

CHICAGOLAND G.A. INTERGROUP MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 18, 2006

Chairman: Allan S.
Secretary: Heidi M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m.

Readings:

Recovery Program – Char B.
Unity Program (Step 9) – Bob F.
One Day at a Time – Betty B.

Excused Absences:

Jim M., Brian B.(Naperville), Peg M.(Lisle), Frank G.(Aurora)

Review of the minutes from the August Meeting

Motion to accept the August minutes – motion passed.

New Business:

- Pinnings – Please e-mail pinnings to Cindy M. at ciamal52@aol.com or call 630 935-7650 at least *1 day before* Intergroup meets. (**new pinnings are in bold**)

Date	Day	Location	Time	Person	Years
09/21/06	Thursday	Oaklawn Comm Church	8:00 pm	Belinda K.	1 yr GA
09/29/06	Friday	Bolingbrook	7:30 pm	Ludi C.	1 yr GA
09/29/06	Friday	St. Gertrude Ministry Center	7:00 pm	Barney S.	10 yr GA
09/30/06	Saturday	Elmhurst	8:00 pm	Sandi S.	5 yr GA
10/03/06	Tuesday	Schaumburg – St. Marceline	11:00 am	Lorrie N.	1 yr GA
10/10/06	Tuesday – In room pinning	Lansing – First United Meth	7:00 pm	Yvette Y.	1 yr GA
10/14/06	Saturday – pinning ~ 10:30	Oak Park	9:30 am	Denise A Kevin D	1 yr GA 1 yr GA
10/27/06	Friday	Joliet – St Joseph Provena Hospital	7:00 pm	Sal C. Barb K. Vicky S Judy L.	1 yr GA 1 yr GA 1 yr GA 5 yr GA

- Allan S. clarified that the walk-a-thon held at the trustees meetings is designed to raise money for ISO offices. A motion to donate \$150 to the Florida walk-a-thon on behalf of Chicagoland Intergroup was made and passed by a vote of 20 to 13 (Bob K. objected).
- Allan S. was contacted by ISO that there had been 2 different female complaints regarding Chicago meetings. One felt badgered and not supported. The other mentioned that she would not be able to have a financial pressure relief unless she self-excluded herself from the riverboats. Rene' B. had heard from other members that as a condition of having a financial pressure relief, that they must self-exclude first. Allan S. restated that the only condition to be in Gamblers Anonymous is a desire to stop gambling. Maggie P. mentioned that when she went to self-exclude that both the Indiana and Illinois forms stated that one cannot be coerced and must exclude of their own free will.

Steve B. said intergroup reps need to carry the message backs to the rooms that members cannot be forced to self-exclude, but can be a condition of sponsoring.

Char B. heard in a room that a member would not sponsor a new member unless sponsoree self-excluded first.

- Allan S. stated that he was contacted by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees regarding a flyer for a Chicagoland GA event that mentioned prizes. Chicago area members were upset about the flyer because it smacked of gambling.
- Steve S. noted that the Lisle post office box was up for renewal and would cost \$50. Motion was made to pay it and passed.

Old Business:

National Spring Conference 2007– Steve S.

The next planning meeting is on Wednesday, 09/19/06, at 7:00 pm at the Itasca Wyndam Hotel. So far there are 40 people registered. The current golf flyer has some info that is incorrect, but will be updated this month. Terry B., head of the choir, needs more singers. To obtain conference info and forms go to www.chicagoga.org and use the specified links.

Discussion: Bob K. asked if Steve had a ballpark figure for total expenses. Steve replied that a projected budget was outlined and approved prior to all spending. Others suggested that Bob should attend the conference planning meetings to answer his questions.

Committee Reports

Pressure Relief – Dan B.

There were 3 financial pressure reliefs: Mayfair, Downers Grove, and Joliet Monday night.

Ken C. wondered where to direct members who need legal pressure relief. Dan responded that all questions could be directed to him. His phone is 815-342-0385.

Stan N. asked Dan if he handled all pressure reliefs. Dan explained since he is the chair he has contact info for all types of pressure reliefs.

Motion to accept the Pressure Relief report – Report accepted.

Public Relations – Kathy H.

Lutheran Services will be holding an event on 09/29/06 at 74th and Kingston that Betty B. will be attending.

Motion to accept the Public Relations report – Report accepted.

Supplies – no report

No supplies were brought to intergroup.

