

Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes – May 5, 2025

Virtual Meeting called to order by Chair, Al B., at 6:00 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer.

Attendance: Officers/Chairs/Liaisons present:

Chair/Al B., Co-Chair/Randy C., Secretary/Ruby G., Treasurer/ Melanie M., Newsletter/Julie B (Temp)., District 9 Liaison/Jeff T., District 90 Liaison/ Michael K., Webmaster/Randy C., Office Manager/Katie R.

Groups present:

Bettendorf, Big Book, Blandine, Central, Courage to Change, Dewitt, Geneseo, House Group, Last Chance, New Beginnings, West End.

* There was no motion to accept the Minutes as published as they were submitted after the deadline *

Officers' Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

Checking balance forwarded: \$6,998.40

Total Income: \$6,393.67

Total expenses: \$6,671.50

Income minus expenses: \$277.83

Checking ending balance: \$6,720.57

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

Telephone Chair: Katie R., office manager, filled in for the position and presented the report.

Newsletter: I mailed 7 May newsletters. I will compile and send the June newsletter if we still don't have a newsletter chair. BUT, I want to encourage anyone who doesn't have a position to consider Newsletter, I'm happy to have zoom calls to show you the process, have you shadow me first then I'd shadow you, whatever works and for however long it takes. Please reach out 😊 Yours in service, Julie

Office Manager Report: Hello from Intergroup, Things are going well here at the office. The Event accounting is complete and upcoming in tonight's business meeting. I wanted to share A Note from AAWS: With the current and rapidly evolving international tariff situation, we wanted to let you know that we are closely monitoring it. We understand there may be concerns about any current or potential impact on pricing of AAWS and AA Grapevine literature and on GSO business operations in general. Currently, there is no impact on our literature pricing or shipping costs nor on other business operations. However, as we are sure you are aware, this is a fluid situation, and conditions may change in the coming weeks and months. We want you to know that we are continuing to work with our vendors to closely monitor the situation and get the most up-to-date information. We will keep you informed of any changes that will affect our literature pricing or significant cost increases. Call counts for April were – 3- 12-step, -49 information, 52-visitors and 0-Al—Anon The next business meeting will be held on **Monday, June 2nd at 6:00 p.m.** on Zoom. In love and service, Katie R

Events: Present, no report submitted.

Additional information: The owner of Abbey Station in Rock Island, Illinois, who also owns the Abbey in Davenport, Iowa, has informed Craig K. of Kewanee Group that if Intergroup or fellowships would like to have an event or similar activities, the Abbey Station is available for use. If you would like to inquire about costs and such, please contact Craig who can put you in touch with the owner.

District 9: Present, no report submitted.

District 90: Present, no report submitted.

Webmaster: Hello Everyone, we had 4,089 visitors, 1,408 were on the site for more than 30 seconds and that's the number we have been going with. This is still on track with our average of 1,400. The Meetings page is still the most visited page, the Flyer page is the 2nd most visited page. The Virtual page is 3rd and the 4th most visited page was the Calendar. We did have a spike on the 15th. The rest of the month had its normal ups and downs. The Website was renewed for another year and the \$163.02 cost will be split 3 ways between Intergroup < District 9 and District 90. Keep checking the **FLYERS** Page for any type of Group Announcements. That's all I have until next month. In Love and Service Randy C.

Group reports:

8n8 AA: Not present.

Bettendorf: Present, no report submitted.

Big Book Study: Present, no report submitted.

Blandine: Present, no report submitted.

Central: Present, no report submitted.

Camden: Not present.

Courage to Change: Present, no report submitted.

DeWitt: Present, no report submitted.

Geneseo Group: I would like to request a change to our group's address on the meeting tab on the website. Our mailing address is 109 East Orange Street, Suite D; but you enter through a door on North Sommers Street (actually its Avenue, but even Google maps has that wrong.) Last evening we had a newcomer who could not find his way in because the door on Orange Street is locked after normal business hours. Luckily, he called his sponsor who called someone to find him and direct him inside. If he had been a newcomer without a sponsor he would have left, perhaps never to try AA again. If I may, I suggest using the current address with a comment of "enter on Sommers St." If this is too long for that field, perhaps use the address of 224 N. Sommers St., as there is an AA circle and triangle logo near that Google map location. In other news there is a new meeting in Cambridge, the Alley Group. The inaugural meeting was last Thursday, May 1, and there were 18 in attendance. There will be a business meeting following the "regular" meeting this Thursday and hopefully they will have an Intergroup Representative in time for our meeting in June. The Alley Group meets on Thursday at 7:00 pm in the Cambridge Community Center, which is a former bowling alley, thus the name. It is spacious, handicap accessible, and has plenty of parking. See you there soon. Yours in service, Butch W.

Henry County Group: Not present.

House Group: All things are going well at House Group. Attendance seems to be picking up slightly, with a few new people. May 17th, 3rd Saturday, will be our potluck/speaker meeting. Lee C. from Bettendorf group will be the speaker. Doors open at 5pm for fellowship, food served at 6pm and speaker at 7pm. Come and join us, there is always plenty to eat.

In Love and service, Melanie

Last Chance: Present, no report submitted.

Milan: Not present.

Marquette: Not present.

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. On May 18th around NOON, A.R.M. Chapter 17 will be arriving after their yearly Literature Run and we will host the Speaker Meeting afterwards. Food will be provided, join us for food, fun, & fellowship. 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: Not present.

West End: Present, no report submitted.

Old business: Two positions available:

1. Telephone Chair
2. Newsletter

New business:

1. Book Hickory Grove Creek for 2026 Intergroup event. Deposit? Yes – No?
2. Bylaws – term from 10 years to 5 years.

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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