

District 13 Meeting Minutes
June 28, 2026
704 Houser Street
Muscatine, IA
2:30pm-3:30pm

Members' Present: Jean H., Teresa R., Cindy G., Wayde L., Megan H., Renee R, Jeff N, Jim S., Merrilee R., Rick W., Gary "Hoop" H., Liddie R., Michael J.

New Members/Visitors: Germaine - guest

Members Excused: Matt B.,

Meeting called to order at: 230 pm

Open with Serenity Prayer

Concept Reading 6— Wayde L.

Chair Reports

- **Secretary Report for May 17, 2026**

- **Error in title of last minutes. Location was Iowa City, not Muscatine.**

- 15 in attendance- 4 excused absences
 - 1 new member / visitor
 - 12 officer reports; 13 GSR reports
 - Secretary and Treasure reports approved with ending balance \$1474.97
 - Teresa DCM -Cleaning up Area directory. Attending Spring Conference.
 - Wayde L. Alt DCM/ Grapevine-Read Concept 5. Attending Spring Conference. Grapevine accepting stories from members on "Young and Sober "experiences.
 - Cindy G.-Newsletter/Activities- up to 83 emails for Newsletter. Spring event in Hills a great success. Will contact Dan P for GSO update event.
 - Rick W Archives - display set up for Hills event, Tiffin event, and attending Spring conference Archives open house
 - Michael J – Treatment/Corrections—no new report
 - CPC Renee R- sent packets out to several churches
 - Susan J Literature – reported \$99.00 in sales
 - Megan H. PI— Added Wednesday 10 am – 11:15 am 511 Melrose Jaywalker Men's Step Study group meeting to schedule. Goal to check out meetings to ensure they are still meeting; provided updates on Young Peoples conference in August at Highlander in Iowa City.
 - Jeff N – May Picnic update
 - Reimbursements approved \$160.29
 - Business card discussion was placed on hold.
 - Briefly discussed how to get more GSRs elected and then get them to District meetings
 - Meeting adjourned 3:15 pm

- **Treasurer Report- Jean H.**

- **Starting balance:** **\$ 1474.97**
 - Literature/Donations
 - **Total income:**
 - **Expenses:**

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- **New Balance:**

- **DCM- Teresa**

- I attended the 2026 Spring Conference June 12th, 13th and 14th. On Friday the 12th we went early and were able to look at the Area 24 archives stored downtown in Marshalltown and attended a small luncheon with a speaker that spoke a little about the history of AA in Iowa. It was informative and well attended.
- After getting checked into our hotel we went to the Conference, registered and then I attended the DCM sharing session. Topics discussed were some of the typical ones, (1) how to get people more involved with District, (2) how to connect with meetings in remote areas and get them involved, (3) talked some about DCMs having access to Fellowship Connection which is a web-based application that facilitates collaboration between GSO and the Area. This makes it possible to view, search, filter and download reports of current information provided to GSO. Also gives access to Contributions Online and Online Bookstore. I haven't played much with it but nice to know we have access. (4) Discussion about if districts thought workshops were worth putting on, I got to share how since our last workshop I have had a few groups looking for someone to facilitate their group inventory. Workshops followed at 9:45.
- Saturday started off with Dan P giving his Delegate report from his New York trip in the morning then we broke up for the luncheon, with Alanon and Alateen speakers. Came back had roll call, chair reports then unfinished business which 1) central location for all Area events was tabled 2) exploring different time options for Area Conference workshops and the committee came up with starting DCM/GSR workshops an hour earlier on Friday and after the luncheon on Saturday then we would come back and finish any business. A motion was made and seconded, we will be trying the new timeline at the spring 2027 conference in Grinnell, hoping this will get more participation with the earlier time slots.
- New business after motions, discussion and votes
 - 1) Motion to raise contribution for the Delegate was increased from \$3500 to \$5000 to attend General Service Conference. Motion carried
 - 2) Motion to create a new Area designation within the US/Canada general service structure for AA groups that meet exclusively online and are not geographically anchored to an existing area. Motion carried
 - 3) A motion was made for Area 24 to create an Online District (D24) to better serve the online community to be completed by December 31st, 2026. Was tabled so we can take it back to groups and invite online groups to the next business meeting.
 - 4) Proposed motion for GSB: "Alcoholics Anonymous to produce a pamphlet about navigating the difficulties and pitfalls associated with long-term sobriety and how members have gotten through them sober. Motion failed
 - 5) Fall 2027 Conference bid – District 10 Spencer put in a bid for October 8th, 9th, 10th, motion made, seconded, motion carried.
 - 6) Motion made to send person to the Bridging the Gap workshop in Kansas allotting \$1000 for registration and expenses. Motion seconded and motion carried.
 - 7) Motion made for seed money for Fall 2027 conference in Spencer, seconded and motion carried.
 - 8) Motion made to adjourn the meeting, seconded and motion carried. Afterwards attended banquet with AA speaker. Workshops followed at 9:30.

