

## District 8 Meeting Minutes July 15th, 2024

*Note: This business meeting was cancelled, due to bad weather. Therefore, these minutes were put were assembled by all the reports that were sent in....*

- Todd H.

**Non-AA or Non-District Announcements – N/A**

**Serenity Prayer – N/A**

**Welcome New GSR's / Alternate GSR's – N/A**

❖ **Agenda**

No meeting held to approve agenda.

**Officer Reports**

❖ **Secretary's Report – Todd H.**

Good evening District 8!

Please let me know of any changes (if there are any) to the meeting minutes from last month.

Yours in Love and Service,  
Todd

- Didn't meet in person or zoom for body to approve.

❖ **Treasurer's Report - Alissa N.**

Greetings District 8,

My action item to recon all monthly balance sheets for 2024 was completed and all updated balance sheets were sent out by the District Secretary on June 25th, 2024. It was found while reconciling that I was unaware I was to be paying Unity Center monthly for use of their space. A check will be submitted to them this evening for March through August in the amount of \$150. Here is the treasurer's report for the month of July 2024.

For July, our starting balance for this reporting period was \$2,835.69.

Total debits for the month amounted to \$834.18 which included Answer Iowa for \$248.24, Century Link for \$40.70, Dreamhost for \$5, mileage reimbursements for \$418.45, copies to tech committee for \$5.14, treatment chair reimbursement for big book purchase for \$12, food for DCM while traveling for conference for \$51.60 and DCM registration for area conference and banquets for \$53.05.

Total deposits for the month amounted to \$408 from 4 group contributions. Our ending balance is \$2,409.51.

Our prudent reserve is \$1,500.00 which leaves us an available balance of \$909.51. Our literature account has a balance of \$623.90.

21 of 75 Groups in District 8 have contributed to our District fund in FY24.

#### Basic Text

By the Big Book Center Point Serenity Coggon Grace Group

Early Birds Upstairs Zoom For Those Who Want It Friday Night Hope Group Full Measures

Hillside Kenwood

Marion Friday Night Marion Midweek AA Mercy Group

Monday Night Last Call Neighborly Group

New Beginnings

Sunday Morning Breakfast The Way Out

West Highlands Women Into Action

Women's Fellowship Club

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service,

Alissa N

District 8 Treasurer

- Didn't meet in person or zoom for body to approve.

#### ❖ Alternate DCM Report - Josh H.

Hello District 8,

Last month's meeting attendance was 39 total, with 26 Groups represented, and 10 service chairs in attendance.

Everyone please be sure to sign in. The sign in sheet is located by the door on the table with the announcements.

Please email me any changes that need to be applied to the printable, electronic and virtual meeting lists.

I am forwarding new meeting information to our District Technology Chair so they can keep our meeting list updated on the District 8 website. I am also forwarding all meeting / group change information to the Area 24 Alternate Delegate to keep the Area meeting list updated.

Please take a moment to check the Area 24 website's meeting list, the District 8 website's meeting list, and District 8's printable meeting

list for any corrections regarding times, locations, and type of meeting, i.e. Open/Closed, or Zoom/In Person. Thank you.

If your group has made any changes, including new GSR, Alt GSR, or both, and has not submitted a group change form, please do so at your earliest convenience. Group change forms are available on the District 8 website as well as on the table with the sign in sheet and announcements.

I will not be able to attend the August District meeting as classes begin on the same night as next month's meeting. I am able to fulfill the AltDCM role between meetings but will need someone to cover attendance and bring flyers that carry over from the previous meeting.

In Service,

Josh H.  
Alternate DCM  
District 8  
altdcm@aa-cedarrapids.org  
402.309.9850

❖ DCM Report - Kyle T.

Greetings District 8

Since we last met, I contacted Chad S. and our Delegate (Julie S.) and have rescheduled the delegate report picnic for August 17th. There is a flier on the front table with all the details.

I attended the meeting of The Committee to look into putting together a bid for the WCRAASC. At this time District 8 is gathering hotel, and other, pertinent information and planning on bidding to have the conference in Cedar Rapids.

I also sent out the minutes from the Area 24 Spring Assembly. I asked the group's input on the following motion from the assembly.

Motion that Area 24 make the Saturdays in January and March hybrid.

Motion submitted by Julie S, seconded by DJ C.

Vote taken, motion failed, motion to reconsider, passed.

