

District 9 Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2025

Attendance- DCM, Alt DCM, Treasurer, Archives, Corrections, Grapevine, Literature, Public Info, Secretary, Digital Coordinator, Intergroup Liaison. Groups- Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Central Discussion, Courage to Change, Marquette, Three Legacies, West End.

Chair Reports-

Secretary's minutes approved.

Treasurer- Approval of report. Balance Forward \$4,859.67 Ending \$5,013.68

DCM- Greetings District 9! I attended the Service Weekend that was held in Marshalltown on March 15 and 16th. There were so many people from District 9 and I am so grateful for your participation in our service structure. The motions that were passed at the area business meetings are as such: the 2025 Proposed Budget for Area 24 was passed. I have copies of them available if you would like one. This can also be found in the Area Dropbox under treasurer as well as sent out to you in the recap of the Area Business meeting minutes. Motion passed to make Dawn B an executor on the bank, Motion passed Beth C an executor on the bank, Motion passed to explore other bank options, Motion passed to give \$1,000 seed money to Dist 3 for the 2026 conference, Motion passed to reimburse expenses for the weekend for the tech committee member Brian W. Donation for the pink can fund can be done online, there were no envelopes available at the service weekend but the mailing address is Area 24 PO Box 12129, put in the memo line of check PINK CAN FUND. Current balance is \$3307. Our delegate will be hosting a few zoom meetings for members and GSR to express their thoughts to him before he goes to the GSO conference. The GSO conference is April 27-May 3rd. While at the service weekend, I personally gave the delegate his gift card and card from Dist 9 rather than mail it. International AA conference in Van Couver Canada has 30K registered, the goal was 40K. There is still time to sign up for that as the event is July 3-6th. Current reserves at GSO are at 6.2 months, sweet spot that we like to be at is 9-11 months. The focus of the March service weekend was to go through the agenda items before the conference. There were lots of discussion on some items and passion was present. I am so grateful for being a part of this process as I am continuing to grow in difficult conversation, how to voice my opinion and when to listen and to stay open-mindedness and willing to try new things. As always, if anyone has any concerns or questions, please feel free to reach out anytime. Jaclyn M Dist 9 DCM

Alt DCM- Greetings District 9-The Webmaster reported that there were 4,325 visitors to the Illowa site last month. 1,472 were on the site for more than 30 seconds, which is on track with our average of 1,400 visits per month. The meeting page is still the most visited page on aaquadcities.org, followed by the flyer page. The virtual page came in 3rd and the Bettendorf 54th Anniversary calendar page was the 4th most visited page in March. The Bettendorf Anniversary calendar page had 20 more views than the main calendar page which is interesting considering you must go to the main calendar page to get there. We can only assume that someone bookmarked it. Last month the spike in visits was on the last day of the month (2/28), however, this month the spike in visits was on 3/1/2025. As a reminder, always check the flyers page for any type of group announcements.

I attended the Service Weekend on March 15 – 16. The following are a few notes worth passing on. On Saturday the agenda items were covered in excruciating detail. During the business meeting on Sunday, the 2025 Area budget was revisited and passed. The Spring 2026 Conference was awarded to Marshalltown. Due to account constraints the area is searching for other banking options. Pink Can donations can now be made using PayPal. Also worth noting, Dave G. shared about a report he presented at the West Central Regional Conference titled Addressing the New Financial Reality Facing

our Spiritual Movement. If you would like a copy of his report, I am happy to share it. In Love and Service, Kevin K. District 9 Alt DCM

