

**CHICAGOLAND G.A. INTERGROUP  
MINUTES FOR April 16<sup>th</sup> 2007**

Chairman: René B

Secretary: Cindy M

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm

**Readings:**

Recovery Program – Cindi M

Unity Program – Maggie P step 4

One Day at a Time - Ray A

**Excused Absences:** Eric G Hoffman Estates Wed, Alan S NWC Hosp, Peg M Lisle, Richard F Sat Oak Park, Dianna R Sch, Tim C Naperville, Bob O Downers Grove

**New Reps:** Harvey W, Elgin - Marvin J ,Oak Lawn Thur - Pat F ,Gurnee Thur and Libertyville Sat

**Review of the minutes from the March Meeting**

No Changes to minutes

Motion to accept minutes – Report accepted

**Old Business**

Phil S points out that in the motion made last month in which” we wrote a check for the trustees for 1 night lodging and meals for the conference which stated that it is in our bylaws that intergroup provides this for our trustees etc”.. It is not in the bylaw of gamblers anonymous, but it is a financial guideline of the Chicagoland intergroup. Guidelines made by Chicagoland intergroup may be changed after a 2-year period.

Rene reports that the phone service and internet is not giving bad info regarding current meetings, meeting times and contact people. People receiving wrong info may be getting it from the 1800gambler phone nbr (Dupont Org), she has asked them to check out our website for correct info.

**New business:**

Christine K requested clarification of our voting process. Each room gets two votes. If you represent 2 rooms then you get to vote for each room that you represent.

**Motion** made by Rene to **change** the **May intergroup meeting to the 2nd Monday of May**, changing the date to **May 14**. This is a **one time only** change due to the conference.  
**Motion Passes**

**Motion** made by Bob K that a person can only represent one room.

Discussion- some people don't want to travel this far, due to work obligations or family obligation some can't make it, some meetings are small and it might be difficult to get reps from that room.

**Motion Fails**

**Motion** made by Bob K - one person one vote – that every voting member gets only one vote.

Discussion- Will the rooms be losing their representation? This may help get more people involved in the fellowship when the rooms understand that the reps who have been doing double or even triple representation can only vote one time.

**Motion Passes**

**PINNINGS; NEW PINNINGS ARE IN BOLD**

Please call or email Heidi at 312-475-9041 or [hamcat@hellokitty.com](mailto:hamcat@hellokitty.com) **AT LEAST ONE DAY PRIOR**

## TO INTERGROUP

**Room reps, PLEASE follow the format below when sending info to Heidi.  
When having an in room meeting, please indicate if it is open or closed!**

On the website we will be posting which trustee will be attending the pinning.

Date	Day	Time	Location	Person	Years
4/21/07	Saturday	7:30 pm	Libertyville	Robert E	1 yr GA
4/24/07	Tuesday	7:30 pm	Lake in the Hills	Karen K	1 yr GA
4/29/07	Sunday In room Open	6:00 pm	Naperville	John C Jim J	1 yr GA 5 yr GA
5/4/07	Friday	7:00 pm	Dyer, In	Gwen T.	1 yr GA
5/10/07	Thursday Open	7:30 pm	Orland Park	Mark T	5 yr GA
5/24/07	Thursday In room	7:30 pm	Orland Park	Chris I Gwen C	1 yr GA 1 yr GA
6/4/07	Monday	7:00 pm	Joliet – First Presbyterian Church	Kathy S Reggie O	1 yr GA 1 yr GA

### Committee Reports

#### Board of Regents' report – Alan S

no report

#### Pressure Relief – Dan B.

2 financial in Downers Grove.

With advance notice Dan is available to come to any meeting to help with pressure relief.

Dans nbr is 815-342-0385, his email is on the website.

Motion to accept the Pressure Relief report – Report accepted

#### Public Relations – Kathy H.

Call fm Merlick house for speaker.

A senior at sch high school is doing his senior paper on gambling and how it affects teenagers and wants to interview someone.

A teacher from New Tier High School is looking for someone to speak.

Kathy has all covered.

Motion to accept the public relations report – Report accepted

#### Phone Service – Rene B

80 calls from Feb 19th thru March 18, totaling 609 minutes.

Total bill was \$274.32 and we paid \$50.

Motion to accept the phone service report – Report accepted.

#### Supplies – Christine K and Jeff F

The supply form should be on the net soon. You will be able to email Jeff or Christine at least 2 weeks prior to intergroup. Supplies distributed at April intergroup \$547.90 , amount collected tonight \$245.50 , supplies ordered \$848.63. We are restocking our supply of pins.

Motion to accept the supplies report – Report accepted.

#### Internet – Rene for Rick

The trustee agenda will be posted on the net, we aren't printing it out due to cost.

The current hotline number will be **1888gahelps**.

