

May 3rd, 2026 District 9 Meeting Minutes

Attendance: DCM, Alt DCM, Treasurer, Archives, Corrections, CPC, Grapevine, Public Info, Secretary, Treatment, Tech Coord. **Groups** in attendance: Bettendorf, BBS, Blandine, Central, Clinton, Courage to Change, Marquette, Three Legacies, West End.

Chair reports: Read

Secretary: Minutes approved

Treasurer: Report read, approved. Balance forward: \$6,390.90 Ending: \$6,346.88

DCM: Hello district 9! It seems like forever since our last meeting and so much has been going on! I was able to mail out the gift card for our delegate and he has received it for his trip to NYC coming up soon. I also worked with the Alt Delegate to make sure the directory for our district is accurate. If you find something inaccurate, please let me know and I will have it changed. Since our last business meeting, I attended the Area 24 business meeting. From that meeting, Dist 8 put in a bid for the Spring conference in Grinnell IA. The Spring 2026 in Marshalltown committee requested and encouraged everyone to sign up for their meals by May 29th. The current operating balance at area is \$16,363.88 (after the prudent reserve and all expenses up to the meeting date). The new motions that were brought up were: Motion to increase the amount of money that our area contributes to NY for the delegate to go was amended to 7,000 this year. There was a subcommittee formed to review the conference guidelines and there will be a report in June. The secretary computer is not been working correctly, motion to purchase a new one or have it repaired not to exceed 1,000 passed. A motion to give \$1,000 seed money to the 2027 spring conference committee passed. Agenda items were also discussed on Saturday. As always, if there is anything that is needed, please don't hesitate to reach out! In love and service Jaclyn M

Alt DCM: Greetings District 9,

There were 15,325 visitors to aaquadcities.org. Of those, 1,342 were on the site for more than 30 seconds. This is below our monthly average of 1,400. The Meetings page is still the most visited page, with the Flyer page coming in 2nd. The Virtual Page moved back into the 3rd most visited page and the Calendar Page dropped down to 4th. On the 31st of March there was an unexplainable spike in visits. The rest of the month had standard ups and downs. The website went down for 6 minutes on Mar 6th and 7th. It went down again on the 22nd for 6 minutes. Randy was unable to put together a proposal for switching from GoDaddy to IDC Soft. Hopefully it will be done soon. Just a reminder about the flyer with QR codes for groups to post; one takes you to the website the other takes you to the Meeting Guide. As always, keep checking the flyers page for any type of group announcement. In Love and Service, Kevin K. District 9 Alt DCM

Literature: No report received.

Archives: Hello! Please, everyone, make sure the Area 24 Archives Open House is in your calendar. I have put the flyer in last month's update, and I have several on the table. We don't know when another open house will happen. Also, I would like to invite everyone on May 17th to the Blandine 72nd Anniversary. After their speaker meeting, the AA History DVD "Markings Along the Journey" will be playing while going through the food line and eating with the subtitles, and I plan to have a District 9 Archives display also. Blandine will also be hosting a sock hop at the West End Club on June 13. I attended the Celebration of Life for long-time AA member Joanne R. Many spoke of her applying the principles in her life and attitude. There were several people there who had been sponsored by Joanne. One of my favorite quotes was, "She (Joanne) would tell me not to put on my future boots." Remembering Joanne's strong spirit and sharing happy memories really was evidence that Alcoholics Anonymous' celebrations of life are full of spiritual ties to each other and the program. I felt like I was sitting in a past world and a current world, and I couldn't help but think Joanne was in a different world at the same time, experiencing the same with us. The event I found was very healing, grounding, and spiritual. During my inventory of archives, I found a copy of a letter addressed to an AA member living in Spencer, IA. It was a transcript from GSO of letters sent from Ray H (founder of AA in Iowa) to GSO. I want to share when he mentioned Davenport. A letter from Ray H. on June 21, 1944, reveals another new group meeting in Newton, IA. The secretary is Dr. E.A.M. There were three members, but the meeting itself had 34; 16 from Des Moines, 6 from Marshalltown, 8 from Cedar Rapids, 1 from Grinnell, and 3 from Newton. The letter also mentioned Davenport having regular weekly meetings, but them not having gone there to visit yet. Ray concludes the letter by saying, "Newton was No. 6 for Iowa, Davenport is No. 7". I was amazed at how members of groups were driving quite a way to support new groups. This was during a high-growth time. Today, it could be said AA is in a low-to-no growth time. Grapevine podcast "Brown Bagger[Season 10, Episode 15] David, Punxsutawney PA, His group put on a Big Book Conference, and it was poorly attended. He thought people were misinterpreting Tradition 4 that says "every group should be autonomous" as meaning not supporting or looking out for their neighboring groups. In this time of low to no growth, I would like to ask the question, should we be exerting the same energy Ray H and the founders had. This would certainly reinforce the spirit of neighboring groups looking out for one another. Hope to see everyone at the conference! In service, Christy P. Archives Chair

CPC:No report received

Treatment: No report received.

Grapevine: Christy shared with me that Blandine donated old Grapevines to Eagleview Behavioral Health and she also donated some to Salvation Army Resource Center to hopefully be given to men when they graduate. Grapevine has a new book out called "Gratitude" and can be purchased at aagrapevine.org/books. The May issue of Grapevine includes stories by AA members about the ways the Steps improved their sobriety and changed their lives. 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. Amber J.

Intergroup Liaison: Open position

Public Info: No report received

Corrections: No report received

Group Reports:

Central Discussion: No report received

Clinton: No report received

Courage to Change: No report received

BBS: Hello from the Big Book Study Group! We have great attendance every Tuesday at 6:30 pm. We have our group inventory scheduled for Saturday, June 27th. Looking forward to the Spring conference in June. Grateful for these opportunities to serve.
In love and service, Jennifer G.

3 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, please join us at 6:00 Thursday nights! We continue to provide daycare services at the cost of freewill donation. If you know any parents within our fellowship who require childcare during meetings, please direct them to us. Our next business meeting is scheduled for June 18th immediately following the speaker meeting. In love and service, Erin B

Marquette: No report received.

North Scott: No report received.

West End: No report received.

-Old Business: Mini event chair - Kevin K - looking for volunteers. Tentative dates Sept 19th or 26th. Working on a flyer. Will include a GSR workshop. Asking that chairs and officers do a 5 minute presentation. Will be potluck brunch.

Proposed agenda for Dave approved.

General Service Board - create new area designation for online virtual groups.

-New Business: None

-Motions: Cissi: Alt DCM to serve as backup for tech chair - vote next month.

Dates to remember :

- Spring area conference June 12th-14th 2026 Marshalltown IA
- August 14th Marshalltown business meeting
- September Mini event date TBD - Sept 19th or 26th..
- October Area 24 Fall Conference Oct 16-19 in Cedar Falls, IA
- November is elections.