

**Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes
December 2020**

Web Meeting called to order Monique M

ATTENDANCE:

Groups Present: Present were, Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Blandine, Camden Serenity Group, DeWitt, Henry Co., Last Chance, Marquette, New Beginnings, Sisters in Sobriety, Three Legacies, West End.

Officers and Chairs Present: Chair –Monique; Secretary – Samantha for Deb, Treasurer - Al B, Telephone Chair Julie B, Newsletter- Beth E., Events- Steve H., Office Manager- Lisa, District 9 Liaison-Absent, District 90 Liaison- open position, Web guy- Randy C.

Motion made, seconded, and passed unanimously to accept November minutes.

Treasurer's Report 12/7/20

INCOME

Contributions	\$577.50
Sales	\$1,130.25
Events	\$0.00
Prudent Reserve Interest	\$0.96
Totals	<u>\$1,708.71</u>

EXPENSES

General	\$1,158.81
Events	\$0.00
Literature	\$537.00
Workman's comp insurance	\$0.00
Totals	<u>\$1,695.81</u>

TOTAL INCOME MINUS EXPENSES **\$12.90**

ACCOUNTS

Checking	\$773.25
Savings (Prudent Reserve)	\$4,557.51
	<u>\$0.00</u>
Totals	<u>\$5,330.76</u>

Office Manager's Report

Hello everyone,

The office continues to remain closed due to COVID-19 but those needing literature or chips can call me at 309-764-1016 to make an appointment for pickup. Masks are required, and we accept cash or check only. Since several holiday events have recently been cancelled due to COVID-19, I urge you to check our website for the latest updates.

Please consider donating to Intergroup at this crucial time. We are now using our prudent reserve to pay our expenses, which won't last too long. You can also help by volunteering to take a slot on the phone rotation, signing up for our 12-step list or volunteering to work in the office once we are open.

Call counts for November were 2 12-step, 44 information, 8 visitors, and 6 texts.

Our business meetings will continue to be held online/by phone. Information on how to join is on our website at www.aaquadcities.org. Once again, I would like to thank our web guy, Randy, for his tireless work at keeping everything updated. Our next business meeting will be January 4, 2021.

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

Telephone Chair report / December 7, 2020

Hello! Hopefully you're all staying healthy and your families are well! I can't believe we are in December already!

Thank you to Lisa for not only taking the phones during the day, but also for transferring them for me when I wasn't able to. Also, thank you Melanie for making reminder calls and also taking the phone for extra shifts. ☺

For the past few months I have been trying to brainstorm ways to make how we handle our after-hours phone helpline better, specifically how to change what we do to solve the recurring issues. I want to thank everyone who provided feedback, it was very much appreciated, and I wanted to let you know I've decided to abandon the search for now. I will continue to address any issues as they come up (missed calls and unavailable volunteers), and I will monitor the calls as I've done and of course will keep you all updated as well.

There are currently 2 available shifts on the phone rotation; you can also reference the flyer on the aaquadcities.org website with this information:

1st Thursday of the month: 5:30pm-9:00am

5th Thursday of the month: 5:30pm-9:00am

(these shifts are available because current volunteers were asked and some agreed, to give up their shift to a new volunteer....

NOTE: at one point I had several people asking if shifts were open, but as it turned out the shifts that were open did not fit into their schedules)

In love and service, Julie

Webmaster Report

Hello Everyone, we had 2,015 users total but 1,346 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 2nd most visited page. The Events Page is back at 3rd. The Updated 24-hour phone service flyer had 64 views, which is isn't bad. I added very noticeable links on the front page to Service, Events, and Donations, since they seem to have the most changes.

That's all I have until next month.

In Love and Service Randy C.

GROUP REPORTS:

Bettendorf Group:

Bettendorf met with the City of Bettendorf via Zoom and was granted a 6-month lease renewal at the Community Center, but both the city and the group are anxious to find our future home, as the City is committed to selling the building. The City is looking at owned properties and properties they might wish to own where we could enter a landlord-tenant relationship that would be within our traditions. We also have a committee searching properties in the vicinity of our current downtown location. Based on their research so far, retail monthly rents are anticipated to be between 1,000 and 1,500/month, far more than we pay currently. Attendance is down since the surge in Covid-19 cases. Because of the need to move and the drop in contributions, the group expects to review its prudent reserve level at the December business meeting this month. Intergroup remains the most important contribution the group makes, but it is clear that we will not be able to contribute at the level we once did.

Masks are encouraged but not required. We have also recommended that room attendance be less than 25 with appropriate social distancing. The 6AM attendees have independently decided to universally mask. At this time, we also have the 8 AM virtual meeting on Saturdays.

For anyone who experienced evening meetings over the past few months when the parking lot lights were not on, this has been remedied by the city. We are also promised snow removal service in the lot again this winter, though the city commented it has many new drivers and it may take a little longer to get to the lot than was the case in the past.

Love and service,

Frank

New Beginnings Group

Hello Everyone, the Stutsman Lodge is still closed to the public. Please keep them in your prayers.

In Love and Service Randy C.

OLD BUSINESS: District 90 needs a new liaison; do not need to live in Illinois to be a liaison. Please bring this back to your group; meeting meets the evening after the Intergroup meeting.

After much review and consideration, Telephone Chair putting on hold any changes for Intergroup phone for now.

NEW BUSINESS: Please bring back to groups discussion regarding an in-person event in the Spring, decision to be made on whether to move forward and book venue and speaker to be discussed at next meeting. Zoom event also an option.

The next Intergroup meeting will be held Monday, January 4, 2021 at 6pm via zoom video/phone conferencing.