

July 7, 2024 District 9 Meeting

Attendance: DCM, Alt. DCM, Archives, Corrections, CPC, Grapevine, Literature, PI, Secretary, Treatment, Digital Co-Ordinator

Groups: Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Blandine, Central, Courage to Change, Marquette, Freedom Group, Three Legacies

Chair Reports:

Treasurer: Beginning balance: \$6,564.00; total income: \$2,785.59; total expenses: \$1,678.79; seed money \$300; prudent reserve \$300; ending balance: \$5,459.34

DCM: I attended the Spring Conference in Sioux Center 14th-16th. The trip was a long one but well worth it. Here are my takeaways from the Conference:

- Jeff P., Area Treasurer, reiterated the importance of listing Group name, District # and Group # on checks submitted to Area. Contributions may now be submitted via PayPal & Venmo at a slight cost to the donor.
- Julie provided an insightful synopsis of her time at the General Service Conference.
- Friday night in the DCM sharing session there was extensive discussion concerning the updating of the list of groups in each District. It is an issue that all Districts are facing, the inaccurate information. There is no real “harm” done by listing groups that no longer exist or are inactive. The inclusion of these groups does skew the data offered by New York in terms of percentage of members/groups participating in GSO. For example, there may be twenty-five listed groups in a District, and they send \$1,000 to New York. That would show the average donation to be \$40 per group. But there are only fifteen active groups in the District. This would mean \$67 per group. I spoke individually with Dan P., Alt-Delegate. New York is aware of the issues surrounding the collection/deletion/correction of the non-active groups and is working on a way to clean up the data. Dan’s recommendation was to make all changes through the Fellowship Connection site. I am going to get together with Jaclyn and try to get our District information cleaned up.
- To increase District participation several Districts have implemented rotation of their meetings. This was also discussed in the DCM sharing session.
- There have been no bids received for the Fall 2025 Conference.
- A subcommittee has been established to review the Conference SOPs.
- A motion was made to make the Saturdays in January and March hybrid. This has been postponed until the Fall Conference.
- A motion was made to close the Pink Can Fund and move the funds to the Area 24 account. Motion failed.
- A motion was made to open an Area Grapevine account. Motion carried.
- Motion made for Area to purchase Audio/Visual equipment for virtual meetings not to exceed \$2500. Motion passed.

I will be attending the August Business Meeting in Marshalltown August 11th. In love and service, Park

Alt DCM: Greetings District 9, There is not much to report this month. Here is the web master report. "Hello everyone, we had 3,005 users total but 1,297 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec., which is about 100 less than our current average of 1400, but this happens during the summer months. The Meeting Guide is still the most visited page, followed by the Events Page, and the Virtual Meetings Page is still third. We received approval for the Newcomers Page from AAWS, I should have it live by the end of the week. It was suggested at the District 90 Meeting to have some sort of Calendar for reoccurring events like Group Anniversaries, the Intergroup Event, Annual Picnics, etc. The intent is to have a Calendar to help plan events on days that do not have anything else. I am looking at some of the Free Calendar Apps available for our website, I will let you know when I come up with a solution. The unexplainable spike was early this month, on the 5th, it's usually around the 20th, the rest of the month was fairly consistent. Keep checking the Events Page for any type of Group Announcements." I will be in attendance for the August service weekend as well.

Corrections:

CPC:

Grapevine:

Intergroup Liaison: The forwarded balance for the month of June was \$4651.18. Income was \$1581.10. Expenses were \$2645.48. Income minus expenses was -1,064.38. Ending balance was \$3,586.80. There will be a newcomers page added to the Intergroup website that will have links to pamphlets and information about AA. Thank you! Amber J.

Literature:

PI:

Treatment: • I attended the Spring Conference in Sioux Center. I was able to attend the business meeting as well as the treatment workshop. During the treatment workshop I was able to get some contact information for other treatment chairs across the state.

- 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. and Penni are currently running meetings at country oaks on alternating Sundays for bridging the gap. 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. Please let me know of any AA contacts you have across the state.

I was given a contact for someone at Eagleview Behavioral Health who indicated that they might be interested in having meetings/bridging the gap. More information to follow. Love and Service, MJ

Group Reports:

Big Book Study: Hi, all! Things are going well at big book study group. Nothing new to report, we are moving right along and still averaging around 40 people, including online. Our next business meeting is

in August, the second Tuesday of the month. I will be attending the August business meeting online. In love and service Ronna

Marquette: Donnie C. reserved the Garfield Park Pavilion for our Fall picnic is Sept. 7. We held our elections on the 26th of June, the following is those results.

Chairperson: Chris R.
Treasurer: Donnie C.
Secretary: Mike E.
GSR: Angie P.
Intergroup: Rodney
Purchasers: Debbie/Chuck D. (Trustee's)
Program Chair: John R.

Love & Service Jim D.

Freedom Group: Freedom Group's next business meeting will be Wednesday, August 7th, 2024 at 7 PM. Some of the items discussed at the District/Area were

Treasurer Beg Balance \$861.69
End Balance \$906.30



\$44.61 @ picnic after expenses

Intergroup report NONE
GSR NONE
PR NONE

Old Business

PLBB Study Motion made to keep announcing and vote at August business meeting. Passed
Questions and details still being decided. Like what will this entail, when

New Business

Motion made for Zach to be the Intergroup Rep - seconded, passed
Haley (Lance's wife) will speak next. T-Day potluck, food list, & flyer to discuss later.
Mario setting up last campout in October.
Christy to bring GSR info (liaison) until position filled
Meeting adjourned 7:40
In attendance Zach, Shane, Ryan, Mario, Dave & Christy

Three Legacies: Good morning District 9! Spring conference in Sioux Center was great! Erin and I had a lot of great info to pass along to our home group members at our business meeting. Our next business meeting will be held in August. This past month Three Legacies meetings looked a little different with 2 strictly virtual meetings and one discussion meeting this past Thursday. We look forward to resuming our regular hybrid speaker meeting this coming Thursday. In love and service, Christina G.

Old Business: Mini-Event will be September 21st from 10:30-2:00 at the Bettendorf Community Center.

New Business: None

Area 24 Delegate, Julie, shared her experience at the 74th General Service Conference

Dates to Remember:

- August Service Weekend – August 11th-12th, MACC, Marshalltown, IA. There are no Chair workshops. GSRs are encouraged to attend. The Business Meeting on Sunday will be available via Zoom.
- National Alcoholics Anonymous Archives Workshop – September 26th-29th, Des Moines, IA.
- Area 24 Fall Conference – October 11th-13th, Sioux City, IA. Workshops are late. District will pay for mileage, one day of meals and one overnight.