

November 2, 2025 District 9 Meeting Minutes

Attendance- DCM, Treasurer, Archives, Corrections, CPC, Literature, Secretary, Treatment, Digital Coordinator, Intergroup Liason. **Groups-** Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Central Discussion, Courage to Change, Clinton, Marquette, Three Legacies.

Chair Reports- read

Secretary – minutes approved

Treasurer- read, approval of report. Balance Forward \$3285.48 Ending \$3150.46

DCM- Hello District 9! Hello District 9! I attended the Fall area conference and was joined by many. It was great to see you all there. Friday night was DCM sharing and again I was reminded of how advanced we are here in District 9 compared to other groups. The sharing session was on fellowship connection, how to set up district emails and what they are used for and participation in district and getting people involved in service work. There was also the discussion about how to get events out to groups in the district. There are quite a few groups that don't have website or emails or have an established efficient method in the area. We are truly blessed to have intergroup and a website, and emails and sponsorship that values service work. What we do is truly the backbone and getting information passed between groups and from GSO. Thank you all again for your continued effort and participation. The delegate report and other reports were on Saturday. We (AA) have 5mo of reserve due to transfer of some funds to grapevine - specifically tariffs and printing. Grapevine does a lot of things that cost monthly with no way to charge for those things. There is much discussion about this. Also in August there was a workshop in Aug to discuss the workload of trustees. There are too much things to be done and not enough time to do it. The trustees do not get paid and it has been shown they are doing work for AA for approx 20-30 hours a week. They are looking at how to lessen the load. The meeting guide app has a news section. it is the best place to go to be informed of what is happening in AA. I did leave Saturday as things wrapped up early and there was no need for me to stay another night. The business meeting had 2 motions to pass - To cover the normal expenses for all area members to attend the west central regional conference since it is so close and our area is hosting it. The second motion was to reimburse 2 tech people to also attend the west central regional conference as Area 24 is lending the zoom equipment to the event and we need to have area tech members run it. Another motion that passed was the Bank account is now being moved to First Interstate Bank by Dec 31. The fall conference also requested seed money and it was passed. In love and service, Jaclyn M.

Alt DCM- Greetings District 9, I apologize for not attending this month's business meeting due to a work commitment. I attended the Fall conference in Fort Dodge last month. I participated in the DCM Sharing session where the main topic of conversation was how to get more participation by members in our service structure. I also attended the business meeting, a twelve-concept workshop and the "ask it basket" with area officers. The conference was well attended and I'm happy to report that Alcoholics Anonymous is alive and well in Area 24. I will combine the Webmaster report for October with next month's report. Thank you for letting me serve. In Love and Service, Kevin K. District 9 Alt DCM

Literature- Good morning, District 9! This month, I just spent time on aa.org. There is SO MUCH I am thankful for! At the top of my gratitude list are my own sobriety and the Fellowship that gives me—and all who care to have it—a never-ending supply of resources and tools, and just plain sharing of experience, strength, and, most of all, HOPE! Near and dear to my heart is carrying our message to the women in custody at the Scott County Jail. I have been blessed to do this for over 10 years. For me, one of the most challenging aspects of this service is CHOOSING A TOPIC for the meetings. In my travels on aa.org this month, I came across a resource I would encourage ANYONE working with newcomers (incarcerated or not) to read. It's called CF-36 – The Correctional Facilities A.A. Group Handbook. This 36-page service piece offers practical guidance for A.A. groups meeting inside jails and prisons. It includes the A.A. Preamble, Twelve Steps and Traditions, “How It Works,” meeting outlines, and suggestions for helping members transition from “inside” to “outside” A.A. The handbook blends spiritual principles with experience-based direction on starting, leading, and sustaining meetings behind the walls. It has a list of 40+ themes for group sharing—ranging from Acceptance, Fear, Service, and Sponsorship to Serenity and Willingness. Who it's for: A.A. members involved in correctional outreach or anyone interested in carrying the message to alcoholics in custody. This item is not even for sale; it can be downloaded free of charge at AA.org. I also found: Markings on the Journey (Video Announcement – October 2025) “Markings on the Journey” has been around for a while and was recently updated, with rare fullcolor 1940s home-movie footage of Bill W., Dr. Bob, and their wives at Stepping Stones. 31 minutes long, it offers both an educational and a spiritual glimpse into our Fellowship's roots. It's an inspiring look at AA history, presented through words and images taken directly from the GSO archives. This one is not available for free download, but can be purchased in three formats from the AAWS Online Literature Store. (DVD \$12, thumb drive \$21, and digital streaming \$12). I encourage everyone to explore aa.org. “We realize we know only a little. God will constantly disclose more to you and to us. Ask Him in your morning meditation what you can do each day for the man who is still sick. The answers will come if your own house is in order. But obviously, you cannot transmit something you haven't got. See to it that your relationship with Him is right, and great events will come to pass for you and countless others. This is the Great Fact for us.” ~p. 164, The Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous In love & service, Toni F. District 9 Literature Chair

