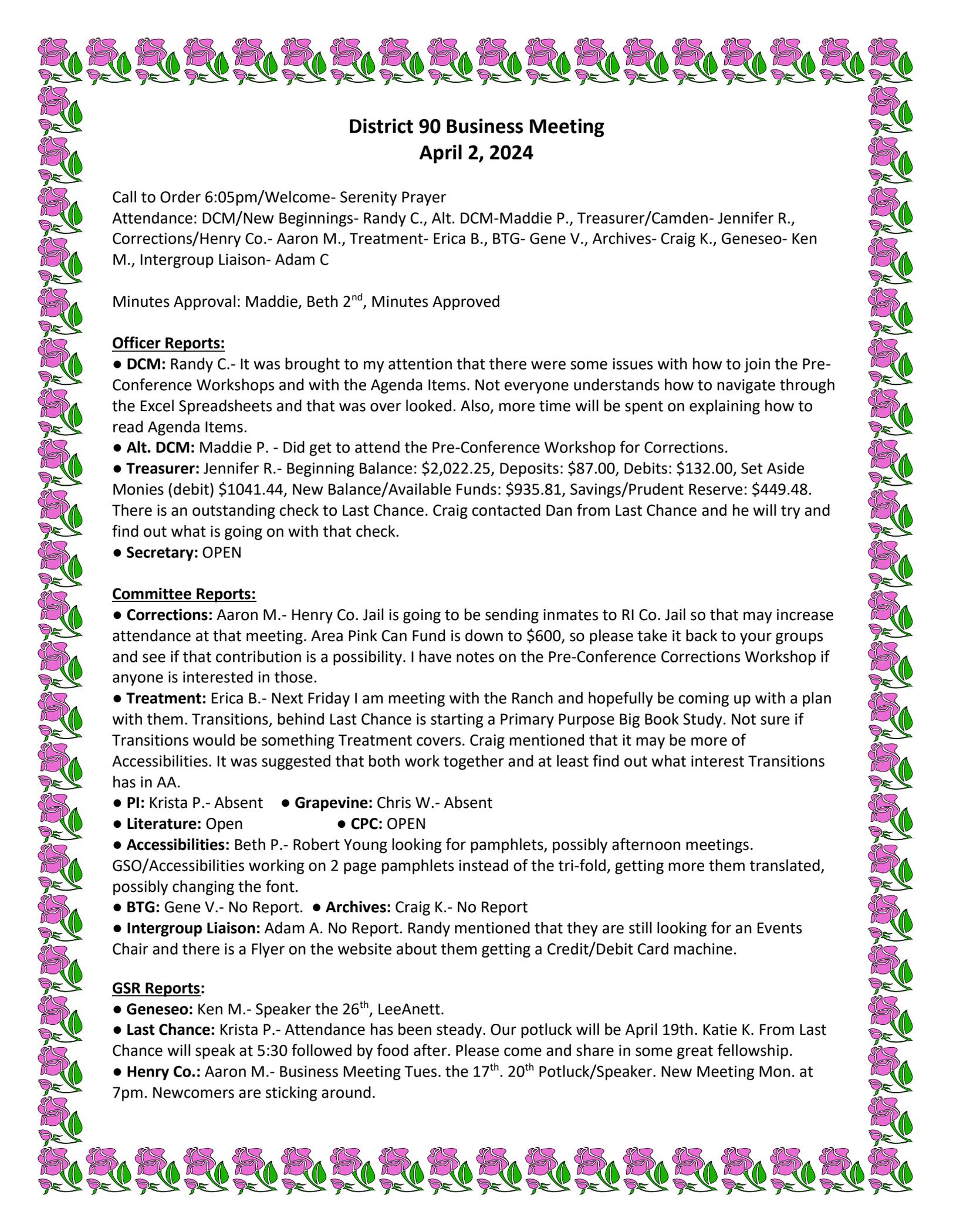
Old Business: None

New Business:

- Mini Event Update – Kevin
- Gift for Julie – Park advised this had been mailed.
- GSR Agenda Item Feedback – Park

Dates to Remember:

- Area 24 Spring Conference – June 14th-16th – Dordt University 498 4th Avenue NE, Sioux Center, IA. District will pay for mileage, one day of meals and one overnight. Because of the distance of this trip please do your very best to carpool.
- August Service Weekend – August 10-11th – MACC 709 Center Street, Marshalltown, IA. The business meeting on Sunday will be offered on Zoom.



