

September 21, 2005

Chairman: Steve S.

Secretary: Rene' B.

The meeting was called to order at 7:43p.m. by First Chair Tom D.2

Readings:

Unity Steps: Kathy H.

Unity Step 9: Allan S.

Day At a Time: Donna M.

Excused Absences: Joe R. Bolingbrook, Stu P.

Arlington Heights, Dianna R. Schaumburg, Allen H. Mayfair, Jim M. Highland, Gary B.,
Bloomingtondale\

New Reps: Delores R. Orland, Karen M. St. Charles, Bev H. and Renee L. Aurora

Corrections to the Minutes: No corrections. Motion to accept minutes as presented.

Motion seconded and carried. Minutes Approved as Written.

Old Business: Steve reported no new information about changing room locations for our meeting. He is expecting something before end of September or October.

Steve brought up the situation with the Internet. Does anyone have information of someone who may assist in running the internet.

Cindy M. said there is someone from Bartlett who may help.

Christine K. reported that the rooms she represents are not opposed to someone outside the room running the Internet.

Steve asked for a show of hands of the reps who feel their rooms would be in favor of using outside source to run the Internet.

Nominations for Chairman of Intergroup and 1 Treasurers position will be in November.

The Election will be in December. Treasurers term is for 2 years.

All other Intergroup elections will be in January.

Steve also said that a Trustee from Sacramento California is looking for old ISO books for the 2007 National conference in California. See Steve S. if you have material.

Pressure Relief: Steve S. reported one financial P.R. in Bloomingtondale.

Motion to accept report, seconded.

Discussion: Bob O. made a motion to reimburse Scott D for conducting a Pressure Relief Seminar in Milwaukee approximately \$30. Motion seconded and passed.

Report Accepted.

New Business: Cindy M. reported the following pinnings;
Please call or email new pinnings to Cindy prior to Intergroup. Call 630-935-7650 or email ciamal52@aol.com.

Date	Day	Time	Location	Person	Years
9/24/2005	Saturday	8:00 pm	Elmhurst in room	Bob O. Wayne B.	15 yrs. GA 15 yrs. GA
10/3/2005	Monday	7:00 pm	Joliet	Karen T.	1 yr. Ga
10/12/2005	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Maywood	Brad M.	1 yr. GA
10/15/2005	Saturday	7:30 pm	Libertyville IN ROOM	Pat F.	1 yr. GA
10/26/2005	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Maywood	Bill S.	25 yrs. GA
11/1/2005	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Michael Reese	Mary E. Irma D. Florence L.	1 yr. GA 1 yr. GA 1 yr. GA
11/3/2005	Thursday	7:00 pm Sharp	Lisle	Anne K.	1 yr. GA

Motion to accept pinning report. Motion made and seconded.

Discussion: Sam wanted to know if they wanted a 25 year pin for Bill S.

Report Accepted.

Holiday Report: Kathy H. please find out if your rooms are interested in having a Holiday Party this year. We are trying to get the gym at Trinity Lutheran in Lisle. Will have definitive numbers in October.

Kathy H. has pop in garage that is out of date. Does anyone want to buy.

Motion to accept report. Motion seconded.

Discussion: Bob O. recommended Kathy H. throw out expired pop.

Harold D. wanted to know if Holiday Party could be on a Saturday. Yes.

Report Accepted.

Public Relations: Gayle B.

Kristin Simmons would like a young speaker for online poker playing to speak to students at Hinsdale South call Gayle.

Brian Smith called from Chicago magazine there is going to be an article about new drug used for Parkinsons' disease to be used on gamblers.

Motion to accept report, seconded.

Discussion: Request was for poker playing on Internet.

Report Accepted.

Internet Report: Bob O. has talked with Rick P. who used to handle our Internet. The reason our website was down was because of failure to pay a \$15 fee. Bob K. will no longer be handling the Internet. Bob O. said the biggest challenge with the Internet was formatting the meeting list. Bob O. would like to have Rick P. to run the Internet at low or no cost. Bob O. made a motion to have Rick P. be chairperson of the Internet.

Discussion:

Neil B. We did cut 2 checks to Bob K. did he turn in receipts.

Gail B. We had one receipt and one invoice.

Jim J. it was more than just the \$15 fee Bob K. needed a password.

Would Rick show up at Intergroup to do a monthly report?

Did we not approve a check to Bob K. to pay for the Internet. Yes, but there were 2 checks that needed to be paid.

If this is important should we not be paying to have an outside source to maintain and make sure it is run properly, Victor C.

Bob O. believes we should give this member another chance and we would have another GA person cochair.

Lillian B. heard another person was interested and we should have an alternate.

Matt M. let's not debate what the last chairman did wrong, let's find an outside source as a backup.

Bob O. backup plan is an outside person. A GA member's brother. He said he would maintain it for us for a cost of \$30-\$50 a month.

Tom D. how does National run it's website. Do they have guidelines?

Steve repeated Bob's motion to offer the job to Rick P. Motion seconded and carried.

Report Accepted.

Phone Service: Phil S.

