

## Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes / December 6, 2021

Virtual Meeting called to order by Mike C. at 6:03pm with Serenity Prayer.

### **Attendance:**

**Officers present:** Co-Chair/Mike C.; Secretary/Julie B.; Treasurer/Al B.; Events/Cassidy G., Office Manager/Lisa W.; Telephone/Jennifer G., District 9 Liaison/Erica B.; District 90 Liaison/Craig K., Webmaster/Randy C.

**Groups present:** 8n8, Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Courage to Change, DeWitt, Freedom, Geneseo, Henry County, House Group, Knuckleheads, Last Chance, Marquette, New Beginnings, Three Legacies, West End.

*(If I missed anyone, please let me know!)*

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

### **Officers' report:**

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

Income: \$4,786.91

Expenses: \$1,988.92

**Income minus expenses: \$2,797.99**

Checking and savings account total: \$9,588.13

**Office Manager's Report:** Hello everyone, I would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped keep the Intergroup office running this year, by either volunteering in the office once we opened in July, or by taking the Intergroup phone when the office was closed. I really appreciate – this is a team effort, so thanks to you all!

As discussed at our last business meeting, I signed the papers extending our lease for another two years.

The Intergroup office will be closed on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. Please check the website for current operating hours, as they change periodically. Call counts for November were 1 12-step, 77 information, and 44 visitors. Our next business meeting will be Jan. 10 at 6 p.m. on Zoom. In love and service, Lisa W,

**Telephone Chair** – This is my first month in this position and I just want to thank you for allowing me to be of service.

First task at hand was to update the 12-step call list. Our 12-step call list is a list of volunteers that we call if we need to refer a 12-step caller from the intergroup phone lines. I made right around 130 calls total in a span of a few weeks. I will say that this was a frustrating task as many people did not answer their phones. Some volunteers were left multiple messages before they returned calls. There were 21 volunteers that wanted to be removed from the list and there were 5 that I had Lisa remove because they never returned my multiple messages. But I will say that I spoke with some wonderful volunteers and that made me grateful to be a part of the world's largest extended family. Lisa has added a sign-up sheet for the 12-step call list in the December newsletter on the [aaquadcities.org](http://aaquadcities.org) website. Thank you, Lisa! Please print and take back to your groups for additional volunteers.

I will be emailing out the updated 12-step call list this coming week to the phone rotation volunteers.

Phone transfers have been going well on the weekends. Reminders have been getting sent via text on Mondays by myself and Desiree K has been helpful to fill in the gaps when able. Thank you – Jennifer G

**Events** – A committee has been formed for the winter Intergroup Event. We have found 4 speakers for the event and decided on the event timeline. Event will be from 2-Midnight on January 15th with speakers throughout the day, potluck, raffles, sobriety countdown and dance. Angie M. – West End is in charge of raffles, Jackee F. – Freedom Group is in charge of decorations, we have received offers for donations from many groups/people for various things needed for the event. We still need donations for the basket raffles please contact Cassidy G. 309-737-3659 if your group can donate to the basket raffles. We will need volunteers through the day to help set up, run, and clean up the event. Please contact Cassidy G. if you can help.

**Newsletter** – absent, no written report submitted.

**District 9 liaison** – Greetings! District 9 met on dec 5th, 2021. Balance forwarded 4972.17. Monthly income of \$65 and monthly expenses of \$111.48. After \$300 seed and \$300 prudent reserve that leaves a balance of \$4325.69. Dates to remember: spring conference June 3-5 and fall conference October 7-9. District 9 will be doing a group conscious inventory February 20th @10am. Scott county jail meetings are on hold, but still looking for volunteers to get signed up. Please contact Vicki V @ [vfiliatreau28@gmail.com](mailto:vfiliatreau28@gmail.com) w/any questions. Also, looking for volunteers for 2 north meetings for Monday nights. Please contact Jacqueline @ [jsmac1@aol.com](mailto:jsmac1@aol.com) w/any questions. Meetings are still hybrid. Next meeting is January 2nd @1030. In love and service, Erica B

