

Chicagoland Intergroup  
October 19, 2005

**Chairman:** Steve S.  
**Secretary:** Rene' B.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by First Chair Tom D. 2

**Readings:**

**Unity Steps:** Lillian B.

**Unity Step 10:** Frank K.

**Day At a Time:** Phil S.

**Excused Absences:** Jim J. Aurora Monday, Bob O. Trustee, Pam E. Joliet

**Corrections: Motion to accept the September minutes as written. Seconded. Minutes accepted.**

**Old Business:** We will have the MEC (Medical Education Center) room beginning January 2006. November Intergroup we will take nominations for chair of Intergroup, Treasurer (1) position and Intergroup Secretary. Elections will be in December. Term will start in January. Please bring names of nominees to November Intergroup.

**New Business:** Barney S. received a call from Cindy Moriarty about a 2-day conference at the Wyndham. We can have a table at no cost to GA on November 2 and 3<sup>rd</sup> to pass out GA literature.

Renee L. Aurora meeting is now meeting at Provena Mercy Monday/Wednesday free of charge and they are asking for a donation of \$50 for each night a total of \$100. **Motion to give \$100 donation to Mercy/Provena Hospital. Motion seconded. Motion passes.**

Monday St. Marys new starting time 6:30 pm per Dave M.

Sunday night Evanston, St. Francis Hospital will meet 7:00 pm in Ridge Conference Room #1 pass the cafeteria on left, take next right.

**Sunshine:** Lillian B. no report

**Activities:** Barney S. no report

**New Meetings:** Jeanne M. no report

**Pinnings:** Cindy M. Please call or email prior to Intergroup to Cindy at [Ciamal52@aol.com](mailto:Ciamal52@aol.com) or 630-935-7650

Date	Day	Time	Location	Person	Years
10/21/05	Friday	6:30 pm	Willa Rawls	Erma T.	1 yr. GA
10/26/05	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Maywood	Bill s.	25 yrs. GA

10/27/05	Thursday	8:00 pm	Oak Lawn	Marc B. Pat R. John P.	1 yr. GA 1 yr. GA 1 yr. GA
11/1/05	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Michael Reese	Mary E. Irma D. Florence L.	1 yr. GA 1 yr. GA 1 yr. Ga
11/3/05	Thursday	7:00 pm	Lisle	Anne K.	1 yr. GA
11/9/05	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Maywood	Merle S.	1 yr. GA
11/10/05	Thursday	7:00 pm	Hammond	Sue B.	1 yr. GA
11/14/05	Monday	7:00 pm	Highland	Sandy T. Al G.	1 yr. GA 1 yr. GA
11/21/05	Monday	7:00 pm	Oak Lawn Pilgrim Faith	Sam R. Laura R.	20 yr. GA 20 yrs. Gam/Anon
11/28/05	Monday	7:00 pm	Aurora	Darren B. Becky O.	5 yr. GA 1 yr. GA
12/2/05	Friday	7:00 pm	Dyer IN New Hope	Marion A. Chuck A.	5 yr. GA 5 yr. GA

**Motion to accept pinning report. Seconded.**

**Discussion:** Pinning on 10/25 cancelled as the pinnees do no meet requirements.

**PLEASE PLEASE EMAIL THE PINNINGS TO CINDY AT ABOVE EMAIL ADDRESS. PLEASE DO NOT BRING THEM TO INTERGROUP. We been asking for over 3 years for your cooperation.**

**Report Accepted.**

**Trustees Report:** Tom D. 2 felt this conference to be a very positive experience. Australia working on a new 160 page companion book to our Red/Blue book.

All of our literature is going to be put on CD's and cassettes.

National Website is going to be completely revised. Every page will show one of the 20 questions with a person, young, old, male and female. Will try to reach all types of gamblers by showing that gambling effects a broad spectrum of our society. Will be voted on by Boston.

There are 112 meetings in Argentina.

50 items on the Agenda in San Diego were voted on.

Two changes to combo book that passed a second vote. Both changes on page 17.

**Change: Attend as many meetings as possible per week. Meetings make it.**

**#5 will add get involved and be of service.**

**Changes will be in next printing.**

Anyone can give a Trustee an item to be put on the Agenda for Boston.

Tom attended a workshop on Steps 1, Steps 2 and Steps 3 and said it was excellent.

Rene' B. Explained new phone hot line. Rene' was trained 10/19. Phil will be training next. It would probably be a good idea to put a third person on the phone committee.

The cost would be approximately the same as we currently pay.

Briefly the way the new system works: The caller would call our hotline and be prompted by a menu. Press 1 to find meetings, times and locations. Press 2 to talk to a volunteer. Press 3 to leave a message. Most callers will choose option (1), they then will be prompted to pick a day they would like to attend meeting. So if they chose Monday they will be given a list of times, locations and contact people for all Monday meetings. If they choose by location they will be prompted to enter their zip code. They will then be given a list of meetings, times, days, location and contact people closest to their zip code. If they choose option (2) their call will be directed to a live volunteer. If they choose option (3) to leave a message their call will be forwarded to a message center and retrieved by the people who manage the hotline, Rene' B. and Phil S. We should be up and running by next Spring.