District 90 Business Meeting April 2, 2024

Call to Order 6:05pm/Welcome- Serenity Prayer

Attendance: DCM/New Beginnings- Randy C., Alt. DCM-Maddie P., Treasurer/Camden- Jennifer R., Corrections/Henry Co.- Aaron M., Treatment- Erica B., BTG- Gene V., Archives- Craig K., Geneseo- Ken M., Intergroup Liaison- Adam C

Minutes Approval: Maddie, Beth 2nd, Minutes Approved

Officer Reports:

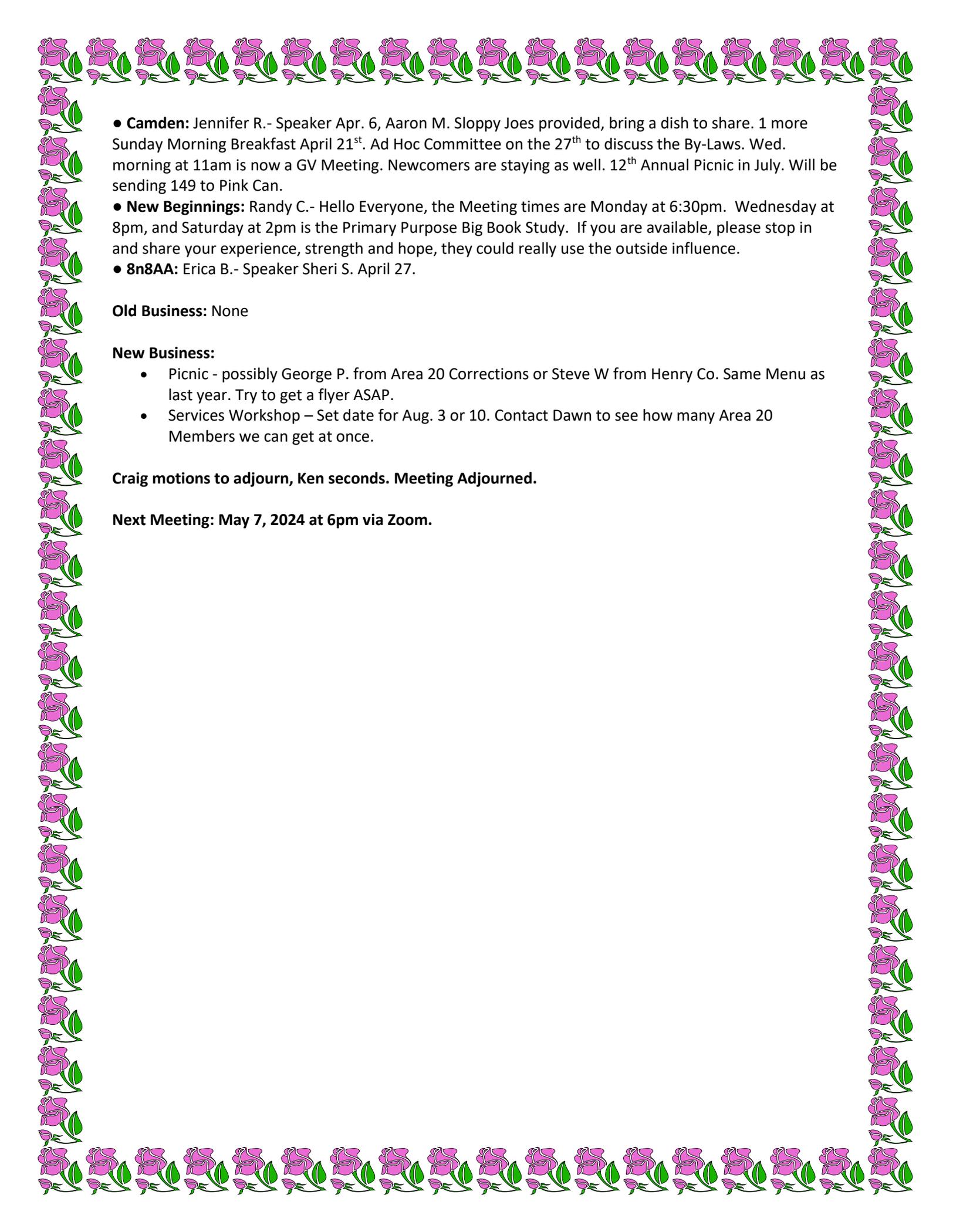
- **DCM:** Randy C.- It was brought to my attention that there were some issues with how to join the Pre-Conference Workshops and with the Agenda Items. Not everyone understands how to navigate through the Excel Spreadsheets and that was over looked. Also, more time will be spent on explaining how to read Agenda Items.
- **Alt. DCM:** Maddie P. - Did get to attend the Pre-Conference Workshop for Corrections.
- **Treasurer:** Jennifer R.- Beginning Balance: \$2,022.25, Deposits: \$87.00, Debits: \$132.00, Set Aside Monies (debit) \$1041.44, New Balance/Available Funds: \$935.81, Savings/Prudent Reserve: \$449.48. There is an outstanding check to Last Chance. Craig contacted Dan from Last Chance and he will try and find out what is going on with that check.
- **Secretary:** OPEN

