

Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes / June 5th, 2023

Virtual Meeting called to order by Intergroup Chair, Cassidy G. at 6:00pm with Serenity Prayer.

Attendance:

Officers/Chairs/Liaisons present: Chair/Cassidy G.; Co-chair/Al B.; Secretary/Jennifer B.; Office Manager/Lisa W.; Telephone/Desiree K.; Events/Johanna B.; District 9 Liaison/ Barbara A.; Webmaster/Randy C.; Newsletter/Julie B

Groups present:

8&8, Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Blandine, Courage to Change, Geneseo, Last Chance, Marquette, New Beginnings, Three Legacies, West End.

Guest: IAYPAA

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

Officers' reports:

Treasurer's report:

Checking balance forwarded: \$10,151.17.

Total income: \$ 4843.24

Total expenses: \$ 4400.29

Income minus expenses: \$ 442.95

Checking ending balance: \$10,594.12

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

Office Manager's Report: June 5, 2023

Hello from Intergroup, Things are going well at the office. The prices have gone up on books and some chips, due to price increases from AA World Service, Hazelden, Bright Star Press, and Grapevine. I am updating the prices as I order new books. Call counts for May were 4 12-step, 79 information, 39 visitors, and 1 Al-anon. Our next business meeting will be July 10th at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom.

In love and service, Lisa W.

Telephone Chair: As stated in the business meeting, I have emailed the phones people to let them know to contact me if they cannot take or keep their scheduled time for the phones. We had 2 people drop from the phones list, but I was able to fill their spots the same week, so I'm happy about that. I want to thank all the people who do service work for the Intergroup phones, you are a very important part of AA.

In Love and Service,
Desiree K
Intergroup Phone Chair

Events: I was asking Cassidy what is the next event that I need I to plan. She stated that it would be a golf outing. Will raise questions at next meeting about either going forward with it or asking if something else would be more of interest to people.

In Love & Service, Johanna B.

Newsletter: Hello! Nothing interesting to report. I haven't made any astounding or amazing changes (yet)! I did struggle with formatting the first page, I found a work around though and made it work. Let me know if you'd like to see any changes.

That's all! Yours in service, Julie

Webmaster: Hello Everyone, we had 2,485 users total but 1,332 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec., which is a little below our new average of 1500. The Meeting Guide is still the most visited page, followed by the Events Page, and the Virtual Meetings Page is third. There was a noticeable spike on Wednesday May 10th. 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:

Big Book Study: G'day! Meeting attendance has increased. We are currently averaging about 50 per meeting. We had our business meeting on May 9th. We voted to redistribute the pink can funds to Intergroup for quarter 1 and we will revisit distribution next quarter. We also approved the purchase of additional Big Books to accommodate the increase in attendance. The Big Book Study meets every Tuesday at 6:30pm at the Asbury United Methodist Church in Bettendorf IA.

In Love and Service ~ Carlee B

Blandine: Blandine is doing great attendance wise. We have seen an increase in both of our Saturday meetings and a bigger increase in our Friday night meeting. We have also seen somewhat of an increase in RCF and 605 members staying around after being released from there programs. These newcomers are slowly starting to get sponsors, work the AA program and get involved. Our business meeting will be held on June 24th at [12pm.As](#) always Blandine will be holding its Friday Night Speaker meeting at the end of the month, which is on June 30th at 8pm. The speaker will be Mike E. from the Maquette Group. with Love & Service, Mike R.

Last Chance: Hello, my name is Jennifer, and I am an alcoholic. I am filling in for the Last Chance representative this evening. Our alternate Intergroup rep stepped down at our May business meeting, we will have elections for this position at the June 25th business meeting. Attendance is low at our morning meetings, we now have a flyer to remind people of our 11am meetings. (Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday). At our next business meeting we are also going to discuss options to move forward with, at this time we decided it would be best to get the word out. Options have been brought up to close the meetings down, change the time of the meetings, close one or more days, and others. At our next business meeting, it will be discussed to have a special night or two nights for handing out chips or handing out chips at the end of meetings. We are seeing at times over 80 people in our 5:30 meetings on some nights. Our literature chair reported that we spent over \$100.00 on chips last month. What a wonderful issue to have really. Our next speaker meeting will be on Friday June 16th at 5:30pm. Amy M from Davenport, IA to share. We will be grilling tenderloins for the potluck, bring a dish to share. Our yearly elections will be held at the end of August. And speaking of August, SAVE THE DATE for the 35th anniversary event for Last Chance group. We will continue to iron out the details in meetings to come but the date is Saturday, August 5th. We have the Riverside East Shelter reserved at this time. Continue to watch the Intergroup website for more information. In love and service – Jennifer G

Marquette: Hello every one, I'm Angie P from Marquette group. New here we just got done with are elections last month. Can't wait for are next meeting.

New Beginnings: Hello Everyone, the Meeting times are Monday at 6:30pm. Wednesday at 8pm, and Saturday at 2pm is the Primary Purpose Big Book Study. We are starting Chapter 6, "Into Action." 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 everyone!

All is well at Three Legacies! We have had some great speakers the last few weeks. Thursday meeting attendance is good. We would welcome folks to also attend our Saturday virtual meeting at 9am. Zoom id is 254 615 7093. Passcode is 852140.

Love in Service,
Mary Ann G.
Three Legacies Intergroup Liaison

Old business: Ideas for Intergroup fundraising events were discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

New business: Discussion of future intergroup events took place, including the possibility of taking a survey of the most recent event back to individual groups. Some feedback was given about the event in April and how future events could possibly be improved. These included individuals not being greeted at the door, no one present to collect tickets, and coffee running out periodically during the event.

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, July 10, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.** on Zoom.