

Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes / August-1-2022

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

Attendance:

Officers/Chairs present/Liaisons: Chair/Mike C.; Co-chair/Al B.; Secretary/Julie B.; Treasurer/Tim M.; Office Manager/Lisa W.; Telephone/Jennifer G.; Newsletter/Krystyna D.; Webmaster/Randy C; District 9 Liaison/Erica B.; District 90 Liaison/Craig K.

Groups present: 8n8 AA, BB Study, Blandine, Camden, Central Discussion, Freedom, Geneseo, Henry County, Last Chance, Marquette, New Beginnings, Three Legacies, West End.

Guests: Welcome Tracey (just visiting)!

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

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

Officers' report:

Treasurer's report was given by Tim M:

Checking balance forwarded: \$7905.07

Total income: \$4830.96

Total expenses: \$4634.78

Income minus expenses: \$196.18

Checking ending balance: \$8101.25

Lisa and Tim are working on what to do about the coding errors from QuickBooks; possibly it'll fix itself. A motion was made to accept treasurer's report, was seconded, and passed.

Office Manager's Report: Greetings from the Intergroup Office. Things are going well at the office. The volunteer slot from 9-12:30 on Friday mornings is still open. Volunteering is a great way to give back and also learn what Intergroup is all about.

We have hardcover Big Books in stock now and should have Daily Reflections soon. Please call ahead to make sure we have what you want.

Call counts for July were 3 12-step, 41 information, 1 Al-anon, and 31 visitors.

Our next business meeting will be September 12 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. Nothing new to report. In love and service – Jennifer G

Events: Cassidy was not present, Mike C reminded everyone of the Golf Event on August 28 at noon at Saukie, see the flyer on the aaquadcities.org website: \$50/player.

Report was given by Jennifer G for Cassidy: I have been talking to venues to have our annual event at and I will be sending an email to all officers in the near future to get their input and to figure out a date.

Golf outing is planned for August 28, lunch is provided, there will be a 5050 raffle, questions can go to Mike C. Intergroup Chair. Thank you, Cassidy G.

Newsletter: It would help me if the reports listed below could be supplied in either a word table or excel spreadsheet: Birthdays, Contributions, Call Counts, Events, Special Announcements, Calendar Dates (ex: Back to School).

Things to add to the newsletter: Flyer rate, Subscription rate, Electronic subscription opportunity.

In Love and Service, Krystyna D.

Discussion: Due to cost increases (postage), it was discussed to change the subscription rate to \$16 (from \$13). In addition, the cost for a group to add a flyer to the newsletter has remained at \$7 for many years; raising this cost was also discussed.

Randy made a motion to increase the newsletter subscription from \$13 to \$16, and also to raise the cost of adding a flyer to the newsletter from \$7 to \$8. Mike seconded. No one opposed, motion passed.

District 9 Liaison: Erica reported the District 9 business meeting has not taken place yet this month; nothing to report.

District 90 Liaison: Craig reported the District 90 business meeting has not taken place yet this month; nothing to report. Still have positions open (see flyer on website).

Webmaster: Hello Everyone, we had 2,442 users total but 1,401 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec., which is just right at our average of 1400. The Meeting Guide was still the most visited page, however, the Events Page stayed as the second most visited page, leaving the Virtual Meetings Page as the third. Personal Note: The Events page was always the 2nd most visited page before COVID, so now it may be that Meetings and Events are getting back to the way there were. We didn't really have any unexplainable spike this month, which may be a good thing, since there doesn't seem to be any reason. We still continue to have consistent daily usage. 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 day at 8am and 8pm. Attendance has been inconsistent over the summer period. Attendance 6-12. Primary Purpose Big Book Study, attendance has also slipped here, again I believe due to summer. We have a new chair. Start date still to be confirmed as Aaron has been able to chair to date. The new Chair is Krystyna D. Next speaker meeting for 8n8AA is August 27th, 8pm and is Jill V from the House Group. We will be discussing our next workshop at the business meeting on 8/5. In Love and Service, Krystyna D.

Bettendorf: not present, no report given

Big Book Study: The meeting attendance is good and we are still hybrid meeting if you can't come out. So far we are doing good at the big book study group, loving service, Jerome J.

