

Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes / March 6, 2023

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

Mike noted we are forgoing all officer, chair, and group reports in lieu of Intergroup elections.

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, BB Study, Courage to Change, Henry County, House Group, Last Chance, Marquette, New Beginnings, Three Legacies, West End.

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

Election of officers went as follows:

Chair position: Mike C. nominated Cassidy G.; it was seconded. Mike read the responsibilities of the Chair position out loud. Cassidy gave a service talk. There were no other nominations. The vote was unanimous. Congratulations Cassidy!

Alternate/co-chair position. Al B. was nominated, it was seconded. There were no other nominations. The vote was unanimous. Congratulations Al!

Secretary: Mike read the responsibilities of the secretary position out loud. Jennifer B was nominated, and it was seconded. Jennifer gave a service talk. There were no other nominations. The vote was unanimous. Congratulations Jennifer!

Treasurer: Mike read the responsibilities of the treasurer. Tim was asked if he was willing to serve another term and he agreed. Remember, Tim finished out the previous treasurer's term so he's eligible to serve. Tim gave a service talk. There were no other nominations. The vote was unanimous. Congratulations Tim!

Telephone Chair: There were no volunteers and no nominations. The current telephone chair's duties will continue through March. Once that period ends and there is still no one to stand for the position, the Intergroup officers will need to share the duties of the telephone chair.

Events Chair: Johanna B was nominated, and it was seconded. Johanna gave a service talk. There were no other nominations. The vote was unanimous. Congratulations Johanna!

Newsletter Chair: Julie B indicated an interest, she was nominated, and the nomination was seconded. Julie gave a service talk. There were no other nominations. The vote was unanimous. Congratulations Julie!

District 9 Liaison: There were no volunteers and no nominations. The office manager, Lisa, said she will make flyers to post on the aaquadcities.org website announcing the open positions. In addition, all intergroup reps should let their groups know that the District 9 liaison position is open; anyone interested can call the Intergroup office and also attend the next Intergroup business meeting.

District 90 Liaison: Dave W was nominated, and it was seconded. Dave gave a service talk. It was noted that since he is also the intergroup rep for the Kewanee Group, he will only get one (1) vote at Intergroup business meetings. There were no other nominations. The vote was unanimous. Congratulations Dave!

Regarding the **Telephone Chair** position, Desiree indicated she wanted to stand for the position. It was noted she has been helping the current chair with some of the duties of the position, and serving as the co-chair. Desiree was nominated, and it was seconded. Desiree gave a service talk. There were no other nominations. The vote was unanimous. Congratulations Desiree!

Reminder from the events chair, Cassidy: Intergroup Anniversary event tickets are \$25, but only until March 15, when they will go up to \$30. The deadline to purchase tickets is March 21. **BIG REMINDER: NO TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AFTER MARCH 21. THERE WILL BE NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR.** Please be sure to make this announcement at all meetings.

Discussion took place about the meal options for the event, and more discussion about how to identify who needed vegetarian meals. There was talk about future registration forms for future events and how to identify certain important things at the time of registrations. It makes sense to know ahead of time if special requests are needed.

ACTION ITEM: Can reps ask their groups if anyone needs vegetarian option? An email was sent out by Cassidy to Intergroup reps after the business meeting; it's a google form to fill out if vegetarian meal is needed, please have anyone needing this option to complete the form.

**The following officer & chair reports were submitted for the minutes:
they were not read during the meeting due to the time needed for elections.**

Officers' reports:

Treasurer's report (summary):

Checking balance forwarded: \$8912.67

Total income: \$2905.20

Total expenses: \$2472.51

Income minus expenses: \$432.69

Checking ending balance: \$9358.94

Office Manager's Report: Thanks to Bill H. for stepping up to be our Monday morning volunteer. We are still in need of backup volunteers to cover the office occasionally. Please contact Lisa if interested.

Tickets for our 49th Anniversary Event will be sold for \$25 through March 15, and \$30 from March 16-21. No tickets will be sold at the door.

I have raised the prices of Grapevine books, and will soon be raising some chip prices, as well as prices of AAWS literature, as their prices will go up in April. There has not been a price increase from GSO since 2014. Check the website for the most current price list or contact the office.

Thanks go out again to Randy C. for putting together a March newsletter for us.

I would like to remind everyone one that is on the phone rotation or 12-step list that you need to make sure your phone is set to accept all calls and texts from unknown numbers. We have had problems with calls and texts not getting through for this reason, but you can't block calls on a 24-hour line. Thank you.

Call counts for February were 7 12-step, 43 information, 33 visitors, and 0 AI-anon.

