

Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes/November 6, 2023

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

Attendance:

Officers/Chairs/Liaisons present: Chair/ Cassidy G.; Co- Chair/Al B.; Secretary/Jennifer B.; Office Manager/Lisa W.; Telephone/Desiree K.; Newsletter/Julie B.; Webmaster/Randy C.

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

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

Officers' reports:

Treasurer's report:

Checking balance forwarded: \$5754.46

Total income: \$3091.45

Total expenses: \$4072.91

Income minus expenses: \$-981.46

Checking ending balance: \$4773.00

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

Office Manager's Report: Hello from Intergroup,

I would like to announce that I am retiring from my position as Intergroup Office Manager effective Jan. 12, 2024. I have notified the officers and webmaster, and would like to thank everyone in the Quad City AA community for this wonderful opportunity I have been given for the last 14 years. It has truly been a blessing in my life and greatly enhanced my sobriety.

We have an opening for a volunteer to man the office every Thursday from 9 – 12:30. The office will be closed during these hours until a volunteer can be found. Please contact me at Intergroup for more information.

Call counts for October were 3 12-step, 68 information, 45 visitors, and 0 Al-anon.

Our next business meeting will be December 4 at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom.

In love and service, Lisa W.

Telephone Chair: Hello all, everything is going smooth. All positions are filled, and I have plenty of back up people to take the phones when needed. I am currently covering the phones on Thursday mornings till we find a volunteer to come into Intergroup from 9am-12:30pm. I have sent an email out asking for everyone to please announce the need for a in-office volunteer at their home groups, as it is better to have the office open for purchases and what-not. But until then, I am happy to be of service by taking the phone. If anyone would like to be added to the backup list and/or the 12th step list, please reach out to me. In Love and Service, Desiree K

Newsletter: Hello everyone! Totally unrelated to Newsletter, there's only 49 days until Christmas. I want to thank Lisa for stepping in while I was out of town! Thank you for printing, stapling, folding, and mailing the newsletter for me!

I don't have anything of importance to report, but this might be useful. If you get a physical Newsletter mailed to you, you may not realize the date on your mailing label. The date that's printed is the date you began your subscription. When your subscription is coming to an end and needs to be renewed, Lisa highlights the date and writes RENEW. This could seem really obvious to most people, but I never paid much attention to the mailing label, and this needed to be explained to me. I hope that helps someone! Yours in service, Julie B.

Webmaster: Hello Everyone, we had 2,694 users total but 1,447 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec., which is right in line with our current 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 a spike on Oct. 3rd, but the rest of the month looked pretty normal. 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&8: Greetings from online 8n8aa meeting! Things are go well! Attendance average is 15-20 people. We are announcing all the intergroup announcements at every meeting to get the word out of all the things happening in our local aa. Next business meeting is Nov 10th at 6pm and the next speaker meeting is November 25th at 8pm and Jessica H from the Big book study is our speaker.

In love and service, Erica B.

Big Book Study Group: Hello! The Big Book Study group meets on Tuesdays at 6:30pm at Asbury Church in Bettendorf. Our next business meeting is next Tuesday and will be further discussing the idea of offering childcare as well as how to handle our newly acquired property (laptops), as our online attendance has continued to be strong and steady so we will keep meeting as a hybrid meeting. Also, next Tuesday's business meeting will be our elections. – Julie B reporting for Carlee B.

Courage to Change: Our elections were held and everyone is looking forward to learning their new positions, except for the GSR, which is a two year term. Pam S.

Marquette: The Marquette group talk about contribution, on the holiday. Thank you, Angie P.

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. 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! Thursday meeting attendance is good. We held elections during our Business Meeting on 19 October. The new Three Legacies Intergroup Representative is Shawna S. for 2024. I will be out of town next month, so Shawna will be in attendance on 4 December. Thank-you for allowing me to serve over the last year.

Love in Service, Mary Ann G.

Old Business: The Intergroup office needs a volunteer on Thursday mornings from 9-12:30. Both the District 9 and Events Chair positions are open.

New business: Lisa W. announced her upcoming retirement. She will be leaving her position as Intergroup Office Manager on January 12, 2024. There is a job opening posted on the Intergroup website. This is a paid position working an average of 25 hours a week and requiring 3 years of sobriety. The Intergroup office lease is up in December. With a renewal of the lease, rent will increase from \$359.25/month to \$382.81/month. The group was given the option to renew for either 2 or 3 more years and voted unanimously for to renew the lease for 3 more years with the monthly rent rate of \$382.81.

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, December 4th at 6:00 p.m.** on Zoom.