

Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes / February 6, 2023

Virtual Meeting called to order by Intergroup Co-Chair, Al B. at 6:11 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: 8n8, Bettendorf, BB Study, Courage to Change, Geneseo, Henry County, 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 January minutes as published.

Officers' reports:

Treasurer's report:

Checking balance forwarded: \$5477.84

Total income: \$7485.99

Total expenses: \$4048.16

Income minus expenses: \$3434.83

Checking ending balance: \$8912.67

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

Office Manager's Report: The office continues to be closed Monday mornings until 12:30 due to lack of volunteers. It is important to continue to check the website for the most current hours or call ahead, as inclement weather and illness could cause some hours to change.

Tickets for our anniversary event on April 22 are on sale at the Intergroup Office. Intergroup Reps are responsible for coming in to pick up their tickets to sell to their group. Quite a few reps haven't picked up their tickets yet. It is important to do that ASAP as sales are ending earlier this year due to the new venue, and tickets will NOT be sold at the door. That is one of the main parts of your job as an Intergroup Rep. Thanks!

Thank-you letters were sent out to groups and Faithful Fivers for their 2022 contributions.

Thanks go out again to Randy C. for putting together a February newsletter for us. We really need someone to step up and fill this position at our elections in March. It is an easy way to do some service work.

Call counts for January were 3 12-step, 61 information, 0 Al-anon and 39 visitors.

Our next business meeting will be March 6 at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom (elections, no reports given verbally, but still hand to secretary). In love and service, Lisa W.

Telephone Chair: Currently all of the phone positions are taken, and I have a few people on back-up status.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service in this position, I have enjoyed this experience and have grown in many ways.

In my last month of service, I am updating the 12-step list for the intergroup phone volunteers, this was last updated in the fall of 2021. I will be calling every volunteer and verify their availability and willingness to continue to be of service to the AA community. I will be removing those members on the list that are not returning my calls and messages.

I would like to put a HUGE shout-out to Lisa W and Julie B, they been extremely helpful and patient with me in this position. In love and service – Jennifer G

Events: The Winter Speaker Jam was a great success. People really enjoy coming to hear speakers all day and fellowship especially when there's a good variety present & speaking from different groups.

We averaged about 60-70 in person attendants through-out the day and approximately 10-12 zoom participants.

Unfortunately, same as last year attendance dropped by the time the potluck came around. Might suggest to next Events chair to reconfigure potluck times if they plan to carry on this event for future years.

I went with a silent auction for the baskets this year rather than a raffle it seemed to do alright as far as profits go compared to last year.

There were many people who came to be of service Friday-Saturday and I couldn't have pulled this off without the help of my fellows from all over. In addition, many of them new to service were asking how they could become involved with intergroup and future events.

I made sure to announce before each speaker our upcoming elections, the need for an office volunteer, and the timeline for ticket purchases for the annual event in April. My greeters were able to sell 5 tickets during this event.

These numbers will probably be a bit different from the treasurers report due to how QuickBooks categorizes things for them but this is what I got for profits for the event:

Drink Sales: \$113.50

Annual Event Tickets: \$125

Freewill Donations: \$85.63 50/50

Profit: \$157 (total pool was \$314)

Baskets \$210

Total Raised: \$691.13

I have started to put something together for the incoming Events Chair as far as how I've done things and kind of a how to, it is getting pretty lengthy, but I hope it will be helpful. I will continue to work on that and hopefully have it ready by the time we fill the position after elections. I need people to be of service at the annual event – I'm hoping to lean back on a lot of the same volunteers from the winter event but if you or anyone you know would like to be of service, please let me know. Also please continue to push ticket sales at your home group as there will be no dinner tickets sold at the door. The flyer is on the website which has deadlines for ticket sales and also how to pay online. In Love & Service, Cassidy G.

Newsletter: per Randy: it got done/sent!

District 9 Liaison: report was given verbally, no written report submitted

District 90 Liaison: report was given verbally, no written report submitted

Webmaster: Hello Everyone, we had 2,775 users total but 1,686 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec., which is 60 more than last month and just above our average of 1400. The Meeting Guide was still the most visited page, followed by the Events Page, leaving the Virtual Meetings Page as the third. There was no noticeable spike this month which is good since I don't have any reason for the spike. I did publish the "New Look" last week. I still have some more changes in mind and should be putting them out over the next month. The content will stay the same but the pages will have a different look. I did get some positive feedback from several people so it seems I am moving in the right direction. 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.

