

**Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2020**

Web Meeting called to order by Monique

ATTENDANCE:

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

Officers and Chairs Present: Chair –Monique, Co-Chair Mike C, Secretary Deb, Treasurer - Al B, Telephone Chair Julie B, Office Manager – Lisa W, Web Guy, Randy C., District 90 Liaison open position.

Motion made, seconded, and passed to accept October minutes.

Treasurer's Report 11/2/2020

INCOME

Contributions	\$2,193.59
Sales	\$1,400.05
Events	\$0.00
Prudent Reserve Interest	\$0.99
Totals	<u><u>\$3,594.63</u></u>

EXPENSES

General	\$2,183.31
Events	\$0.00
Literature	\$972.58
Workman's comp insurance	\$0.00
Totals	<u><u>\$3,155.89</u></u>

TOTAL INCOME MINUS EXPENSES **\$438.74**

ACCOUNTS

Checking	\$681.52
Savings (Prudent Reserve)	\$4,956.55
	\$0.00
Totals	<u><u>\$5,638.07</u></u>

Office Manager's Report Nov 2, 2020

Hello everyone, The office continues to remain closed until further notice. Anyone needing literature or chips can call me at 309-764-1016 to set up a time for pickup. I have been going in on Friday afternoons, but please call ahead to make sure I will be there. Masks are required and we accept cash or check only.

The treasurer and I sent in the quarterly payroll taxes and quarterly reports this month. Total contributions for our Birthday Donation Challenge were \$1,069.42. We are grateful to everyone who participated. If you didn't

get a chance to send your donation in, we will still be happy to accept it though it won't be counted towards your group's total.

Please be sure to send any meeting information to illowaintergroup@yahoo.com or to the webmaster, Randy. We do have paper schedules available in the office but they do not reflect online meetings, so be sure to check www.aaquadcities.org for the most updated meeting information.

Call counts for October were 1 12-step, 49 information, 16 visitors, and 10 texts.

Our business meetings will continue to be held online/by phone until further notice. Information on how to join is on our website. Our next business meeting will be December 7, 2020.

In love and service,

Lisa W.

Telephone Chair Report 11/2/2020

Hello everyone! There isn't much to report in general, however I have some updates in the way of *feedback* regarding other options for how we handle our after-hours phone service.

Once again, I want to remind everyone there is no motion on the table at this time.

Also, I have an additional option to present!

Feedback

From Groups: 5 were undecided/leave it as-is, 1 for VM, 1 for answering service

From Individuals who are currently on the phone rotation and take the after-hours phone: 6 said leave it as-is, 5 for Answering Service, 3 were open/no preference

--From individuals whose input was to leave it as-is, here are some comments: having someone answer the phone is a life and death matter, our helpline in its current format is a valuable service based on one alcoholic sharing with another which is the whole premise of AA, self-sacrifice and service to others is the basis of our recovery program, being part of the phone answering keeps me sober, I'd hate to see somebody call in desperation and get VM or an answering service, I feel very strongly we need to have a drunk picking up the phone and talking to another drunk 24/7 365 days a year, if we save just one life a year it's worth the effort regardless of how many calls came in, this is a spiritual endeavor and nothing's more important than the hand of AA to be there when someone reaches out, we do this service work because our lives and future members' lives are at stake and not because it's convenient or comfortable.

--From individuals whose input was in favor of an answering service: if we can afford it or perhaps each group could help pay for it, the 24 hour helpline is no longer needed, after hearing other areas use it I think it's a fantastic idea, agree that the 24 hour helpline no longer merits the time and effort but if a call goes to VM or answering service there should be a message directing them to get immediate help for true crisis situations.

Reminder: I brought up exploring other options to the Intergroup body because although the service we provide is valuable and needed, I have concerns as the Telephone chair I felt needed recognized. That said, if a feasible and more practical option is out there, and we can all, or mostly all agree, I think we should consider making changes. Also, as a side note, I feel the telephone chair position might be easier to fill if the responsibilities, especially on weekends, wasn't so demanding.