Our next business meeting will be April 3 at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom. In love and service, Lisa W.

Telephone Chair: Thank you for allowing me to be of service in this position, it has been a pleasure. Phone transfers have been going well on the weekends. Reminders have been getting sent via text on Mondays and Wednesdays. All positions are filled at this time. I have updated the 12-step list and have sent it out to all the phone volunteers. If anyone is interested in being added to the 12-step list, please call the intergroup office. I would like to remind everyone one that is on the phone rotation or 12-step list that you need to make sure your phone is set to accept all calls and texts from unknown numbers. We have had problems with calls and

texts not getting through for this reason, but you can't block calls on a 24-hour line. In love and service –
Jennifer G

Events: The Annual Anniversary Event is quickly approaching. Ticket prices go up next week on the 15th from \$25 to \$30. Ticket sales end March 21st. No tickets will be sold at the door. Need people to be of service at the event before, during and after.

Shawna S. will be handling the basket raffle – all basket donations can go to the Intergroup office for pick up by April 19th.

Coffee donations are needed. Coffee pricing is \$812 after tax and service fees for 40 gallons. Planning for 35 gallons of regular and 5 gallons of decaf.

I will be ordering decorations for the event soon. Going simple and “Space/Futuristic” Themed to go along with the flyers and theme of “The Fourth Dimension” (themed pulled directly from the Big Book)

In love & service, Cassidy G.

****Below message was sent after the business meeting ended****

Here is an online form submission to collect data on who needs a vegetarian meal. Please share with your groups and friends to submit if they need one. Thank you!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScitshfrHhrNTn8kkZjgDxqZQpqNuG9NJ4jM4lhBwwnVrF9Uw/view_form?usp=sf_link

Newsletter: n/a

District 9 Liaison: no written report submitted

District 90 Liaison: no written report submitted

Webmaster: Hello Everyone, we had 2,349 users total but 1,470 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec., which is right in line with our average of 1400. The Meeting Guide is still the most visited page, followed by the Events Page, and the Virtual Meetings Page is third. There was no noticeable spike this month which is the 2nd month in a row so hopefully whatever was causing it has stopped. I am still working on making the virtual meetings page look something like the meeting guide page instead of just flyers. I have been emailing out the Newsletter to those who have requested, I plan on continuing doing that even if we get a Newsletter Chairperson. 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.

**The following group reports were submitted for the minutes:
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Group reports:

Courage to Change: The new people are settling into their new positions. Things are running smoothly. We also host a Sunday Serenity meeting at 9am, Which is attended by people from all over the world. –Pam S.

Last Chance: Hello, my name is Ruby G and I am an alcoholic. I am taking over for Tracey S as the Intergroup rep for the Last Chance group, I look forward to this opportunity. Jeff K continues to serve as our intergroup alternate.

We have good attendance at regular meetings. Our next speaker meeting and potluck will be on Friday, March 17th at 5:30. Craig K. from Kewanee will be speaking and we are having spaghetti as the main dish.

Our next business meeting is Sunday, March 26th at 12:20. --Ruby G.

Marquette: Preparations are underway for the Marquette Group's 49th Anniversary. A potluck and speaker meeting celebration will be held on April 15th.

Marquette was able to donate to the Intergroup Anniversary event in both coffee and basket donations.

Welcome to our new home group members Chris and Samantha!

Love and service, Jennifer B

New Beginnings: Hello Everyone, the Meeting times are Monday at 6:30pm. Wednesday at 8pm and a Primary Purpose Big Book Study is Saturday at 2pm. We are just starting “We Agnostics.” Still have some “newcomers” join us that are not residents of the Lodge, which is great! 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: March is here already. Three Legacies is going well. We are celebrating our 10th anniversary this Thursday March 9th at 6pm. Our speaker is Marc R. from Dubuque, IA. and we will have cookies and coffee. Come join us! Attendance is good and we are looking forward to the warm weather soon. I have sold more than half of the twenty intergroup tickets and hope to sell the remaining in the next couple weeks.

Love in Service, Mary Ann G. - Intergroup Representative – Three Legacies Group

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

Old business: none

New business: none

Reminder for all who volunteer to take the Intergroup phones: Be sure to change your phone setting to allow unknown numbers. No matter what number is calling, each call **must** be answered when you’re answering a 24-hour helpline.

ALSO: We need volunteers to be added to the 12-step list. Many were removed during the recent update so the list was significantly reduced. If you’d like to be added to the 12-step list, please call 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.

The next business meeting will be held on **Monday, April 3 at 6:00 p.m.** on Zoom.