Rick will update the combo book that is posted on the net to reflect the current version.  
Motion to accept the internet report -Report accepted

**Treasurers' Report – Phil S and Harvey W**

Collection tonight \$3356.50 - Ga intergroup \$2173.00 – ISO \$954.50 - supplies \$207.00  
Pinning fund \$22.00.

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

**Sunshine Report – Deb**

Everything up to date, cards are ready to go,  
Motion to accept the Sunshine report – Report accepted.

**Trustees Report – Kathy H and Tom D**

For the board of regents' election we only got a third of the ballots back, and our vote goes to Alan S of Chicagoland, who had the majority of the ballots.

Jim and Kathy are continuing to visit meetings. Trustees have attended all pinnings.

For the walkathon Kathy has already collected and sent to ISO \$2043.00. Tonight she collected \$130.00.

Kathy H. wrote and read the following:

We are men and women who have been brought together to work a 12-step recovery program. This is the main reason we have been brought together. Gossip is the destroyer of all good programs, and when we continue to say bad things about people in our fellowship, it causes us to not focus on the task at hand. I find it to be disturbing that we have many ga clicks, some are hard to break through, and feel welcomed. We are an intergroup that is here to serve the other members of our fellowship. We are the members, which should be looked up to and sought after for advice. When we say something negative about another member of ga, to someone, we have some influence on how a person feels about another member, and this affect just rolls from one member to another. People listen to what we have to say, whether we mean what we say to be nasty or to get our point across that we do not like a particular person, or we lie to turn people against someone. Let us remember we are here to lead our program into the next 50 years. If you do not have something nice to say about someone, please say nothing at all....

Tom D talked about the agenda for the Chicago meeting.

Some highlights and items of interest are nbrs 29, 37, 45, 46, 60 and 75.

Please go to the website, [gachicago.org](http://gachicago.org), where soon you will be able to view the full agenda.

Motion to accept the trustee report – Report accepted.

**New Meetings Report – Dave M.**

**New meeting – Morris Hospital, 7:00 pm** (step meeting every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> Monday – open meeting) - Whitman Assembly 1 – 150 W. High Street – Morris, IL 60450.

Contacts Jeanne M 815- 715-5366 and Vicky S 815-735-6299. No rent, but will accept donations, First meeting was held April 2, 2007. There are currently about 8 regular attendees.

**On Friday May 18, Hoffman Estates will be closed.**

Motion to accept the New Meetings report – Report accepted.

**Anniversary Report – Victor C**

No Report

## **Conference Report – Jim F and Steve S**

We currently have \$1000 allocated for scholarships from the conference committee and \$500 from intergroup. At a cost of \$25 per person this give us 60 scholarships. The conference will use its money first, and then intergroups. Since all money goes back to ISO from the conference, intergroup will need to write a check. The scholarships are available to GA and Gam-Anon members as well as people from out of the Chicagoland area.

**Motion by Jim F** if needed will intergroup provide another 20 scholarships?

Discussion – Can we check to see if people accepting scholarships are not staying at the hotel? There are also some personal donations, and its possible that some people will also get room or food donations. This is a program of honesty and we hope that only people who really need it are asking for it. Do we really want to turn away anyone from attending the conference?

**Motion passed**

We will be asking all recipients of scholarships to donate an hour of their time to the conference.

**Motion by Jim F** that we write an \$80 check to each trustee for a meal allowance on Thur and Fri of the conference, which will require receipts for food eaten at the conference and/or refund the difference back to intergroup.

**Motion passes**

We need people to sign up for the conference because it will be good for their recovery, there is a great band on Saturday night, different workshop from out of state every single hour, it won't be a waste of their time, therapy from 24 hours therapy rooms should be great.

Currently we have about 400 registered people, Either 560 or 683 room nights (we say 560, hotel credits us with 683), Meals sold 290 for Fri, 350 for Sat and 280 for Sun Brunch.

*Calling all golfers to the Tee, Please sign up if planning on being part of the golf outing.*

April 15 was only the deadline for hotel room reservations at the lower price. You may still register for the conference, as well as call the hotel and see if u can get the lower rate if planning to stay the night.

**Remember May 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am till way late (note time change), at the Westin Hotel we need volunteers to stuff the 600 gift bags and put together 80 centerpieces.**

Give back to the program by volunteering: Arnie B, registration 630-893-3048 - Donna M, t shirts and supplies 630-699-2370 – Fred L, Hospitality 847-525-8951 – Chris M, Decorations 815-729-4252 – Pam E, Give-a-ways 815-729-0108

Motion to accept report - Report accepted

### **Good and Welfare**

**Ron E 's grandson was killed in an auto weekend earlier this month. - Ron has been around for a while. He and his wife Kathy are in big need of Ga support. If you know him, call him. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.**

### **Activities report – Heidi**

No Report

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. with the group joining hands and reciting the Serenity Prayer.