

Feb 1, 2026 District 9 Meeting Minutes

Attendance- DCM, Alt DCM, Treasurer, Archives, Corrections, Intergroup Liaison, Literature, Public Info, Secretary. **Groups-** Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Central Discussion, Courage to Change, Marquette, Three Legacies, North Scott.

Chair Reports- read

Secretary – minutes approved

Treasurer- read, approval of report. Balance Forward \$5,014.40 Ending \$6,209.80

DCM- Hello District 9! I did attend the January service weekend in Marshalltown and it was filled with lots of information. On Saturday, there was a wonderful presentation on the importance of the March business meeting (see full report in dropbox) and there is something new called the PAI guide that is located in the dropbox as well. Everything that I talk about today can be found in the area dropbox. If you do not have access, please send me an email and I can add you to it. The PAI is proposed agenda item guideline. This is not the official final agenda items but a list of those that have been received. They still need to go to committee. The DCM sharing session had discussions on the difference between a meeting and a group by definition. The main thing to note is that meeting and groups are autonomous and can call themselves a group even if they don't have a group number. Another item of discussion was about the virtual service structure. It is still being discussed but there is no good answer on how they are being handled. Discussion on committee chairs and GSR's giving "no report". The discussion is that there is always something to report on but really it comes down to getting members more involved. If anyone at district has a question as to what they should be reporting on, please see me after the meeting and I will be happy to share my experience. The presentation on elections and the spirit of rotation and why it is important. It was a good reminder that Tradition 2 is about having leadership and that the idea of shared responsibility and opportunity. GSR 101 presentation was given about the role of the GSR. I will be looking into scheduling a GSR workshop in the next couple of months based off the presentation given at area. The final presentation was on fellowship connection, the directory and the meeting guide app. A meeting does not have to be a group to be on the meeting guide app. The information from the Quad Cities comes from intergroup. If you have questions, please contact me. On Sunday was the business meeting. Here are the highlights of the business meeting. The treasurer reported for the end of the fiscal year with a total income of 47,210.55 which is slightly higher than the budgeted amount. The expenses were 50,500.73 with is almost the budgeted amount. The bank balance as of the report was 28,393.54 with prudent reserve at 12,000 and available balance at 16,393.54. The treasurer did requests that group contributions have their group number and your group name somewhere on the check or it may not be recorded. If you need to know your group number, you may reach out to me. The delegates reported that GSO is at a 5 month reserve due to a few things. If you would like more clarification, please contact me. He also reminded the fellowship to purchase literature from AA not other websites as we should be self supporting. The Alt Delegate spoke about the importance of signing up for conferences in advance to help with budgeting the costs for the conference committee. He spoke with getting service manuals into the GSR hands since they are not sent out anymore. If anyone is needing one, please contact me. There was a motion to approve the budget for 2026 and motion was approved. There was a motion to move the chair workshops to Saturday from 1245-230 but it was postpone to Spring conference so GSR groups could have more of an say this passed. Please let me know if you need anything or have

questions about anything in the report. **IN love and service----Jaclyn M In love and service, Jaclyn M.**

Alt DCM- Greetings District 9, In December there were 10,134 visitors on the aaquadcities.org website. Of those, 1,307 stayed on the site for over 30 seconds, which is just below our average of 1,400 visitors a month. The meetings page is still the most popular, followed by the flyers page. The virtual page came in third, edging out the calendar page, which was the 4th most popular. There was an unexplained spike, which occurs every month, on the 24th. Randy received an email from Go Daddy (our provider) that the website went down for about 10 minutes on January 1st at 7pm but did not explain the reason for the outage. Randy is still working with Go Daddy to resolve why some pictures are not displayed correctly. If you experience this issue, please try refreshing the page, as this has resolved the problem before.

As always, keep checking the flyers page for any type of group announcement. In Love and Service, Kevin K. District 9 Alt DCM

Literature- Good morning, District 9! I'll jump right in this morning, saying there is not one single good thing in my life that I do not owe to Alcoholics Anonymous. That's not drama. That's the fact. Or as our literature would say, that's "The Great Fact."

GSO continuously serves us by providing diverse and meaningful ways to carry our message of recovery across all segments of our population, inside and outside our fellowship. I personally use probably less than 10% of these resources in my own recovery, and, more sadly, in carrying the message to others.

- GSO has a newly designed pamphlet titled "The Twelve Steps Illustrated." It's a 24-page pamphlet...that, you guessed it. Illustrates our 12 Steps. It's extremely simple and breaks down each step into one or two sentences with pictures. Perfect for those of us with short attention spans. Hello?
- There are currently two active calls for stories from the Trustees' Literature Committee. The Committee is seeking recovery stories for:
 - A new pamphlet on "A.A. for the Asian & Asian-American Alcoholic."
 - A new pamphlet on the Transgender Alcoholic in A.A. (including transgender, non-binary, Two-Spirit, and gender non-conforming members)The deadline for submissions is March 31, 2026. These are for future Conference-approved A.A. literature.
- The Corrections Correspondence Service (C.C.S.), coordinated by the General Service Office, connects incarcerated alcoholics with outside A.A. members through written correspondence. It is intended for individuals who have **six months or more remaining on their sentence** and are seeking connection around recovery from alcoholism. Participants are matched with an outside A.A. member of the same gender identity to share experience, strength, and hope. The service does not provide court or parole references and does not formally assign sponsors, but it offers an important point of contact for A.A. for those with limited or no access to meetings. I have forwarded a copy of this form to our corrections chair.