- Sunday morning the conference had a skit on the traditions (it was fun), the chairs answered questions that were put in the Ask-It-Basket and then we had a speaker. All and all it was a productive and enjoyable weekend,
- Remind your groups that there is a printable current schedule on the IA AA District 13 website if they run out and if you know of any meeting changes, please send them to our PI chair, Megan H., Webmaster, Jim S. or me, and send any event fliers to Jim S., so he can get them posted on the website. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me. In love and service, Teresa R District 13 DCM
- **Alt DCM-Wayde L**
 - District 13 was well represented at the Area 24 spring conference in Marshalltown, Iowa. It was good to share laughter and fellowship while getting the agenda being discussed at GSO. I attended some workshops and supported District 3 by eating in their hospitality room. I had a conversation with their District host and was welcomed with warm interaction. I left Marshalltown with the memory of past gatherings and a conviction of why I need to be involved in more than meetings. I felt the connection of sobriety with many others doing the same thing for their recovery. Thank you to all who sat on the front lines with me to insure the future of Alcoholics Anonymous.
- **Activities – Cindy G**
 - There is not much to report. I communicated with Dawn B. of District 10 our desire to team up to have Dan P., our delegate, to come to our district on the same weekend as he visits district 10. But, I think we need to set up our own date. Do we want to ask for a Saturday or Sunday? Do we have any ideas for lunch? Should we set up a later time and do a dessert type of thing? Let's talk under new business.
- **Archives – Rick W**
 - The area 24 spring conference in Marshalltown hosted an archives open house Friday morning and was very well attended. I really enjoyed seeing what was there and could of spend all day looking. I displayed our district 13 archives on June 8 in Tiffin and had more lookers and interest than ever before. I plan on setting up our District archives at The IAYPAA conference in August. Rick W. Archives chair
- **Corrections – Michael J**
- **CPC – Renee**
 - Addendum: Our CPC committee meeting met on May 22 in Muscatine. So far we have given out packets to 7 DUI attorneys in Muscatine, and 1 packet for a DUI attorney in Iowa City. We delivered 4 different packets to 4 of the probation officers in Muscatine The probation office has a wooden rack ,and they requested to have some AA pamphlets delivered that would be helpful to their client base. Those pamphlets along with more meeting schedules were delivered. We delivered 9 packets to 9 churches in the Muscatine area. We also delivered packets to 2 different clinics in Muscatine for 5 different doctors . I attended the CPC workshop in Marshalltown during the area conference. Our next committee meeting will be held on July 10th at 5:15 in Muscatine. Yours in love and service Renee
- **Literature -Susan J**

Total Expenses:

Total Sales:
- **Grapevine: - Wayde L.**
 - This month's magazine was the annual "prison issue" and covered Prisoners and the service work other members did to carry the A.A. message through sponsorship. The grapevine as well as other material is going digital and encourages members to sign up for the one app which is inclusive and covers many of A.A. 's entities. If anyone needs help ordering the magazine, books or submitting their story please reach out to me (Wayde L. Grapevine chair) and I will assist in any way I can.
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- **Newsletter -Cindy G**
 - Newsletter Report: Our district newsletter went out on Thursday June 25th to 82 email addresses. I took a copy of the newsletter with me Wednesday evening to the Foxhall Group in Cedar Rapids in an effort to share our newsletter with some of District 8. There were seven people honored for AA anniversaries from 1 year to 43 years for a total of 158 years. It is my honor to be among the celebrants.
- **PI-Megan H.**
 - I attended Area 24 conference. The PI workshop was on Friday night around 9:30 pm. The delegate, Dan P, was able to come in and talk with us. I also got the phone number and have been talking with the PI chair from District 8. There is a virtual zoom link for PI that meets on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 9 am that I will start attending. Dan P talked about the PI stuff that happens above the district such as when the meeting guide app, youtube channel and when subcommittee meets.
 - Some ideas that I received to try as PI chair for district 13 is making new videos that carry the message as a lot of the videos are outdated or even making videos on tik-tok. Collecting gently used big books and putting them into free little libraries around the city with a business card in them with the QR code. Putting business cards in the big books at the libraries.
 - Some bigger ideas would be making electronic billboards or putting ads in the city buses.
 - I am working on the business cards with Jim and after approval, will start printing them off through Hospers and using them.
 - I printed off 500 meeting schedules for \$86.50.
- **Treatment – Michael J**
- **Website – Jim S.**
 - I have to apologize about missing the past couple of business meetings. Thanks to Megan I was able to print of samples of the revised business cards, and I have samples with me. We have talked in the past about have place to write your name and number on the back. Megan mentioned to me about having the QR Code on the front for the Meeting Finder App and having the back with the QR Code for our Website along with listing our website. Megan had reached out to Hospers & brothers printing and had gotten us some estimates back in January to get these cards printed up. The cost were 50- \$ 19.25, 100-\$ 22.25, 250-\$ 30.75, 500-\$45.68. We need to confirm if that is for black and white or color printing also the printing cost were for business cards printed on one side. I don't have copies of the card that Elise had sent me. That one still has some spelling corrections that need to be made on that design. This is in Old Business to be brought up for discussion.
 - As always please forward all meeting changes along with event fliers that we would like to get posted on the site. Just a reminder that there is about a week delay between our update and when the Meeting Finder app, Intergroup's link, Area's link are updated. If you notice that the pages are not opening. Please let me know. Typically, at that point we need to just clear the Cache.
- **Intergroup –Jeff N.**
 - Not a lot going on, still looking into ways to help spread the message. Also wondering if district would like to go in on a table/booth for IYPAA?

Unfinished Business

- Public Information (PI) business card -Megan H and Jim S.
- Update on IAYPAA X (how to volunteer & hospitality room)
 - We have had a few events; the sweets and speakers in Quad Cities on June 14th. The Tiffin meeting on Monday nights hosted on June 8th an event in honor of the IAYPAA X conference where all the proceeds went to the conference. LGTBQ+ AA meeting on Thursday nights hosted an event on June 27th where all the proceeds went to the conference. We have had many meetings donations for the conference. We are currently having to switch hotels so some of our expenses have increased. The conference will now be at the Graduate in downtown Iowa City. We have had great committee meetings that are open for anyone to join. Our next business meeting is July 5th at 5:30 pm and our next event is July 4th at 1-4 pm at Hickory Hill North Shelter in Iowa City. We have a few more

events coming up before our conference which is August 14th – 16th. We will also have a hospitality suite open where many foods are allowed but no crockpots or other kitchen supplies are allowed due to the hotel's policy. We greatly appreciate all the donations, hospitality assistance, and volunteers who have spent time helping us put on this conference. Absolutely any contribution to this conference is appreciated. Budget is \$12,000. Approx 50% raised. Megan H Committee Member

New Business

- Booth for IAYPAA X -Jeff N and Megan H
 - District 13 to donate \$500 to IAYPAA X--approved
- Delegate Event – Cindy G
- Phones
- Reimbursements
 - Schedule printing : \$86.50 approved
 - Teresa \$302.99 Conference approved
 - Wayde \$367.36 Conference approved

GSR Reports (includes only those groups that submit reports)

Iowa City Womens Big Book Study Group-Liddie R GSR

Iowa City Womens Big Book Study Group is a women's, closed meeting that meets every Saturday at 9am at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Iowa City and there is a zoom option to attend. We read the first 181 pages of the big book followed by alternating the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd section of the stories in the new edition, then share on the reading. We have approximately 15-20 women attending each week. Business meeting July 11. Liddie R. GSR

By The Book GSR Report –Megan H GSR

We continue to meet on Thursdays at 6:30 pm, either in person or via zoom. We had a business meeting on 7/25/2026 and went through expenses. We donated to the IAYPAA conference, GSO, and reimbursed the GSR (me) for my trip to Area 24. Still roughly about 20 people attend the meeting and have had many milestone birthdays; someone with 12 years and another with 9 years along with monthly celebrations. We recently have had a lot of newcomers and visitors attend in person or via zoom. We still meet at Thai Flavors afterwards for fellowship.

