

Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes / June-06-2022

Virtual Meeting called to order by Intergroup chair, Mike C. at 6:00 pm with Serenity Prayer.

Attendance:

Officers/Chairs present: Chair/Mike C.; Co-chair/Al B.; Secretary/Julie B., Treasurer/Tom M.; Office Manager/Lisa W.; Telephone/Jennifer G.; Webmaster/Randy C.

Groups present: Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Blandine, Central Discussion, Courage to Change, Freedom, Henry County, 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 May minutes as published in the newsletter.

Side note: Please check the aaquadcities.org website for the newsletter's new look (click the Newsletter/Minutes tab)!

Officers' report:

Treasurer's report was given by Tom M. however there were questions and some confusion so Mike C. recommended the report be tabled until the previous treasurer, Al could meet with Tom to discuss and review the report. A motion was made to table the report, it was seconded and passed.

Office Manager's Report: Greetings from the Intergroup Office, I am looking for a volunteer to work Friday mornings from 9-12:30.

AA World Services still has quite a few books that are out-of-stock, due to supply chain issues. Please check with the office to see if we have what you want.

Call counts for May were 2 12-step, 60 information, and 32 visitors.

I will be going on vacation June 25-July 2. Please contact me if you are interested in filling in at the office while I am gone.

I am still having memory issues with the office computer. Both Chris C. and Randy C. have looked at it. We will possibly have to reinstall Windows and purchase new copies of QuickBooks and Microsoft Office.

Our next business meeting will be July 11 at 6 p.m. on Zoom.

In love and service, Lisa W,

Telephone Chair – Thank you for allowing me to be of continued service in this position. Phone transfers have been going well on the weekends. Reminders have been getting sent via text on Mondays and Wednesdays. We have an open position on the phone rotation, the first Sunday evening of the month. This shift is from 5:30 pm Sunday night until 9:00 am on Monday. Sobriety requirement is 6 months and a great opportunity to be of service. Please contact me, Lisa, or Desiree for more information. In love and service – Jennifer G

Discussion: 6 months sobriety is recommended to take the Intergroup phone on the rotation.

Newsletter: no written report submitted

District 9 Liaison: Greetings from district 9. I'm attending my son's sports banquet tonight and I'm unable to attend the meeting, so I do apologize, but thank you Lisa for reading my report!

Treasurer report balance forward \$6714.81 income \$80 expenses \$81.35 ending balance \$6713.46 minus the seed/prudent reserve \$600 leaves an operating balance of \$6113.46. The Scott County jail is closed to all

meetings due to covid positive results. When they re-open (which should be June 6th) masks will be required. Please check the district 9 minutes to see all corrections openings for service opportunities. Due to the 4th of July holiday the next district meeting is July 10th @1030 at central discussion. It is hybrid as well.

In love and service, Erica B

District 90 Liaison: District 90 Liaison was not in attendance, Randy gave this report: Hello Everyone, District 90 has started planning to have a picnic just to raise some awareness that we are here and willing to serve. We meet tomorrow so hopefully a flyer will be posted soon. We also are looking for Bridging the Gap Temporary Contacts to help with those getting out of Correctional or Treatment Facilities. More information about BTG and how to contact us can be found on the aaquadcities.org website.

That's all I have until next month.

In Love and Service Randy C.

Discussion: **Q:** Who should we contact for BTG? **A:** Go to aaquadcities.org and click the link to send email. You can also view the form, but they are not requiring a form to be filled out at this point.

Events – no written report submitted

Webmaster: Hello Everyone, we had 2,418 users total but 1,461 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec., which is right in line with our current average. The Meeting Guide was still the most visited page, however, the Virtual Meetings Page moved back to the second most visited page, putting the Events Page back at the third. The Anniversary Event must have caused last months swap between the Virtual and Events pages. We had some heavy usage at the first of the month but no real spike this month. We still continue to have consistent daily usage. I added a Bridging the Gap Information Page for District 9 and will be working with District 90 as well. 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: 8n8 Rep was not in attendance, Randy gave this report: Hello Everyone, we still has good attendance and of course are meeting every day at 8am and 8pm. We have a speaker meeting the last Saturday of the month and this month's speaker is Linda K. from the Henry Co. Group. Which will be June 25th at 8pm.

