

**CHICAGOLAND G.A. INTERGROUP
MINUTES OF OCTOBER MEETING
October 22, 2003**

Chairman: Steve S.
Secretary: Tom D. #2

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 PM

Readings:

Unity Program – Regina F.
Unity Program Step 10 – Bridgid J.
One Day at a Time – Val K.

Excused Absences:

Scott D., Tom M., Max W., Meg L., Heidi M., Gary B., Pete F., Bob O., Sandie B.

Review of the minutes from the September Meeting

Public Relations – Scott D. spoke with Bob O., not Wayne B.
The Spirituality Conference is actually January 24th, not January 20th.

Motion to accept the minutes as amended. Motion passed.

Old Business:

New Business:

- New Meeting Reps. – Wayne G. – St. Gertrudes; Al B. – Northside GA; Val K. - Romeoville
- New Pinnings

Kathy H. presented the following pinnings for approval this month.

(previously approved pinnings are in bold)

Date	Day	Location	Time	Person	Years
10/23	Thursday	Oak Lawn Community Church	8:00 PM	Wayne G.	1 year GA
10/23	Thursday	Gurnee	7:00 PM	Bill M.	1 year GA
11/9	Sunday	St. Francis – Evanston	7:00 PM	Robert A.	1 year GA
11/18	Tuesday	Schaumburg	11:00 AM	Imre M.	1 Year GA
12/2	Tuesday	Norridge	7:00 PM	Joe P.	1 year GA
12/8	Monday	Joliet	7:30 PM	Linda H.	1 year GA
12/11	Thursday	Oak Lawn	8:00 PM	Debbie A.	1 year GA
12/15	Monday	Oak Lawn – Pilgrim Faith Church	7:30 PM	Joe V.	10 years GA

Discussion

None

All pinnings approved

- The Combo Choir is available to perform at any pinning but the person being pinned must call Terry B. to schedule the group. 815-431-8298
- Tom S., our Internet chairperson, went back to gambling so we need a new chairman for this committee. Bob O. offered to do this.
- Next month, we will nominate one new Treasurer and an Intergroup Chairman. Steve indicated that those who are interested need to be at the November meeting for nomination. Elections will be held in December. All of the other chairpersons will be elected in January.

Committee Reports

Pressure Relief – John D.

There were two financial pressure relief meetings – Aurora and Romeoville.

Steve reminded everyone that it is each meeting's responsibility to report the pressure relief meetings to John.

Report accepted.

Public Relations – Tom L. reporting for Frank K. and Tom M.

Tom L. and Meg L. spoke to a group of gentleman in a deacon's program that went very well.

Motion to accept the Public Relations report - **Report accepted**

Supplies – Sam D.

There were \$966.44 in supplies purchased last month. Tonight's collection was \$179.00.

Motion to accept the Supplies report - **Report accepted.**

Spring Conference – Steve S. reporting for Gary B.

The next meeting is Sunday, November 9th at 1:30 in the Butler Board Room at the Conference Hotel.

There will be a budget presented next month.

Motion to reimburse Miriam \$619.36 for the name tags – **Motion passed**

Motion to reimburse Steve S. \$117.19 for a Post Office Box and copies – **Motion passed.**

Steve encouraged the room reps to talk up the Conference and get commitments as soon as possible. Also, they will need volunteers to help run the various tables and hospitality events.

Alan S. added that anyone can make a hotel reservation now if they know they are going. Room rates are \$84 plus tax. There is no charge for making the reservation.

Alan S. requested that we get some new people to do workshops. Mark M. and Lisa M. are in charge of the workshops. There will be more information next month.

Motion to accept the Spring Conference report - **Report accepted.**

Internet – Bob O.

The March Intergroup notes have been converted to a PDF file and should be available on the website.

Motion to accept the Internet report - **Report accepted.**

Phone Service – Rene B.

The phone bill was \$42.83.

Rene needs Gary to call her – he signed up for the open time slot. Sam D. said he would let him know.

Steve asked for an explanation about creating a new slot. This has become more complicated because all of the existing shifts would have to be changed. They hope to have a plan put together by November.

Motion to accept the Phone Service report - **Report accepted.**

Treasurer – Denise M.

The collections for tonight were \$59 for the room, \$2469.00 for GA and \$1118.80 for ISO.

Motion to reimburse Kathy H. \$7.40 for travel to the Recovery Day downtown – **Motion passed.**

Motion to reimburse Jerry G. \$43.84 for copies – **Motion passed**

We had one returned check last month that has already been rectified.

The Special Account balance is \$526.

Denise asked for help with the Michael Reese and Korean Meetings as they haven't been here in a while.

Discussion

Jerry G. is waiting for a check from George J. to add to the Special Account so we can continue the Newsletter.

Alan S. reported that Chicago is the largest contributor to ISO with our monthly Intergroup contribution.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report - **Report accepted.**

Sunshine – Barb J.

Cards are available for all pinnees.

Motion to accept the Sunshine report - **Report accepted.**

Activities – Barb J.

Bowling on October 11th was not as well attended as in the past – perhaps 25 people. The next one will be in March. It will be at a different location due to increased fees at the current location. Details will be available next month.

Motion to accept the Activities report. - **Report accepted.**

Trustees

Bob O.

Bob reported on the Agenda at the Trustees Meeting. Overall, he felt it was a well run Conference.

There were 54 agenda items. Items have to be approved at two meetings for them to become official changes or additions to policy. Some of the items that were discussed included:

The pamphlet on how to run a conference passed.

