

**CHICAGOLAND G.A. INTERGROUP
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY MEETING
February 18, 2004**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 PM

Readings:

Unity Program – Gail B.
Unity Program Step 2 – Tim D.
One Day at a Time – Gary B.

Excused Absences:

Allen H., Gary B., Tom L., George S., Myra F., Mike L., Tom M., Barney S., Christine K.

Review of the minutes from the January Meeting

Motion to accept the minutes - Motion passed.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- There will be three meetings that will have self-exclusion from the riverboats available before their meetings – Bolingbrook – 2/20; Oak Lawn – 2/26; Norridge – 3/2
- New Meeting Reps. – Geary M. – Orland Park; Renee L – North Aurora; Fred B. – Naperville; Matt M. – St. Charles; Joan R – St. Marcelines
- New Pinnings – Kathy H. (**new pinnings are in bold**)

Date	Day	Location	Time	Person	Years
2/19	Thursday	Lisle	7:00 PM	Ralph M. Carole M.	1 year GA 1 year Gamanon
2/25	Wednesday	Springfield	7:00 PM	John C. Kevin T.	1 year GA 5 years GA
2/26	Thursday	Elk Grove Village	7:00 PM	Phil C.	1 year GA
3/11	Thursday	Mayfair	8:00 PM	Rich B.	1 year GA
3/15	Monday	Oak Lawn	7:30 PM	Linda S.	1 year GA
3/19	Friday	Spring Conference	7:00 PM	Chuck A. Jay L. Regina F. John T.	15 years GA 5 years GA 5 years GA 1 year GA
3/25	Thursday	Oak Lawn	8:00 PM	Rose R. Steve P.	1 year GA 1 year GA
3/29	Monday	Arlington Hts. – In tHospital Auditorium	7:00 PM	Mike F.	1 year GA
3/31	Wednesday	Lutheran General	7:30 PM	Bill M.	1 year GA
4/4	Sunday	Elgin	5:30 PM	Gayle B. Jim D. Brian M.	5 years GA 1 year GA 1 year GA
4/8	Thursday	Lisle	7:00 PM	Ronnie W. Liz R.	1 year Gamanon 1 year Gamanon
4/24	Saturday	Oak Park	11:00 AM	Karen W.	1 year GA

All pinnings approved

Committee Reports

Pressure Relief – Gary B.

Gary B. reported that there was 1 financial pressure relief at Bloomingdale last month. Gary also handed out a flyer with contact information about reporting the pressure relief meetings.

Wayne B. called in just as this report began and reported that there were also 5 financial pressure relief meetings at Downers Grove.

There was also a pressure relief meeting at the Dyer and South Holland meetings.

Motion to accept the Pressure Relief report – Motion passed.

Public Relations – Gayle B.

Bob C. provided information at a health fair last month.

We received a call from Channel 20 from a Grad. Student. The students run a 30 minute show on Channel 20 and they have a 3.5 minute slot to fill and want to do an interview on the ramifications of the 10th casino license for Illinois. Darryl M. will do the interview along with Kathy H. It will air 3/12 or 3/19.

Gayle can be reached at 708-923-1752. Barney can be reached at 847-942-2080. Please refer all Public Relation calls to them.

Motion to accept the Public Relations report

Discussion

Scott D. emphasized that if anyone in the program is contacted by the media, to please contact the Public Relations people so they can filter the requests.

Phil C. pointed out that when it comes to opinions on the 10th casino license, GA has no opinion.

Report accepted

Supplies – Sam D.

There was \$886.49 in supplies purchased last month. Tonight's collection was \$143.00

The Spring Conference supply order will be placed next week along with our regular order.

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

Spring Conference – Gary B #2.

So far there are 149 people registered including those collected this evening.

There is only one workshop opening left.

There are 7 approved scholarships and 3 pending scholarships. Anyone can apply for this program. In general, the person has to have less than 90 days in the program, but common sense will prevail, such as if a person with longer clean time is out of work.

The next Conference meetings will be Sunday, 3/14, in the Butler Board Room at the Oak Brook Hills Resort, starting at 1:30 PM.

Tonight is the deadline for Conference pinnings and we will have 4 of them.

Motion to accept the Spring Conference report

Discussion:

The hotel deadline is February 19th. So far, there are 96 rooms reserved for Friday night and 121 rooms for Saturday night. After the 19th, our block of rooms will go back to the hotel for general use.

Steve asked that we really talk up the Conference in the next few weeks so that we have a better idea of how many are coming. Also, if reps get money or applications, they should mail them to the PO Box listed on the Conference application form or call Steve with a head count.

Report accepted.

Internet – Bob O.

Bob reported he will make the meeting changes that have been reported to him.

Bob also asked that we ask our meetings about how many people used/looked at the Holiday Party pictures that were posted on the website so that we know if it is worth doing this in the future.

Motion to accept the Internet report

Discussion:

What is the website address? gachicago.org

Report accepted.

Phone Service – Phil S. and Rene B.

The phone bill was \$47.68 and there were 140 calls.

Motion to accept the Phone Service report

Discussion

Is there a waiting list? Yes.

Report accepted.

Treasurer – Gail B. and Jim M.

The December financial report was updated due to an error that was noticed after the last Intergroup Meeting.

The January report was reviewed by Gail. There is a new format which was well received.