Motion to postponed until Fall Conference, Passed

In Service,

Kyle Taylor  
District 8 DCM  
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## Service Chair Reports.

### ❖ Corrections - Al G.

We still meeting at Anamosa reformatory (Tuesday at 4:00pm). Requirement are: You have to do a 90 minute training at prison and prea yearly to attend meetings. They will notify you with a letter about training. You will need to notify Alan Garlow at (319)202-8321 to get on a list at the time. You can call Alan Garlow at (319)202-8321 for application or send a message to amy.christianson@iowa.gov to requests an application via hyper link by email. WE NEED TO HAVE VOLUNTEERS.

Any male is welcome to attend the meeting at 6:00am Thursday Wentzle Center. David and Karla reported jail doing well.

Work shop went well and had 26 individuals present at fellowship club. Will be summiting my monthly budget 25:00 for snacks.

Rest is well in corrections

Yours in service;

Alan Garlow (district 8 correctional chair.)

### ❖ Grapevine - Jean R.

I attended the District 8 Corrections Workshop held on June 29th at the Fellowship Club. Two workshop attendees Angie and Wes volunteered to distribute 35 each of our donated Grapevines to the Heart of Iowa and to ASAC. I will be contacting Angie and Wes to give them the donated magazines to distribute.

Betty K. from the Saturday Women's Meeting at the Fellowship Club has distributed 35 Grapevines this month to the Mercy Detox Unit.

The Grapevine is offering the book, The Best of Bill in Hardcover to those who subscribe to the Grapevine in print this month.

For the month of August the Grapevine is offering an exclusive subscriber offer to Add the App & Website access to your print subscription for just \$10.00 This is an \$11.00 savings over the usual fee.

Now available on the Grapevine & La Vina YouTube Channel is American Sign Language Videos for Deaf Alcoholics. AA member's stories are signed by professional ASL Interpreters.



Thank you for allowing me to serve District 8.

Sincerely,

Jean R. , GV Chair

❖ CPC- Jeff B.

Hello District 8:

The CPC Committee met on June 22 at 10:00 a.m. in the basement of the Fellowship Club. John R., Kristin H., Jim B., Frank N., and Jeff B. were present. We continued to plan for the Fall CPC Workshop.

Due to limited space, the Workshop will take place Friday September 20 at 1:00 p.m. at the Ladd Library, in the Community Room. The Ladd Library is located at 3750 Williams Blvd SW in Cedar Rapids.

The next meeting of the CPC Committee will be July 20 at 10:00 a.m. in the basement of the Fellowship Club.

Yours In Service,

Jeff B.

❖ Archives - Lynn M.

Hello Everyone in Service!!

1) Group History forms available on table. Archives documents on [aa-cedarrapids.org](http://aa-cedarrapids.org).

2) 27th National AA Archives Workshop. Sept. 26-29, 2024.  
DesMoines, IA. NAAAW .org.  
Dave G. is our in-person contact.

3) We sort, organize and have lots of fun interacting with the Archives Friday nights at 9 pm, after Unity Group at the Marion Industrial Club.

4) Always in search of Group info: Histories, fliers and other cool stuff!!

Thank you for your support!!

In Love and Service, Lynn M.  
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[archives@aa-cedarrapids.org](mailto:archives@aa-cedarrapids.org).  
[lynnm1988@gmail.com](mailto:lynnm1988@gmail.com).

❖ Tech Chair - Dave G.

The tech committee did not meet on Monday, July 8 because the chair was out of town and forgot we were supposed to meet. There were no new developments for discussion, so no makeup meeting was scheduled. At this time there are no new requests for our committee to facilitate a Zoom meeting for District 8 business.

Here are the relevant District 8 flyers and listings under the "Events" tab currently on our website: Hale of a Group Annual Picnic, Early Birds Welcome Group Summer Picnic, Fellowship Club Annual Fish Fry, Happy Hour Group Annual Picnic, Twelve Concepts Workshop, and the Delegates Report Picnic.

Under the "Service Opportunities" tab there is listed the Corrections Committee flyer and the Pink Can Fund flyer.

The announcement of the Women in to Action meeting relocation has been posted to the "Announcement" section on the home page.

We are still working with Meeting Guide Support on the problem of the double entry of the Marion Midweek meeting on Meeting Guide.

Our website had 584 distinct users in the past 30 days, up from 455 last month.

