

Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes / September 12, 2022

Virtual Meeting called to order by Intergroup co-chair, Al B. at 6:00 pm with Serenity Prayer.

Attendance:

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

Groups present: 8n8 AA, BB Study, Courage to Change, Geneseo, Henry County, Knuckleheads, Last Chance, Marquette, New Beginnings, Three Legacies, West End.

Guests: Welcome to Ranae, visiting on behalf of IAYPAA!

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

Motion was made and passed to accept the August minutes as published in the newsletter.

Officers' report:

Treasurer's report was given by Tim M:

Checking balance forwarded: \$ 8101.25

Total income: \$6301.28

Total expenses: \$5064.62

Income minus expenses: \$1236.66

Checking ending balance: \$9337.91

A question was asked if treasurer could explain more about what general income as well as general expenses were.

General expenses are located on a 2nd tab of the spreadsheet, copied below:

Payroll	\$ 1,010.72
Payroll taxes	\$ 78.25
Prudent Reserve	\$ 100.00
Mediacom	\$ 89.95
Office Supplies	\$ 58.48
Telephone	\$ 44.66
Event Expense	\$ 1,340.79
Rent	\$ 359.20
	\$ 3,082.05

The office manager stated again that the reports from QuickBooks are not giving accurate reports, so itemizing the income is not currently possible. If anyone knows QuickBooks and thinks they can help figure out how to make it work how we need it to, please reach out to Lisa. As a reminder, group contributions are listed in the newsletter.

Motion was made and passed to accept the treasurer's report.

Office Manager's Report: Things are going well at the office. I am happy to announce that I have all morning volunteer shifts filled. However, still check the website for hours as I have had to occasionally close the office due to various unexpected issues. I could use some volunteers to sign up to be subs.

Please remember that even though our business meeting was late this month due to the Labor Day holiday, the deadline to get minutes and flyers in the October newsletter is still Sept. 15. The secretary will need your reports ASAP to complete the minutes.

More books are now available from AA World services now, but they still have shortages and supply chain issues, so call and check to see if we have what you want.

Call counts for August were 1 12-step, 56 information, 1 Al-anon and 55 visitors.

Our next business meeting will be October 3 at 6 p.m. on Zoom.

In love and service, Lisa W.

Discussion: Someone recently picked up some pamphlets and the Where Money and Spirituality Mix pamphlet was an old version/outdated. The limit on how much an individual can contribute per year is now \$5,000, but the pamphlet still read \$3,000. It was noted Lisa will order new pamphlets.

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: Planning for the 2023 Annual Event/Fundraiser is under way.

The date is planned for Saturday April 22, 2023.

I have found a great location - Hickory Creek Event Center in Eldridge, IA.

There is room for 400 people all together.

They will be very accommodating and easy to work with.

They have buffet options for meals that are reasonably priced at \$17.50 or \$19.50 a plate.

There is actually no cost for the space itself due to it being a fundraiser.

Cost would be:

\$500 damage deposit

\$190 linens

\$100 staffing fee

\$TBA food servers for buffet.

Further direction was needed on finding a speaker - going to attempt to find a speaker within driving distance with a budget set at \$500 for travel/lodging expenses. (NOTE: after discussion, a motion was made and passed to cap the cost of gas and hotel allowance for speaker to be \$500)

Below is the income and expense for the 2022 Golf Outing.

Going to try harder to perfect golf outing structure for 2023 outing.

Golf Event Expenses		
Prizes	\$81.79	PayPal
Saukie Golf Course	\$1,184.00	
	\$1,265.79	
Income		
50/50	\$93.00	
Raffle	\$108.00	
Registrations at door	\$750.00	
Advance Registrations	\$1,188.02	
Total Income	\$2,139.02	
Minus Expenses	(\$1,184.00)	
	\$955.02	

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In love & service,
Cassidy G

Newsletter: Thank you to Lisa for supplying information in the new format, it has made task easier, and I really appreciate.

Is there a database of the newsletter to be sent electronically?

Is using a Halloween theme for ok October Edition?

To try again further circulation and interest could I add in a fun page of sorts, or an article page from members in the area?

In Love and Service, Krystyna D.

Discussion: Currently there is no database for electronic delivery. Krystyna asked Randy/Webmaster how many download and view the newsletter. Per Randy, 29 people downloaded last month, total of 36 people viewed, 1500 visit website. Per Lisa, 14 subscribers get a hard copy. Another comment was that someone said they would prefer to get electronically vs hard copy, so more information will come out regarding this. And yes, all agree it's ok to use Halloween theme for October edition.

District 9 Liaison: Report given verbally, no written report submitted.

District 90 Liaison: Report given verbally, no written report submitted.

