

Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes – September 9, 2024

Virtual Meeting called to order by Chair, Al B. at 6:01 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer.

Attendance: Officers/Chairs/Liaisons present:

Chair/Al B., Co-Chair/Bill M., Secretary/Ruby G., Office Manager/Katie R. Telephone Chair/Desiree K., Newsletter/Julie B., Events/Amber J., District 9 Liaison/Amber J., District 90 Liaison/Adam A., Web Guy/Randy C.

Groups present: Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Blandine, Courage to Change, Dewitt Group, Geneseo Group, Henry Group, House Group, Last Chance, Milan, New Beginnings, and West End.

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

Officers' Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

Checking balance forwarded: \$1,776.59

Total Income: \$7,628.43

Total expenses: \$5,417.42

Income minus expenses: \$2,211.01

Checking ending balance: \$3,987.60

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

Telephone Chair: Hello from the phones! Things are going well, but, I am asking for anyone that is looking for service work, please contact me. I am in need of volunteers for the Intergroup Phones/Hotline. Even if you can be a back-up person when someone cannot take their shift would be great.

Current Days and Hours are as follows:

Monday: Office is closed. Day hours are 8:50am-5:20pm, and the evening shift is 5:20pm-8:50am. If anyone needs the phones transferred before 8:50am, I can accommodate that by transferring the phones to myself at whatever time is needed.

Tuesday – Friday: Hours are 5:20pm-9am. If anyone needs the phones transferred before 8:50am, I can accommodate that by transferring to myself at whatever time is needed.

Saturday-Sunday: Day hours are 8:50am-5:20pm, and the evening shift is 5:20pm-8:50am. If anyone needs the phones transferred before 8:50am, I can accommodate that by transferring the phones to myself at whatever time is needed.

If anyone is interested and/or have any sponsee's that Would like to be of service in this manner, please have them contact me via the Intergroup office.

I will be making a flyer to put on the Intergroup website and also to be included in the monthly newsletter. Thank you all that are currently being of service for the 24hour Hotline.

In Love and Service, Desiree K.

Newsletter: Hello friends! As usual, I don't have a lot to report, but I still like to give you something! That said, call this a nudge or a poke to please consider getting into the habit of looking at the newsletter each month. It's usually posted on the website by the 25th or 26th of the month (if you don't receive it via mail or email): please review the Intergroup minutes, make sure your report and your group's flyers were included accurately, your group's contributions are showing up, etc.

A reminder that you can add a flyer like your group's anniversary or picnic or any other event or announcement by emailing your flyer to Katie at illowaintergroup@yahoo.com and \$8 via PayPal or send a check to Illowa Intergroup. ☺ Thank you!

Yours in service, Julie B.

Office Manager Report: Hello from Intergroup, things are going well here at the Intergroup Office. I have contacted Reiser Jennings upstairs to get a quote on a price for end of year taxes. We currently use Centennial Tax and accounting at \$550.00 per year. I was advised they may be 100.00 cheaper or about the same price as Centennial. I have emailed them for a quote in writing. I am just looking to see if we can save any money. If their quote is lower than what we pay now I will submit it to the group at the next business meeting.

I am looking at pricing for our Rental and Workers comp insurance, I have contacted a broker at Independent Insurance Brokers in Davenport and at this point it looks like we have fair pricing Again just looking to make sure we are at a fair rate.

I have two new office chairs in the Front office which were purchased for \$5.00. I would like to take the old ones and donate or throw them away?

Call counts for August were 11 12-step, 44 information, 49 visitors and 2 Al--Anon

The next business meeting will be held on **Monday, October 7th 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** on Zoom.

In love and service, Katie R.

Events: Our golf event was on September 1st at Saukie and we had 44 total players which is a significant increase from last year! We made \$140 from the 50/50 raffle and \$49 from raffle basket tickets. The 50/50 winner donated his \$70 half back to Intergroup. I did have to purchase some prizes and items for a raffle basket, but we also had a few donations of prizes and a raffle basket. Our total income from the event was \$572. Everyone had a good time, and we had an amazing turn out! Congrats again to our winning team, Michael W, Bob B, Patrick B, and Justin W!

Amber J.

District 9: Forwarded balance \$5,810.57

Income: \$2,629.79

Expenses: \$1,280.82

Ending balance: 7,159.54

Mini Event is on September 21st from 11-1:30 at the Bettendorf Community Center

Amber J.

District 90: Present and no report.

Webmaster: Hello Everyone, about the 2nd week in July, GoDaddy switched us over to a new server, which is just a computer GoDaddy owns and uses to store our website. As a result, I did not have access to the new system. I was still able to update the website, but all statistics were not set up for monitoring the new computer. I am still learning how to use the new monitoring software. Moving to a new computer may have removed spammers and electronic information gatherers known as BOTS, so our numbers are going to be way lower. We had 444 visits, by 214 users, in other words, 214 real people used the website and the total amount of times those real people visited were 444 times. The spammers and BOTS will slowly start to come back, thus distorting our numbers. These new numbers are shockingly low compared to our old numbers, but we apparently had mostly spammers/BOTS using our website. I am looking into other methods of getting statistics to hopefully provide better info. I'm not sure how to get the most visited page info yet so I can't tell if the meeting guide is still the most visited page. The spike is gone, but that is probably due to the spammers/BOTS haven't found the new server. My work schedule change was more drastic than expected so I haven't made any progress in finding some sort of Calendar Program, I am back to reasonable work hours and I will have time to get back to looking into that. 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:

Bettendorf: Present and no report submitted.

Big Book Study: Present and no report submitted.

Blandine: Present and no report submitted.

Courage to Change: Present and no report submitted.

DeWitt Group: Present and no report submitted.

Geneseo Group: Present and no report submitted.

Henry County Group: Present and no report submitted.

House Group: Present and no report submitted.

Last Chance: Speaker/Potluck meeting. Homegroup member, Keith will be speaking at 5:30 p.m. Roughly around 6:45 p.m. potluck and fellowship to follow.

Milan: Present and no report submitted.

Marquette: N/A

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. Attendance has been up and down lately but 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: N/A

West End: Present and no report submitted.

Old business: Prudent Reserve – adding additional amount ex. \$200 into PR. How can we increase PR, do we add more funds on months we are doing well instead of the normal \$100 rate. Thoughts/ideas?

New business: Plain Language is being ordered 11/1, Katie asked Group Representatives to go back to their group and get a headcount on how many to order.

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 emailed to the secretary as soon as possible if they are to be included in the Intergroup minutes.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

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