I came across another option called **SimulRing** - This service is offered by our current phone company (Vonage) at no additional charge. Choosing this feature directs an incoming call to ring the Vonage phone number (Intergroup#) and up to five other phone numbers at the same time. In other words, we choose (up to) 5 people/phone #s to be 'on alert' and if/when a call comes in, all 5 phones will ring, whoever is available would answer. The details and logistics would need to be worked out, and I have some concerns and questions to ask a Vonage rep. If it works the way I hope, I believe it could potentially solve the problem of missing calls and

could reduce the Telephone chair's work on weekends. I will update the flyer on the website in the next few days with more information on this.

In love and service, Julie B

Webmaster Report:

Hello Everyone, we had 2,270 users total but 1,337 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec. The Meeting Guide Page was the most visited page. The Virtual Meetings Page was the 2 nd most visited page. The Challenge Page came in at 3 rd with the Service Page jumping up to 4 th . The 24-hour phone service flyer had 89 views, which is much better than the 40 from last month.

That's all I have until next month.

In Love and Service Randy C

Group Reports:

Bettendorf Group:

Since the October meeting, the Bettendorf group learned the City of Bettendorf is planning to sell the Bettendorf Community Center, where our meeting site is annexed. Our lease with the City is up in December. We have been meeting with them to secure a short-term lease; discussions are ongoing. The group has formed a committee to look at other sites that would accommodate our volume and meeting frequency. Once the group moves to a new location, our expenses are going to be significantly higher than our present situation, which will affect how much we can donate to Intergroup. The group is now deliberating on whether to change our prudent reserve in anticipation of these expenses. I will continue to update Intergroup as we learn more.

Love and service,
Frank

Last Chance:

Hi, I'm Jonathan from the Last Chance Group Meetings are still in person everyday at 11am and 5:30 pm. Currently we are not holding any speaker meetings or potlucks. We will have 11am and 5:30pm meetings on Thanksgiving but we will not be having a Thanksgiving dinner. At our last business meeting we passed a motion to send a second contribution basket around on the first Sunday of the month at both morning and evening meetings. The money collected from the 2n basket at both meetings will be split evenly and half will go to Intergroup and half to District. This was done to insure The Last Chance Group continues to contribute and support both Intergroup and District.

New Beginnings:

Hello Everyone, the Stutsman Lodge is still closed to the public and have been dealing with some staff and residents having the virus. Please keep them in your prayers.
That's all I have until next month. In Love and Service Randy C.

Three Legacies:

3 Legacies continues to have 3 virtual/zoom meetings Tuesday 8-9 pm, Thursday 6:30-7:30 speaker meeting and Saturday 8-9 am. All can be found on www.aaquadcities.com

October 15, 2020 Three Legacies had business meeting:

We voted to disburse \$200.00 to Intergroup. It passed.

New group positions for 2021:

Chair - Rebecca N

Secretary - Darcy D

Treasurer - Joy P

GSR - Rachel B

Alt GSR - open

Intergroup Rep - Katie

Zoom Coordinator - Sheryl F

Grapevine - Christina G

Discussion was had on 24 hr hotline with three options, and wish to thank Julie B for giving us first hand information on each. (Can be found on www.aaquadcities.org). Three Legacies seemed to be 50/50 with stay the same to/answering service. This was not on table for voting but to get ideas from the different groups and will take back to Three Legacies when it is a motion.

Average participation on Thursday's is 30 people. Are having great speakers.

Nothing else new, come join us!!

Love and Service

Joy P

Old Business:

District 90 Liaison position is still open.

Options for Phone rotation and what to do with after-hours phone answering: Julie will summarize the information provided in her report and have it posted to the website. Reps are encouraged to share the information with their groups and bring back any questions and feedback to the next Intergroup business meeting again in December.

New Business: Office Manger Lisa encourages reps to bring back to the groups that donations to Intergroup are needed.

Meeting adjourned.

The next business meeting will be held Monday, December 7, 2020 at 6pm.