

Chicagoland Intergroup
August 17th, 2005

Chairman: Steve S.
Secretary: Rene' B.

The meeting was called to order at 7:44 p.m.

Readings:

Unity Steps: Neil B.
Unity Step 8: Harold D.
Day at A Time: Frank K.

Excused Absences: Allan H. Mayfair, Sandy S. Norridge, David S. Lutheran General, Kathy H. Lisle, Cindy M. Bartlett, Dianna R. Schaumburg, Allan S. and Stu P. Arlington Hts.

New Intergroup Reps: Chris R. Oak Lawn Thursday, Adam M. St. Francis Evanston, Dave M. Oak Park and St. Mary.

Corrections to the Minutes: None

Motion to accept the July Minutes as written. Seconded. July minutes accepted as written.

Old Business:

Steve S. is still talking with Elmhurst Hospital about moving the meeting back to the Medical Education Center. There is a possibility that we may move it to the third Monday of each month. Steve will have a definite answer by next Intergroup.

Steve announced that the first meeting for the 2006 Conference will be at the Wyndham Hotel in Itasca on 9/11 at 1:00 PM. Please email Steve at SteveS799@hotmail.com if you can be there.

Steve turned the meeting over to Bob O. for the Trustee Election. Bob explained the voting procedure. The vote included ballots mailed out to outlying Area 8 meetings and the voting members of Chicagoland Intergroup. Bob O. and Rene' B. took a roll and passed out the ballots. Brian B., Dan B. and Phil S. were selected to count the ballots.

Tom D. 2 was elected to fill the balance of the term for the fourth trustee.

Picnic Report:

Dan B. reported there was a total of 232 people in attendance at the picnic. 187 Adults and 36 children. There were 114 people preregistered and 95 of those preregistered actually showed up. There were 89 adult walk-ups, which were 50.43% of the adults in attendance, were walk-ups. There were 9 scholarships and all 9 people attended.

There was basically no food waste and people enjoyed the event.

There was a total profit of \$677 of which \$300 came in the form of donations.

Motion to accept Picnic Report. Seconded.

Discussion: A thank you was made to Dan B. and Jim M. congratulated Dan and the picnic committee on making the picnic not only a successful event, but working within a budget.

Dan stated that no part of the profit goes to GAM/Anon.

Report Accepted.

Sunshine: No report

Holiday: No report

2007 Conference: No report

New Business:

Pinning Report: Christine K.

Date	Day	Time	Location	Person	Years
8/22/05	Monday	7:00 PM	Aurora In room pinning	Bob K.	1 yr. GA
8/25/05	Thursday	8:00 PM	Oak Lawn	Tom B. Mary B. Mike S. Chris R.	1 yr. GA 1 yr. GA 1 yr. GA 1 yr. GA
9/11/05	Sunday	7:00 PM	St. Francis Evanston	Dave H.	1 yr. GA
9/17/05	Saturday	7:30 PM	Libertyville	Cathy H.	5 yr. GA
9/24/05	Saturday	8:00 PM	Elmhurst In room pinning	Bob O. Wayne B.	15 yrs. GA 15 yrs. GA

Motion to approve pinnings. Seconded. All pinnings approved.

Public Relations: Gayle B.

Tom L. and Meg L. of Joliet will speak at Lewis University to Deacons in training for addictions counseling. September 25th.

September 10th at Inwood Park in Joliet. Stepping Stones Addictions Fair. Open to the public. Tom L. and Jeanne M. will have a table and pass out info for a fair about addictions and recovery.

Motion to accept report. Seconded.

Discussion: None

Report Accepted.

Pressure Relief: Gary B.

1 Financial Bloomingdale, 1 financial Romeoville, 1 financial Lisle.

Motion to accept report. Seconded.

Discussion: Christine K. would be interested in a seminar to learn how to conduct financial pressure relief. Gary B. will let Scott D. know.

Report Accepted.

Activities Report: None

Supply Report:

Sam D. reported that we spent \$676.99 and took in \$164.00.

Motion to accept report. Seconded.

Discussion: Ken C. from Libertyville reported that they did an inventory of their supplies and have an excess of materials. Would supply take them back. Yes, except for outdated combo books. Please save outdated combo books for prison meeting. Status of prison meeting not known at this time.

Report Accepted.

Internet Report:

Bob O. reported that the website was still down. We had no information as to why. All attempts to contact Bob K. have failed.

Bob O. made a motion that we investigate finding an outside source to run and maintain our website at an approximate cost of \$30 per month. Motion Seconded.

Discussion: Phil S. opposed to using an outside source. Feels we should be able to find somebody within the organization and only use an outside source as a very last resort. Phil read from the guidance code.

Bob O. stated that we could employ outside professionals as per Unity Step 8.

Dan B. would want someone from within GA appointed to oversee any outside source if we choose that option.

Christine K. was concerned about our anonymity being compromised if we brought in an outside source.

Steve S. reiterated that we would pursue looking for someone within the organization. Please let your rooms know that we are looking for someone.

Motion was clarified that we are investigating the use of an outside source.

Motion carried.

Motion to accept Internet Report. Seconded. Report Accepted.

Treasurers Report:

Gail B. reported that the Intergroup Collection was \$37.

Turned in to GA \$2658.00

Turned in to ISO \$762.50

Treasury received a check from Elmhurst GAM/Anon for \$30/

Rene' B. reimbursed treasury for Connecticut \$39.00

Brian B. reimbursed treasury for Connecticut \$43.85

Gail made a motion to fund the Trustee Expense for San Diego.

