

District 9 Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2025

Attendance- 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-Noted some corrections to be made.

Treasurer- Approval of report. Balance Forward \$5,013.68 Ending \$4,284.32

DCM- Greetings District 9, There has not been much going on since our last meeting. I am currently looking in the Dropbox situation with Area to find out what they are doing about extra storage. If I can get an answer before this meeting, I will let you know. I am currently out of town. Don't forget about the June conference and I look forward to see you all at the June meeting. Thank you! Jaclyn M DCM District 9

Alt DCM- John Deere Wellness Fair offered a booth to AA. 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- Literature Report May 2025 Good morning, District 9! I had an interesting thought when preparing my report for you this week. The fact is, I typically don't read AA literature unless it's part of my morning prayer and meditation, my sponsor tells me to, or when I'm preparing my report! As I did my best speed-reading impression to report on the selected pamphlets for the month, I was struck by how unfortunate that is! The other literature that is available to us is "extra"! It's not the same as the Big Book or the 12 and 12! Everything I've read so far has enriched my understanding and hopefully my effectiveness in carrying our message. It's incredible to me that while doing "service" to AA, I am served! Last month's readings were Frequently Asked Questions About AA and Problems Other Than Alcohol. Bill W. wrote Problems Other Than Alcohol. The writings in this pamphlet originally appeared in the Grapevine in 1958! It's eight pages long, and he speaks specifically about drug addiction with and without a problem with alcohol. He answers the following questions (and more): (1) Can a non-alcoholic pill or drug addict become an A.A. member? (2) Can such a person be brought, as a visitor, to an open A.A. meeting for help and inspiration? (3) Can a pill or drug taker, who also has a genuine alcoholic history, become a member of A.A.? (4) Can A.A.s who have suffered both alcoholism and addiction form themselves into special-purpose groups to help other A.A.s who are having drug trouble? If you are trying to help someone who insists they do NOT have a problem with alcohol, only drugs, this pamphlet is for you! Frequently Asked Questions About AA is 40 pages long. The pamphlet states, "This pamphlet is designed for those who are interested in A.A. for themselves, for a friend or relative, or simply because they wish to be better informed about this unusual Fellowship." It is divided into sections with answers to questions about "Alcoholics and Alcoholism", "The Fellowship of AA", "Meetings", "The Program of Recovery", "Newcomers' Questions", and "A New Way of Life". If your position requires dealing with non-alcoholic individuals or if you are working with a newcomer, this would be a good read for them...or you! Literature Report May 2025 This month, I will read "Inside AA— Understanding the Fellowship and its Services" and watch the video "AA in Correctional Facilities." As always, please let me know if your group is hosting an event and you would like to have a literature display. In love and service, Toni F. District 9 Literature

Archives- Somehow I managed not to send you my April report. Can you add it to this month? Thank you!

April 6, 2025: Hello Fellow District 9 Chairs and GSRs and guests: I received a copy of Area 24 Thank you to Big Book

Study and I picture and bio from Area 24 of Margaret "Bobbie" Burger, an A.A. member (sobriety date March 1940) who was Bill Wilson's GSO secretary in the 1940s. She corresponded with Iowa's early A.A. pioneers including Ray Harrison of Des Moines. I learned a lesson from this picture and bio. The personal touch. The groups that I have dropped off information forms for can't seem to complete. I found a previous documents in archives and then talked to a Dewitt member that said Sue Halligan had actually came out to interview them and filled it out. I am finishing up an Oral History recording I did with a member of Alcoholics Anonymous with 46 years of sobriety. Ken was a Vietnam Vet and sobered up in District 9. His first meeting was in Dewitt. He had been born and raised in Clinton but had no idea there were AA meeting in Clinton. He moved to the Quad Cities for work and his employer made him go to AA. A co-worker played a big role in him getting sober. He also attended the first AA group in the Davenport the Brady Street Group. He considers his home group Marquette. One of his quotes was, "AA gave him a whole new perspective on life." I am excited to announce that a Davenport Iowa member of AA was published in the March 2025 Grapevine "Sober & Out". The story has article titled "Men with Men". After reading the story, it makes you think that some of the AA standards don't take into account other people's life experiences. Also, Grapevine had article on Area 79 publishing a book on indigenous AA member stories that will be for sale at the World Convention in Vancouver. I also attended the Grapevine Workshop held by District 90. There is a editorial schedule. They talked about the ap. Grapevine sells old editions and getting a sponsee the copy of the month they sobered up in. I attended the Dewitt 50th Anniversary There were approximately 80 people there and District 9 Archives had a table set up playing the AA History DVD from Stepping Stones, "Markings along the Journey" It is subtitled so when people were standing in line for the food they could watch it. The two 2 speakers were recorded for archives. Al B from the West End and Bonnie A from Maquoketa Alanon. Gus gave a presentation on Dewitt's history. This has been transcribed and added to archives. There was a gift presented to the Dewitt Group from the family of Bill M and several references over the evening of how much he loved AA. One of his favorite sayings was, "I don't know how it's gonna work out. I just know that it will" In love in service, Christy
May 3, 2025 Archives Report to District

