

Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes / April 3, 2023

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

Attendance:

Officers/Chairs/Liaisons present: Chair/Cassidy G.; Co-chair/Al B.; Secretary/Jennifer B.; Treasurer/Tim M.; Office Manager/Lisa W.; Telephone/Desiree K.; Events/Johanna S.; District 90 Liaison/Not present District 9 Liaison/ Barbara A., Webmaster/Randy C.

Groups present: 8n8, Bettendorf, Big Book, Courage to Change, Geneseo, Marquette, New Beginnings, Three Legacies, West End. IAYPAA

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

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the April minutes as published.

Officers' reports:

Treasurer's report:

Checking balance forwarded: \$9358.94

Total income: \$7318.75

Total expenses: \$3809.15

Income minus expenses: \$3509.60

Checking ending balance: \$12868.64

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

Office Manager's Report: April 3, 2023

Hello from Intergroup, Things are going well at the office. Thanks to everyone who filled in when I was sick. Welcome to all our new officers, chairs, and reps. Positions start this month. Thanks go out again to Randy C. for putting together an April newsletter for us. Call counts for March were 2 12-step, 85 information, 65 visitors, and 0 Al-anon. Our next business meeting will be May 1st at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom. In love and service, Lisa W.

Telephone Chair: Hello, here is my report for the last 3 days. I just started my new phone chair position on April 1st, but it has been fun so far. We had 7 information calls over the weekend (Friday-Sunday). I'm happy that people are calling in and are able to get the information they are seeking. I have also sent out an updated 12th Step list, as I was able to confirm 13 new people to the call list. I am very happy that so many people are stepping up and doing their part in service work. Thank you. In Love and Service, Desiree K

Events: The annual event is scheduled for 5PM on Saturday April 22nd.

Our DJ, David, and Cassidy visited the venue in March to game plan how the room will be set up.

We will be going to decorate and set up at Hickory Creek at 3PM that day. We need people to come and be of service with set up. We will also need people willing to greet at the door and get people their name tags. Finally, we will need to people to stick around after the event for tear down and clean up.

David from Camden has access to a small platform stage we can use as well as secured Camden group's consent to utilize their podium for the speaker, this is at no cost to Intergroup.

Menu options and dinner guest count of 183 has been submitted to the venue and caterer we do have a final bill amount of \$4914.60. This includes 183 meals, a pan of vegetarian lasagna, 20% service charge, 35 gallons of regular coffee, and 5 gallons of decaf coffee.

The buffet will be set up double sided to make sure the line moves quickly, and they know to keep the vegetarian separately. The menu will be as follows:

Lemon pepper chicken, carved roast beef, green bean almondine, pasta salad, mixed greens salad, broccoli salad, roasted red potatoes, Oreo fluff, tea, and lemonade. There will be soft drinks for sale at the bar. Paula, our speaker, has been followed up with and requested to have a few items in her room for her such as distilled water, apples, and almonds. Cassidy will handle getting these items and to her room upon check-in. Cassidy still needs to order name tags and raffle tickets and will be doing that soon. All raffle baskets need to be dropped off to Intergroup prior to April 19th. Please keep in mind all are welcome to attend the speaker meeting at 7PM without a dinner ticket as it is an open AA meeting. Additional seating will be available for those who did not purchase a dinner ticket. In love & service, Cassidy G./Johanna B.

Newsletter: Well, so far not much has happened. I reached out to Lisa who sent me some tips on Newsletter chair duties (thank you, Lisa!), and I reached out to Randy who took me through how to actually create the newsletter (thank you, Randy!). I guess we'll see how it goes and how well I paid attention when I do the next one. Maybe this is more a question for Lisa, like what's appropriate, but I'm curious if reps or officers/chairs have anything they'd like to see added to the newsletter? I've looked at a few other AA newsletters, and was thinking of adding a page, perhaps a tradition a month, or an interesting AA fact or some AA history. Please reach out if you have ideas! Also, I know we don't normally include events that aren't within our districts 9 and 90, but is it against our normal process to include a page advertising the international convention in Vancouver 2025? That's all! Yours in service, Julie B.

District 9 Liaison: No report provided/position open. (Filled on 4/3/23 by Barbara A.)

Webmaster: Hello Everyone, we had 2,717 users total but 1,534 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec., which is just above 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 3rd month in a row so hopefully whatever was causing it has stopped. 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: Greetings from 8n8! Attendance has been very good averaging 18 ppl. 8n8 continuous to have have meetings daily at 8am and 8pm CST. We are looking forward to donating a basket for the intergroup event in April. Lastly, we have a speaker meeting the last Saturday of every month at the 8pm meeting. The next speaker is Matt S from New Hampshire on April 29th at 8pm. In love and service, Erica B

Bettendorf: No written report provided.

Big Book Study: No written report provided.

Blandine: Not present.

Camden: Not present.

Central: Not present.

Courage to Change: We had our group conscious after Marshalltown

Dewitt: Not present

Freedom Group: No written report provided.

Geneseo: Geneseo Group is doing good. Our Thursday morning meeting is going well. This month Neal W from last chance will be speaking for us on April 28. Our speaker meetings are the 4th Friday of the month.

Henry County: Not present

House Group: Not present.

Knuckleheads: Not present.

Last Chance: Not present.

Marquette: Meeting attendance is growing at Marquette. We are seeing new faces at our monthly business meeting. The preparations for our 49th anniversary celebration on April 15th is well under way. We were able to make a donation of \$100 dollars to Intergroup and donate an additional \$100 to the Intergroup event to help cover costs related to the venue service fees.
In 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. 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: Greetings Intergroup,
Three Legacies meetings are going well. We had a successful 10-year anniversary. Our hybrid meeting is on Thursdays at 6pm and we hold a virtual meeting on Saturday at 9am. We will be donating \$100 for the Intergroup event for coffee. I sold 17 out of 20 tickets for the Intergroup event and many home group members will be attending. Love in Service, Mary Ann G.

West End: No written report provided.

IAYPAA:

The March Disco event was a success! People in our community really love Karaoke and disco and packed the dance floor. The upcoming event is Sunday April 16th. It is a Hawaiian themed event. Flyers have been created and distributed. We have a great speaker coming. We will also have Hawaiian themed concessions/food for sale at the event! Lastly IAYPAA (we) would like to have an information table/ pre-registration table at the upcoming Intergroup event. The table would be available for those curious about IAYPAA. With Intergroup's permission we would set up/ host and tear down the table at

the event. We feel this is a great event to help us educate the local AA community. Yours in love and Service Olivia

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

Old business: Tabled until May.

New business: The current phone chair requested a co-chair for the phone position. It was decided through a group discussion that the phone chair has the authority to obtain a co-chair of their choosing, but that a co-chair was not an elected position for Intergroup purposes and would not need a vote. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to nominate Barbara A for the open District 9 position and she was subsequently voted in. Congratulations, Barbara!

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, May 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.** on Zoom.