Internet – no report

Phone Service – Rene' B.

There were 85 calls and the bill was \$50, which will be the maximum monthly charge due to the agreement with our provider (would have been \$295.52!). Was going to attend the Florida trustees meeting, but won't make it, so will have trustee bring back info regarding the National Hotline.

Allan S. stated that the Board of Regents will be getting bids from other providers since current costs to maintain the hotline are too high (~ \$19,000 every two months).

Motion to accept the Phone Service report - Report accepted.

Treasurers' Report – Gail B.

Gail made a motion to reimburse Tom D. \$71.40 for copying. Motion passed.

The collections were \$1943 for GA, \$686.00 for ISO, and \$45 for the room.

Gail made another motion to reimburse the Chicago GA account \$115.86 for coping proposals for the Spring conference.

Phil S. stated that rent checks were not available since new checks were not received yet. He went to the bank to get the checks, but since the signature card was not updated, the bank would not release the checks to him. Checks will be available next intergroup.

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

Sunshine Report – Debbie M.

Card ready for upcoming pinnings.

Motion to accept the Sunshine report – Report accepted.

Activities – no report

Trustees Report – Kathy H. & Tom D.

Kathy stated that she brought the stereo system that was rumored to be missing. It has been in her garage and needs fixing.

She and the other trustees have been going to all the meetings on the Chicago list. The Dixon meeting has been closed for roughly one year and Medina has been closed 18 months. She has contacted California to update the national list.

She made a motion to donate \$100 to the Monday night Mercy Hospital.

Discussion: Rene' stated that according to the financial report this room has only contributed \$120.00. Gail B. mentioned that a large donation came in tonight for the room. Jim M. suggested that some standards should be set up for donations to rooms that are not self-supporting. Room rep was questioned and disclosed amounts used for pinnings. Motion was defeated.

Tom D. said that all pinning were attended except the one in Norridge (illness prevented the designated trustee from attending). He also requested that any issues members have should be directed to the Chicago for trustees to remedy before contacting California. No feedback for the Florida trustee agenda items has been received.

Christine K. mentioned that she had feedback from both the Schaumburg and Aurora rooms. Both rooms oppose the following items:

#11: Delete the definition of Gambling on all GA literature

#46: Insert 'FOR PEOPLE WHO WORK IN OR AROUND GAMBLING, OR GAMBLING RELATED ESTABLISHMENTS' after the current page 17.

#47: Insert 'Action Gamblers/Escapes Gamblers' for pages 12 & 13 of the combo book, and move everything from page back thereby increasing the combo book 2 pages.

Both rooms support the following items:

#56: Guidance Code, Article VII, Section 3. Add the following at the end of the section: Furthermore, members should only be officers of just one (1) group. This fosters the rotation of service responsibilities that has proven to be an effective means for keeping emphasis where it belongs – on the principles.

#62: Combo Book, Page 17, Number 7. Return to: 'Be patient, the days and weeks will pass soon enough, and as continue to attend meetings and abstain from gambling your recovery will really accelerate!'

Motion to accept the Trustees report – Report accepted.

New Meetings Report – Dave M.

Mentioned new meeting at the request of the Renz Addiction Center has been started by Dan L. of Elgin and will be on Tuesday nights at 2 American Way in Elgin from 7-9:30. Dan can be contacted at 847-931-5011.

Motion to accept the New Meetings report – Report accepted.

Anniversaries Report – Victor C.

ISO guidelines include submittal of anniversaries by the 22nd of each month to meet the publication deadline. Also, only the name and city (not the group) are reported. ISO will go back 3 months.

Motion to accept the Anniversaries report – Report accepted.

Board of Regents – Allan S.

Next meeting will be the 4th Friday of October rather than the usual 3rd Friday so as not to conflict with the trustees meeting. Due to the new national hotline there is a deficit of \$19,000 for the last two months.

Chicago is the largest contributor to ISO. Other costs include renewing a lease for the ISO office at a cost of approximately \$1000 more a month than now. Also, the money from the upcoming walk-a-thon should go ISO, not to the national hotline.

Motion to accept the Board of Regents report – Report accepted.

Good and Welfare

Diane L.'s mother passed away.

Terry B. had surgery on his arm from an auto accident

Jake A.'s wife, Roberta, is sick in the hospital.

Tim P. has cancer and will undergo treatment.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m. with the group joining hands and reciting the Serenity Prayer.