Committee Reports:

- **Corrections:** Aaron M.- Henry Co. Jail is going to be sending inmates to RI Co. Jail so that may increase attendance at that meeting. Area Pink Can Fund is down to \$600, so please take it back to your groups and see if that contribution is a possibility. I have notes on the Pre-Conference Corrections Workshop if anyone is interested in those.
- **Treatment:** Erica B.- Next Friday I am meeting with the Ranch and hopefully be coming up with a plan with them. Transitions, behind Last Chance is starting a Primary Purpose Big Book Study. Not sure if Transitions would be something Treatment covers. Craig mentioned that it may be more of Accessibilities. It was suggested that both work together and at least find out what interest Transitions has in AA.
- **PI:** Krista P.- Absent ● **Grapevine:** Chris W.- Absent
- **Literature:** Open ● **CPC:** OPEN
- **Accessibilities:** Beth P.- Robert Young looking for pamphlets, possibly afternoon meetings. GSO/Accessibilities working on 2 page pamphlets instead of the tri-fold, getting more them translated, possibly changing the font.
- **BTG:** Gene V.- No Report. ● **Archives:** Craig K.- No Report
- **Intergroup Liaison:** Adam A. No Report. Randy mentioned that they are still looking for an Events Chair and there is a Flyer on the website about them getting a Credit/Debit Card machine.

GSR Reports:

- **Geneseo:** Ken M.- Speaker the 26th, LeeAnett.
- **Last Chance:** Krista P.- Attendance has been steady. Our potluck will be April 19th. Katie K. From Last Chance will speak at 5:30 followed by food after. Please come and share in some great fellowship.
- **Henry Co.:** Aaron M.- Business Meeting Tues. the 17th. 20th Potluck/Speaker. New Meeting Mon. at 7pm. Newcomers are sticking around.