Hello fellow chairs. GSRs, and guests. The last month I attended the Intergroup Event and Amber was so gracious to let me set up DVD and play "Markings along the Journey". At least 164 people at the event had a reminder of the history of AA. I had the Marquette Group reach out for some information on their history. Between the fire and the moves their records have been lost. Jeff, the archivist from Area 24 wrote a lovely history. [Read Jeff's report) Show slideshow. This is a prime example of why documents should be stored in different locations.

I also conducted an Oral History with an AA member with 46 years of sobriety. He Marine Corp Vietnam Vet. He and his family immigrated to the USA when he was 6 years old. They were fleeing Communism. His bottom came when 1979 his 7-year-old son said, "Mom, dad is home and he's drunk again." He still hears those words today. He went through treatment at the old Mercy Hospital and Marquette has been his home group ever since.

I plan to attend the Conference.

Yours In Love & Service, Christy P. District 9 Archives Chair 2025

CPC- hi all from CPC. Things are moving along in CPC world just recently met with PI chair for preparing for our upcoming workshop. we are looking into availability of the Bettendorf public library for September. gathering together pamphlets and putting together an agenda. also putting together lists of professionals to reach out to. i will be attending the spring conference in June - in love and service ronna

Treatment- open position – no report.

Grapevine- no report received.

Intergroup Liaison- no report received.

PI- Hello all! I met with my committee on 5/2 to plan our fall workshop. This will be targeted to the public and professionals on what AA is and isn't. We plan to have it at the Bettendorf library and are working on confirming dates/times. We also reviewed PSAs and are going to contact local stations about airing some. I plan to attend the Spring conference and may have more ideas after that. Love and Service, MJ

Corrections- No report received.

Group Reports:

Central Discussion - Central discussion Group is alive and well. Each March we vote in a new group chair person and our new chair person is Mike S. A committee has been formed to iron out the details for our group anniversary. The alternate GSR and I are going to the spring conference In June. Yours and Service Cissi L.

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 used the time in our last business meeting to go over the "considers" of the agenda

items. I provided our delegate with our group consciousness. Our business meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. 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 sincerely appreciates our speakers for generously sharing their experience, strength, and hope. Attendance remains consistent both in person and via Zoom. We continue to provide daycare services. If you know any parents within our fellowship who require childcare during meetings, please direct them to us. Note that daycare is donation- based. Kelsey and I are looking forward to attending the Spring Conference in Clear Lake next month. In love and service, Erin B

Marquette- Received business meeting report only.

West End- Received business meeting report only.

Old Business- Mini Event Chair Update- Christy- Event 3rd week in September. Looking towards a Handi-capped Accessible location. Treatment Chair open and if anyone has a person please encourage them to stand for this position. Big Book Alt GSR- TJ will be looking into possibly standing for Treatment Chair.

New Business- District working on Dropbox storage issues. **Motions-**Move District Meeting July 4th to July 13th. Passed.

Dates to remember:

- June 13-June 15 Area Spring Conference 2025 Clear Lake IA -Zoom option
- DCM/GSR/chairs – remember to try and carpool – district pays for milage, one overnight stay and one day of meals for chairs – GSR 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