**District 90 liaison** – no written report submitted.

**Web report** – Hello Everyone, we had 2,500 users total but 1,421 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec. The most visited pages were, the Meeting Guide, the Virtual Meetings Page, and then the Events Page. We did have a noticeable spike this month on the 30<sup>th</sup>, but overall, we have very consistent daily usage. I thought I would mention an audio file that we posted for District 9, it's a recording of a Public Information (PI) Workshop, that does a great job of explaining PI. It is an old recording so the quality isn't the best but the information is worth checking out. The Intergroup Office has free copies of The 70th Annual General Service Conference Final Report or contact me and I can get you one. 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, edging closer to the 20's now at each meeting. We are still seeing newcomers that are also, in most cases. Primary Purpose Big Book Study is travelling well with an average of 18 attendees. There will be no speaker meeting in December from 8n8AA, but will recommence in the New Year on Saturday, 29 January 2022 – 8pm. 8n8AA meetings will continue over the festive vacation period. In Love and Service, Krystyna D.

**Bettendorf:** Bettendorf group continues to have open meetings with good turnouts, including several newcomers. We'll be open Christmas all day. All meetings will be open. There will be Christmas goodies to enjoy. Please feel free to bring something to share as well and attend an open meeting or just hang out for a while and enjoy the fellowship. Bettendorf group held elections at the November business meeting for the coming year. Group committee is still searching for a new meeting place. -Bob

**Big Book Study:** We've had really good attendance lately, both in person and on zoom. The group decided to go fully virtual tomorrow, Dec 7 and next Tuesday Dec 14 due to a covid exposure at the meeting last week. We have a business meeting next week (12/14) and will hopefully finalize details for our group inventory. In love and service, Julie B

**Courage to Change:** Hello everyone from courage to change! We continue to meet in person every Tuesday evening at 6:30 at 1401 north Perry street in Davenport. Our attendance has been steady with apx. 25 people in attendance. This will be my last Intergroup meeting, as we held elections and positions have changed. I want to thank each and every one of you for making me welcome and showing me first hand what the spirit of service in AA looks like. In love and service Nadine K.

**Freedom Group:** Business meeting will be this Wednesday to discuss a holiday potluck, date and time of the event will be determined at the business meeting. Flyer will be made (and posted to website) at the end of the week

**House Group:** Business Meeting - 12/11, Speaker - 12/18 6pm potluck, 7 pm speaker Andrew, Christmas Day - 10 am meeting with chili

**Last Chance:** NA member asked if they could start holding a meeting every Monday from 1pm-2:30pm. We agreed they could. December 17th speaker potluck and ugly sweater party. We will be serving spaghetti. Christmas Day 12:15pm dinner Turkey Sandwiches and sides. Doors open until midnight. New Year's Eve doors open until midnight stop down for fellowship. Bring a snack to share. Jan 30th is our next business meeting.

**New Beginnings:** Hello Everyone, meetings back inside. Masks are required. We meet; Mon. @ 6:30pm, Wed. @ 8pm and a Primary Purpose Big Book Study, (PPBB), Sat @ 2pm. We are in a natural "turn over," where clients are moving out and new ones are coming in so we have several newcomers joining us. If you can, please stop in and share your experience, strength and hope. Randy C.

**Three Legacies:** 3 legacies open speaker meeting continues to be held at central discussion on Tuesdays at 7 pm. The meeting is hybrid and the zoom info is available on [aaquadcities.org](http://aaquadcities.org). we also have a 9 am closed meeting that is on zoom on Saturdays. Our new intergroup rep, Vickie, will be starting her position in January. It has been a joy being an intergroup rep, thank you!! In love and service, Katie A

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

**Old Business** – Craig mentioned from last month that Intergroup had been contacted by a priest from Tyson Foods who asked if AAs could come talk to about 1000 Burmese speaking people who are in need of help with growing alcoholism amongst them, they are experiencing alcoholism in high numbers. A translator will assist. For questions or more info, please contact Craig K.

**New Business** – none

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 January 10, 2022 at 6pm on Zoom**