

## Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes / August 2, 2021

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

### **Attendance:**

**Officers present:** Chair/Monique M.; Co-chair/Mike C., Secretary/Julie B.; Treasurer/Al B.; Office Manager/Lisa W.; District 9 Liaison/Erica B.; District 90 Liaison/Craig K., Webmaster/Randy C.

**Groups present:** Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Blandine, Courage to Change, Geneseo, Henry County Group, Last Chance, Marquette, New Beginnings, Three Legacies, West End. *(If I missed anyone, please let me know!)*

**New attendees/guests:** Toni, Cassidy, Trish

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

### **Officers' report:**

**Treasurer's report given by Al B.:**

#### **Treasurer's Report**

**08/01/21**

#### **INCOME**

Contributions	\$2,451.06
Sales	\$1,667.95
Sales-Other Vendor	\$1.00
Prudent Reserve Interest	\$0.71
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u><u>\$4,120.72</u></u></b>

#### **EXPENSES**

General	\$2,181.53
Uncategorized Expenses	
Literature	\$781.50
Accounting Expenses	
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u><u>\$2,963.03</u></u></b>

**TOTAL INCOME MINUS EXPENSES** **\$1,157.69**

#### **ACCOUNTS**

Checking	\$402.56
Savings (Prudent Reserve)	\$6,257.92
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u><u>\$6,660.48</u></u></b>

Question/discussion: What is the ideal prudent reserve? Lisa said Intergroup wants to get to a prudent reserve of 6 months which is between \$12,000-\$18,000.

#### **Office Manager's Report:**

Hello everyone,

The office is open every weekday 12:30-5:30 and also mornings from 9:00 -12:30 on Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays. Since we have had a few changes with volunteers, please check the website for updated hours before visiting the office.

I would like to thank Mel M. for doing the weekend phone transfers in July. We still need a telephone chair to take over these duties, as well as an events chair. In the spirit of rotation, we need some new faces to step up for service positions! Please call Lisa at the office (12:30-5:30 M-F) if interested or email [illowaintergroup@yahoo.com](mailto:illowaintergroup@yahoo.com).

The treasurer and I did the quarterly payroll tax reports this month. Call counts for July were 3 12-step, 62 information, 27 visitors, and 2 AI-anon.

Our next business meeting is Sept. 13 at 6 p.m. on Zoom, a week later than usual due to the Labor Day holiday. In love and service, Lisa W. Office Manager

**Telephone Chair** – position open

**Events** – position open

**Newsletter** - absent/no report

**District 9 liaison** - Scott county jail will hold a mens AA meeting Thursdays 11-12 and a women's meeting Wednesdays 7p-8p. Orientation for all volunteers is 8/12 7-8 at the jail.

District 9 business meeting times have changed from 1030-1130 to 1030-12. Next business meeting is sept 12. Also, the October 3rd business meeting Mary Anne will be our speaker. In love and service, Erica B

**District 90 liaison** – no written report

**Web report** - Hello Everyone, we had 1,198 actual users. Most visited pages; Meeting Guide, Virtual Meetings, and then Events, in that order. I was asked to remove the Podcast Information. The Meeting Guide Phone App has some issues; the Online Meetings show up as crossed out, and due to the App automatically getting information from Area 24 and Intergroup's Websites, it is important that your GSR submit your meeting changes to Area 24 as well as Intergroup. District 9 should be able to help you contact Area 24. Keep checking the Events Page for any type of Group Announcements. Randy C.

#### **Group reports:**

**Bettendorf:** Bettendorf attendance remains healthy with regular members attending regular meetings.

We continue to announce Intergroup's need for phone and office volunteers, including the open phone chair position.

We discussed the need to reach out to the VA to set up an AA visit to provide AA program information/meetings. Someone has volunteered to look into that.

We discussed the need for volunteers to bring meeting to the Scott county jail and continue to provide applications for volunteers.

We had a Bettendorf member Kelly volunteered to be our Archive Chair. We're happy to have that position filled.

This year is the Bettendorf group's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We couldn't celebrate earlier due to covid. Instead we will be celebrating that milestone at our group picnic on September 12th.

A motion to cease contributions except to Intergroup until we have more information on a new building for the group.

Knowing the cost will most likely increase, we also increased Bettendorf groups prudent reserve to cover the increase.

It was asked if one of the group weekly 5:30 meetings could become an open meeting for parents with babies to attend.

Thursday is presently suggested a motion was made to announce 2 weeks ahead of the next business meeting of the possible change to allow meeting attendees to voice their opinions at the next business meeting.

The group chair Mike F. read a letter from a long time member of AA requesting we consider our policy on masks due to health issues. Some valid points were made and for that reason we plan on discussing more at the next business meeting.

**Big Book Study:** The BBS Group is still hybrid (see [aaquadcities.org](http://aaquadcities.org) for zoom link, no PW needed), however one meeting in July had to be 100% virtual because the church had an event.

Masks are no longer required by the church.

Fun fact: when we give the announcements, we share the [aaquadcities.org](http://aaquadcities.org) website on screen, scrolling through each flyer on screen for events page and same with service opportunities page. In love and service, Julie B

**Courage to Change:** Courage to Change group continues to meet in person every Tuesday. Our attendance has been gradually increasing, and has included new faces 😊 In love and service, Nadine

**DeWitt Group:** Hi from the DeWitt Group, We had the pleasure to host the RAGBRAI meeting on July 30th. The name of the group is the Rolling RAGBRAI Group. Fission L. Was our speaker and was awesome sharing her story of what it was like, what happen and what it is like now. In love and service, Bill

**New Beginnings:** Hello Everyone, New Beginnings Meets at Stutsman, behind RICCA at 1607 John Deere Rd. in East Moline. Meetings are currently inside, masks are now only required for unvaccinated participants, however, that may change so be prepared to wear a mask. We meet; Mon. @ 6:30pm, Wed. @ 8pm and a Primary Purpose Big Book Study, (PPBB), Sat @ 2pm. We haven't had a lot of outside participants except for the Sat. Meeting, so, if you can, please stop in and share your experience, strength and hope. Randy C.

**Three Legacies:** Three Legacies is back to in-person for our speaker meeting! Again, the date, time, and location have changed to Tuesdays at 7pm at Central Discussion. This is a hybrid meeting so you can also join on zoom with the link provided on our flier on [aaquadcities.org](http://aaquadcities.org). This is still an open meeting, however there is no longer a daycare option. Three Legacies also holds a zoom meeting on Saturday mornings at 9am, link is on the flier on [aaquadcities.org](http://aaquadcities.org). We are still announcing the open positions at intergroup at the end of our speak meeting every week. In love and service, Katie A

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

**Old Business** – open positions-Telephone Chair, Events Chair

Cassidy joined the meeting to stand for the Events Chair position: service talk included she celebrated 1 year sobriety in May, has helped with several events in AA, interested in and enjoy doing service work!

Cassidy was nominated and voted in as the Events Chair, congratulations!

**New Business** – Craig invited anyone to share their experience in correctional facilities, both men and women, to reach out to him if interested (or let Lisa know).

**From secretary:** before sending me your minutes, which I'm super happy to receive, please take a look and see if you're able to condense the content. Keep the important need-to-know info but delete the lengthy details if you can without taking from the meat of the report.

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 as soon as possible if they are to be included in the Intergroup minutes.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

The next business meeting will be held on Zoom on Sept. 13, 2021.