Blandine: no written report submitted

Camden: no written report submitted

Central: We are no longer holding 5pm Wed night meeting. Also, we are changing the 7pm Sat Open Speaking Meeting to an Open Discussion Meeting. Still working on a date & location for our Anniversary Party. – Nichole S.

Courage to Change: not present, no report given

Freedom Group: Things at the Freedom Group are going well. Attendance is good and have given out a couple of big books in July. The planning for Freedom Group Annual Picnic is still under way and will hopefully will have a flyer to send to intergroup by the end of this week. The event will be held September 30 thru October 2 at Scott County Park. In loving service, Darcie D.

Geneseo: Geneseo Group is doing good with their attendance, the meetings attendance is steady and some nights growing. Our building was sold recently and the new landlord has increased our rent quite a bit, we are searching other areas to possibly find a better place financially. Speaker meeting this month on Friday 8/26/22 is Ted M from Geneseo, potluck at 6 with speaker at 7. We are planning our annual Group celebration, it will be Saturday, October 22, 2022, more details to follow. Love and Service, Lynette

Henry County: no written report submitted

House Group: Jay was not present but emailed the following report: The House group is in an OK position at this time. There will be a speaker meeting/potluck on Saturday August 20, doors open at 5L30pm, speaker is Jay R. at 7pm. Also, the annual group picnic will be held on Sunday, September 18 at Empire Park in Hampton, starting at 12pm. Chicken will be provided, please bring a dish to share. There will be a 50/50 raffle drawing, playground is available for the kids. ~ Jay R.

Knuckleheads: no written report submitted

Last Chance: The Last Chance Group is in the new location as of yesterday, we had great attendance and almost a full house last night! We have a beautiful new facility. Address is 4711 44th Street Suite 5, Rock Island IL.

There are Flyers up on the Intergroup website with the new address. The new address information was also given to Intergroup today to change on the meeting guide on-line. Signs will continue to be posted at the Moline location with information.

We have open meetings every evening at 5:30 p.m. and we have open meetings 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday. We also have one weekly Zoom meeting at 5am on Wednesday mornings, information is on the Intergroup website.

We will have our monthly speaker meeting/potluck on the third Friday of the month. This month we are having tacos, speaker will be Lee Annette M. from Camden. Speaker starts at 5:30, potluck at 6:45.

We are still passing an extra basket for Intergroup donations on Sunday evenings.

We will have a group conscious meeting on Sunday August 7th at 12:15 to discuss all things move-related. Our next business meeting is the last Sunday in August, we will have yearly elections at that time, those got pushed back due to the move. As of tomorrow, the LC group is 34 years old tomorrow. In love and service, Toni S.

Question from the floor: Q: Is there a children's room at the new location? A: No

Marquette: The annual Marquette Group picnic will be held on September 17th.

The Marquette Group officers voted to donate \$500 to Intergroup at the July business meeting
Meeting attendance is steady Marquette no longer has any hybrid meetings – Jennifer B.

New Beginnings: Hello Everyone, 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, we are in the middle of "We Agnostic." 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: Three Legacies had an emergency business meeting July 12th. It was voted on and passed that the Tuesday night speaker meeting will move to Thursday's at 6:00 P.M. at Asbury United Methodist Church, Bettendorf. It will still be a hybrid meeting. The information to get on is on our flyer at aaquadcities.org/meetings. Daycare will be offered at the new time and place. A donation of \$5.00 per child is suggested. The final meeting in the Central Discussion building will be Tuesday August 9th. First meeting at new place is August 18th.

The Three Legacies Saturday meeting is staying the same. The Closed Big Book virtual meeting is 9:00, Saturday mornings. Information to get on can be found on our flyer at aaquadcities.org/meetings.

The next business meeting is August 25th after the speaker meeting. In Service and Love, Vickie S.

West End: no written report submitted

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

Old business: Chairs and officers are to be reviewing and updating SOPs for their positions as per new business brought up last month. If anyone has any questions, please reach out to Mike or Lisa.

New business: none

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 **September 12, 2022 at 6 p.m.** on Zoom.