

**Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Erica S.

ATTENDANCE:

Groups Present: Big Book Study, DeWitt Group, Henry County, House Group, New Beginnings, Three Legacies, West End

Officers and Chairs Present: Chair- Erica S., Co-Chair- Monique M., Newsletter- open, Office Manager- Lisa W., Secretary- absent, Telephone Chair- Julie B., Treasurer- absent, District 9 Liaison – absent, Events Chair – absent, District 90 Liaison- Randy C., Web Guy- Randy C.

Treasurer's Report: Income for August was \$5,473.23 with the breakdown as follows: Contributions \$1,242.81, Sales \$1,781.00, Prudent Reserve Interest \$1.42, Golf Event Income \$1,224.00

Expenses totaled \$4,376.98, with the following breakdown: General expenses \$1,536.43, Literature \$2,189.55, Golf Event \$651.00.

Total Income minus expense= \$1,096.25.

Golf Event Profit = \$1,224.00 - \$651.00 = \$573.00

Checking \$6,851.94

Savings (Prudent Reserve) \$3,447.75

Totals \$10,299.69

Read by Lisa W.

Office Manager's Report - Hello from the Intergroup Office. You might have seen on the news that two shops in our building were broken into a couple of weeks ago – the Holistic Shop across the hall and the guitar shop downstairs, where the thieves got about \$700. They also tried to kick in the windows of the barbershop next door but didn't succeed because his windows had been replaced with shatterproof glass after the barbershop was broken into three times in two weeks last year. Please be sure if you happen to be the last person or group to leave the building to make sure the outside doors are firmly shut.

Unemployed, retired, bored?? Contact me at the office at 309-764-1016 to sign up to be a backup/substitute volunteer! It is easy, rewarding work and helps you to give back what was so freely given to you. We have had basically the same handful of dedicated volunteers for several years so it's time for others to step up as well.

I am planning to go out-of-town at the beginning of next month, so will be looking for volunteers to cover my shifts in the office.

Call counts for August were 6 12-step, 69 information, and 51 visitors. Please remember that all flyers, minutes, or anything to be posted in the newsletter are due in to the office no later than the 15th of the preceding month. Thanks! In love and service, Lisa W.

Telephone Chair Report - A huge thank you to Melanie M. for doing reminder calls each week, and to everyone on the phone rotation! We don't get a lot of calls, but when we do, it's so important the phone is answered, so thank you for taking on the responsibility!

- Regarding the monthly phone rotation:** We have a few volunteers who have been signed up for 2 shifts. I reached out to them individually and asked which shift they would like to hand off to a new volunteer, IF someone new volunteered. I have 5 shifts I'm hoping to get new volunteers for.
Intergroup reps: Please take this back to your group: ask if anyone is interested in taking on a shift. For those who do not know, once a month the Intergroup phone would be transferred to their phone number for a shift of 9am-5:30pm or 5:30pm-9am, and if it rings, they need to be available to answer it. I have a packet to give them, I will review the packet with them, and I will be able to answer any questions they have. Six months of continuous sobriety is recommended. **If someone is interested, please get their name & phone number for me and I will reach out to them. That said, here are the shifts I would like to find new volunteers for—

The 1st Sunday PM (5:30pm-9:00am)

The 3rd Thursday PM (5:20pm-9:00am)

The 5th Sunday AM (9:00am-5:30pm) (only when there are 5 Sundays in a month)

The 5th Friday PM (5:20pm-9:00am) (only when there are 5 Fridays in a month)

- Regarding the 12-Step list:** This month we will start contacting each person listed and verify they still want to be listed on the 12-step list, they still live in the same city, and they still have the same availability. Also, REPS please can you include this in your announcements at your groups: **If you would like to be added to the Illowa Intergroup 12-step list, please text or call Julie B directly (or give name/number to your Intergroup Rep). For those who do not know, the 12-step list is a list of AA members who have agreed to be contacted to talk with a newcomer over the phone, answer questions about the AA Program, and possibly be asked to give a ride to a meeting NOTE: giving rides is up to each individual, it's not an expectation (men w/men, women w/women).**

Thank you! In love and service, Julie B.

District 90 Liaison - Hello everyone, there are still a few positions open, Alt. DCM, Corrections, Accessibilities, and Grapevine. Richard, the DCM, gave us an update on what happened at the Summer Committee Meeting. The most notable information was that Area 20 had to dip into their Prudent Reserve for the first time so they would like us to encourage Groups to consider donations to Area. Also, District 90 will be hosting a Service Workshop at Henry County Group on Sept, 28th. The Alternate Delegate Marilyn F. will be the Speaker. The District 90 Treasurer, Gene, let us know have some money to spend. Craig is still temporarily handling Corrections and always looking for more volunteers. Justin W. from Last Chance was looking to spend some money on books for Riverside Treatment and after some discussion ended up being elected as an Interim Treatment Chair. I was also asked to bring paper copies of all the flyers for the groups who don't have a good way to print them off of the Website.

That's all I have until next month. In Love and Service Randy C.

Webmaster Report - Hello Everyone, we had 1,917 users total but 918 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec. which is down 210 from last month and about as low as I would like to see us go. The number of Users has been decreasing which I expected once the spike due to the connection to AAWS ends. We did have 222 Users on Monday Aug. 5th which is double the daily number and I am not sure why. Still looking for a replacement app to archive the Newsletter and Minutes, since the one we currently use is not compatible with the last WordPress upgrade. I have one that will work but it doesn't create thumbnails, it just has a text link and doesn't look as good. There are still several to check out yet so maybe I can find an equal replacement. Lisa has been doing the flyers for the last Month and I will eventually get her do all the changes once I get through with my testing.

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In Love and Service Randy C.

GROUP REPORTS:

House Group - House Group has gotten a new ceiling and had their door re-keyed. Our picnic will be 9-15-19 from Noon to 4 at Empire Park in Hampton. Chicken and drinks provided. October 12th (second Saturday of the month) will be a potluck and speaker meeting. We will be hosting the Northern Illinois Area 20 Archives Workshop on Saturday, Oct. 5, 2019 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Melanie, House Group Rep

New Beginnings - Hello everyone, attendance has been pretty good lately for the Primary Purpose Big Book Study Meeting on Saturday's at 2pm, as well as the Wednesday Night Meeting. The Monday Night Speaker Meeting is still low attendance due to an IOP (intensive Outpatient) class the residents of RICCA are required to take, so hopefully once that cycles trough the attendance should pick up. Finally, as always, we are looking for Speakers, Sponsors and rides... That's all I have until next month.

In Love and Service Randy C.

Old Business – Newsletter Chair Position still open

New Business: -Park P. and Cissi L. attended the meeting representing District 9 CPC. They are asking that we add a link called "For Professionals" on our website that links to the AAWS website link with the same name. Discussion was had with the outcome being that the webmaster will check with the AA guidelines and other webmasters to see what's allowed, and will report back next month.

The next Intergroup meeting will be held October 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Intergroup Office.