Breakfast Club-Matt B GSR

The Breakfast Club continues meeting at 6am, seven days a week, at 511 Melrose, Iowa City. Our meetings are open. Chairs select readings from AA approved literature followed by shares. Weekday attendance remains between 12 and 18 people, weekends slightly smaller. We welcomed several newcomers in the past month. Our next quarterly business meeting is July 10, immediately following our regular meeting. We will be discussing fall elections and service opportunities. We have no other upcoming events or announcements to report.

Tiffin Monday Night Meeting-Rick W GSR

We meet at 7 PM Grace United Methodist Church 300 W. Marengo Rd. We are an open discussion meeting with an average of 25 in attendance. on June 8 we hosted our 20 year anniversary of the group and also celebrated 91 years of Alcoholics Anonymous. A total of 75 people joined us with the showing of markings on the journey video followed by Doug B.'s talk on Iowa city history of AA and his 56 years. we had a sobriety countdown followed by cake pie and ice cream. Rick W. GSR

Recovery Group Muscatine – Renee R GSR

The recovery group still meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at Zion Lutheran Church 513 Sycamore Street in Muscatine at 630. Our group flooded the Saturday noon group in Iowa City on June 20th. Then went out to eat at the Blue Bird cafe in Iowa City for a fun and games event. Our next group conscious will be on July 10 after the Friday night meeting. Our group picnic will be on July 18th at Weed Park in Muscatine at noon we will be at the Monsanto shelter. Meat and drinks will be provided please bring a dish to share. Yours in love and service
Renee

Midwest – Merrilee R (contact, no GSR)

Sunday night open meeting 7pm at Zion Lutheran in Iowa City. Topic discussion and speaker every week. 40-50 attendance. The business meeting 1st Sunday of every month, next July 5. We rotate meeting night duties every 3 months and those were assigned at June business meeting. We welcome 2 new home group members at our

biz meeting---thank you Brian F and Kymber K for your service. Our GSR and Alt GSR positions are open.
Merrilee R Contact/Treasurer

Solon Group – Merrilee R (contact, no GSR)

Meets Thursdays at 7pm downstairs at Methodist Church on West St in Solon. AA reading with discussion to follow. Rotating chair person every 6 months. Consistent group of 6 . Great shares with a variety of sobriety. On June 29 we expect a full house as we welcome Holly's family and friends to celebrate her 2 year sober birthday. Congrats Holly! Sonya will celebrate 1 year July 12. Merrilee R/ Contact

Thursday Almost Friday Mid Morning Group-Gary H "Hoop" GSR

The Thursday Almost Friday Mid-Morning Group meets every Thursday morning between 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM at the Veritas Church at 700 Forevergreen, Tiffin, Iowa. The meeting is open and the discussion follows the reading of the Big Book and the Daily Reflections. The Chair Person and Co-Chairman is rotated monthly. There are on average between 12 - 14 in attendance. The Group Conscious Meeting is held on the 3rd Thursday. The Group Conscious approved to donate, in July \$50.00 dollars to the "YPAA" Young People Alcohol Anonymous and \$100.00 dollars to the GSO. For the Golfers who attend we occasionally go to PinSeekers for an hour of relaxing golf therapy. Bring your clubs. All are welcome to attend.

North Lib Tuesday Night – Cindy G (contact; no GSR)

Closed meeting. Been having visitors from Cedar Rapids

North Lib Friday Night – Cindy G (contact, No GSR)

Open meeting. North Lib Rec Center

Meeting Closed with Serenity prayer at:

NEXT MEETING:

JULY 26 2026

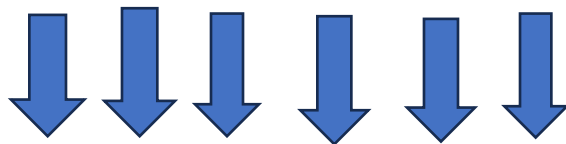
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2026 District Meeting Schedule

All meetings 230-330 pm



Iowa City Meetings

~~January 25*~~

~~March 22*~~

~~May 17 (due to Memorial Day weekend) —~~

July 26

September 27

November – No Meeting

(due to holiday)

Muscatine Meetings

~~February 22*~~

~~April 26~~

~~June 28~~

August 23

October 25

December 6*

(due to holidays)