154 calls at a cost of \$49.12

We have 2 openings Thursday from 3-6 and Friday from 3-6.

We have a Spanish speaking person. Call Phil if you have someone on the hotline and he will refer the caller to this person.

Call Phil at 630-665-6028 or his cell 630-267-3465 or Rene' at 630-977-7363

Motion to accept report seconded.

Discussion: Bob O. said that the Outreach Foundation does not get paid for banning people from the casinos. Bob was told that someone from the phone service told a caller that self-exclusion was not as effective as it was made out to be and that Outreach in some way benefited from the self exclusion. Outreach only benefits if they are named by the person self-excluding and that person is caught with winnings at the Casino.

One of three organizations can be named by the person self-excluding;

Illinois Council on Problem Gambling

The Outreach Foundation

Proctor Hospital

Report Accepted.

Sam D. Supply paid out \$703.49 and paid out \$246.

Trustees Report: Rene' B. talked about GAM/Anon not wanting to meet with GA during the open meeting in Lisle.

Tom D. 2 attended several pinnings.

Bob O. Said there are 4 new meetings in Wisconsin in Green Bay at a prison, in Osh Kosh, in Menominee and LaCrosse.

Discussion: Menominee is closer to St. Paul even though it is in Wisconsin.

Allan S. made copies of the San Diego agenda for Intergroup.

Mark T. wanted to know if anyone had gotten back to him regarding trustee realignment.

Ken C. can he tell his room that it is not expected that a Trustee must attend a pinning?

Yes Ken, it is true. Trustees are not expected to go to every pinning.

Phil S. disagrees with an item on the agenda that would do away with the 39 meeting rule requirement for a pinning.

Kristine S. also disagrees with removing the 39 meeting rule requirement.

Victor C. asked for clarification of the agenda item. Tom D. 2 said that the agenda item would state "regular attendance of GA meetings....."

Motion to accept. Motion seconded.

Motion to accept. Seconded. Report Accepted.

Spring Conference: Steve S. reported the first meeting was Sept. 11 for the 2006 conference. A number of committees have been formed.

Decorations, Giveaways and Supplies and T-shirts need chairpeople.

We need another person for Hospitality

The date is May 5-7, cost is \$89 per night with 11% tax.

Next meeting will be October 16th from 1-4 in the Trafalgar room.

Go back to your rooms and ask for involvement. DO YOU THINK THINGS NEED TO BE CHANGED?

Saturday night will have choice of fish or chicken.

GA will handle the room reservations and will not put your name in for a room without a deposit. The cutoff will be April 17th.

Motion to accept report. Seconded.

Discussion: Bob O. concerned that feedback from rooms last year was the conference was too expensive. They need feedback. A committee member will come out and explain to the room if you would like them to about the costs of the conference.

Steve S. we do not get charged for meeting rooms. The registration covers hospitality room, the Friday night food and Saturday lunch.

Gail B. also added that it includes the printing, all the expenses related to the workshops and the registration packet and all the entertainment. The \$35 fee actually covers quite a bit.

Christine K. said there is a spot in the pressure relief for the Conference. Encourage people to start putting money away now.

Jeanne M. wanted clarification about registering. Do not handle through the hotel.

GA will handle registration.

Harold D. is cost of registration the same? Yes.

Mayfair is taking a collection to donate to the Spring Conference.

Allen S. 2006 is the 45th anniversary for GA in Chicago. We are the 5th city to have GA meetings. Spread the word.

Tom D. 2 wanted an explanation of the guarantees. This year all we have to guarantee is 175 room nights, last year it was 217.

The food guarantee is \$9000 this year it was \$11,300 last year.

Report Accepted.

Picnic: No Report

Sunshine: No Report

New Meetings: No Report

Activity: No Report

Treasurers Report: Gail B. reported \$2208.25 collection for GA tonight. ISO \$716.

Room collection tonight was \$39.

Gail B. made a motion to pay \$48 for 12 months for the Lisle P.O. Box for another year. Motion carries.

Gail B. reported a mistake about receipt anyone whose meeting location starts with the letter H or letter thereafter they were one line off for the ISO contribution. The dollar amount will match but the receipts have the wrong room credited.

Jim M. has receipts and checks if anyone needs them.

Motion to accept. Seconded.

Report Accepted.

Spirituality Report: Gail B. planning Spirituality on January 21st at the Arlington Heights meeting location at Northwest Community. Hoping to have small group breakouts. Hoping to have the Hospital do a light catered lunch. They may be able to cut cost in half. Hoping to keep about \$10 to \$12. Will be looking to rooms to bring sweets. Looking for volunteers to speak or lead groups.

Motion to accept. Seconded. Report Accepted.

Steve asked for any changes in room or meetings nights.

Allen S. Starting in October on the 4th Monday of the even numbered month they will have a GA GAM/Anon meeting.

Sam asked if it was okay that the Wednesday Hammond meeting allows GAM/Anon into their meetings since they don't have good regular attendance. Yes, if the room agrees to it.

Kathy H. thanked everyone for their prayers.

Neil B. October 16th Phil S. will be speaking in Naperville.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 by Steve S. with the Serenity Prayer.