One page 8, insert "it" after "however" in the third paragraph

The stock market pamphlet passed.

There was a straw vote that an Intergroup doesn't have to support a meeting that can't support itself

There were several guidance code changes.

Change the word "fellow" to "fellowship" on page 59 of the Blue book

On page 17, a change to item 7 passed the first vote.

A change to Step 11 on the Unity Program to include the Internet passed the first vote.

The Group Handbook on page 8, item 14 – change that the chairman asked someone to read the poem in combo book and Serenity prayer at the end of a meeting – passed first vote.

It was passed to have revision dates on all literature.

Alan S.

Alan reminded everyone that a Trustee straw vote is not binding – just guidance.

Alan attended the Milwaukee Intergroup meeting. Alan was able to help them with some issues with their phone service. He also brought back copies of their August minutes for those who are interested.

Alan asked and Brian clarified that there was not a final financial report for the Toronto Trustee meeting. Bob indicated that there probably was a loss because there was a motion, which was defeated, to have ISO cover some of the costs.

Scott D.

Not present to report.

Brian B.

Brian finally received a credit from American Airlines for missing the Toronto Conference.

The final report from the Toronto Meeting included some hard feelings about the costs for those who chose not to go. There will be further discussions about this.

Brian asked how many people know what the Lifeline is. It is a way for a member to make a monthly commitment to ISO. In Illinois, there are only 5 people who are Lifeliners. If anyone is interested, see a Trustee for details.

There was a map committee report regarding what area reports to what region. Not a big issue, but some details that need to be worked out.

There is a new version of the Pressure Relief format. Brian plans to have copies for each room by next month. It is GA accepted literature. John D., our pressure relief chairperson, thought it was a good form with more detail.

Nationwide GA hotline – This will allow people from around the country to call – it is being administered by the New Jersey GA group. The test number is 877-437-5264. The hotline will have a lot of options relating to GA and our recovery.

Some additional agenda items from the Trustee Meeting:

There was some support for a method to use the Internet to allow Trustees to communicate.

There was support to allow trustees to extend time limits for discussions.

There was a straw vote about whether giving gambling advice is considered gambling. The straw vote said it was not gambling.

There was a discussion about whether listing Gambler's Anonymous on a billboard is considered attraction and violates our Unity Program Step 11.

The Spring 2005 will be in Hartford, Connecticut.

Brian encouraged the membership to bring ideas and suggestions to the Trustees so that we can discuss it at future meetings.

Motion to accept the Trustees report - **Report accepted.**

New Meetings – Tom L.

There are two new meetings as shown below:

Day	Time	Location	Meeting Type
Wednesday	6 – 8 PM	340 E. 51 st St. Chicago, IL	GA Closed Meeting
Saturday	8 – 11 AM	33 E. 114 th St. Chicago, IL	GA Closed Meeting

The prison meeting still needs support

Discussion:

Will the meeting list be updated? Yes, in November.

If it is recommended that at least two people be committed to have a meeting, why aren't the names on the list? The contact name(s) are optional – we cannot force people to have their name on a meeting list.

The real question is whether we have commitments for these new meetings?

Do the new meetings have starter kits? There wasn't anyone from any of the new meetings present to ask

Several people voiced the opinion that with all of these new meetings starting, are we looking at when and where they are occurring and are they competing with other meetings on the same night and location.

Motion to extend the discussion for 5 minutes – **Motion passed.**

Next month, we need to have the names of the people who committed to the new meetings. Tom L. agreed to do so.

There was a lively discussion about whether the names should be given out. Some felt it was important to have the commitment. Others felt meetings are autonomous. Steve suggested that Tom L. find out if we have the commitments.

There were concerns raised about one of the new meetings that are being held at a member's house. It was decided to not put the meeting on our list until we have more information.

Motion to accept the New Meetings report - **Report accepted.**

Holiday Party – Mark T.

The party will be 12/14 at the William Tell Holiday Inn. The cost will be \$15 adults and \$10 for children (3-12), which is the same as last year. Dinner will be family style. The party will run from 12:00 to 5:00. There will be a DJ and Santa Claus. Please get your money in. We only have 7 adults and 2 children. We need to guarantee 100 people and it has to be prepaid by December 2nd.

Brochures are available for each room and the brochure is also available on the Website.

Discussion:

It was reiterated that money has to be in by the November Intergroup.

Motion to accept the Holiday Party report - **Report accepted.**

Board of Regents – Steve S. reporting for Arnie B.

No report.

Motion to accept the Board of Regents report - **Report accepted.**

Conference Guidelines Committee – Danny M.

Not present to report.

Motion to accept the Conference Guidelines Committee report – **Report accepted.**

Spirituality Conference – Jerry G.

There are brochures available for each room. The meeting will be January 24th at the Wyndham in Lisle.

Jerry G. asked for volunteers to speak.

Money must be in by the January Intergroup – no payments accepted the day of the event.

Motion to accept the Spirituality Conference report – **Report accepted.**

Good and Welfare

Myra F.'s tumors are gone, but she has had other tests that show a nodule on her lung. She is doing better but still needs our prayers. There is still a meeting on Tuesday nights at her recovery center.

Alan H. became a grandfather.

Joan R. needs prayers for her husband who has heart problems.

Russel B. from Aurora is recovering from a stroke

Barry S.'s mother was involved in the fire downtown

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 PM with the group joining hands and reciting the Serenity Prayer.