

Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes / January 9, 2023

Virtual Meeting called to order by Intergroup Chair, Mike C. at 6:00 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, **District 9 Liaison**/Erica B., **Webmaster**/Randy C.

Groups present: Bettendorf, BB Study, Courage to Change, Geneseo, Henry County, House Group, Last Chance, 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.

Officers' reports:

Treasurer's report:

Checking balance forwarded: \$4591.87

Total income: \$4241.10

Total expenses: \$3355.13

Income minus expenses: \$885.97

Checking ending balance: \$5477.84

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the treasurer's report.

Office Manager's Report: Happy New Year from the Intergroup Office!

The office will be closed Monday mornings until 12:30 now until someone volunteers to take the open position. Sobriety requirement is 1 year, and the hours are 9-12:30 every Monday. Please call me at the office to find out more.

Thanks go out to Randy C. for putting together a January newsletter for us. He really already does a lot for Intergroup, so it would be nice if someone could step up and take that position until our elections in March.

Tickets for our anniversary event on April 22 are now on sale at the Intergroup Office. Intergroup Reps are responsible for coming in to pick up their tickets to sell to their group.

Call counts for December were 2 12-step, 42 information, 1 Al-anon and 26 visitors.

Call counts for 2022 were 20 12-step, 690 information, 8 Al-Anon and 428 visitors.

Our next business meeting will be February 6 at 6:00 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.

In love and service – Jennifer G.

Events: I have been liaising with volunteers to arrange for decorations and greeters at our January event on the 28th.

We will, as always, need help at the event and people to be of service before, during and afterwards.

Jen G. has arranged for pulled pork to be provided. Mike has arranged that Central will provide buns.

We still need to get serving utensils such as plates, napkins, forks, coffee stirrers, and possibly one more can of regular coffee and some creamer. We currently have from last year 240 paper cups, 50 stirrers, 2 30 oz cans of decaf, 1 48 oz can of regular coffee, and a partially used 22 oz container of creamer.

We also need to see if West End will allow us to use their coffee maker again like we did last year. (Defer to AI B.?)
If your group is planning to donate a basket to raffle at this event please let me know ASAP so we can coordinate getting all of them collected.

The flyer has been made for the annual anniversary event scheduled for April 22nd.

Ticket sales will begin this week. The deadline for purchase is earlier this year (1 month out from the date of the event) so push the ticket sales earlier and stress that the price is lower the earlier they buy. THERE WILL BE NO TICKET SALES AT THE DOOR. Lisa has tickets printed and at the Intergroup office. It is each Intergroup Rep's responsibility of getting to the office to pick these up to sell.

Tickets can be purchased via Intergroup Rep, at the Intergroup office, or via Paypal and Venmo. Instructions for online purchase are included on the event flyer. I will also be having flyers printed and they will be at Intergroup to pick up as well please make sure to pick up flyers when you pick up your tickets and make sure to begin announcing at your groups.

The hotel has been secured for Paula and I have circled back with her to reconfirm her availability. She will be staying at the Comfort Inn & Suites on NW Blvd in Davenport and I have sent a receipt to the Intergroup email for reimbursement for this expense. In love & service, Cassidy G.

Anniversary event ticket prices BEFORE March 15: \$25, AFTER March 15: \$30, and deadline to purchase tickets is March 21. AGAIN, THERE WILL BE NO TICKET SALES AT THE DOOR.

IAYPAA report: report was given verbally by Cassidy G.; no written report provided.

Newsletter: vacant position

District 9 Liaison: report given verbally; no written report provided.

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

Webmaster: Hello Everyone, we had 2,572 users total but 1,618 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec., which is closer to our average of 1400. It seems that removing the unapproved comment containing links to a various Gambling Websites did put our numbers back in line. The Meeting Guide was still the most visited page, followed by the Events Page, leaving the Virtual Meetings Page as the third. There was a noticeable spike of about 50 more visits on the 10th. We seem to have a spike once a month with about 50 more visits than normal which I have yet to have any explanation for. I have been working on a "New Look," for the front page at least. I did get some feedback from Julie and Lisa so I will give you a quick preview. <http://www.aaquadcities.org/rcook/>

I should have it finished and active before the next meeting. I am also working on the Virtual Meetings Page and should have that active 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:

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Bettendorf: report given verbally; no written report provided.

