

Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes / December 5, 2022

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

Attendance:

Officers/Chairs/Liaisons present:

Chair/Mike C.; **Co-chair**/Al B.; **Secretary**/Julie B.; **Treasurer**/Tim M.; **Office Manager**/Lisa W.; **Telephone**/Jennifer G.; **Events**/Cassidy G.; **District 90 Liaison**/Craig K, **Webmaster**/Randy C.

Groups present: BB Study, Camden, Courage to Change, Geneseo, Henry County, Last Chance, Marquette, New Beginnings, West End.

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

Motion was made and passed to accept the November minutes as published.

Officers' report:

Treasurer's report:

Checking balance forwarded: \$4891.50

Total income: \$1798.67

Total expenses: \$2090.54

Income minus expenses: (-291.87)

Checking ending balance: \$4591.87

Comments: Tim pointed out there is a known discrepancy of \$7.76 (previous balance *plus* income *minus* expenses) which had to do with the refunds to groups over Venmo for flyers. Tim and Lisa are working on how to resolve.

Office Manager's Report: I gave credits or refunds to all the groups that paid for flyers in last month's newsletter, as we didn't have one to send out. Paid subscribers will get an extra month. Our newsletter chair has stepped down, so we need someone to fill that position until we can elect a new one in March. Thanks to Randy C., a December newsletter was put together, and I mailed it out on Saturday.

My Monday morning volunteer has decided to retire, so I need someone to volunteer to work in the office from 9-12:30 every Monday. Otherwise, we will have to close the office at that time and find someone to cover the phone until I come in at 12:30. Call Lisa at 309-764-1016 for more information.

Call counts for November were 0 12-step, 48 information, 2 Al-anon and 39 visitors. Our next business meeting will be January 9 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.

Starting in January we will have an open position for the phone rotation. It is the 2nd Sunday of the month. Sobriety requirements are 6 months. Time is Sunday evening at 5:30pm until 9:30am on Monday, unless needed to transfer earlier. You can call myself or the intergroup office if you would like to be of service in this position.

In love and service – Jennifer G

Events: Intergroup Winter Event is planned for Sat. January 28, 2023

Location: West End Alano Club - Davenport

Event Name: Illowa Intergroup Speaker Jam

Theme: Sunlight of the Spirit

Speakers: Jennifer R. - Camden, Michael W.- New Jersey, Jen G. - Last Chance, Eric T. - Big Book Study

Sound: David Hays

Current Volunteers: Jennifer R., Molly L., Joe C.

Need more people to be of service and assist beforehand and during.

Donations: Looking for groups to donate baskets for the raffle, could use donations to put towards necessary supplies such as decorations, potluck supplies, raffle supplies, coffee supplies, etc.

Potluck: Do we want to provide a main dish?

Flyers: Need help distributing physical flyers.

What is the best way to get the printed flyer to your home group/all of the local groups? Pick up from Intergroup? Mail?

Zoom: BBSG has approved their Zoom room for use at this event so it can be hybrid

Post Event Fellowship: The dance at the prior winter event didn't see much participation. Do we feel we should offer some sort of fellowship activity after the speakers are done?

Allow Outreach? Vote to allow IAYPAA host committee to man an outreach table for their 2023 conference at the event.

In love & service, Cassidy G.

Discussion: It was decided Intergroup would provide pulled pork as the main dish like they did at the last event. It was noted there was a lot of meat left over at the last event so Cassidy will find out how much they ordered and make adjustments. After comments from Lisa regarding low attendance at dances, it was decided there would not be a dance to follow. Several agreed and no one objected to allowing IAYPAA to have a table set up at the event.

Newsletter: n/a

District 9 Liaison: not present

District 90 Liaison: report given verbally; no written report submitted.

Webmaster: Hello Everyone, we had 2,939 users total but 1,961 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec., which is almost 500 more users higher than our average of 1400. Last month we were 900 users higher than our average and I thought that was a suspiciously high jump. After looking at some more of the site statistics I believe the jump was due to a hacker posting a comment containing HTML code containing several links to a various Gambling Websites. Even though the comment was not approved, a link to the comment is temporarily stored on our server. The public cannot see it, but the hacker can basically have a private link to a free private webpage. I removed the unapproved comment and disabled the ability to post or request any comments. 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. There was heavy usage for the first week of the month, which was before I changed the comment settings, so we'll see what our numbers look like next month. Lisa brought to my attention that on a phone you have to scroll past all the Newsletters to get to the Minutes. I changed the Newsletter Page so that the current Newsletter and Minutes appear on top and added a comment for phones to "Scroll Down For Minutes." Last month we talked briefly about updating the "look" of the website and I should have some changes next month. 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: not present

