

Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes / January 10, 2022

Virtual Meeting called to order by Mike C at 6:01pm with Serenity Prayer.

Attendance:

Officers present: 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: Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Blandine, DeWitt, Geneseo, Henry County, House Group, 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 December minutes as published in the newsletter.

Officers' report:

Treasurer's report given by Al B.:

Income: \$3,233.16

Expenses: \$3,981.13

Income minus expenses: **(-\$747.97)**

Office Manager's Report: Hello everyone,

Happy New Year from the Intergroup Office!! Please continue to check the website for operating hours before heading over to the office, as I have had to work from home a couple of days due to weather-related issues. Thanks.

Call counts for December were 2 12-step, 47 information, and 29 visitors. The average monthly call counts for 2021 were 1 12-step, 58 information, 30 visitors, and .5 AI-Anon.

We appreciate all the donations we have received for our Jingle Jam Event. However, for future reference, all donations should go through the office and not the events chair, for accurate bookkeeping and QuickBooks reports. Thank you.

I will be writing thank-you letters to groups for their 2021 donations and printing event tickets to be ready for Intergroup reps to pick up at the office in February.

Due to the high numbers of COVID-19 right now in both Rock Island and Scott County, I will be working from home most days. The office will be open all day on Mondays only starting next week until further notice.

Our next business meeting will be February 7 at 6 p.m. on Zoom. In love and service, Lisa W.

Telephone Chair – Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Phone transfers have been going well on the weekends. Although I have found that some volunteers do not answer their phones. Reminders have been getting sent via text on Mondays by myself and Desiree K has been helpful to fill in the gaps when able. I would also like to thank Lisa W for her continued service and being ever so helpful with anything I need. Thank you – Jennifer G

Events – Our winter fundraising event is this Saturday January 15th beginning at 2PM & going all night.

We will be decorating at the West End Alano Club **Friday at 7PM** please come help decorate if you're available.

We need volunteers all day on the day of the event beginning at 12:45/1:00 until the event is over.

Because of our members generous donations, we were able to supply a meat dish for the potluck. As mentioned in previous emails we have ordered **25lbs of pulled pork to serve at the potluck.**

A sincere thank you goes out to all the groups and individuals who donated money, supplies, equipment, and raffle baskets. Your generosity and support are appreciated beyond words.

A huge thank you to **Angie M.** from West End for all of the hard work & dedication she's put into helping plan and organize all of the different raffles for this event as well as taking over on coordinating decorations.

Per the timeline for the annual event, the month of January requires a committee be formed for the Annual Event which will consist of a greeter chair, decorations chair, desserts chair, raffle chair, and speaker host. **We have started forming this committee and have filled all but one position** and hope to be meeting in some form in the near future to discuss plans for the event in April.

Ticket sales for the Annual Event will begin in February as normal. I have discussed with Lisa the ability to pay for & order tickets online since all of the intergroup reps may not be able to make it to the intergroup office to pick up paper tickets to distribute. This will make purchasing more convenient & simpler for those wishing to pay virtually. **We will still have physical tickets available for distribution and sale as normal. The flyers made for this event will include instructions on how to pay for tickets online, details of these instructions still need to be hammered out between Lisa, Randy, and myself.**

Newsletter – not in attendance/no report given

District 9 liaison – Greetings & Happy New Year! Treasurer report balance forwarded \$4925.69 monthly income \$915 total income \$5840.69 monthly expenses (refund from a previous expense) +6.15 ending balance \$5846.84 minus \$600 prudent reserve Leaves operating balance \$5246.84. February 20th there's a group inventory at 1030 at the central discussion hall. Rosecrance OP treatment is still looking for people to share their experience strength and hope. Please contact Jaclyn M. Jaclyn.mayse@gmail.com. Next district 9 business meeting will be February 6th at 1030 and will still be hybrid. In love and service, Erica B, District 9 liaison

District 90 liaison – no report given

Web report – Hello Everyone, we had 2,785 users total but 1,538 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec., which is almost 100 more than last month. The most visited pages were as usual, the Meeting Guide, the Virtual Meetings Page, and then the Events Page. We did have a noticeable spike this month on the 1st, and another on the 14th. Still very consistent daily usage. Due to a Meeting Guide update on Dec. 26th, the Guide was unavailable for about 18 hours, and early in the morning the entire website was down intermittently, as I tried to fix it, ending up with complete removal. 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: Hello Everyone, We meet online ever day at 8am and 8pm. The Last Saturday of the Month, the 8pm Meeting is a Speaker Meeting and Jeremy S. from the 8n8AA Group will be the Speaker. The Wednesday 8pm is a Primary Purpose Big Book Study, which is a unique way of studying the Big Book, there is a virtually question for every sentence. Attendance is good and we are self-supporting. Randy C.

Bettendorf: nothing to report. In love and service, Teri V.

Big Book Study: The Big Book Study Group is still hybrid every Tuesday at 6:30pm, join us in person or on zoom! We are back to the beginning of the book, currently reading in The Doctor's Opinion. Recently we had someone attend in-person and were concerned about being on camera. We realized we never considered this being a concern. We found some experience shared in newsletters and on Intergroup websites and decided to add a table that cannot be seen on camera, we call it the blackout area, and make sure everyone knows it's there if they do not want to be on camera. In love and service, Julie B.

Geneseo Group: Geneseo Group shows a slight decline in attendance but nothing uncommon for this time of year, income is steady. We have a couple of our newer members requesting service work so we are excited about that. We had a group conscious and voted to donate a large container of both regular and decaf coffee for Intergroup fundraiser, we will also be donating a raffle basket. We continue to remain open 6 days a week with Woman's meeting on Mondays at 5:30 pm, step meeting on Tuesdays at 7PM and Big Book study, Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm. We will be having an open speaker meeting on Friday, January, 28 @ 7pm. Dan V from Last Chance will be our speaker. Love and service, Lynette W

House Group: We have a speaker meeting/potluck this Saturday, speaker Troy V. We have also decided to have a Tuesday 6 pm meeting added. that is all. thank you, Jay-R

Last Chance: nothing to report

New Beginnings: Hello Everyone, unfortunately due to a COVID outbreak the meetings are closed to the public. Please keep them in your prayers Randy C.

Three Legacies: 3 Legacies open speaker meeting is on Tuesday's at 7:00 PM at Central Discussion in Davenport. The meeting is hybrid and the information to get on Zoom is on our flier on aaquadcities.org/meetings. 3 Legacies has a Closed big book Zoom meeting on Saturday mornings at 9:00. The information to get on is our flier on aaquadcities.org/meetings.

Due to the current Covid environment we have paused our search for a location that could have us on our old day and time {Thursday's at 6:30}. 3 Legacies next business meeting is Tuesday January 18, 2022 after our Speaker meeting. In Love and Service, Vickie S

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

Old Business – none

New Business – The Intergroup co-chair position is open since current co-chair, Mike C has been moved to the chair position since Monique has moved out of the area and had to resign as chair. Randy C has let the group know he could fill in whenever Mike could not attend.. Randy made a motion to leave the position open for now since elections will take place in March and he could step in when needed. Lisa seconded. Motion passed.

GSO is encouraging we purchase BBs through our Intergroups as they are out of them right now.

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.

The next business meeting will be held on February 7, 2022 at 6pm on Zoom.