

Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2020

Web Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm by Monique M.

ATTENDANCE:

Groups Present: Present were, Big Book Study, Henry County Group, New Beginnings, Sisters in Sobriety, Three Legacies, West End.

Officers and Chairs Present: Chair –Monique, Secretary – Deb P, Telephone Chair Julie B, District 90 Liaison Randy for TJ, Office Manager – Lisa W, Web Guy, Randy C

Motion made/2nd and passed unanimously to accept March minutes.

Office Manager's Report

Hello from the Intergroup Office,

Things have obviously changed here in the last month, though I did keep the office open until March 20. For my safety and that of my volunteers, I chose to close the office at that time, which was good since the governor of Illinois (where I live) issued his mandate to work from home if possible, the next day. Obviously we cannot sell literature at this time, but since most groups aren't meeting physically anyway, that doesn't seem to be too much of a problem yet.

The good news is that there are literally thousands of online AA meetings now. The local groups that have online meetings to replace their regular meetings are listed on our website, www.aaquadcities.org on the Virtual Meetings page. We are hoping more groups on our schedule will start online meetings also. If anyone knows of others from our local groups, please send the information to me at illowaintergroup@yahoo.com or to the webmaster, Randy. (link on website)

I would like to give special thanks to our webmaster Randy C, who has devoted many more hours than usual to keep the website constantly updated. I literally can't thank him enough!!

Due to the cancellation of our Anniversary Event, anyone who wants refunds of their ticket cost or coffee donations can contact me at the office number. However, since I am not physically there and don't have the checkbook with me at this time, refunds will not get sent out for an undetermined amount of time. We highly encourage people to think about donating that money to Intergroup since we will not be having our largest fundraising event this year.

I am covering the phones all day on weekdays now, transferring them to our regular volunteers at night, and the telephone chair is taking care of the weekends. Melanie is continuing to do the reminder calls and helping out. Thanks to everyone involved in keeping our 24-hour phone line open!

Call counts for March were 2 12-step, 116 information, 35 visitors, and 1 Al-Anon.

Stay safe, everyone! In love and service, Lisa W.

District 90 Liaison Report

Hello Everyone, there are still 4 positions open: **Accessibilities, CPC, Grapevine, & Archives**. We do have someone who may be taking the Archive position tomorrow. Richard, the PI Chair is still checking libraries to see what they have and may have purchased some books for the Libraries that did not have any, not sure if he made it before the Office closed. He will also be visiting The Police and State's

Attorneys to see if we can get some pamphlets there. Brandon, the Corrections Chair, reported pretty much the same, always looking for more volunteers, especially East Moline since there isn't anyone right now. The Kewanee Facility Big Book Meetings are doing well and they continue to take a monthly speaker meeting there. Justine, the Treatment Chair, has been taking a lot of literature in to treatment facilities and was approved for some more money until Area can get him some books. He is all set up but with them busy with the Conference, he wouldn't be able to get anything until afterwards. We are moving forward with hosting the Winter Assembly and Pete B., from Hillcrest, was elected as the Chairperson to head that Committee. If anyone has experience with hosting an event, or, if you would like to be on that committee, I will give you the information.

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

Telephone Chair Report

Hello Intergroup! I hope you're all doing well – physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually! Lisa has been taking the intergroup Phone during normal business hours, Mon-Fri 9am-5:30pm. She is ensuring the night volunteer knows where to find the needed information on the aaquadcities.org website. When I transfer the phones on Saturday and Sunday I also ensure everyone is aware of where to locate the information. The first weekend of virtual meetings was busy, but after that the calls seemed to have calmed down (on weekends, not sure about weekday calls). I can't wait to hear the numbers/hits the Web Guy gives us for March! At least our members are now using the aaquadcities.org website!

Please note: I have the **2nd Monday of the month** open on the phone rotation (5:20-9am) Please let me know if you or anyone at your group would like to get involved in this form of service. If it helps, please offer it as a 1-year commitment or even just through 2020 (only 9months then). As always, call or text me with questions.

In love and service, Julie B.

Webmaster Report

Hello Everyone, we had 4,087 users total but 2,430 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec. The huge increase, nearly double, is due to the Closings and Virtual Meeting Links, both with over 1500 users. We did have some spikes on the 3rd and the 13th, plus pretty high activity ever since the 13th. Not sure why the spike on the 3rd but from the 13th on is when all the cancellations started. The New Service Page had 124 visits, which is 3 more than last month so it looks like people are aware; therefore, I removed the "NEW" text. Once we get back to normal, I will need the groups to double check the Meeting Page to make sure I have everything correct. Finally, the website will renew this month at the same rate \$140/yr. Please let the districts know that there will be a bill for on-third of that cost.

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GROUP REPORTS:

New Beginnings Report

Hello Everyone, the Stutsman Lodge has been closed to the public but the Meetings are still being held by the residents. Consequently, I started a Virtual meeting every day at 8n8. That has been well attended and I may keep doing it even after the meetings reopen. Finally, we are always looking for Speakers, Sponsors and rides.

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OLD BUSINESS: District 90 sobriety Requirement is 1 year, New Rep sobriety is below 1year (oversight that we did not go over sobriety requirement at Election of Officers). Randy C made motion, Julie 2nd, to keep TJ as District 90 Rep, unanimous vote to keep TJ as rep. Secretary then read sobriety requirements for each of the positions and asked that if any of the new officers have less than the required amount, to let us know.

NEW BUSINESS:

Intergroup event cancelled due to virus restrictions. Reminder that this is a main fundraiser for Intergroup, but if anyone wants a refund on their tickets and coffee donations, contact Office Mgr Lisa – due to office closure, may not be immediately able to refund.

Intergroup physical office remains closed at this time. Lisa and Julie are making sure phones are transferred and Mel is doing the reminder calls.

The AA World Conference is cancelled for 2020.

Since unable to pass basket at virtual meetings, suggestion was made to throw a dollar in a cup at home for and distribute to intergroup, as well as our local meetings, when able to meet in person.

The next Intergroup meeting will be held Monday, May 4, 2020. *Unknown if will be web or in office at this time*****