

**Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Erica S.

ATTENDANCE:

Groups Present: Present were Big Book Study, Blandine, De Witt, Henry Co, Last Chance, Marquette, Milan Hillcrest, New Beginnings, Three Legacies, West End.

Officers and Chairs Present: Chair – Erica S, Co-chair Monique, Secretary – Deb P, Treasurer Katie R, Telephone Chair Julie B, Events-Steve H, Web Guy / District 90 Liaison-Randy C, Office Manager Lisa W
Guest – Beth E.

Office Manager's Report 10-7-19: Hello from the Intergroup Office.

Things are going well at the Intergroup Office. We are extremely grateful to the Moline Group, which disbanded Sept. 30, and was generous enough to donate their money to us (over \$2,000). We truly appreciate it!

I am going out-of-town tomorrow but will be back next week. Volunteers are lined up to cover my shifts at the office.

Call counts for September were 2 12-step, 58 information, 39 visitors, and 1 Alanon. 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! I would like to remind people that we only take cash or check for payment – no credit or debit cards. Please try to remember this before you come over to purchase items. Thanks.

In love and service - ,Lisa W.

TREASURER'S REPORT - OCTOBER 7, 2019

INCOME

Contributions	\$2,389.60
Sales	\$1,785.15
Sales - Other Vendor	\$0.00
Prudent Reserve Interest	\$0.00
Totals	<u>\$4,174.75</u>

EXPENSES

General	\$2,402.07
Literature	\$1,403.90
Totals	<u>\$3,805.97</u>

TOTAL INCOME MINUS EXPENSES **\$368.78**

ACCOUNTS

Checking	\$4,537.35
Savings (Prudent Reserve)	\$3,547.75
Totals	<u>\$8,085.10</u>

District 90 Liaison Report Oct. 7, 2019

Hello Everyone, there are still a few positions open, Alt. DCM, Corrections, Accessibilities, and Grapevine. Spending some money on Treatment. Nov. Elections are coming up so if you or you know someone who is looking for some great service work please show up, you'll get a spot. Corrections is always looking for more volunteers.

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

Telephone Chair report /

Thanks again to the dedicated volunteers who take the phones every month! Without your commitment to answer at all hours, we could not provide this unique and important service! If you've traveled and called the number listed as Alcoholics Anonymous you know it's rare to get a live person after business hours!

Melanie M has been making reminder calls each week (thank you!) and I generally transfer the phones, but Mel took over a day last month while I was out of town, which was super helpful and I appreciate her very much! A huge thank you goes out to those who keep the phones longer or take them earlier when I'm in a pinch! You know who you are!

We only just started, but we are in the process of updating the 12-step list! This will take some time. Please continue to announce at your groups if anyone wants to be added to the 12-step list—have them contact Lisa W at the office or me directly at 309-781-1664.

I would still like to find **new** volunteers for the following shifts:

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)

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

Thank you! In love and service, Julie Bisland

Webmaster Report 7/1/19 Webmaster New/Old Business * New Look* Oct. 7, 2019

Old Business:

Hello Everyone, we had a discussion about putting a link to AAWS page "For Professionals" on the front page of our website. Adding the link is easy to do but I wasn't sure about any copyright infringement so I wanted to read the "Terms of Use" information before we actually do it. There are 3 sections under the Terms of Use: Content Use Policy, A.A.W.S. Inc., Policy on G.S.O.'s A.A. Website, and Intellectual Property Policies. This information is via a link at the bottom of the AAWS website. After reviewing all the information there will be no legal or technical problem adding the link. As far as the Politics or Voting of whether we should add the Link, my personal opinion is that if, CPC can benefit, there is no infringement, it is an AAWS link, and as part of Intergroup's Mission Statement, then the link should just be added without the need for any vote.

In Love and Service Randy C.

New Business:

Hello Everyone, last month it was brought to my attention that the website doesn't have any immediate identification as an AA website. The title on the page is Illowa Intergroup which a new visitor may not know what that is, plus, the Menu doesn't have any identification that this is some kind of AA website. Although the name of the website does start with AA and if you hover over the tab of the web browser, it does say Quad Cities Alcoholics Anonymous Service Center, however, this information is not noticeable unless you are fairly computer savvy. Furthermore, a recent WordPress Update has made

one of the Apps I use to display the Newsletter and Minutes unreliable and very hard to update. Similarly, the flyers that slide through the front page have to be updated separately from the actual Events page and I have had users complaining about the speed, size, and printability of the sliding flyers. The Old Website was owned by an individual, not Intergroup, consequently, when he passed away, Intergroup had to start a new Website. The New Website Committee asked me to join them and it was decided to recreate the old site the best I could from what we could remember. Now, a couple years has passed and the Website is running on some user-friendly software, WordPress. I would like to update the look and address some of the issues I previously mentioned, and this will make it easier for me to teach Lisa, or anyone, how to make changes in the event I can't. The changes can be seen at my personal website: rcookproductions.com

Some of the information is old because I just used some stuff that was from other tests I've done, but all the links and buttons are connected. I can't do anything about the Meeting List since it is an App that AAWS now owns, but all the other pages have a common look. I did get rid of the flyers sliding by on the front page and replaced them with some different information that we can use as an advertisement to draw attention to a specific change, for now it just advertises the flyers/events page and takes you there if you click it. Everything else is there but just with the common "new" look. I'm not sure about the Ariel footage, it's kind of cool, but may be too much. Anyway, take a look, let me know what you think, and we can discuss it more next month.

In Love and Service Randy C.

GROUP REPORTS:

Blandine Group Report

Our Thanksgiving Potluck will be Sunday, November 24th following the 11:00 am meeting.

Our Christmas Potluck will be Sunday, December 15th following the 11:00 am meeting. - Bill

Grace Fellowship Report

The Grace Fellowship group would like to thank the Moline Group for donating their coffee maker, coffee supplies, and many other wonderful and much needed supplies to our group! We are small and new, and we appreciate their generosity!

Thank you! XOXO Julie

New Beginnings Report

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 has had low attendance so we haven't had Speakers but have some booked for Oct. and will see how attendance goes. 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.

3 Legacies Report

The Three Legacies continues to have good attendance at our Thursday night speaker meeting (6:30-7:30). We offer daycare, requesting a \$5 donation per child. Our next business meeting will be Thursday, October 17th, directly following the meeting.

Love and service,

Erin B

OLD BUSINESS:

Open Positions: Newsletter Chair – Beth E from Big Book Study Group is interested in the Newsletter Chair position. Basic description of position provided, Beth shared her previous service experience.

Voted in unanimously by verbal vote. Beth will meet with AI on Wednesday 9Oct19 for orientation to position.

NEW BUSINESS:

See above Web Report – Randy requests everyone look at the changes at rcookproductions.com before next month's Intergroup meeting.

The next Intergroup meeting will be held Monday, November 4, 2019. Please note - Officer and Group reports are due the date of the meeting; a grace period to submit reports via email is available thru 10Nov2019.