Comments were made regarding discrepancies on the meeting guide app, and who to contact.

Group reports:

8n8: no written report was submitted

Bettendorf: Last year the group decided to have business meetings every other month starting in January. Also, due to a change in our distribution schedule, the group will not make any monetary quarterly donations after September. It's final quarterly distribution for 2023 will be in September. Intergroup should take note of this and plan accordingly. The new liaisons and representatives are getting acclimated to their new positions. Our GSR enjoyed attending conference in Marshalltown Iowa especially the topic on appropriate ways to handle inappropriate behavior. The annual group inventory will be held February 11, 2023, following the 10 am meeting. It was voted to hold group inventories every 2 years instead of annually. Our Anniversary will be held April 15, 2023. More to come.... Love and service, Nancy R

Big Book Study: Greetings and Salutations! The Big Book Study Group is going well. Attendance is good both in person and online. We are currently in Chapter 2 'There is a Solution'. Our 22nd Anniversary is coming up, Tuesday Feb 28th. Event Flier is on the intergroup website. We will be having Food and Fellowship starting at 5:30, Speaker at 6:30: Kelly F from the Basic Text Group in Cedar Rapids. That's all for now! Love and Service~ Carlee

Blandine: not present

Camden: not present

Central: not present

Courage to Change: Courage to Change attendance is steady and we're looking forward to our first business meeting of the year. – Pam S.

Dewitt: not present

Freedom Group: not present

Geneseo: Attendance has been good. We have added a new meeting on Thursdays at 9:30am. We have a speaker Feb 24-Carmen S from Coal Valley Group. ~ Jessie

Henry County: no written report was submitted

House Group: not present

Knuckleheads: not present

Last Chance: Attendance has continued to be good at the Last Chance group.

At our last business meeting we decided that the group will now hand out 9 month chips!

We have a First Friday Fellowship opportunity now happening once a month. Pizza party after the meeting at the group on the first Fridays of the month. \$7.00 per adult.

Our speaker meeting and potluck is the 3rd Friday of the month and we are excited to have Julie B, from The Big Book Study, share her story with us on the 17th this month at 5:30pm.

Our next business meeting is on Sunday, February 26th at 12:20.

In love and service, Tracey S

Marquette: Meeting attendance has been excellent. Marquette is seeing some new faces at our business meeting, which is wonderful. Marquette is having their 49th anniversary celebration in April, and planning is underway. Marquette was able to make a \$300 donation to Intergroup for January.

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. 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!

Three Legacies is going well. 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. Zoom ID is 254-615-7093 and password is 852140. Our attendance has increased in our permanent location, and we are now offering daycare for \$5 per child. We are also celebrating our 10-year anniversary on March 9th, and we will have a speaker Troy F. from Cedar Rapids and cookies to celebrate. I plan to pick up tickets for the intergroup event in April from the office this week. Several home group members are very excited about this event! Love in Service, Mary Ann G., Three Legacies – Intergroup Representative

West End: no written report was submitted

IAYPAA: no written report was submitted

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

Old business:

- 1) Newsletter chair is still 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.
- 2) Intergroup Anniversary Event Tickets are ready for reps to pick up from the office.
- 3) Reps were asked last month to ponder some options of how to make the office hours more regular, or brainstorm alternative regular office hours. As a reminder, the Office Manager is paid for 25 hours/week. There were no new comments on this topic.

New business:

Jennifer G explained she's been updating the 12-step list and have made multiple phone calls to 12 members on the list with no return calls. Jennifer made a motion to be allowed to remove those 12 names. Lisa seconded the motion. After some discussion, it was agreed that the telephone chair is a trusted servant and can make the decision without a motion. The motion and the second were withdrawn.

REMINDER: Election of officers takes place at the next business meeting, March 6. Please help spread the word! Anyone interested in service work should attend the March business meeting; all officers and chair positions are up for grabs!

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, March 6 at 6:00 p.m.** on Zoom.