

**CHICAGOLAND G.A. INTERGROUP
MINUTES OF DECEMBER MEETING
December 17, 2003**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM

Readings:

Unity Program – Heidi M.
Unity Program Step 12 – Linda D.
One Day at a Time – Tom M.

Excused Absences:

Bill B., Patty B., Annette D., Gail B., Christine K., Barb J.

Review of the minutes from the November Meeting

Minutes reviewed last month were from October, not September.
Linda D., not Linda B., gave the Sunshine report.

Motion to accept the minutes as amended. Motion passed.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- New Meeting Reps. – none
- New Pinnings

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

(new pinnings are in bold)

Date	Day	Location	Time	Person	Years
12/27	Saturday	Merrillville	9:00 AM	Helen B.	1 year GA
1/5	Monday	N. Aurora	7:00 PM	Carol C.	1 year GA
1/10	Saturday	Libertyville	7:30 PM	Marilyn B.	5 years GA
1/12	Monday	Joliet	7:30 PM	Annette D. Michelle D.	1 year GA 1 year GA
1/24	Saturday	Spirituality Conference	3:30 PM	Jerry G.	25 years GA
1/29	Thursday	Oak Lawn	8:00 PM	Barb P.	1 year GA

Discussion

All pinnings approved

Elections

Steve S. reviewed the rules, which are that each room gets 2 votes and each Trustee gets a vote.

Treasurer:

Since Gail B. was the only nominee, Steve S. took a hand vote which Gail B. won unanimously.

Chairperson:

The nominees are Steve S. and Jerry G. After a vote by ballot, the new Chairperson is Steve S.

- Steve S. handed out a list of the scheduled meeting dates for Intergroup for 2004.

- Steve S. reported that he had discussions with Gamanon about the 2004 picnic. The proposal is to have the picnic on August 8th.

Motion to have the GA-Gamanon picnic on August 8th

Discussion:

Several people felt that we should have an alternate date.

Motion passed.

Motion to make August 15th the alternate date for the picnic if August 8th is not available.

Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Pressure Relief – John D.

Not present to report.

Public Relations – Tom M. and Frank K.

There was a request via the phone service for a person to attend a Wellness Fair. Frank K. will handle this request.

Scott D. reported that the panel discussion he is attending at COD regarding gambling among seniors will be taped Friday and replayed at a later date.

Mike S. made a presentation to the Arch Diocese of Chicago. They are gathering information related to the church's involvement in fundraisers related to gambling.

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

Supplies – Sam D.

There was \$1033.48 in supplies purchased last month. Tonight's collection was \$78.00.

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

Spring Conference – Gary B.

The next meeting is January 4th at the Oak Brook Hills Resort.

Flyers are available and should be brought in as soon as possible. There is still a need for a few workshops and further assistance with the Entertainment Committee.

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

Internet – Bob O.

All pinnings are updated on the website.

Bob reported that the pictures that were taken at the Holiday Party of kids getting their gifts with Santa will be posted on the website so that anyone who would want a copy can get one.

Discussion:

Is there a concern about putting kids pictures on the website? In general, the feeling is that there is not a problem having the pictures on the website.

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

Phone Service – Phil S. and Rene B.

There was no phone bill to report about this month.

There are 4 shifts available – Tuesday, 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM, Tuesday, 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM, Wednesday, 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM, Thursday, 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM.

Christmas and New Years Meeting closures are as follows:

Wednesday 12/24 and 12/31 – Maywood closed

Thursday, 12/25 and 1/1 – Lisle closed, St. Charles closed

Motion to accept the Phone Service report

Discussion:

How does the phone service work? Phil reviewed how it works. The phone service person calls and checks an answering machine and then calls the people who left their message on the answering machine.

What are the requirements for the phone service? 6 months clean.

Report accepted.

Treasurer – Denise M.

The collections for tonight were \$38 for the room, \$1847.00 for GA and \$867.00 for ISO.

Motion to reimburse Scott D. (\$11.00) and Gary B. (\$29.50) for copies. Motion passed.