Rene' B. \$1010.65

Bob O. \$1183.25

Tom D. \$1107.65

Motion Seconded. Motion Carried.

Gail B. made a motion to reimburse Rene' B. for postage, envelopes and copies totaling \$65.29. Motion Seconded. Motion Carried.

Motion to accept report. Seconded.

Discussion: None

Report Accepted.

Phone Report:

Phil S. 143 calls at a cost of \$56.96. No openings on phone service.

Motion to Accept Report. Seconded.

Discussion: None

Report Accepted.

Spirituality Report:

Gail B. reported a tentative date of Saturday 1/21/06 for the Spirituality Conference with a format and location still to be determined.

Motion to Accept Report. Seconded.

Discussion: Christine K. is there a committee. Answer: Yes. The committee is Gail B. and Allan S.

Trustees Report:

Rene' B. reported that she will be working on a committee for the realignment of Trustees. She is looking for feedback from the rooms. The following questions are being discussed in San Diego in October. Please ask your rooms for feedback on the following items.

- 1. Currently, how many meetings are in your Area?**
- 2. Approximately how many members are in your Area?**
- 3. Do you think your Area has enough Trustees, too little or too many?**
- 4. Would you like to lower the maximum number of Trustees in all Areas?**
- 5. Do you think the geographic boundaries of your Area should be changed?**
- 6. Do you think we need to start from scratch and assign new allocations to all Areas?**

Bob O. reported. It frequently comes to the attention of the Trustees and Trusted Servants that what is said in therapy or at a meeting is being discussed, debated and brought outside of the room to coffee or other meetings. Bob stressed that this must not happen. He also said that if individuals cannot feel comfortable saying something

in the rooms for fear it will be discussed out of the room, they should consider not sharing it in a therapy but rather with a sponsor.

Bob O. FURTHER REPORTED THAT TRUSTEES HAVE BEEN ASKED TO TRACK DOWN MEMBERS HOLDING PINNING OR ROOM MONEY. IT IS SOMETIMES SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF MONEY. NO SINGLE MEMBER SHOULD BE HOLDING THIS KIND OF MONEY. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE CENTRAL TREASURY HOLD PINNING MONEY. THE ROOM WOULD THEN HAVE AN ACCURATE ACCOUNTING AND SAFE PLACE FOR THESE FUNDS. *The Central Treasury would not be telling the rooms how to spend the money.* EACH ROOM IS SELF GOVERNING AND MAY HANDLE THIS AS THEY WISH, BUT HENCEFORTH THE TRUSTEES WILL NOT BE ATTEMPTING TO RECOVER FUNDS FROM INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS SHOULD THAT MONEY GO MISSING FOR ANY REASON.

Brian B. reported that we need to emphasize recovery in our rooms. Brian felt strongly that we carry this message back to our members. Get members involved and look for ways to improve retention. Brian also reiterated that he would not be running for Trustee in 2006.

Tom D. 2 Thanked the rooms for their support in his election as Trustee.

Motion to Accept Report. Seconded.

Discussion: Frank K. suggested we try to take a census of our rooms.

Christine K. Felt she needed more information about the Trustee Realignment before making a decision.

Lillian thought Trustees should only represent the Area they are funded by.

Bob O. said the boundaries for the Trustees geographic areas were redrawn every 2 years.

Jennine P. wanted to know if Trustees were allocated based on the number of members or meetings? Answer. Meetings.

Harold D. Is Milwaukee covered by Area 8 Trustees. Yes.

Lillian. Why don't they have their own Trustees. Answer. If they want to they can break off and fund and have their own Trustees.

Report Accepted.

New Meeting Report:

Jeanne M. reported that the Meeting List still reflected a Saturday Aurora Meeting. **There is no Saturday Aurora Meeting. Coal City no longer has a meeting. Bourbonais no longer has a meeting.**

Motion to Accept Report. Seconded. Report Accepted.

Correction to Picnic Report:

Steve S. corrected that we do split profit of picnic with GAM/Anon.

Steve also said that GAM/Anon had given us a check for \$200 in July, a check this \$553.00 this evening and would give back 50% of \$677 picnic profit. These amounts from GAM/Anon would be used to pay GA back for the loss of the Spring 2005 Conference.

Bob O. made a motion that we accept the above amounts of \$200, \$553 and half of the picnic profit as fulfillment of GAM/Anons' obligation to GA for it's portion of the loss of the 2005 Spring Conference.

Motion Seconded. Motion Passed.

Steve also said that GAM/Anon will split all profits from future events 70% to GA and 30% to GAM/Anon.

Dan B. reported that on 8/30 Tuesday night in Romeoville, Steve S. will be the speaker.

Ken C. reported that Libertyville GAM/Anon will only be meeting once a month starting in September. They will meet the first Saturday of the month.

Good and Welfare

Kathy H. from Lisle had her last radiation treatment and is doing well.

Chris M. from Joliet is recovering well from her last surgery.

Pat W. 2 from Joliet is recovering well from surgery.

Jerry and Alice G. are both sick and need your prayers.

John from the Hinsdale meeting made a motion to increase the rent paid by the Central Treasury from \$60 for 3 meetings to \$80 for 4 meetings that are all self supporting.

Motion Seconded. Motion Passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:25 by Steve S. with the Serenity Prayer