Bettendorf: not present

Big Book Study: Meeting attendance is good, both in-person and remote! The group is working on purchasing a laptop; since covid entered the picture we've offered a hybrid meeting and since we continue to have good remote attendance we are continuing to offer it. – Julie B (For Jerome)

Blandine: Blandine is going well. We have seen an increase in newcomers and an unexpected but greatly appreciated turn out to our recent holiday events. As always we will have our speaker meeting on the last Friday of the month which is December 30, 2022. Also we have a few more holidays events coming up which are posted on the Intergroup website. On December 18, 2022, we will hold our annual Christmas potluck after the 11am meeting. On December 31, 2022, we

will hold our annual New Year's event. From 9pm-11pm will be for fellowship and 11am-12pm will be a candlelight meeting. Please come out and enjoy a great time with our family here in the fellowship. – Michael R.

Camden: Camden has had strong attendance and numbers look good. We had a good turnout for Thanksgiving, we were open all day. We had a speaker meeting this past Saturday. We had a very good turnout. Next speaker meeting is Saturday January 7. 5:30pm: fellowship and potluck 7pm: speaker. Speaker is Desiree K – Laura

Central: not present

Courage to Change: Nothing new to report. Meeting attendance remains similar from last month. No events planned.

Dewitt: not present

Freedom Group: not present

Geneseo: Geneseo Group is doing good, meetings have been well attended even growing. Elections were held in November and all positions filled with changes except for 1 that stayed the same. Our next speaker meeting is on Friday, 12/23/22 at 7pm, Cissi L. will be the speaker, pizza after at members home for anyone that wants to go. Love and service, Lynette

Henry County: given verbally; no written report submitted

House Group: All is well. Attendance is steady. Finances are in order at this time.

12/17 - Speaker meeting. Fred W. See posted flyer.

12/25 - 10 AM Holiday Meeting

12/31 - New Years Eve Meeting with potluck. Flyer coming soon. - **Jay R**

Knuckleheads: not present

Last Chance: Good evening my name is Jennifer G. I am filling in for Jeff K our intergroup alternate, his connection is not working tonight. At The Last Chance Group our attendance continues to be strong with lots of newcomers joining. Friday, December 16th come join us for our Speaker/Potluck/Ugly Christmas Sweater Party! Tacos will be provided, bring a dish to share. Chantel F from The Last Chance will share at 5:30 and we will eat at 6:45.

We will have the doors open late on Christmas Eve. We will be hosting Christmas dinner at 12:30, after our morning meeting on Christmas Day. There will also be our regular meeting scheduled at 5:30pm that day.

New Year's there will be fellowship and games at the group after 8pm until midnight. Meetings are at 11am and 5:30pm. Both New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Our next business meeting is scheduled on Sunday, January 29th at 12:20. In Love & Service Jennifer G

Marquette: All is well at Marquette! Meeting attendance is good. \$200 donation to Intergroup Christmas Eve 11pm candlelight meeting. Holiday potluck January 7th. Happy Holidays! Love and service, 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 on page 100 in the working with others chapter. 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: I have enjoyed my time as Three Legacies Representative this year. I would like to thank everyone who has made me feel so welcomed.

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 is January 26th after the speaker meeting. In Service and Love, Vickie S. (given by Julie B. in Vickie's absence)

West End: report given verbally; no written report submitted

IAYPAA report:

IAYPAA has confirmed the dates of our conference. Next year's IAYPAA conference will be hosted in Davenport Iowa on July 14th, 15th and 16th, 2023

December's monthly events are:

December 10th 5-8 pm Christmas Potluck, Christmas sweater and cookie contest.

December 16th 5-9pm parents night out. Drop off your kids for fun games and snacks while you shop.

January's event is Chili Cook off January 7th. More information to follow.

Love and service, Ranae O

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

Old business: none

New business: looking for a newsletter chair fill-in until March, 1-year sobriety recommendation.

If interested, please contact Lisa at the Intergroup Office.

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 prior to the 15th of the month if they are to be included in the Intergroup minutes.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Monday, January 2 is an observed holiday, so the next business meeting will be held on **January 9 at 6 p.m.** on Zoom.