

Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes / August 7th, 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.; **Secretary**/Jennifer B.; **Treasurer**/Tim M.; **Office Manager**/Lisa W.; **Telephone**/Desiree K.; **Newsletter**/Julie B. **Events**/Johanna S.; **Webmaster**/Randy C.; **District 9 Liaison**/Barbara A. **District 9 Liaison**/Dave W.

Groups present: Bettendorf, Big Book, Courage to Change, Dewitt, Geneseo, Henry County, Last Chance, Marquette, New Beginnings, Three Legacies

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

Officers' reports:

Treasurer's report:

Checking balance forwarded: \$10,628.75.

Total income: \$ 2578.44

Total expenses: \$ 4943.43

Income minus expenses: \$-2364.99

Checking ending balance: \$ 8263.76

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

Office Manager's Report: Hello from Intergroup,

Since our hours are now pretty consistent, I will no longer be updating the Office Hours flyer on the website weekly, but will, of course, update it if there are any changes. August 10 will be the start of my fourteenth year at Intergroup. I am so grateful I have had this opportunity. I will be out-of-town the first part of September and then again in October. I am looking for volunteers to cover my shifts at the office. Please call me at 309-764-1016 if interested. Thanks! Call counts for July were 4 12-step, 58 information, 24 visitors, and 2 Al-anon. Our next business meeting will be August 7th at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom.

In love and service, Lisa W.

Telephone Chair: Hello, I have noticed a increase of people dropping from their evening positions for the phones. I understand that our lives are getting busier, and I want to thank them for being of service. Thankfully I have been able to fill the positions quite quickly. I am asking anyone that would like to be on the list as a backup for a possible open position, please send me your information. The evening phones shift is as follows: You would have 1 evening per month, your shift would start at 5:20pm and end at 9am (unless you need the phone transferred earlier in the morning) if you need it transferred earlier in the morning, I will be the one to call you, and take the phone. Otherwise, a volunteer from Intergroup will call and transfer them at 9am.

If interested, please email me at: desireekimmel@gmail.com , or call/text me at 563-639-2130

In Love and Service,
Desiree K
Intergroup Phone Chair

Newsletter: Hello! Compiling the newsletter is going better, so I must be getting the hang of it! The Illowa Newsletter is a great way to stay on top of AA business in our area. Consider subscribing so you stay current! If your group does not currently receive a newsletter, please bring it up at your next business meeting! Remember, it's \$16 annually for a paper copy. You can also get the newsletter emailed directly to you. Or you can always just visit the website to find what you need.

If you're unaware, the newsletter's layout is as follows:

Page 1: that month's birthdays and a snapshot of the month's events. If there is a holiday in which the office will be closed, that is noted on this page also. Reach out to Lisa at the Intergroup office if you'd like your AA birthday to be mentioned here each year!

Page 2: a summary of group contributions. Find your homegroup on this page to see your group's contribution!

Page 3-11-ish: Business meeting minutes

Intergroup, District 9, District 90 business meeting minutes (each of these usually spans 2 or more pages)

Next pages: Event flyers – never miss the opportunity to support speakers and attend picnics and anniversary celebrations!

Next: MY NEW PAGE! I added a quick look at the tradition corresponding with the month (August is the 8th month=8th tradition). Just a very high-level overview (short/long form, a quote from 12, Traditions checklist from the AA Grapevine)

Filler page: sometimes is needed to make the newsletter an even number of pages (ex: faithful fivers page or info for the AA International Convention)

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Yours in service, Julie B.

Webmaster: Hello everyone, we had 3,383 users total but 1405 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec., which is right at our new average. The Meeting Guide is still the most visited page, followed by the Events Page, and the Virtual Page is third. There was a big spike on the 4th, and a pretty big one on the 13th. 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:

8 n 8: Greetings from 8n8. Things are going well and the daily attendance is still averaging 15-20 people. There are still a lot of newcomers that are returning, which is great news! The next speaker meeting is August 26th at 8pm and Mark J from the Henry co group will be speaking. Also, a friendly reminder this meeting is everyday at 8am and 8pm so we'd love to see you!

In love & service,
Erica B

Big Book Study: Things are going very well at Big Book Study. Meeting attendance remains steady. We meet every Tuesday at 6:30pm. We will have our next business meeting on 8/8/2023 following the regularly scheduled meeting. Love and Service~Carlee B

New business: Sarah H. was in attendance as a guest. Sara attended to share information about the 62nd International Women's Conference coming up in 2026. Sara asked the Intergroup representatives if they would draft a letter of support to having the conference held in Des Moines, IA. The group was unanimously in favor of this.

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, September 11th at 6:00 p.m.** on Zoom.