Webmaster: Hello Everyone, we had 3,006 users total but 1,517 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec., which is just above our average of 1400. The Meeting Guide was still the most visited page, the Events Page stayed as the second most visited page, leaving the Virtual Meetings Page as the third. This is the way it was before COVID. We didn't really have any unexplainable spike this month. There was some higher usage on the first few days of the month but that is also when we had our business meeting. 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 8am and 8pm. Attendance is rising once more. We have a new Beginners Meeting on Sunday night. Next Speaker Meeting Saturday Sept. 24 at 8:00pm is Ted M from the Geneseo Group. 8n8AA Business Meeting Friday Sept. 16 at 6:00pm. As our fellowship grows so do our meetings. In Love and Service, Krystyna D.

Bettendorf: not present

Big Book Study: We are doing good at the big book study group. Our attendance is good; we have a few newcomers. We are reading out of the big book in Bill's story. We also changed our format: right before the Lord's prayer we added an explanation about sponsorship and asked our home group members to raise your hand if you are willing to sponsor. - Jerome J

Blandine: not present

Camden: not present

Central: not present

Courage to Change: Meetings are Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 at the First Baptist Church 1401 North Perry St Davenport IA. Membership is down slightly from prior month. Attendance is approximately 18-20 per meeting. Elections for service positions will be held in October for 2023. Love and Service ~ Carlee B

Dewitt: not present

Freedom Group: not present

Geneseo: Geneseo Group has decided to move to a new location, our building we are in was sold and the rent increased. We will be moved into our new location by October 1st which will be located at 109 E Orange St, Geneseo, IL. We will have an official address for mail at a later date once we know what our suite # will be.

Our last speaker meeting in the blue shanty will be on Friday, September 23, Jon B. from Camden Serenity Group will be speaking. Doors open at 5:30 with potluck at 6 and speaker at 7.

Our 44th Anniversary celebration will be Saturday, October 22 at the Izaak Walton League located on Route 82 just a little north of town. Speakers at 1 and 4 with a campfire meeting at 7, Chili will be served all day and we will have a fire for hot dogs and smores, we ask that you bring a dish to pass. We will have games and Big Book trivia. Bring your families and have some fun.

We have received several large donations, once we are moved to our new spot and set our prudent reserve for the new location we will divide excess up to our districts and intergroup.

We will have elections in November for the 2023 new year.

Love and Service, Lynette W.

Henry County: Report given verbally, no written report submitted.

House Group: not present

Knuckleheads: Report given verbally, no written report submitted.

Last Chance: We had elections at our last business meeting. New officials were elected.

Attendance is good, and we really love the new space.

We have a potluck/speaker meeting the 3rd Friday of every month, this month is tenderloins and Mike B from Oquawka New Group will speak. Speaker at 5:30. Food at 6:45.

We continue to pass an extra donation basket around on Sunday evenings for intergroup. Our next business meeting will be Sunday Sept 25th at 12:20

In love and service, Tracey

Marquette: Report given verbally, no written report submitted.

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 the 4th step section. 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 speaker, meeting at Asbury Methodist church on Thursdays at 6:00 P.M. is going well. Attendance has averaged 30 people and an average of 4 children for daycare.

The Three Legacies Big Book, Saturday, virtual meeting is 9:00 A.M.

Information to get on both meetings can be found on our flyer at aaquadcities.org/meetings.

The next business meeting and elections are October 13th after the speaker meeting.

In Service and Love, Vickie S.

West End: Report given verbally, no written report submitted.

Report from Ranae O. on behalf of IAYPAA: Iowa Quad Cities was awarded the BID for the 2023 conference. Tentatively the dates for the conference are July 14th-16th, 2023. We are awaiting confirmation from local venues and approval from the IAYPAA Advisory committee to secure the dates.

In the meantime, the host committee is meeting often to plan the event. Leading up to the event, we are planning monthly fund raisers to try and raise money for the event.

Our next event is this Saturday September 17th starting at 3pm. It is titled Fall into Sobriety. We have a number of events this day including AA Speaker panel, AA JEOPARDY, MEDITATION, BONFIRE, S'MORES \$1, WALKING TACOS \$5, CONCESSIONS, MERCH FOR SALE, BASKET RAFFLE, & GLOW IN THE DARK DANCE PARTY.

October's event is a Family Halloween Party. This event will take place at the Alano club in Davenport, October 29th, starting at 5PM. Scheduled events include, Speaker (Randy C. from New Beginnings), Trunk or Treat, Euchre Tournament, Sobriety Countdown, 50/50 raffle, Costume contest and more!

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

Old business: none

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 **October 3, 2022 at 6 p.m.** on Zoom.