

**CHICAGOLAND G.A. INTERGROUP
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER MEETING
September 17, 2003**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 PM

Readings:

Unity Program – Chuck A.
Unity Program Step 9 – Bob O.
One Day at a Time – Annette D.

Excused Absences:

Mark T., Scott D., Pete F.; Jerry G.; Jeff T.; Phil S.; Cindy M.; Dan B.; Barb J.; Max W.

Review of the minutes from the July Meeting

Motion to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- July financial statement

Highlights included making the deposit for the Spirituality Conference, receipts for the Cubs outing; and receipts for the picnic.

Special Account Summary

Beginning Balance: \$1139.99
Interest \$0.13
Withdrawals \$584.09
Service Charge \$10.00
Ending Balance \$546.03

Motion to accept the July Financial Report – **Report Accepted**

New Business:

- New Meeting Reps. – none
- New Pinnings

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

(previously approved pinnings are in bold)

Date	Day	Location	Time	Person	Years
9/20	Saturday	Bartlett	9:30 AM	Ray H.	5 years GA
9/26	Friday	Bolingbrook	7:30 PM	Nancy L.	1 year GA
9/27	Saturday	Elmhurst	8:00 PM	Heidi M.	1 year GA
10/10	Friday	St. Gertrude's	7:00 PM	David R. Nathan M.	1 year GA 1 year GA
10/23	Thursday	Oak Lawn Community Church	8:00 PM	Wayne G.	1 year GA
11/9	Sunday	St. Francis – Evanston	7:00 PM	Robert A.	1 year GA

Discussion
None

All pinnings approved

Committee Reports

Pressure Relief – Bob O. reporting for John D.

There were pressure relief meetings at Joliet and Lisle.

Motion to accept the Pressure Relief report

Discussion:

Are rooms obligated to report Pressure Relief Meetings. No, but we do ask meetings to report that a meeting occurred – not who had the meeting – so that we can get an idea of how many people are taking advantage of it.

Report accepted.

Public Relations – Tom M. and Frank K.

We had a request from COD's radio program to tape a program for Seniors regarding compulsive gambling. This will not be until November. It will be a panel discussion with Seniors.

Bob O. and Wayne B. spoke to student athletes at Northern Illinois University about the dangers of sports gambling. It was attended by football players for the most part and the meeting went well.

Frank K. reported that the table at the Thompson Center was going well.

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

Discussion:

Question from a room about if we are based on "attraction rather than promotion", how can we have a booth at the Thompson Center event? We are not paying for space or advertising for members, just having materials available for those who want it.

Supplies – Sam D.

There was \$627.99 in supplies purchased last month. Tonight's collection was \$152.00. There was also \$640.49 spent on supplies for the Fair at the Thompson Center.

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

Spring Conference – Gary B.

Gary B. and Francine B. were elected to be head of the Conference. There are currently 5 openings available for committees. The next meeting is October 12, 2003 at the Oak Brook Hills resort in the Butler Boardroom at 1:30 PM.

The Conference theme is "You Got a Friend in Me"

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

Internet – Tom S.

All meeting changes have been made. Also, a hard copy of the meeting list has been issued for each meeting.

The Holiday party is now listed on the website.

Any meeting that has a speaker meeting will have the speaker listed for that particular month.

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

Phone Service – Rene B.

The phone bill was \$47.86.

There is a position open on Monday from 1:00 to 5:00, which was quickly filled by Gary B.

Rene reminded everyone to ask for people interested in filling in some other slots that may be available.

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

Treasurer – Denise M. and Scott N.

Highlights for August included payments of \$99.00 for the Internet Website and \$58 to renew the post office box. We also had the final disbursements for the picnic and the CD's rolled over.

Special Account Summary:

Beginning balance - \$546.03

Interest - \$0.06

Service Charge - \$10.00

Ending Balance - \$536.09

The collections for tonight were \$27 for the room, \$1974 for GA and \$787 for ISO.

Motion to reimburse Richard T. \$217.09 for the picnic. **Motion passed.**

Several motions to reimburse members for copies – Alan S. - \$63.00, Scott N. – \$21.65, Patty B. - \$5.62, and Tom S. - \$24.00. **Motions passed.**

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

Sunshine – Linda D. reporting for Barb J.

Cards are available for all pinnees.

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

Activities – Jim M. reporting for Barb J.

On October 11th, after the Highland Open Meeting, there will be another Candlelight Bowling Outing. The cost is \$10 for pizza and bowling. Scott D. will be the speaker at the Highland Meeting that night.

There were 23 adults and 35 kids at the Mini-Golf Outing.

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

Trustees

Bob O.

Bob attended three pinnings last month that were well attended.

Bob reiterated that in a closed meeting, only GA approved literature is allowed out on the table.

Last month's Path Newsletter had a joke that referenced alcohol. We will ask the Path editor to not have jokes like that in the future.

There was a pinning in Elgin where no Trustees made the meeting. It was not planned, but unfortunately the one Trustee that was supposed to be there could not make it. The Trustees apologize.

Alan S.

Alan attended several pinnings in Chicago and a meeting in Milwaukee. There were 12 people at the meeting, several of which who were new.

Alan says that there is now applause after each person's therapy, which they picked up from our meetings.

Motion to provide \$178 to each of the Trustees for 2 extra nights each at the next Trustees meeting.

Discussion:

Does the amount need to be higher since it does not include tax? There is already an allowance of \$100 for extra expenses so there should be enough money.

Motion passed.

Scott D.

Not present to report.

Brian B.

Not present to report.

Discussion:

What constitutes approved GA Literature? Any printed GA material and any local flyers for local events.

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

Picnic – Richard T.

The picnic receipts totaled \$2684. The picnic costs were \$3382 so the loss was \$698. Some of the loss was due to the number of scholarships we had.

For comparison, we lost \$1600 last year (Gamanon covered \$800 of last year's loss).

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

New Meetings – Tom L.

There is a new meeting at the Medinah Baptist Church, 900 Foster Ave., Roselle, IL. It is on Tuesday night from 7:30 – 9:00. Contact Annette B. at 815-592-8726.

The prison meeting is still struggling and we need more people to make a commitment. There is also some interest in having a meeting in the women's portion of the prison. Members are asked to see if there is any interest.

The Hoffman Estates Meeting still needs help. They currently get only 9 to 11 attendees.

The Michael Reese meeting is now on Tuesday instead of Thursday and now meets in the Singer Pavillion.

The St. Francis meeting reported that they may not be able to be at that hospital. They would like to petition the hospital to keep the Bob G. Memorial Meeting at the hospital. The suggestions from the group were to look for a new location, since the hospital is removing all 12 step meetings from the hospital.

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

Holiday Party – Rene B.

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. The party will run from 12:00 to 5:00.

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

Money must be turned in 2 weeks before the event. There will be no refunds after that date, which is December 2nd, 2003.

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

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

Nothing new to report.

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

Conference Guidelines Committee – Danny M.

No report this month.

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

Spirituality Conference – Alan S. reporting for Jerry G.

The Conference is scheduled for January 20th at the Wyndham in Lisle. The cost is \$20 which includes lunch. A flyer will be available next month, but it will run from 10:00 AM to about 5:00 PM with a break for lunch.

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

Good and Welfare

Joe H. from the Thursday Gurnee meeting passed away suddenly.
Ray G. from the Arlington Hts. Meeting and his wife had there first child

Meeting adjourned at 8:50PM with the group joining hands and reciting the Serenity Prayer.