Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes – October 05, 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., Secretary/Melissa M., Treasurer/Melanie M., Webmaster/Randy C., Office Manager/Katie R. District 90/ Emily G., Phone Chair/Lee C., Event Chair/ Katie C.

Groups present:

Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Central Discussion, Camden, Geneseo, Henry County, House Group, Last Chance, Marquette, New Beginnings, Three Legacies

Officers' Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

Checking balance forward: $5,309.76

Total Income: $1,871.86

Total expenses: $4,902.46

Income minus expenses: ($3,030.60)

Checking ending balance: $2,279.16

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

Telephone Chair: Present no report submitted.

Newsletter: Newsletter was sent out, there is no new news. Thanks for letting me be of service, Katie K.

Office Manager Report: Hello from Intergroup, Things are going well here at the office. Just an update there is no new news on the sale of the building. Status remains the same. Training with Dave is going very well, He is all set to start December 1st . Call counts for August were –1 -12-step, 42 - information, 24-visitors and 0-Al—Anon. The next business meeting will be held on Nov 2nd, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom. In love and service, Katie R

District 9: Not Present

District 90: Present no report submitted.

Webmaster: Hello Everyone, we had 37,768 visitors, 2,436 were on the site for more than 30 seconds and that's the number we have been going with. This is about 1000

more than our average of 1,400. The Meetings Page moved back to the most visited page, and the Events Page moved to the 2nd most visited page. The Meetings page is normally the most visited but the last few months the calendar and Meetings pages has been swapping back and forth. The Flyers page stayed as the 3rd most visited page and the Virtual Meetings page is still 4th . The 24th was the unexplainable spike this month. The rest of the month had its normal ups and downs. The website went down once for 5 mins on Sept. 18th . Still waiting for ICDSoft to reenable PayPal before pursuing a move to them. There is a 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 next speaker meeting is on Friday, October 9. Potluck at 6:00, speaker at 7:00, Chris W, of the Geneseo Group. Butch W.

Bettendorf: Present no report submitted.

Big Book Study: Hi everyone, things have been really good here at big book study! attendance has been holding strong at 45-50 ppl. (including online) and a few more have chosen us as their home group which we are excited about! We are still ironing out the details in regard to taking a Friday evening meeting into the Abbey. but things are looking promising. this is all for now, In love and service, Ronna

Blandine: Not Present

Central: Hello All, Central Discussion held their 58th Anniversary Event on Sunday, Sept, 27th, 2026 at Duck Creek Park Pavilion. The Event was well attended with approximately 105 people in attendance. The 2 Speakers at 1pm were Ross S and myself, Cathy G. Our Group is doing well, meetings are currently well attended. The next Quarterly Central Business Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Oct 25th, 2026 at 10:15AM. Thank you. In love and service, Cathy G.

Camden: Speaker meeting is November 7, Megan H. from By the Book, Iowa City is speaking, smoked pulled pork is the main dish, fellowship is at 5:30, potluck 6, and meeting starts at 7. Thanksgiving and Christmas Camden will be open from 10 am to 9 pm. Christmas is a Friday which is typically a closed meeting but will be an open meeting on Christmas Day. New Years Eve Camden will be open from 7pm to whenever. Bring snacks and games. In love and service, Michelle

Courage to Change: Not Present

DeWitt: Not Present

Geneseo Group: At our last business meeting we decided to change our cleaning service to once a month rather than every other week. This came about due to our cleaner asking for a 50% increase and our inability to pay for that. We have gone to once a month, the day after our speaker meeting, as some folks from out of town are unaware that the rest rooms just inside the building belong to another tenant. Our Anniversary Event, will be held Saturday, October 10th at the Izaac Walton League clubhouse, located on the south shore of the Hennepin Canal just north of Geneseo on Hwy 82. The speaker will be Dave H. The flyer states that Smoked Brisket will be provided, however that has changed to pulled pork; Doors open at 2:00, dinner at 4:00 followed by the speaker. At 7:00 there will be a campfire meeting, weather permitting. Butch W.

Henry County Group: Present no report submitted.

House Group: All is well here at House Group. Our annual picnic that was scheduled for 09/20/26 was a complete washout, with rain for days. So we made the most of it, moving it indoors to the group. The food and fellowship was wonderful. Our business meeting is scheduled for this Sunday, 10/11. Our Potluck/Speaker meeting is scheduled for Saturday, 10/17. Doors open at 5:30 for fellowship, food served at 6:00 and speaker to follow at 7pm. We have the pleasure of hosting Lee C. as our speaker. In Love and Service, Melanie

Last Chance: We had elections and all positions filled with some new faces. Matt is new Intergroup rep and Aaron is new alternative. We are talking about taking virtual money if anyone has any ways of doing that. Aaron H.

Milan: Not Present

Marquette: Finances are good as usual. Regular Saturday evening meetings continue to have low attendance, while speaker meetings draw more people. Someone volunteered to chair Saturday evening meetings on an ongoing basis, with another person available as a backup. The group discussed building security after the church was left unlocked. Meeting chairs need to know how to open the building, turn things off, lock up, and set the alarm. One of the trustees will ask the church for permission to post contact names and phone numbers so people can call for help if they arrive for an AA meeting and find the doors locked. The holiday party, the group will check with the church about January 9, 2027, with January 23 as the backup date. The church asked for an early reservation because its calendar fills up. The search continues for a more accessible location for next year's picnic. Chip stocking quantities have been set, and book quantities will be managed as needed. More books, meeting schedules, and birthday cards will be ordered. Returning extra plain-language books to Intergroup is still being discussed. The group paid $101 for the GSR's fall conference registration. GSR members were also encouraged to get involved in service, with area elections in October and district elections in November. Jeff M.

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 is doing great for this meeting. Just a reminder that the ladies building is open and they are attending meetings. 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: Present no report submitted.

West End: Not Present

Old business: Katie C. was nominated and voted in as the new Events Chair.

New business: There was a member who reached out about adding a candle to the newsletter in memory of a deceased member. There were a few questions brought up. Should we add the candle to the newsletter? Should we accept the donation? If we do accept monetary donations on behalf of a deceased member, should we include a statement such as "A donation has been made to Intergroup in memory of AA member by AA member?" Also, there was discussion about verifying the member is deceased by providing an obituary.

A motion was made to take this back to the homegroups to discuss at the next meeting, Motion was made by Bethany, Seconded by Ronna. Motion was approved.

\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 July 18th, if they are to be included in the Intergroup minutes.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

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