Scott N. reviewed the financial report. The only change is that there was no disbursement for the Conference. Also, the CD's rolled over and will mature in March.

Scott announced that he is resigning his position.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report

Discussion:

Jerry G. suggested that we cancel the newsletter and put the funds back into the general treasury.

Motion to cancel the newsletter and move the remaining \$506.03 into the general fund.

Motion passed.

What should we do about Scott's resignation? The suggestion is to have that election in January for a one year term when we elect the other chairpersons.

Report accepted.

Sunshine – Linda D. reporting for Barb J.

Cards are available for all pinnees.

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

Activities – Barb J.

Not present to report.

Trustees

Bob O.

Bob reported that he has been to several meetings and pinnings the last few months. His only concern is that meetings are not consistent about reporting how much money was collected each week.

February 24th is the cut-off date for getting agenda items put on the list at the Trustee's Meeting in Montreal that is scheduled for April 29th.

Alan S.

Alan gave a copy of the Trustee Line for each room. The Trustee Line is a newsletter for the National Trustee Meetings.

Alan encouraged the membership to do two things relative to pinnings – go to a pinning outside of your area and, if you are sponsoring someone, take that person to that meeting outside of your area.

Scott D.

Scott reported that he was supposed to a pinning last night at Michael Reese Hospital but could not find the meeting.

Scott reported that Springfield is part of our Intergroup and reported that they are doing very well with their meetings.

Scott encouraged the membership to get involved in activities within GA as a way to improve recovery.

Brian B.

Brian reinforced Bob's comments. He also encouraged the membership to contact the Trustees with any concerns.

Brian attended a few pinnings during the last few months.

Brian presented the final copies of the new pressure relief forms that were obtained from the last Trustee's Meeting.

Motion to accept the Trustees report

Discussion:

When will we have the literature regarding investments? The literature will be available after January 1st.

Report accepted.

New Meetings – Tom L.

Tom requested the start date for the 5 new meetings so he knows when to put them on the meeting list.

Tom has 20 people on the list for the prison meeting.

The new meeting in Downers Grove on Saturday has had good attendance.

The Saturday Aurora meeting will now meet at 9:00 AM instead of 1:00 PM in order to improve attendance.

The Northwest Community Hospital meeting on Monday nights will meet in the Hospital until the end of June 2004 in the Mallard Room due to construction in the regular meeting area. While there is privacy, there isn't enough room for the meeting to split. Gamanon will meet in Conference Room I8

Romeoville will have a speaker meeting on Tuesday, December 31st from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. The speaker will be Irish Bob O.

Bob O. asked for these changes to be e-mailed to him so the local website can be updated.

The Sunday speaker meeting at Naperville will feature Valerie K. this weekend.

The Sunday Evanston meeting at St. Francis Hospital will now meet in the Ridge room effective January, 2004.

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

Holiday Party – Rene B.

There were 160 adults, 60 kids and 16 children under 3. There were 8 adult scholarships and 3 children scholarships.

Rene also reported that she is looking to book the same place for next year. The early estimate is that the Holiday Party is within \$90 of budget. A final budget will be available next month.

Motion to accept the Holiday Party report

Discussion:

Bob O. reiterated that the DJ was an excellent idea and kept the children occupied and allowed the parents to enjoy themselves.

Report accepted.

Board of Regents – Arnie B.

Not present to report.

Conference Guidelines Committee – Danny M.

Not present to report.

Spirituality Conference – Jerry G.

There will be 8 speakers this year along with entertainment from the GA/Gamanon Choir.

Steve S. talked about scholarships for this event. He indicated that this will be passed along and offered to the membership by the room reps. The Scholarship covers the cost of lunch.

Once again, there are no walk-ups for this event. All money must be in by January 21st at the Intergroup Meeting.

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

Good and Welfare

Jim L. and Lisa L. had a baby girl this morning.

Joe L. and Chris L. had a baby 3 weeks ago.

Motion to donate \$50 to the nursing home where we are having the meetings for Myra F.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM with the group joining hands and reciting the Serenity Prayer.