

Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes / November 1, 2021

Virtual Meeting called to order by Monique M at 6:02pm with Serenity Prayer.

Attendance:

Officers present: Chair/Monique M.; Secretary/Julie B.; Treasurer/Al B.; Events/Cassidy G., Office Manager/Lisa W.; District 9 Liaison/Erica B.; District 90 Liaison/Craig K., Webmaster/Randy C.

Groups present: 8n8, Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Blandine, Courage to Change, Geneseo, Henry County, Last chance, Marquette, New Beginnings, Three Legacies, West End.

Welcome 2 New reps/new groups: TJ representing the Knuckleheads Group, Grant representing Freedom group

Welcome 2 Guests: Jennifer G: attending to stand for telephone chair, Desiree K attending to stand for telephone chair.

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

Officers' report:

Treasurer's report given by Al B.:

Income: \$3003.23

Expenses: \$2846.18

Income minus expenses: \$157.05

Checking and savings account total: \$5570.56

Office Manager's Report: Hello everyone, I would like to thank Julie B. for doing the weekend phone transfers in October. I would also like to thank Desiree K. for taking the phone when the office is closed in the morning on Thursdays and Fridays, Gail S. for doing early morning transfers and filling in often, and Mel M. for doing the reminder calls.

The Intergroup office will be closed on Thanksgiving. I am going out-of-town Nov. 23-30 so will need some volunteers to cover my afternoon shifts. If I can't find any, the office will be closed in the afternoons, so please call or check the website to find out the office hours.

Call counts for October were 1 12-step, 55 information, 33 visitors, and 1 Al-anon. Our next business meeting will be Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. on Zoom. In love and service, Lisa W,

Telephone Chair – position open

Events – At November meeting we discussed a date for the winter event, there were no objections to January 15th. We discussed cost of hosting winter event at West End Alano Club, there were no objections.

We discussed hiring a DJ & the cost for both the winter event & annual event, there were no objections.

Voted on menu choice for annual event, chose Chicken Supreme.

Made group aware Holiday Inn will be providing a discounted room rate for Annual Event speaker.

Called on volunteers to form a committee to plan the winter event - speaker choices, decorations, raffles, plan timeline, make flyers, and plan potluck/desserts.

Newsletter – not present/no report

District 9 Liaison – Hello! District 9 treasurer report: Balance forwarded 4944.35. Income for the month 76.82 and expenses were 49.00. YTD Income 5021.17 and YTD expenses 4972.17. After 300 seed money and 300 prudent reserve money OPERATING BALANCE 4342.17.

Need volunteers for the Scott County jail AA meetings - MEN AND WOMEN'S MEETING. Women's is Wednesday at 7pm and Men's is Monday and Wednesday at 7pm. Paper applications are at all groups in person meeting. Any questions, please contact Vicki F., District 9 corrections chair. Next District 9 business meeting is December 5th at 1030 and still hybrid. In love and service, Erica B, District 9 liaison

District 90 liaison – *Report was given verbally by Craig K, written report was provided by Desiree K:* Hello, District 90 has many positions open. Our business meeting was the day after the Intergroup business meeting. Craig has stepped down from being the Alt DCM, and was voted in for the Corrections Chair. I was voted in for the District Grapevine, and plan to see about the Area Grapevine chair. Not really much to report outside of the positions that are open, which are: Treatment, CPC, PI, Accessibilities, Alt DCM, and maybe Secretary and Literature. They were not at the meeting, so we are waiting to find out if they are still interested in their positions. If you any other questions, feel free to let me know. As far as the phones, I am doing them on Sundays, and Jennifer is doing them the rest of the week. Things went smoothly as far as I know. In Love and Service, Desiree K.

Web report – Hello Everyone, we had 2,333 users total but 1,474 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec. We had almost 100 less users this month but that is a normal fluctuation. The most visited pages were, the Meeting Guide, the Virtual Meetings Page, and then the Events Page. We didn't have a noticeable spike this month but we did have some heavier usage the weekend of the 16th. Keep checking the Events Page for any type of Group Announcements. That's all I have until next month. In Love and Service Randy C.

Group reports:

8n8: Online every 8am and 8pm. Attendance is good, averaging 17 each meeting. We are seeing more newcomers that also seem to be returning. Primary Purpose Big Book Study starts this week on 3 November at 8pm and continues every week. This meeting will no longer be an open topic meeting. We've had lots of interest from many online groups and are looking forward to what seems might be a good turnout. In Love and Service, Krystyna D.

Bettendorf: Elections will take place next month. The following was decided at our October business meeting:

Room will be open Noon-9pm for Thanksgiving with regular meetings at 6am, 5:30 and 8:00.

