

**Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Erica S. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from last month's meeting as published in the newsletter.

ATTENDANCE:

Groups Present: Big Book Study, Blandine, Henry County, Milan Hillcrest, New Beginnings, Three Legacies, West End

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

Treasurer's Report: Income for October was \$ 3,213.78 with the breakdown as follows: Contributions \$ 1,058.52, Sales \$ 2,153.75, Prudent Reserve Interest \$ 1.51.

Expenses totaled \$ 3,782.38, with the following breakdown: General expenses \$ 1,834.31, Literature \$ 1,948.07.

Total Income minus expense= - \$568.60

Checking \$ 5,463.86

Savings (Prudent Reserve) \$ 3,650.67

Totals \$ 9,114.53

Katie R., Treasurer

Office Manager's Report - Hello from the Intergroup Office, Call counts for October were 2 12-step, 67 information, 57 visitors, and 0 Alanon. Thanks to all the volunteers who take a shift on the phone rotation. Thank you also to the volunteers who covered the office in my absence. I greatly appreciate it. Katie R., the treasurer, and I did the quarterly state and federal payroll taxes this month.

Please keep the Intergroup Office in mind when doing holiday shopping. We have a lot of books and other items in stock, and may be able to order some things we don't have. Stop by and check it out! Gift certificates are also available.

In love and service, Lisa W.

Telephone Chair Report – We are STILL working on updating the 12-step list, I assure you progress is being made! AND I'm still looking to fill some shifts on the phone rotation. If you have not yet, please be sure to take a flyer with you tonight and include it in your groups' announcements at every meeting. In short, anyone interested in being added to the 12-step list OR interested in taking a shift on the phone rotation please contact Lisa at the Intergroup Office, 309-764-1016.

Thank you! In love and service, Julie B.

District 90 Liaison - Hello Everyone,

The big thing is Elections tomorrow Nov. 5th 6pm at the First Southern Baptist Church in Colona. All positions are open and free for the taking. We haven't had a lot of participation at the District level so spread the word and encourage, or railroad, peer pressure, whatever you have to do, to get someone to step up and fill a spot. Financially we are doing well. Corrections is always looking for more volunteers at the Rock Island County Jail, Henry County Jail, Kewanee Life Skills Re-entry Center, and the East Moline Correctional Facility. That's all I have until next month. In Love and Service, Randy C.

Webmaster Report - Hello Everyone, We had 1,907 users total but 851 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec. We are down 50 from last month and have been slowly dropping about users for the last 4 months.

Hopefully we will level off and the dropping stops; we are 50 users lower than I would like to see. Last month I set up a test site for the "New Look" of the Website. I've had some good feedback and some feedback on the actual content, such as: Changing Book Price List to distinguish CONFERENCE APPROVED literature and NON-CONFERENCE APPROVED literature, Creating a Service page for Open Chair and volunteers for Corrections and Phone Rotation, adding DCM contact info (I could give them an aaquadcities.org email address so we don't give out their name/number). Since I don't control the actual content, I would like to present the three suggestions again later during New Business for discussion. I will switch over to the new look, minus the Aerial Footage because the general consensus was that it was a bit too distracting. Unfortunately, Friday Nov. 15th will be the night I convert over. I don't really have any other time due to my current work schedule. That's all I have until next month. In Love and Service Randy C.

GROUP REPORTS:

New Beginnings - Everyone, attendance has been really good lately for the Primary Purpose Big Book Study Meeting on Saturdays at 2pm, as well as the Wednesday Night 8pm Meeting and even the Monday Night 6:30pm Speaker Meeting has picked up. We are starting to get some Recovered Alcoholics to regularly visit and share their wisdom with the still struggling majority of our group. Since most of our group is basically "Newcomers," and Stutsman Lodge Residents, we really appreciate when someone shares their experience, strength, and therefore, giving hope. Finally, we are always looking for Speakers, Sponsors and rides...

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

Three Legacies - 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. We held elections at our last business meeting on October 17th. We also welcomed a new home group member. Anyone interested in becoming a home group member is encouraged to join us for our next business meeting, Thursday, January 16th.

Love and Service,
Erin B.

Old Business – Randy C. discussed feedback on the look of the new website he is proposing. He would still welcome more feedback, especially from iPhone users.

New Business: - The officers did the annual office manager job evaluation and proposed upping the officer manager's annual paid vacation days from 5 to 10. This would not incur any extra expense for Intergroup, as volunteers cover those hours. Intergroup Reps were asked to take this back to their groups and bring the results back next month so we can vote on it.

Discussion was held on changing our book price list to indicate which literature is General Service Office conference-approved. The office manager will make those changes.

Randy discussed a suggestion that a webpage be made to list service opportunities separately from events, so he is going to do that. He also discussed the possibility of adding contact information for DCM's of our two districts by creating generic email address for them (we do not list any personal information on our website). He is waiting to hear back from the DCM's.

We need someone to fill the position of District 9 Liaison. Intergroup Reps are urged to take this back to their groups.

The next Intergroup meeting will be held December 2, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Intergroup Office.

In love and service, Lisa W.