Literature- Greetings, District 9! Before I begin, I would like to thank you again for the opportunity to serve as your Literature Chair. Every month, I learn SO much. And...my perspective is being changed. I can assure you, it needs to be! My readings for March were Young People in AA and Do You Think You're Different. Young People in AA is a beautifully done pamphlet. Here is an excerpt: You are not alone. It doesn't matter whether you are 16 or 60, rich or poor, college graduate or high school dropout, LGBTQ+, a business executive or stay-at-home mom, a patient in a treatment facility, a person in custody, or living on the street. Help is available, but only you can make the decision to ask for it. If you are a young person and you think you have a drinking problem, you may identify with the experiences shared in these stories. We hope you will discover, as we did, that you are welcome in Alcoholics Anonymous and that you, too, can find a new freedom and a new happiness in this spiritual way of life. This is a 32-page pamphlet that speaks directly to young people wondering if they are alcoholics by asking questions they can answer privately rather than lecturing them on what the disease is! Following, there are seven personal stories of young people who have found a better way of living and are staying sober. Their stories are told in SECTIONS. What we were like. Seven young people describe what it was like. What happened? The stories are continued in this section, explaining how they were introduced to AA and how they felt about it. What we are like today. Each story concludes with the writers sharing their experiences of living sober in Alcoholics Anonymous. An excellent pamphlet for, well...young people in AA. It could also be a great introductory piece to send to professionals who work with young people. Do You Think You're Different? This pamphlet speaks to newcomers who may wonder how A.A. can work for someone "different"—black or Jewish, teenager or nearing 80, plus nine other people who tell how the A.A. program has worked for them. In the rare case that a newcomer feels their case or situation is unique, this pamphlet could be helpful! Do You Think You're Different? Reminded me of a "greatest hits" album. It's a "compilation" pamphlet. It addresses many of the areas in which newly sober (and sometimes NOT newly sober) people segregate themselves and use their differences as reasons why AA won't work for them. One of my favorite stories in this pamphlet is titled "My Name is Famous, and I'm an Alcoholic (movie star)". But there's more. There are stories from an African American, a 79-year old, a person identifying as gay, an Atheist, a Native American, a 15-year old, a clergyman, a lesbian, a person who is Jewish, a low-bottom, a high-bottom, and an agnostic. I have copies of Circles of Love and Service for you. I hope you find it helpful. Intergroup's event is next Saturday. I am attending, and if approved, I will display literature for anyone who wants to look at it. It will not be for sale, but I will take orders for Intergroup to fill. That's my plan, but I haven't asked them yet. With that in mind, if your group is having an event and would like a literature display, I would be happy to assist. Even if I am unable to attend, I will ensure that the materials are available to you or your event chair for use. Next month's readings will be Frequently Asked Questions About AA and Problems Other Than Alcohol. GSO's podcast, "Our Primary Purpose", has completed its first season. I'm looking forward to season two! I will be exploring other audio/visual resources available to us through our General Service Office. Yours in love and service, Toni

Archives- Margaret "Bobby" Burger, AA pictures shared with D9 group during meeting.

CPC- hi all, here's what's going on in CPC land. Me, the PI chair MJ and our committee members continue to work on our upcoming workshop. (We are tentatively looking at September or October for the event.) we are continuing to look into venues...with a focus on the Davenport or Bettendorf library and are also working on our agenda. more to come. I have also met with my committee member Jann and am working on getting my starter kit so I can send out intro letters and get packets together. I am also working on the list left by my predecessor Colin. In love and service, Ronna

Treatment- open position – no report.

Grapevine- No report received.

Intergroup Liaison- No report received.

PI- The PI/CPC committee met this month and we are currently working on securing a location/ date for our workshop in the fall. We are also reviewing all of the flyers and psas to see which ones we might want to use. We will keep you posted on that workshop once we have more information. Love and Service, MJ

Corrections- No report received.

Group Reports:

Central Discussion - I attended a portion of the West Central Regional Conference on Saturday, March 1, 2025. Central Discussion regularly scheduled business meeting April 27th at 10:15am. The Alt. GSR and I will represent and vote our groups conscience at the Spring Conference June 13-15 in Clear Lake Iowa. Yours in Service, Cissi.

Big Book Study- Hello from the Big Book Study Group! Our attendance continues to be good every Tuesday at 6:30pm. We would love to see you there! We will use the time in the next business meeting to go over the conference agenda items. Our next business meeting is this Tuesday, following the meeting. I am planning to attend the Area 24 Spring Conference in June. I am looking forward to this new experience. In love and service, Jennifer G.

Three Legacies- Hello District 9! The Three Legacies celebrated their 12th anniversary last month with a fantastic turnout. The group's health continues to thrive post-Covid, with new members joining regularly. We're excited to announce that literature has returned and is now available at all our meetings. Our last business meeting was productive, focusing on the conference agenda items. Our next meeting is scheduled for June 19th. Love and Service, Erin B

Old Business- Mini event chairperson – Christy.

New Business- Agenda items, GSR feedback – clarification between charter and super majority. Contact Don P. or Jacklyn.

Treatment chair is open – need help filling that – contact Jacklyn or Kevin.

Motions: Area 24 put in a bid for Fall Conference 2026- D9 turned it down 3 years ago.

Dates to remember:

- June 13-June 15 Area Spring Conference 2025 Clear Lake IA -Zoom option
 - DSM/GSR/chairs – remember to try and carpool – district pays for milage, one overnight stay and one day of meals for chairs – GCR go to your home group for their discretion.
- Aug 9-10 Service Weekend – Marshalltown DCM/GSR (Sat) @ 9am. Zoom option as well.
- October 17-19 Area Fall Conference 2025 Fort Dodge Iowa. DCM/GSR/chairs