That's all I have until next month. In Love and Service Randy C.

Bettendorf: Attendance is good. Still working on a new location. Plans are being made for annual picnic

In love and service, Teri V.

Big Book Study: report given verbally, no written report submitted

Blandine: Blandine's anniversary potluck went really well. High turnout and a lot of fun it was. As of now, we are planning our picnic which is scheduled for September 11, 2022. I will have more information for that event at next months meeting.

Within the last month, Blandine has saw a continuous increase in newcomers, especially from out of town. Our meeting numbers are continuing to grow and a few newcomers have stepped up to get involved in service work.

Blandine's speaker meeting is always the last Friday of every month at 8pm, that's June 24th for this month. Speaker will be Kelly H. from Courage To Change. A flyer is up on the Intergroup site. Also, Blandine's business meeting is the last Sunday of every month after the 11am meeting. - Michael

Central: We don't have anything set in stone for our Anniversary Party. Next business meeting is July. Attendance is good except Wednesday evenings at 5pm. – Nichole S.

Courage to Change: Attendance remains consistent. Our next business meeting will be June 21. June 7th will be the 29th Anniversary. Flier is on the Intergroup Website. We will be raffling off a Big Book that has had Homegroup members highlight their favorite passages and added notes. Cupcakes will be served. Love and Service, Carlee

Freedom Group: The attendance at Freedom Group is good. We are looking forward to the upcoming event The Freedom Group Fun Fellowship Field Trip 2 will be held June 10th – 12th 2022 at Loud Thunder Forest Preserve, located at 19408 Loud Thunder Road, Illinois City, IL. We are planning to go over the Group Inventory that was held in March after the Saturday morning 10am meeting at the event this weekend. In loving service, Darcie D.

Henry County: report given verbally, no written report submitted

Knuckleheads: report given verbally, no written report submitted

Last Chance: Nothing new to report. Still looking for a new building and the next meeting will be July 31, 2022. – Toni S.

Marquette: Not a lot to report. Things are going well. Meeting attendance is steady. Group elections were held and a few new officers were appointed. Love and service, Jennifer B

New Beginnings: Hello Everyone, we are requiring masks again. There have been 2 cases of COVID, but everyone else tested negative, however, if any more cases pop up, they will be closing to the public again. I will post a flyer and update the meeting guide if they do end up closing. Otherwise, the Meeting times are Monday at 6:30pm. No speaker meetings yet. Wednesday at 8pm and a Primary Purpose Big Book Study is Saturday at 2pm. If you are available, please stop in and share your experience, strength and hope, they could really use the outside influence. - 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 Zoom is on our flier on aaquadcities.org/meetings.

3 Legacies next business meeting is Tuesday June 14,2022 after our Speaker meeting, at 8:00. The information for Zoom is on our flier on aaquadcities.org/meetings. In Love and Service, Vickie S.

West End: report given verbally, no written report submitted

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

Old business: BTG covered by Randy (see BTG on the aaquadcities.org website). No other old business.

New business: Officers met last month to discuss creating and/or updating the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for all positions to ensure transitions are smooth and efficient from the outgoing chair/officer to the new incoming chair/officer. Most hold the position for 1 year, or up to 2 years and it can take a while to get up

to speed with what the previous holder of the position did. The importance of this was noted considering the Events chair did not have the benefit of the previous chair's input and help with questions. Events position involves much work and effort to coordinate decorations, raffles, how to collect money, how to get speaker, etc. Having an updated SOP for Events Chair, Treasurer, as well as other officer and chair positions will help each feel more prepared to take on the role. If you've been in a chair position at intergroup before and can help with the SOPs please reach out to Lisa or Mike C.

Regarding the computer issue: The hard drive of computer thinks it's full, something to do with windows, some glitch. It's being worked on and they are trying to find a solution. To reload windows may incur a cost; the cheapest method seems to be to get a second hard drive, which will give them time to reload windows and Quick books. They are still stumped as to why it's doing what it's doing. For now they want to avoid having to purchase new software, so the temp fix is to purchase a 2nd hard drive and copy everything over. It was mentioned Tim G worked on computers on the arsenal, maybe he could provide help. Mike will get them paired up to see if he has insight.

Al made a motion to purchase 2nd hard drive, it was seconded and passed. (approx \$62)

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.

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