We will continue to upgrade the website and strive to make it as accessible and up to date as possible. Please continue to give me any updates of upcoming events so I can place them on our website, even if you don't have a flyer. If you see any errors or improvements that need to be made with the website, please direct them to me.

In my capacity as tech committee chair, please let me know if there is anything I can do to help you.

Our next District 8 Tech Committee meeting will be Monday, August 12, 2024, at 7 pm by Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave G.

District 8 Tech Chair / Webservant  
[tech@aa-cedarrapids.org](mailto:tech@aa-cedarrapids.org)

❖ Treatment - Jeremy M.

No report submitted.

❖ Public Information - Mark S.

No report submitted.

❖ Newsletter - Diane N.

The July newsletter has been sent out and August's is complete. Please print or forward to your home groups and others in the AA community. I'm looking for 2 people to write about their experience, strength and hope on Steps 11 & 12. These articles won't be due for several months. Please ask your home group members if they're interested in writing one of these articles for the district newsletter, as well as providing any other feedback on the newsletter. This is your newsletter. Thank you for allowing me to be of service in this manner.

In Gratitude,  
Diane N  
Newsletter Chair

❖ Literature - Claude M.

Sales for the last month \$312.00. No purchases. Bank account balance \$623.90. Attached is the July inventory. If you need anything we do not have on hand please let me know after the meeting. I am ready to order more Big Books before the anniversary promotion ends on 7-31.

Thank You Claude  
literature@aa-cedarrapids.org  
Cell: 319-693-9487

**Unfinished Business**

- ❖ Reminder that the motion that District 8 form a standing outreach committee and that the DCM be a member of the committee was passed last month. However, no committee was formed or any other action taken. If somebody would like to address this issue, please hold off for New Business.
- ❖ Update on District 8 bid for 2026 West Central Regional Service Conference

Hello District 8,

The 2026 WCRAASC Bid Team for District 8 met on Wednesday, July 10th at 4:30 pm in the Fellowship Club basement.

In attendance were: Alan G., Dave G., Josh H., Emily O, Kyle T., and Jesseca Z.

Dates for the 2026 WCRAASC will be Feb 27 - Mar 1, 2026

The team identified requirements for the venue, including seating for up to 500 and technology available for hybrid meetings. The downtown DoubleTree, Kirkwood Hotel and Radisson Hotel were named as options. The Bid Team confirmed that there is interest from more than one person in serving as the 2026 WRAASC Host Committee Chair.

The first step for this process would be to confirm available dates at local venues.

Kirkwood Hotel is not available at that time.

Double tree is available and has provided a pricing summary for the team's review.

Radisson Hotel is available but has yet to provide any pricing summary.

The team will meet again this Wednesday, July 17th at 4:30pm in the Fellowship Club basement.

Our intent is to notify our Area 24 Delegate before the end of the month, of our interest in hosting the 2026 WCRAASC, right here in Cedar Rapids, IA!

In Service,

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### **New Business**

- ❖ None

### **Group Reports**

- ❖ The Sunday Morning Breakfast Meeting meets at 225 35th St, Marion in the basement of the Industrial Club at 8:30 am, every Sunday Morning! We read from the whole Big Book and have an average attendance of 20 alcoholics per week with a wide range of sobriety, age and background.

In love and service,

Jesseca Z GSR

### **Upcoming District 8 – Area 24 Events**

- ❖ **Delegate Report Picnic**
  - Saturday August 17
    - Ellis Park Lakeview Pavilion, 2250 Ellis Blvd NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405.
      - Join Area 24 Delegate, Julie S, for her report on the 74th General Service Conference. Fellowship starts at 10:30 am with dinner at 11:30 am, followed by her report at 12:30 pm.
- ❖ **Next District Meeting**
  - Monday August 19, 2024 @ 7PM
    - Unity Center of Cedar Rapids
- ❖ **WORKSHOP – Twelve Concepts of AA**
  - Saturday, August 24, 2024 from 12:00 to 4:30 pm in the
    - Fellowship Club Auditorium, 3224 1st Ave NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402
- ❖ **District 8 Elections – September 16th (District Business Meeting)**
  - Monday, September 16th, 2024 @ 7PM
    - Unity Center of Cedar Rapids

**Concept 7** - Cheryl T.

**Concept 8** – N/A

**Greeters** – N/A



**Adjourn – N/A**

**Closing Prayer – N/A**