Steve S. sat in the the San Diego Trustee meetings said they were lot of work

**Motion to accept report. Seconded.**

**Discussion: Rene' answered questions about the hot line.**

**Report Accepted.**

**Board of Regents Report:** Steve reported 2 biggest items passed a motion to start a fund to provide at least \$1000 to New Orleans to pay room rent and provide literature lost. GA is attempting to trademark it's logo.

**Spring Conference:**

Steve S. passed out flyers for Spring 2006 Conference and list of committees. Steve S. said we still need to fill a number of committee chairs. Registration will be different. Registration and reservations will be handled separately. Meg L. will handle room reservations.

**We need somebody for Friday night pinning Hospitality. We need someone to sell supplies and T-shirts. We need a second person to head activities with Scottie. Graphic designs and printing needs a chair.**

**Thursday November 17<sup>th</sup> in the Windsor room at the Wyndham Hotel from 7-8 the meeting will be on the 2007 Conference from 8-10 the meeting will be on the 2006 Conference. We need a theme for the 2006 Conference. We are celebrating 45 years of GA in Chicago.**

**Motion to accept Report. Seconded.**

**Discussion:** Lillian asked about registration and reservation. Registration is going to be registering people. Lillian volunteered to head registration for 2006.

Victor C. asked about smoking and drinking. This hotel allows smoking everywhere. We are not promoting drinking, but there is a bar.

Discussing keynote speakers times and locations. What would be the best time to have a speaker.

**You can't make a reservation with the hotel it must be made with GA.**

GA is not taking credit cards.

Brian B. what about people coming from out of town will they be able to do it by credit card? No.

Jim M. reminded Steve that he and Gail B. are already handling the registration for 2006 Conference. Gail explained the reason why GA is booking the rooms; number one so

that we get the proper credit for the rooms and to let us know where we are with room nights.

**Report Accepted.**

**Pressure Relief:** One financial Lisle, one financial in Bartlett, one financial in Joliet.

**Motion to accept report. Seconded.**

**Discussion:** Tom brought up a committee that reported in San Diego about new pressure relief done on an Excel spread sheet. That program will be available on the National website in the future. It is automated calculations of the pressure relief.

**Report Accepted.**

### **Supply Report**

Sam reported they took in \$648. They spent \$117.

**Motion to accept Report. Seconded. No Discussion. Report Accepted.**

**Phone report:** Phil S. reported

\$48.73 cost . 140 calls.

**Motion to accept Report. Seconded. No Discussion. Report Accepted.**

### **Public Relations:**

Gayle B. We have people willing to talk about online gambling. Gayle also reiterated what Barney told us about the conference at the Wyndham hotel on November 2/3 being hosted by the Illinois Council on Problem Gambling. Gayle needs volunteers and materials. **Gayle made a motion to have material from GA Supply to hand out at the Conference at the Wyndham. Motion seconded and carried. Motion passes. Ga will provide supplies (material that we don't charge for.)**

**Motion to accept Report. Seconded.**

**Discussion:** Allan H. agreed to volunteer hosting a GA table at the conference.

Chris S. talked about the drug used for Parkinsons disease is causing these people to gamble.

**Report Accepted.**

### **Spirituality:**

Allan S. reported the Spirituality Conference is on Saturday January 21<sup>st</sup> and will be called Gifts Along the Broad Highway. Time: 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Location: Northwest Community Hospital. There is indoor and outdoor parking. Looking for volunteers to help bake. Cost is \$9 for buffet lunch.

Final signup will be the January 18<sup>th</sup> Intergroup. Flyers handed out at Intergroup.

Scholarships available. Should be handled by room secretary. Guidelines are that these scholarships are for people less than 90 days in program.

**Motion to accept. Seconded.**

**Discussion:** Gail noticed that the first people who volunteered are the people with a lot of time in the program. Get new people involved. Will any new people be willing to participate in small discussion groups to tell their story.

**Report Accepted.**

**Holiday Report:**

Neil B. reported that we had asked the Intergroup reps to find out the interest level of having a Holiday Party. Due to lack of enthusiasm for the 2004 party and the escalating costs and GA losses we decided to pursue a cheaper venue.

Kathy H. and Rene' B. reported that we could use the American Legion Hall in Carol Stream. The party would be catered.

Neil asked for a show of hands by reps based on feedback from their rooms. Only 3 rooms were interested in a Holiday party. Seven to ten meetings responded with a no to a Holiday party. The remainder of meetings said there was no interest.

**Rene' made a motion for \$200 for deposit for Holiday Party. Motion defeated. Motion to Accept Holiday Report. Seconded.**

**Discussion: None**

**Report Accepted.**

**Treasurers Report:**

Gail B. reported \$2169.10 collection for GA and ISO 715.00. The evenings room collection was \$32.

**Motion to accept report. Seconded.**

**Discussion: None**

**Report accepted.**

**Good and Welfare**

Jerry G. is doing okay but could use some calls. His number is 773-889-0015.

Brian B.s' father passed away this week.

Meeting adjourned by chairman Steve S. at 9:31 with the Serenity Prayer.