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- **Camden:** Jennifer R.- Speaker Apr. 6, Aaron M. Sloppy Joes provided, bring a dish to share. 1 more Sunday Morning Breakfast April 21st. Ad Hoc Committee on the 27th to discuss the By-Laws. Wed. morning at 11am is now a GV Meeting. Newcomers are staying as well. 12th Annual Picnic in July. Will be sending 149 to Pink Can.
 - **New Beginnings:** Randy C.- Hello Everyone, the Meeting times are Monday at 6:30pm. Wednesday at 8pm, and Saturday at 2pm is the Primary Purpose Big Book Study. If you are available, please stop in and share your experience, strength and hope, they could really use the outside influence.
 - **8n8AA:** Erica B.- Speaker Sheri S. April 27.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Picnic - possibly George P. from Area 20 Corrections or Steve W from Henry Co. Same Menu as last year. Try to get a flyer ASAP.
- Services Workshop – Set date for Aug. 3 or 10. Contact Dawn to see how many Area 20 Members we can get at once.

Craig motions to adjourn, Ken seconds. Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting: May 7, 2024 at 6pm via Zoom.



Speaker Meeting

MELISSA M.

from Camden Serenity Group

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

5:30 FELLOWSHIP

6:00 POTLUCK please bring a
dish to pass

6:45 RAFFLES

7:00 MEETING

CAMDEN SERENITY GROUP
306 WEST 3RD ST., MILAN



YOU ARE INVITED
TO COME
CELEBRATE

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF BLANDINE

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

11 AM

SPEAKER TINA FROM CEDAR RAPIDS

117 N PERRY ST

DAVENPORT IOWA

POT LUCK AFTER MEETING

MAID RITE SANDWICHES PROVIDED

PLEASE BRING SIDE DISH TO SHARE

50 / 50 DRAWING

Saturday, June 15, 2024
9-2:30 at 11191 58th St. Milan, IL

FISHING WITH FREINDS OF BILL

**BRING YOUR FAMILY WITH TO JOIN US FOR SOME
FISHING AND FELLOWSHIP.**

**STREET TACOS WILL BE
SERVED. POP AND
WATER WILL BE
PROVIDED. BRING A DISH
TO SHARE.**

**9AM-FISHING BEGINS
12PM-FOOD STARTS
1PM-SOBRIETY COUNTDOWN
1:30 SPEAKER: JAKE S.**

CATCH & RELEASE

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
DONATE, OR TAKE PART AND
VOLUNTEER TO HELP OR
HAVE ANY QUESTIONS
PLEASE CONTACT MICHAEL**

**Ku,
MICHAEL Kr, OR ALBERTO M.**

ATTENTION PLEASE

INTERGROUP WOULD LIKE YOUR FEEDBACK

We would like your input as to whether Intergroup should begin accepting credit and debit cards.

To purchase the credit card machine would be \$199 for the device.

Each transaction would be 2.3% plus .09 fee which would be charged to the customer

Please contact the Intergroup office or your Intergroup Rep with your opinion on this issue by 4/30 so we can discuss at our next Business Meeting May 6th.

Thank you



Intergroup Office

309-764-1016

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"Faithful Fivers"

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Illowa Intergroup Contributions

Faithful Fivers – "When we meet and defeat the temptation to take large gifts, we are only being prudent. But when we are generous with the hat we give a token that we are grateful for our blessings and evidence that we are eager to share what we have found with all those who still suffer."
-----Bill W.

Every single AA service is designed to make 12th Step work possible. As a Faithful Fiver, your personal contributions can and will make our vital services possible. You can start with a minimum monthly contribution of \$5.00 or more, which I'm sure is more than we would have spent per month on a drink!

Contribution Information: Date _____

Amount \$ _____ Monthly _____ Quarterly _____ Semi-annual _____ Annual _____

(Note: No AA member can contribute more than \$5,000.00 per year)

Detach at line and keep top half for your records

Yes! I want to participate in the Faithful Fivers Club!

