October 5, 2025 District 9 Meeting Minutes

<u>Attendance-</u> DCM, Alt DCM, Treasurer, Archives, Corrections, CPC, Grapevine, Literature, Public Info, Secretary, Treatment, Digital Coordinator, Intergroup Liason. **Groups-** Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Central Discussion, Courage to Change, Marquette, Three Legacies.

Chair Reports- read

<u>Secretary</u> – minutes approved

Treasurer- read, approval of report. Balance Forward \$3,434.06 Ending \$3,323.95

<u>DCM-</u> Good morning District 9! Not much to report this month. I attended the mini event and it was fabulous! Christy did such a great job getting things organized and the event was well attended! A huge shout out to those that were able to make it and who participated in the Skit. Many laughs were had and the rootbeer floats were amazing! I will be in attendance for the Fall conference to be held in Fort Dodge from Oct 17-19th. If anyone is planning to attend and is needing to car pool or a room to stay, let me know and I can help! Over the next couple months, I will be working with the ALT DCM to get our District SOP's updated along with the Past Actions Book and have both of those available on Dropbox. In love and service, Jaclyn M.

Alt DCM- Greetings District 9, The webmaster reported 6,647 visitors to the aaquadcities.org website in September, with 1,315 staying for longer than 30 seconds. Using the 30-second threshold for a solid number, this is slightly below our average of 1,400. There was an unexplained spike in visits on the 18th. The meetings page is still our most popular page, with the flyer page coming in 2nd. The calendar page beat out the virtual meeting page for 3rd place again, leaving virtual in 4th place. There was an issue with flyers page, so it was rebuilt by the webmaster. All meeting minutes have been posted and are available on the website. As always, keep checking the Flyers page for any type of group announcements. Thanks to all who attended the District 9 mini-event in Clinton. It was a great success! Thank you to Christy for all her work planning and producing such a memorable event. In Love and Service, Kevin K. District 9 Alt DCM

<u>Literature</u>- I'm thrilled to be back in person to attend our District Meeting! It feels like I haven't been to one in FOREVER! I had the pleasure of attending the D9 District Event last month. It was amazing to see all of the old-timers (long-timers) gathered together for the event. Thank you to Christie and her committee for their service! There are a couple of newly released pieces of literature available now! The first is <u>A Book of Fellowship: 90 Years of Sharing Love and Service</u> This book celebrates 90 years of Alcoholics Anonymous, highlighting the Fellowship's history, shared service, and global unity. It serves as a commemorative reflection of AA's legacy rather than a new recovery text. It made me wonder why it's important to know our history. I know I love it. It's like listening to family elders tell stories from my childhood. We didn't have those "Walton's Moments" in my house. So I appreciate learning about my AA Family. I looked up the spiritual benefits of knowing the history of your family. This is what Google had to say: Learning your family history offers spiritual benefits, including a deeper connection to a sense of purpose and belonging, increased self-awareness and resilience through understanding past struggles, and a profound emotional and spiritual release from ancestral patterns. It can strengthen relationships, fostering compassion and love for both ancestors and the living, and

create a stronger, more positive legacy for future generations. Well said, Google. I will be attending the fall conference via Zoom. I am unable to attend in person. In love & service, Toni F. District 9 Literature Chair

Archives- Hello fellow AA members: I collected fliers and filed them in the filing cabinet for the groups and printed the Illowa Intergroup newsletter for archives. I have given Blandine, Marquette and Bettendorf courtesy copies of digital material from Dropbox and put digital copies in filing cabinet. The folders from Dropbox have now been deleted for these groups. I attended the Shoulder to Shoulder meeting and assisted in filling out New Group form. Shoulder to Shoulder has been going for 3 years and meets Tues and Thurs 9:30am. It serves the downtown area during free meals at St. Anthony. I gave the group Iowa AA History booklet. I also attended the Buffalo Group meeting and delivered the Iowa AA History report to the group. I filled out a group information form. Buffalo Group prefers to go to District 13 due to the closer proximity, if they go to district meetings. Buffalo meets at the City Hall building. They have noticed a 5% drop in attendance from previous year. 81% of contributions go to the City of Buffalo, 13% to AA WSO and the remainder is for group supplies. It is a handicap accessible location. 16 Longtimers were photographed for archives at the District 9 Ice Cream Social and was attended by many new faces. I heard many appreciative comments from the Clinton members while their history slideshow played. Seeing their longtimers when young and some deceased members really brought up fond memories. Some Clinton members learned for the first time how much a role Clinton played in bringing AA to lowa. The Father of AA in Iowa Ray H., Author of "Clancy got Well" was born in Clinton, Iowa. I also attended the 57th Anniversary of the Central Discussion Group. Approximately 70+ people were in attendance to hear Pam and Steve tell their stories. I told my story at the Maguoketa Group with a focus on service. The Maguoketa Group while in District 9 attends District 11 meetings since closer to the GSR's house. In service, Christy

<u>CPC-</u> Greetings all - the workshop pur on by myself and PI was a success. It was a small gathering but real positive. We had a few people show up, including some longtime sobriety who showed up in support and offered a lot of good advice. And from the feedback we've gotten, it helped inspire some people to show up in the rooms. Thank you, MJ for putting together the presentation. It was very well done. I did also attend the mini event and it also was good. It was inspiring and so wonderful to see that much sobriety in one room! And unfortunately, due to my work schedule, I will not be able to attend the fall conference.. However, I will be there in spirit! A future workshop is already in the works by myself and the PI chair. More to come on that.. In love and service, Ronna.

Treatment- No report received.

Grapevine- No report received

<u>Intergroup Liaison-</u> No report received.

<u>PI-</u> Hello all, Update about workshop:We did not have any attendees for the first portion. However we did have 2 attendees for our second date of Saturday the 27th. It went really well and they asked some very pertinent questions. I was also informed by an AA membe, that one of them went to a meeting after that! PI/CPC will meet again soon to discuss if we want to put this on again and other future collaborations. I plan to attend

the fall conference and can hopefully share what other pi committees are doing. Love and service MJ

<u>Corrections</u>- No report received.

Group Reports:

<u>Central Discussion</u> – No report received.

<u>Big Book Study-</u> Hello from the Big Book Study Group! Attendance is booming every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m, and we still have consistent weekly Zoom users. Our business meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month. We have elections in November. In love and service, Jennifer G.

<u>Three Legacies-</u> Hello District 9! We're excited to share that attendance at The Three Legacies Thursday night speaker meeting has been exceptional! It's been wonderful to see so many familiar faces returning and plenty of new ones joining us as well. Looking ahead, our next business meeting will be held on October 23rd, where we will be conducting elections for next year's service positions. As always, daycare is provided during our meetings by free-will donation. In love and service, Erin B

<u>Marquette</u> - The Marquette group is changing our SOP . The chairperson will be responsible for book's Chips and brochures for the group. All Trustees will be on five years term. No more lifetime people. Thank you ,Marquette group

<u>West End</u> – No report received.

<u>Old Business-</u> Mini-event update 30-60 people attended. Next year the event will be in February – service oriented.

SOP's – chairs please update your SOP's for the November meeting.

New Business- See motions:

<u>Motions:</u> By Colin - 1) Increase the prudent reserve from \$300 to \$450 (passed). 2) Decrease mileage from .50 to .35 per mile (passed).

Dates to remember:

- October 17-19 Area Fall Conference 2025 Fort Dodge Iowa. DCM/GSR/chairs
- February 27-March 1, 2026 West Central Regional Conference will be held in Cedar Rapids.