Room will be open 8am-9pm for Christmas Day with regular meeting times.

Room will be open 8pm-1am on New Year Eve with regular meeting times, and from 8:00am-9:00pm on New Year's Day with regular meeting times.

Distributions – The group voted to up our prudent reserve from \$7,500 to \$10,000, and to give 25% to GSO and 75% to Intergroup of what is left in account after \$10,000. Thanks and God bless, Bob

Big Book Study: Our Tuesday 6:30pm meeting is still having good zoom attendance as well as in person. Our next business meeting takes place next Tuesday and we will hold elections! We are also still in the process of planning for our group inventory. We have recently finished the first 164 pages! Based on our notes it took about 5 years! Nothing more to report! In love and service, Julie B

Blandine: Holiday happenings at Blandine, Thanksgiving potluck Sunday November 21st after the 11:00 a.m. meeting all are welcome please bring a dish to share if you can.

Sunday November 28th decorating for Christmas immediately following the 11:00 a.m. meeting. Pizza will be provided for those who stay in help.

Friday through Monday meetings are going well and attendance is up.

Christmas potluck Sunday before Christmas immediately after 11:00 a.m. meeting. Families are encouraged and welcome to come please bring a dish to share.

New Year's Eve there will be a party, (time to be announced), followed by a candle light meeting. Once again all are welcome.

Thanks to all for your dedication sacrifice and service. Love and service Donnie

Courage to Change: Courage to

Change continues to meet in person on Tuesday evenings at 6:30. At our business meeting on October 26th, nominations were made and positions accepted for new officers for the upcoming year. In love and service, Nadine K,

Geneseo: Geneseo Group is doing well, attendance seems to be average or above. We celebrated our anniversary on Saturday, October 23 with a potluck and speaker meeting and had a great turnout. Our little blue shanty has been

freshened up with new paint and new carpet thanks to our wonderful membership. Our next business meeting is Wednesday, Nov 3rd. Love and Service, Lynette

Last Chance: We have been experiencing low attendance at our 5:30pm meetings on Saturdays. If you are looking to change up your Saturdays come over and check out the Last Chance at 5:30pm on Saturdays. Last Chance will be open 11am-midnight on Thanksgiving Day. Meeting at 11am lunch/dinner at 12:30pm, 5:30pm meeting and then doors will stay open until midnight. Feel free to bring snacks, drinks and games.

New Beginnings: Hello Everyone, meetings are still being held outside, however, we hope to be back inside by next week. Masks will be required. We meet Mon. @ 6:30pm, Wed. @ 8pm and a Primary Purpose Big Book Study, (PPBB), Sat @ 2pm. If you can, please stop in and share your experience, strength and hope. Randy C.

Three Legacies: 3 Legacies open speaker meeting is on Tuesdays at 7 pm at Central Discussion in Davenport. The meeting is hybrid and the information to get on zoom is on our flyer on aaquadcities.org. We continue to look for another location that could have us on our old date and time (Thursdays at 630) - any suggestions of churches or other places that would let us come in are welcome. 3 Legacies last business meeting was held on Tuesday October 12, where we had elections. The new Intergroup rep will be Vickie S.; she will be starting her position in January. We are still announcing the need for a phone chair at the end of our meeting during announcements. In love and service, Katie A.

Knuckleheads: TJ reported group just started, just had elections. Tuesdays at 6pm 104 E Central Ave, meets outside, it's a men's sober-house.

Freedom Group: Meets at Blandine Club 117 N. Perry St. Davenport IA on Wednesday nights 8 pm open meeting. Last month's business meeting we had an election for Intergroup representative: Grant W. (me). We also discussed our Thanksgiving Potluck/ Speaker meeting is going to be on Wednesday Nov. 24 2021 at Blandine Club. Potluck starts at 7pm Freedom Group will provide turkey. We ask everyone to bring a dish to share. 7:45 Raffle. 8pm Speaker Amy S. From Cedar Rapids IA. (see flyer on aaquadcities.org)

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

Old Business – Telephone chair position is open. Desiree K. and Jennifer G are both willing to stand and gave service talks. Both were nominated, and with Zoom polling it was determined Jennifer G won the election. Discussion took place that the telephone chair position could benefit from having an alternate or co-chair. It was noted a co-chair could be appointed by the telephone chair also. Desiree agreed to assist and act as co-chair or alternate.

New Business – Per Lisa, the Intergroup office Lease has come due, for a 2-year lease. A motion was made and seconded to renew lease for 2 years. Motion passed.

7th Tradition – Checks can be mailed to the office or donations can be made online via PayPal to 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 at 7:16pm.

The next business meeting will be held on December 6, 2021 at 6pm on Zoom