I am.....a new participant _____ a current member _____ a returning member _____

Payment Plan:

Amount \$ _____ Monthly _____ Quarterly _____ Semi-annual _____ Annual _____

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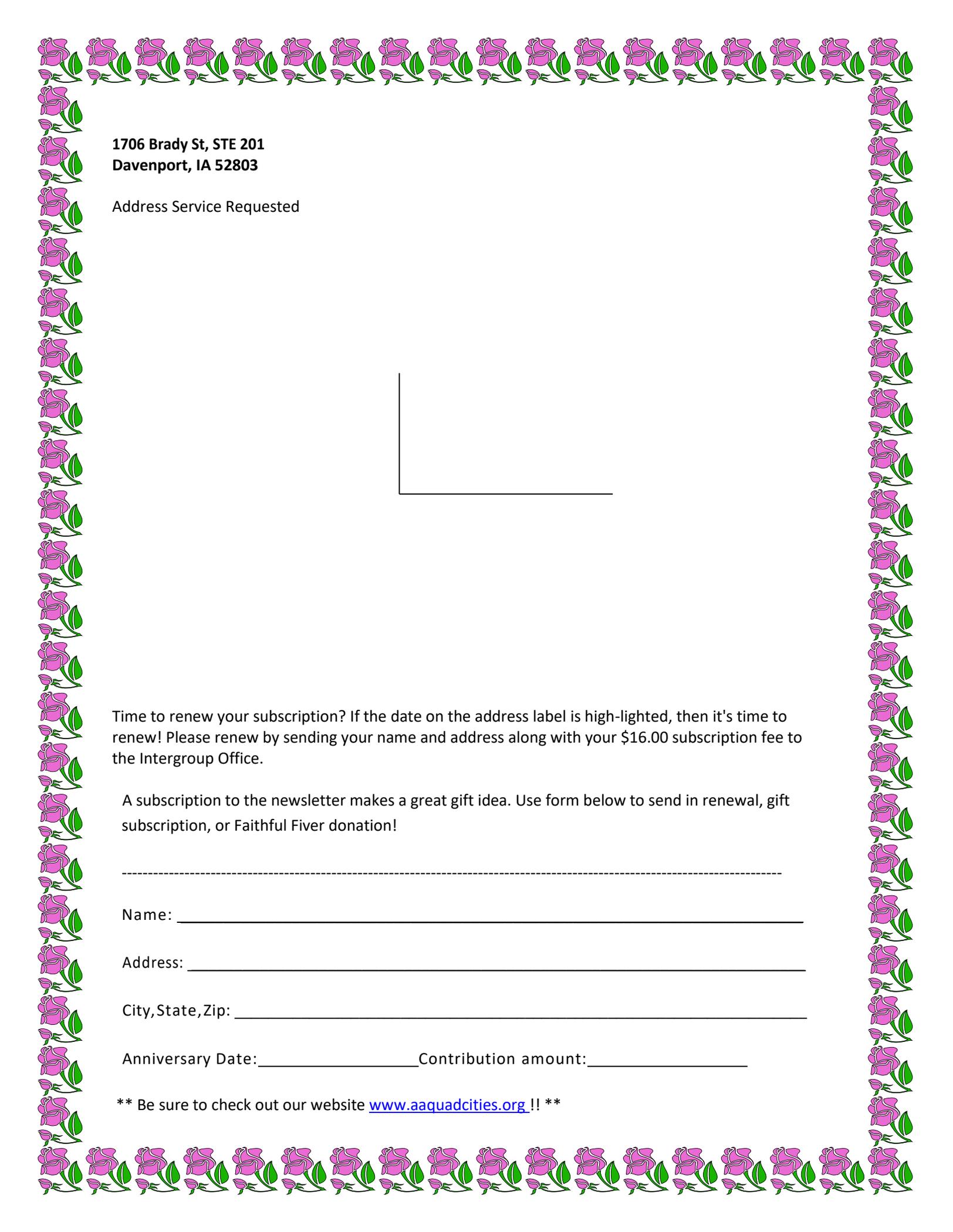
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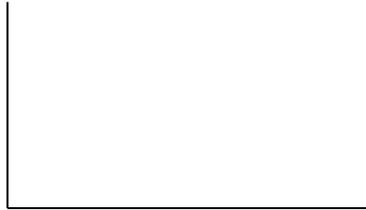
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Date _____ Sobriety Date (for inclusion in newsletter) _____



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