

**CHICAGOLAND G.A. INTERGROUP
MINUTES FOR JANUARY 15,2007**

Chairman: René B
Secretary: Cindy M
The meeting was called to order at 7:35p.m.

Readings:

Recovery Program –Scott S
Unity Program (Step 1) Jim
One Day at a Time – Bob K

Excused Absences:

Victor C, Fred L, Alan S, Richard F, Margie P, Lynn P, Jim F, Ann K, Ann G

New Reps:

Tim C Naperville, Drew X Wayback Inn, Mike A Orland Pk, Tom D Orland Pk, Bob O Downers Grove, Heidi M St Mary's and Mayfair, Jeff F St Francis, Scott S Romeoville

Review of the minutes from the December meeting

In the treasurers report; the \$20 paid to the Renz Center was for the nov and dec rent, not oct and nov. In Good and Welfare; Mary L is not from Hinsdale but possibly Hammond.

Motion to accept the Dec minutes as amended – motion passed.

New Business:

Pinnings:

Please call or email Heidi at 312-475-9041 or hamcat@hellokitty.com **AT LEAST ONE DAY PRIOR TO INTERGROUP**

Date	Day	Time	Location	Person	Years
1/17/07	Wednesday	10:15 am	Oaklawn	Gil M	1 yr GA
1/29/07 pinning added	Monday	7:30 pm	Pilgrim Faith Oak Lawn	Karen M Joan P	1 yr GA 1 yr GA
1/31/07 First in house pinning in Hoffman	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Hoffman Estates Alexian Brothers Behavior Health Hosp	Elva F.	1 yr GA
2/11/07	Sunday	7:00 pm	Evanston	Zack R	1 yr GA
2/24/07	Saturday	2:00 pm	Hinsdale	Mike K Drew X	5 yr GA 1 yr GA
2/26/07	Monday	7:00 pm	Aurora	Dale D	1 yr GA
2/27/07	Tuesday	7:30 pm	Bloomingtondale Church of the Incarnation	Darrell J	15 yr GA
3/7/07	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Park Ridge Lutheran General	Steve C Felica N	5 yrs GA 5 yrs GAM-AMON

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON ELECTIONS:

The following were all voted in and are the new chairs:

Pressure Relief – Dan B 815-342-0385 ga@dbsalesco.com

Note: with one weeks notice Dan will attend any meeting that needs a pressure relief.

Public Relations – Peggy M 630-561-6788 pmichails@hotmail.com and Kathy H 630-783-0829 Kathh1947@aol.com

Internet – Rick rphillips@allways.net

Phone Service – Dianna R 847-575-5040 gahotline@aol.com

New Meetings – Dave m 773-266-5030 martinez1533@sbcglobal.net

Supplies – Christine K 630-208-1408 yorkie2226@hotmail.com and Jeff F 312-399-9609 jsf416@hotmail.com

Sunshine – Debbie M 773-844-7936 (after 2 pm), cardeb3227@comcast.net

Pinnings – Heidi M 312-475-9041 hamcat@hellokitty.com

Anniversaries – Victor C, Bill S, and Christine K 630-208-1408

yorkie2226@hotmail.com

Picnic – Scott S 708-514-0921 ssswider@yahoo.com and Darrell M

Sec – Cindy M 630-935-7650 ciamal52@aol.com and Donna M 630-699-2370 gmatteson@wideopenwest.com

New committee formed regarding past intergroup decisions – Bob O, Steve S and Phil S will be on this committee. They will compile a list of all past decisions, and bring them back to intergroup.

Old Business:

Picnic: Dan B

Dan got the permit for the picnic. The picnic will be at Bemis Woods, Grove 5 on Sunday Aug 12, 2007. We still need to obtain the special use permit, which will be followed up by the new picnic chairperson. Motion made and passed to reimburse Dan \$110. which he paid for the permit.

Motion to accept the picnic report – report accepted

Committee Reports

Pressure Relief – Dan B.

One financial pressure relief in Downers Grove. Bob O reported one intervention, which involved meeting with a gamblers family and 2 ga members. Discussion followed regarding why do we have to wait 30 days before a pressure relief and the intervention was immediate. Dan reported that the 30 days was just a guideline and the rooms can waive this if they want. Phil S read from the blue book stating that ga suggest 3 to 5 weeks before pressure relief and Bob O states the 4 weeks was a decision that this intergroup made. Bob O has info on treatment centers, feel free to call him.

