

**Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes  
June 7, 2021**

Virtual Meeting called to order by Monique M at 6:02pm

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Officers present:** Chair/Monique M.; Secretary/Julie B.; Treasurer/Al B.; Office Manager/Lisa W.; District 9 Liaison/Erica B, Webmaster/Randy C.

**Groups present:** 8n8 AA, Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Blandine, Courage to Change, Henry County Group, New Beginnings, Sisters in Sobriety, Three Legacies, West End. *(If I missed anyone, please let me know!)*

**Guests:** District 9 Podcast Committee members: Christy and Lee.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the May minutes as published in the newsletter.

**Officers' Reports:**

**Treasurer's Report given by Al B:**

**Treasurer's Report**

**06/07/21**

**INCOME**

Contributions	\$512.25
Sales	\$1,322.65
Other types of income	\$5.01
Prudent Reserve Interest	\$0.68
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u><u>\$1,840.59</u></u></b>

**EXPENSES**

General	\$1,841.12
Uncategorized Expenses	\$15.00
Literature	\$907.45
Accounting Expenses	\$375.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u><u>\$3,138.57</u></u></b>

**TOTAL INCOME MINUS EXPENSES** **(\$1,297.98)**

**ACCOUNTS**

Checking	\$2,149.37
Savings (Prudent Reserve)	\$5,559.75
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u><u>\$7,709.12</u></u></b>

**Office Manager Report**

Hello everyone, The office continues to remain closed until further notice. I have been working from home and answering and transferring the phone every weekday from 9-5:30. However, I am looking to probably open up the office in the afternoons for my usual hours (12:30-5:30) shortly after the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, as I am hoping to use some vacation days at the end of June/beginning of July. If we want the office to remain open in the mornings as it was before the pandemic started, I will need at least two more volunteers to come in once a week for three hours to work in the office and cover the phone. Otherwise, we will have to figure out if I am still to cover the phones every morning or find volunteers to do it. Please contact me from 9-5:20, Monday through Friday, at the Intergroup number if interested, as well as if you need literature or chips.

I would like to thank Monique M. for covering phone transfers on weekends for the month of May, and Gail S. for mornings and weekends so far in June.

Please be sure to send any meeting changes and flyers to me at [illowaintergroup@yahoo.com](mailto:illowaintergroup@yahoo.com) so I can update the files in the office and send the information to Randy for the website. There are a lot of meeting changes/openings as well as events starting back up right now, and the quickest way to get the information to everyone is to have it on the website. Thank you.

Call counts for May were 1 12-step, 67 information, 15 visitors, 0 AI-anon, and 5 texts. Our next business meeting will be on Zoom on July 12, 2021 rather than July 5 due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday weekend. Information on how to join will be on the website at [www.aquadcities.org](http://www.aquadcities.org). In love and service, Lisa W., Office Manager

**Telephone Chair** – position open

**Events** – position open

**Newsletter** – absent/no report submitted

**District 9 liaison** – I have nothing to report. The only thing is district 9 is still up in the air about going to in person meetings.

**District 90 liaison**- absent/no report submitted

**Webmaster report:** Hello Everyone, we had 2,095 users total but 1,218 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec. The 6-month average is 1,330 so we are trending down, however, anything above 900 is great. The most visited pages were the Meeting Guide, the Virtual Meetings Page, and then Events, in that order. We didn't have any noticeable spikes. The busiest time for usage is 4pm. The last couple of months have been very consistent which indicates we have very consistent users as well. There has been a lot of event flyers posted recently so it's good to see things picking back up. Some groups that have been open for a while, posted flyers as a reminder and to try and boost attendance. The Events Page is where we post anything a group wants to share and it's a quick way to find out what's going on. I know some groups use it for their announcements section at meetings so check it out. That's all I have until next month. In Love and Service Randy C.

#### **Group reports:**

**Bettendorf Group:** Greetings, Bettendorf group remains open for in-person meetings. Meeting attendance continues to be good, including newcomer attendance. We discussed Intergroup's need to fill open positions, particularly Phone Chair, as well as volunteers to handle the phone. The phone chair responsibilities have been posted along with a flyer on the group's bulletin board. Additionally, we are including the open positions in our meeting announcements. We continue to search for a new meeting place.