I've been thinking of ways to make the Literature Chair role a vehicle for carrying our message. If you aren't already, I'd like to challenge each of you to intentionally engage with GSO's work beyond our local meetings. Visit aa.org and choose one resource to experience—read one piece of literature, watch one video, or listen to one audio offering. Just one. (I personally look for the short ones!) These resources reflect the collective service, care, and responsibility of our Fellowship, and taking time to engage with even a single piece helps us stay informed, connected, and aligned with how A.A. continues to carry the message today. Pro-tip: GSRs, you could challenge your groups to do the same! Yours in love and service, Toni F.

Archives- Hello fellow members: I have been working on inventory. PI and Literature have their own tubs so I will be asking those chairs to inventory those tubs. Feb 21st at 530 I will be showing "Markings on the Journey", AA history dvd, at the House Group. They have a pot luck 5:30 then 7 pm is a speaker. I attended online meeting that had the Author William H. Schaberg who wrote "Writing the Big Book" and we went over the chapter "The Akron Vote". The Akron Vote was when NY members traveled to Akron to vote on setting up Hospitals and writing the book. The hospital idea never passed and after a couple of rounds the book idea passed. Bill was accurate on there was alot of failures, and Hank P. had written an outline for the book and one chapters was titled "On Failures". All of Hank's other chapers were put in the book but not "On Failures". The statement in Foreword to the 2nd edition where it says 50% who really tried got sober this was not true in 1937. 1937 there were only 40 attendees at the meetings and at the vote there were 11 sober people. You can find this author on his You Tube channel Bill Schaberg. If you want the Zoom info see me. In service, Christy

CPC- hi all. things are well in CPC world. getting ready a new year and new possibilities! I have a new CPC chair that I am working with. would like to welcome Carrie C from the Bettendorf group! Carrie and I will be meeting to gather ideas for this new year.looking forward to working with the PI chair on another workshop. I will be attending the Spring conference this year.In love and service, Ronna.

Treatment- No report received

Grapevine- The February issue of the Grapevine includes stories about getting through difficult times in sobriety and how the 12 Steps can help us get through those difficult moments. You can purchase subscriptions to the app, print magazines, or both. There are monthly, yearly, two year, and three year subscriptions for all three types of subscriptions. You can gift a Grapevine subscription through the "Carry the Message" program. They also have a podcast every Monday and are on instagram. Anyone can submit stories and learn more at aagrapevine.org.

Intergroup Liaison- No report received.

PI- No report received

Corrections- No report received.

Group Reports:

Central Discussion - We held our quarterly business mtg. We made our quarterly contributions for GSO,Area 25, Intergroup and District 9. I will be attending the West Central Regional Conference.

Yours in service, Cissi

Big Book Study- Hello from the Big Book Study Group! We continue to have good attendance, both online and in person, each week. We are excited and looking forward to our 25th Anniversary Event on Tuesday, February 24th. Doors will open at 5 p.m., potluck dinner at 5:30, and Jason M. from Burlington, IA will speak at 6:30pm. We look forward to seeing everyone there. I attended the service Saturday in Marshalltown, IA in January, and it was a day full of great information. I have registration and hotel reservations made for the West Central Regional Forum in February. I have registered for Spring conference that will be held in Marshalltown as well. In love and service, Jennifer G.

Three Legacies- Hello District 9! The Three Legacies had a great start to 2026 with our first business meeting last month. Everyone is settling into their new service positions, and we were excited to welcome one new home group member as well as fill our vacant service position. Our Alternate GSR, Rebecca, attended the Marshalltown Service Weekend and had a very positive, informative experience. We're looking forward to attending the West Central Regional Conference in person at the end of the month. Coming up, Three Legacies will celebrate our 13th anniversary on March 12th with speaker Ashley O. from Des Moines. In love and service, Erin B

Marquette - No report received

North Scott – No report received

West End – No report received

Old Business- Turn in budgets to the treasurer.

New Business- No new business

Motions: Motion to table approval of budgets until next month – passed.

Dates to remember:

- West central regional conference – February 27th 2026 8am – March 1st 2026 5pm Cedar Rapids – no one required to attend.
- Area business meeting March 14th 2026 9am – March 15th 2026 5pm Marshalltown IA. GSR encouraged to attend but not required. Business meeting Sunday zoom.
- Spring area conference June 12th-14th 2026 Marshalltown IA
- August 16th Marshalltown business meeting
- September Mini event date TBD.
- October Area 24 Fall Conference in Cedar Falls, IA
- November is elections.