

Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes – May 4th, 2026

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

Attendance: Officers/Chairs/Liaisons present:

Chair/Jennifer R., Co-Chair/Randy C., Phone-Chair/Lee C., Secretary/Melissa M., Treasurer/Melanie M., Webmaster/Randy C., Event-Chair/ Steven M., Office Manager/Katie R., District 90/Alissa P.

Groups present:

Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Blandine, Camden, Central, Courage to Change, Geneseo, Henry County, House Group, Last Chance, Marquette, New Beginnings, The Alley Group, Three Legacies, West End

Officers' Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

Checking balance forwarded: \$7,653.85

Total Income: \$6,355.77

Total expenses: \$5,708.17

Income minus expenses: \$647.60

Checking ending balance: \$8,301.45

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

Telephone Chair: I am doing June and July schedule. No changes in volunteers as of yet. I am asking for changes from the volunteers if needed so I can update the new months. The position has been going very smooth thanks to the volunteers. Love and service. Lee

Newsletter: Not Present

Office Manager Report: Hello from Intergroup, Things are going well here at the office. We now have a new Wed morning Volunteer for the office so it can remain open all day on Wednesdays. All is quiet at the office and a big thank you to all the groups and Rep's for their support and donations for the Intergroup Event. Call counts for April were –0 - 12-step, 37- information, 28 -visitors and 0-AI—Anon. The next business meeting will be held on June 1st at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom. In love and service, Katie R

Events: Present no Report submitted

District 9: Not Present

District 90: Present no report submitted.

Webmaster: Hello Everyone, we had 20,099 visitors, 1,252 were on the site for more than 30 seconds and that's the number we have been going with. This is a bit below our average of 1,400. The Meetings page is still the most visited page. The Calendar page jumped up 2 spots to the 2nd most visited page. The Flyers page moved to the 3rd most visited page and the Virtual Meetings page is 4th. The 22nd was the unexplainable spike this month. The rest of the month had its normal ups and downs. The website went down on for 6 mins on April 19, and the 22nd. 7 mins on April 27th, and 5 and 11 mins on May 1st. I still have finished the proposal for switching from GoDaddy to the other company, ICDsoft. I should have it ready for next month's meeting. Just a reminder about the flyer with QR codes for groups to post; one takes you to the website the other takes you to the Meeting Guide. 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

The Alley Group: Our one-year anniversary was May 1st, and we only meet on Thursday, so we haven't celebrated yet. There really isn't enough time to put something together for our May speaker meeting, so we will probably say a gratitude prayer for the group this Thursday evening. Our monthly speaker meeting is this Friday, May 8th. Our speaker is Brook F. from Courage to Change. Potluck at 6:00pm, speaker at 7:00pm. Love and Service, Butch W

Bettendorf: Present no report submitted.

Big Book Study: Present no report submitted.

Blandine: Present no report submitted

Central: Present no report submitted

Camden: All is going well at Camden Serenity. Our next Speaker/Potluck is June 6th, Fellowship at 5:30, Potluck at 6pm, and Bob F. from DeWitt Group is speaking at 7pm. Camden's 14th Annual Potluck BBQ is scheduled for Saturday, July 18th at Camden Park in Milan, IL. Fellowship is at 11:30, Burgers, Dogs, & Brats served at 12, and Carmen S. from Coal Valley Beginners Group will speak at 1pm. - In Love & Service Melissa M.

Courage to Change: Present no report submitted

DeWitt: Not Present

Geneseo Group: Our May business has been postponed for a week due to the GSR and me being unable to attend. We hope to have a loving discussion regarding our 7th

Tradition. Our latest treasurer report shows us operating at a deficit for 3 of the last 4 months, which is not a good trend. Comparing it to the same timeframe in 2025, it appears it is a revenue issue and not an expense issue. This has been trending for much longer than 4 months and I assume it is an attendance issue, and that is data that we record, but not formally track. I will work on retrieving this data and look for trends there before the business meeting. Our group makes its service entity donations in a different fashion to what I am accustomed. In California, where I spent the first 15 years of my sobriety, every group I was associated with; paid its expenses and kept a prudent reserve, then decided how excess funds would be divided amongst the service entities. At the Geneseo Group our current guidelines are to donate 10% of our revenue and then try to cover expenses. I realize change is difficult for us, but we need to review our financial methods. I'd love to hear how other local groups decide on their contributions to Intergroup and General Service. This could be a topic for a workshop in the future. Our next speaker meeting is on Friday, May22nd; potluck at 6:00pm and speaker at 7:00pm. The speaker is a secret, check the Intergroup website for the flyer. Love & Service Butch W.

Henry County Group: Present no report submitted

House Group: Present no report submitted

Last Chance: Present no report submitted

Milan: Not Present

Marquette: Present no report submitted

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 for any of our meeting times, please stop in and share your experience, strength and hope, they could really use the outside influence. Randy C.

Three Legacies: Good Evening All, The Three Legacies group meets once a week on Thursday Evening @ 6:00 pm – Asbury Methodist Church (Hybrid – Open Speaker) In Love & Service, Rachel

West End: Present no report submitted

Old business: There have been no calls for the office manager position. Just a reminder to get the word out to the groups that the position is open. Also, a reminder that District 9 liaison position is open.

New business: Butch W. from the Geneseo group would like to add a discussion item to next month's meeting. He is asking the Groups to report back on how each of the groups disperses its funds, when they do it, how often they do it, to help their group decide on how to disperse funds.

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 acting secretary no later than May13th, 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 June 1st at **6:00 p.m.** on Zoom.