- The group received a letter from the city of Bettendorf stating our lease is extended on a month to month basis until we find a new meeting place.
- The city put us with a prospective site on River Drive. We are waiting on drawings and price.
- We now have a realtor working with our group who is looking into other properties, possibly Cumberland Square.
- Rent is going to go up wherever we go.
- The facility will need at least 900 sq.ft. plus two restrooms and kitchen. Parking enough for 60.
- We plan on having a Group Conscious Meeting when we have further information.

**Big Book Study group:** On June 1 the BBS Group held its first face-to-face meeting back in the church since last March! It was great having the band back together! Until further notice, we are doing hybrid meetings. Masks are required by the church and we have a greeter stationed at the door with extra masks just in case! We are in the chapter A Vision for You, join us on Tuesdays at 6:30pm, in person or via Zoom (zoom info is the same)! In love and service, Julie B

**New Beginnings:** Hello Everyone, the Stutsman Lodge has decided to open the meetings to the public. The meetings will be outside if the weather permits, or inside if not, with masks required. This is great news since the residents have been doing meetings on their own and are looking forward hearing from others, who are not newcomers. There are 3 meetings a week Monday at 6:30pm, Wed. at 8pm and Sat at 2pm. If you get a chance, stop by and share your experience, strength and hope. In Love and Service Randy C.

**Three Legacies:** 3 legacies is still holding 3 meetings a week via Zoom. The meetings are on Tuesdays at 8pm, Thursday at 6:30pm, and Saturday 9am. Thursday is a speaker meeting and Tuesday and Saturday are big book meetings. The Meeting ID and password is the same for all meetings. Unfortunately, we still have no word from the church on being able to meet in person yet. We are announcing the open intergroup positions at the end of our meeting on Thursdays. In love and service, Katie A

**8n8:** We have started business meetings once a month now. We are trying to plan a workshop for steps 1, 2 & 3, and are needing volunteers for our committee to help. Please pass this information onto other groups. If interested, please email Tom Backer at: [tombacker360@gmail.com](mailto:tombacker360@gmail.com). Love and Service, Desiree Kimmel, 8n8 Intergroup Chair

**Courage to Change:** Hello from courage to change group. I am super excited to announce that we have gotten approval from the church, and have had a vote to return to in person meetings the first Tuesday in July. Meetings are held at the First Baptist church @ 1401 north Perry St. Davenport Iowa at 6:30 PM on Tuesday evenings. We will have coffee service starting back at that time also. People Not fully vaccinated are still asked to wear a mask. Courage to change group celebrated 28years as an AA group the first Tuesday in June. In love and service, Nadine

**\*\*No other written reports were submitted\*\***

#### **Old Business**

Open positions-Telephone Chair, Events Chair

#### **New Business**

**District 9 Podcast Committee:** Christy P gave a PPT presentation regarding the idea of using Podcasts, "Proposal for AA Illowa Website". Primary goal was to see if there's interest: record local AAs speaking at meetings, picnics, or service events and to make those recordings/podcasts available on our website. The presentation included reasons why podcasts are a good product, a good tool to carry the message, inexpensive, podcasts are nothing new so there's plenty of experience to be shared/received. The committee reached out to other areas who record their speakers, asked questions about using podcasts, knowledge was shared regarding tools and software and costs and processes (including in keeping with traditions). Is this something our AA community is interested in doing? Can reps ask their groups what they think? Until we have more feedback no motions are being made. The Podcast Committee may return next month for an update (The possibility of putting a poll on the [aaquadcities.org](http://aaquadcities.org) website was discussed, so keep an eye out).

**Discuss office reopening:** The timing seems right to open office again, there are things we need to consider: Currently we have only 3 volunteers for the AM shift. Do we/can we change the office to have limited hours, maybe just M-F 12:30-5:30, or maybe 3 days a week 9-5:30 hours but 2 days a week 12:30-5:30? Discussion took place that since the Covid shut down maybe we could be more flexible and post hours on the website. It was recommended Lisa talk with the volunteers we still have and with Desiree who volunteered to answer phone in the mornings 9-12:30 and put together a proposed schedule to present to the body next month.

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition – Checks can be mailed to the office or donations can be made online via PayPal to [illowaintergroup@yahoo.com](mailto:illowaintergroup@yahoo.com). All reports need to be e-mailed to the secretary if they are to be included in the Intergroup minutes.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:30pm. Next meeting is July 12.