Motion to accept the Pressure Relief report – Report accepted.

Public Relations – Kathy H.

No report

Phone Service – Dianna R.

Total of 67 calls, low volume probably due to the holidays. Volume has already picked up this month. Total bill was \$197.46, and we paid \$50. Dianna submitted guidelines for the hotline volunteers. Please review them and give Dianna any feedback. She would like to present to the volunteers asap. We currently have 42 active volunteers and are **looking for more, esp. volunteers able to cover the hours between 12 am and 8 am.** See Internet for sign up sheet or your room rep. **New national hotline number is 888-GA-HELPS**

Motion to accept the phone service report – Report accepted.

Supplies – Christine K

Took in \$153.50, spent \$346.49. Remember this amount is always in arrears. If you know you will need a pin, please add it on the invoice a month ahead if possible. We did not have enough pins this month. Discussion followed with a motion made by Kathy H, to keep 10 one year pins on hand. Motion was accepted. Discussion had regarding making the room more fiscally responsible and truly self-supporting. Jeff will work on making a spreadsheet to keep record of the amount the rooms are bringing in vs taking out in supplies.

Motion to accept the supplies report – Report accepted.

Internet – no report

Treasurers' Report – Gail B. and Phil S.

The collections were \$1495 for GA, \$577.00 for ISO, and \$38 for the room. Tom D refunded us \$40. We recvd \$246 in cash tonight. **THIS IS TOO MUCH CASH, PLEASE BRING CHECKS!**

Only 41 people have signed up for the Spirituality conference, which is this sat Jan 20th at 11 am to 5pm. Walk ups are welcomed, but there is no guarantee on food availability. You may contact Gail, Alan or Bob K (847-590-1184) for more info re the spirituality conference.

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

Sunshine Report – Heidi for Debbie M.

Cards passed out for upcoming pinnings.

Motion to accept the Sunshine report – Report accepted.

Trustees Report – Kathy H. Jim M and Steve S.

Kathy passed out flyers for the Chicago walkathon seeking donations, which benefits ISO. Her personal goal is greater than \$1056, which is the amount she collected for the Florida conference. With the help of her fellow gamblers, she should be able to make her goal. Jim reports Kathy and himself are on the road visiting various meetings. They are done with Indiana and are now working on Wis. They will continue to make 1 or 2 meetings a week. Steve reminds the fellowship that if there is something we want put on the agenda for the national conference, we need to present it to our trustees. Question asked about intergroups in area 8 and the answer was there is only one other one and that is in Milwaukee.

Motion to accept the Trustees report – Report accepted.

New Meetings Report – Dave M.

No new meetings started. Dave took a field trip to Lutheran General. He encourages all members to attend new and different meetings. Hoffman Estates on Friday nights is struggling and needs support by member attendance. Jan 30th in Romeoville is a speaker meeting and Denise M is the highlighted speaker. Highland In has a speaker meeting the 2nd Sat of the month. This meeting is only once a month. Dan M will be the highlighted speaker; this meeting also needs support by member attendance.

Motion to accept the New Meetings report – Report accepted.

Conference Report – Steve S

Next conference meeting is Monday Feb. 12th at the Trinity Lutheran church in Lisle at 7pm. Currently we have 159 people signed up, 271 room nights, 155 for dinner on sat and 138 for dinner on Friday. We have made about 50 percent of our food guarantee. Our room guarantee is 720, and we can cut this back to 624 if necessary. The cut off will be around April 17th. **Please sign up today.** Check the web site re the golf outing and registration forms. Scholarships are available. Please have the room sec or room rep contact Scottie D with the request. We are asking anyone who benefits from a scholarship to be willing to volunteer 1 or 2 hours to the conference.

Please remember that as a group we voted on hosting the national conference and that means we need a LOT OF VOLUNTEERS. We are asking each room to make a commitment to supplying 3 to 5 volunteers, an hour or two of their time, to the conference. There are many areas in which to help.

Good and Welfare

Jenny S from Romeoville is very ill and need our prayers.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m. with the group joining hands and reciting the Serenity Prayer.