The end-of-year audit showed a net gain of \$438.24 from stale checks and math errors that were added back to the checking account.

The collections for tonight were \$44.00 for the room, \$1778.10 for GA and \$811.12 for ISO.

Motion to reimburse Alan S. \$39.44 (Spirituality) and Steve S. \$10.22 (Spirituality) and Supplies \$886.49 – Motion passed

Jim reported that Jerry G. gave the Treasurers a check for \$496.03 to close out the Special Fund.

Motion to roll over the CD's that are coming due in March

Motion passed.

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

Sunshine – Linda D.

Cards are available for all pinnees.

Motion to accept the Sunshine report - Report accepted.

Activities – Barb J.

The committee will meet before the next Intergroup Meeting and will have some new activities to report in March.

Motion to accept the Activities report – Motion passed.

Trustees

Bob O.

Bob had an issue brought to him by a member about maintaining anonymity in the rooms. The issue resulted in a person's co-worker learning that they had been to an open GA meeting. It is vital to our recovery to keep anonymity in the room.

Bob reported that all pinnings have been attended by one or more of the Trustees.

Bob will be a speaker at an upcoming Highland Speaker meeting.

The agenda items for the Montreal meeting will be available for review at the next Intergroup Meeting.

Motion to provide \$350 per trustee for airfare for the Montreal Trustee's Meeting – Motion passed

Alan S.

Alan has been talking to members from outside of Chicago about coming to our Spring Conference.

Karen at ISO reported to Alan that they had 3000 e-mails over the weekend and are thinking about adding additional staff to the office. This will be an agenda item at the next Trustee's Meeting.

Alan will be attending the Milwaukee Intergroup meeting on 2/24.

If anyone has an issue, please be sure to contact any of the Trustees to help address the issue.

Scott D.

Scott and Bob will be attending the pinnings at the Springfield meeting. That meeting is doing very well with all of the support programs that are part of our program.

If anyone has any changes they want to suggest to the Trustees, let Scott know and he will put it on the Trustee's Meeting agenda.

Scott reported the prison meeting is very rewarding and several of the prison attendees would be interested in having a sponsor to communicate with via mail.

Brian B.

Brian reported that he gave the treasurer's a check for the money he owed from the last Trustee's Meeting.

Brian reported that he was contacted by a member about a meeting issue and was able to take care of the problem.

Motion to accept the Trustees report

Discussion:

Why are there no Illinois anniversaries in the ISO book? Bob reported that all of the names were sent to Karen and were supposed to be included in the February and March ISO bulletins. Bob will follow up with Karen as to what happened.

Bob asked that each meeting provide him a fresh list of meeting attendees with their clean dates so he can give them to Karen. His email is nobets999@hotmail.com.

Jerry G. pointed out that the ISO bulletins are printed around the 10th of the month so we may have just missed the cut-off to make the February printing.

Report accepted.

New Meetings – Cindy M. and Heidi M.

There is one new meeting:

Tuesday night – 7:00PM – First United Methodist Church – 18420 Burnham Ave – Lansing, IL

Cindy attended the meeting in Roselle. They usually have 5 to 10 attendees. Cindy suggested to add “enter through the North Entrance” to the meeting list.

Heidi attended the St. Mary’s meeting and it is doing well.

Scott D. reported the Saturday morning meeting on 114th St. in Chicago is now closed due to poor attendance.

Motion to accept the New Meetings report

Discussion:

The Northside meeting has moved:

Tuesday – 7:15PM – Epworth United Methodist Church – 5253 N. Kenmore – Chicago, IL

Motion to establish rent at \$25 for the Northside GA meeting – Motion passed.

Motion to reestablish rent at the St. Peter’s meeting of \$25 – Motion passed.

The insurance bill will be due next month for the Hoffman Estate’s meeting. Steve suggested to have the bill brought to the meeting next week.

Report accepted.

Picnic – Dan B.

The committee members will have a meeting prior to the next Intergroup Meeting and will present their plans at the next Intergroup meeting and the Spring Conference.

Motion to accept the Picnic report – **Motion passed**

Holiday Party – Rene B.

Five other locations have been checked and none are as inexpensive as the William Tell Holiday Inn. As a result, it is the Committee’s recommendation to stay at the William Tell. The costs will go up by \$1.00 to \$16.00 for adults and \$11.00 for kids. There are 2 dates on reserve for us.

Motion to make the Holiday Party on 12/5 at the prices quoted – Motion passed

Motion to cut a check for \$800 to reserve the room for the Holiday Party – Motion passed.

Motion to accept the Holiday Party report - Report accepted.

Spirituality Conference – Jerry G.

We had 106 attendees (100 had lunch) and there were 13 scholarships. The financials are as follows:

Income - \$2251.00

Expenses - \$2175.62

Profit - \$76.38

Motion to reimburse the hotel for Sales Tax of \$116.09 – Motion passed.

Motion to move the remaining \$240 from the Spirituality Conference Scholarship Fund to the Spring Conference Scholarship Fund – Motion passed.

Motion to accept the Spirituality Conference report – Motion passed.

Board of Regents – Arnie B.

Not present to report.

Conference Guidelines Committee – Alan S.

The committee will have their first meeting after the Spring Conference.

Motion to accept the Conference Guideline Committee report – Motion passed.

Good and Welfare

None

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM with the group joining hands and reciting the Serenity Prayer.