Archives- Hello District Chairs, GSRs .I attended the Fall Conference in Fort Dodge. 245 people registered. Items given to Area 24 Archives Chair 1) Mini Event Longtimers photo. Tony J. Oral History transcription. Buffalo Group Info form update and misc pictures, Should to Shoulder Info and Pictures, Living Well Update form, Dewitt Founders picture, 1 month of Illowa newsletter, Attended Ask it presentation How to get involved in Area 1. Ask someone to be your service sponsor. Attend Spring and Fall Conferences repeatedly. Invite Delegate to District. Discussion how Safety Card is used at other meetings. 1. Enlarge and hung up in room, 1 meeting has table tents. 1 group has a security position. Watch out for the newcomer. Newcomers have to feel safe and experience hope. Listen to opinions and realize that some opinions are spirit-led some are fear-led. Panel 75 report available online. Sobering to hear from New York representative that AA's 5th Edition will show a population of 2.1 or 2.2. This is 5% growth in 25 years for AA. Attended Concept presentation. The Archives History Workshop went over a document found in District 3 files. “Bill Wilson's “Illusory Pedestal” reply he sent to a group in reply to his less than “spiritual behavior” they criticized him about. For District 9, I attended and filled out Group information form for the Maquoketa Group. This group still has ties to Alanon. The Alanon members meet at

the same time in a different room and 1 time a month they have an open potluck speaker meeting together. I recommend people check out the November 2025 Grapevine. There is a reprint Sam Shoemaker letter on his take on the birth of Alcoholics Anonymous. “..there was something way beyond Bill working in the amazing shrewdness with which he gained his insight into alcoholics, into eternal spiritual laws, and into the ways in which one can bring men and women into touch with God without raising needless religious prejudices and creating unnecessary spiritual divisions. (page 17). There is also a reprint from a letter from Reinhold Niebuhr. The author of the Serenity Prayer, which is still said today 90 years later in some AA rooms. Our history is still reflected in meetings today. In service, Christy

CPC- No report received.

Treatment- No report received

Grapevine- I attended to Area 24 Fall Conference last month and was able to meet with the Area 24 Grapevine chair and other Grapevine chairs across the state. We learned more about Grapevine and different subscription information that I have flyers for if anyone is interested. Amber J.

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Intergroup Liaison- No report received.

PI- I attended the PI workshop at the fall conference and am excited to implement some new ideas.SOP PI Add:Form a committee of groups' PI liaisons. Its also a good idea to work closely with CPC.(Note: This position may require some anonymity breaks while working with the public)Love and Service, MJ

Corrections- No report received.

Group Reports:

Central Discussion - Hello District, Central Discussion held its group anniversary and it was a success. We held our group elections last week and all positions are filled. Group votes to make distributions to all GSO, Area 24, District and Intergroup. Yours in service, Cissi

Big Book Study- Hello from the Big Book Study Group! Attendance is great every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., and we still have consistent Zoom users. We have elections in November for several positions, and we still have a vacant Alternate GSR position. Our business meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month. In love and service, Jennifer G.

Three Legacies- Hello District 9! October was a busy and rewarding month. I was grateful to attend the Area 24 Fall Conference in Fort Dodge, where the GSR sharing session offered valuable topics and thoughtful discussion. The event was well organized and a great reminder of the fellowship we share. Three Legacies held group elections at our last business meeting. We're fortunate to have strong participation, and all positions were filled. The group also approved a motion to cover expenses for the GSR and Alternate GSR to attend the West Central Regional Conference in Cedar Rapids this February. Everyone is welcome to join us at 6 p.m. at Asbury Methodist Church. On Thanksgiving Day, Three Legacies will host a discussion meeting in place of the regular speaker meeting. Our meeting attendance remains strong, and we appreciate all the speakers who continue to share their experience, strength, and hope. In love and service, Erin B

Marquette - Marquette group Adding a 9month chip, Adding a cabinet to put Books and supplies. Change in saturday , night meetings 7pm to 5:30pm.

West End – No report received.

Old Business- Updated SOP's

New Business- No new business

Motions: Motion to skip December meeting and meet January 4th. Passed.

Motion for district to pay for DCM and alt DCM to attend west central regional conference. Passed (not to exceed \$800).

Dates to remember:

- January 17, 2026 8am – January 18, 2026 5pm Area Business Meeting in Marshalltown IA. GSR's encouraged to attend Saturday only. Business meeting Sunday zoom.
- February 27-March 1, 2026 West Central Regional Conference will be held in Cedar Rapids.
- March 14, 2026 8am – March 15, 2026 5pm Marshalltown, IA GSR's encouraged but not required to attend business meeting. Sunday zoom.
- June 12-14, 2026 Marshalltown, IA Spring Area Conference.