Big Book Study: Big Book Study Group January Report: Meeting attendance is good both in person and remote. Our Business meeting will be held 1/10 following the regular scheduled meeting.

BB Study Group 22nd Anniversary will be held Feb 22nd: 5:30 Potluck and Fellowship, 6:30 Guest Speaker is Kelly F from the Basic Text Group in Cedar Rapids IA. You will also be able to attend via Zoom.

Love and Service, Carlee

Blandine: not present

Camden: not present

Central: not present

Courage to Change: Happy new year. Everyone is getting acclimated to their new positions. we're looking forward to another year. – Pam S.

Dewitt: not present

Freedom Group: not present

Geneseo: report given verbally; no written report provided.

Henry County: due to audio issues there was no report.

House Group: flyer is out for Jan. 21st Speaker Meeting with Ben D. our guest. Attendance is trending lower, impacting finances.

Thank you,
Jay R.

Knuckleheads: not present

Last Chance: Good evening my name is Tracey and I am an alcoholic. The holidays went well at The Last Chance. We also seen a great turn out on New Years!!

We continue to see plenty of newcomers and great attendance. We have a potluck and speaker meeting coming up on Friday the 20th. Matt T from The Bettendorf Group to share at 5:30, food at 6:45.

We are also going to trial a First Friday Pizza Party every month after our 5:30pm meeting. We will be discussing this more at our business meeting on Sunday, January 29th at 12:20.

We have meetings daily at 5:30pm and 11am meetings on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday.

In love and service, Tracey

Marquette: All is well at Marquette! The potluck was a success with about 30 people in attendance.

We're getting a basket together for the Intergroup event on January 28th.

Love and Service, Jennifer

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. 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: Good Evening All!

I am so excited to participate in service with the Intergroup! Three Legacies is going well in our new location and new night of the week. Our meeting is on Thursday evenings at 6pm at the Asbury United Methodist Church 1809 Mississippi Blvd Bettendorf, IA. We are an open speaker meeting and are also hybrid. We held elections the end of October and filled all positions. Our attendance has increased in our permanent location, and we are now able to offer daycare! We are also celebrating our 10-year anniversary on March 9th and we will have a fantastic speaker Troy F. from Cedar Rapids and cake to celebrate a whole decade!

Please come and join us on Thursday evenings we would love to have you!

Love in Service, Mary Ann G.

West End: report given verbally; no written report provided.

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

Old business:

Newsletter chair is open; Randy has been taking care of it while we have been without. Minimum requirement is 1 year and a computer. Anyone interested please contact Lisa.

New business:

1) Intergroup Anniversary Event Tickets: All reps need to pick up Anniversary Event Tickets at the Intergroup Office. They will be given in books of 10. Contact Lisa (Mon-Fri 12:30-5pm is when Lisa is in the office).

2) Election of officers takes place in March. Get the word out! Anyone interested in service work should attend the March business meeting; all officers and chair positions are up for grabs!

3) Jennifer G. commented that Intergroup office hours have been irregular; they change often. To clarify, the office DOES have regular hours but the irregularity is usually due to volunteers being unavailable for the morning shift. The office hours are Mon-Fri 9am-5:30pm – volunteers come in and cover from 9am-12:30pm, and Lisa/Office Manager comes in at 12:30-5:30. When a volunteer cannot make their shift, the office ends up being closed until Lisa/Office Manager comes in at 12:30pm.

Can the reps ponder some options? For example, should the office only be open from 12:30-5:30pm Mon-Fri and eliminate the need for the volunteers (besides the need for someone to take the phone when the office is closed)? Should we consider an entirely new set of office hours? As a reminder, the Office Manager is paid for 25 hours/week. Please brainstorm to consider options and bring your ideas to the next business meeting.

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. The next business meeting will be held on Monday, February 6 at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom.