

CHICAGOLAND G.A. INTERGROUP MINUTES FOR September 14, 2009

Chairperson: Cindy M
1st Chairperson: Jim H
2nd Chairperson Arnie B
Secretary: Patti G
The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Readings:

Recovery Program – Allen H.
Unity Program (Step 9) – Dan B
One Day at a Time – Jim F

New Reps:

Barb C Aurora Monday &
 Wednesday

Meetings Represented:

Sun - Elgin / 6:00 PM
Sun - Evanston / 7:00 PM
Sun - Naperville / 6:00 PM
Sun – Chicago Hts. / 6:00 PM
Mon - Arlington Hts. / 7:00 PM
Mon – Hinsdale / 6:30 AM
Mon – Joliet / 7:00 PM
Mon – Oaklawn / 7:30 PM
Mon – Aurora / 7:00 PM
Mon – Lisle / 7:00 PM
Mon – Morris / 7:00 PM
Tues - Algonquin / 7:30 PM
Tues - Bloomingdale / 7:30 PM
Tues - Romeoville / 7:00 PM
Tues - Schaumburg / 11:00 AM
Tues – Norridge / 7:00PM
Tues Chicago South / 7:00 PM
Wed - Park Ridge / 7:30 PM
Wed - Hoffman Est. / 7:00 PM
Wed – Aurora / 7:00 PM
Wed - Downers Grove/ 7:00 PM
Wed – Hinsdale / 6:30 AM
Thur - Mayfair / 8:00 PM
Thur - Oak Lawn / 8:00 PM
Thur - Orland Park / 7:30 PM
Thur – Elk Grove / 7:00 PM
Thurs – Chicago / 12:00 PM
Thur: Orland Park / 7:30 PM
Fri – Buffalo Grove / 7:00 PM
Fri - Bolingbrook / 7:30 PM
Fri - Hoffman Est. / 7:30 PM
Fri - Joliet / 6:30 PM
Fri – St. Gertrude / 7:00 PM
Fri – Hinsdale / 6:30 AM
Sat - Bartlett / 9:30 AM
Sat - Downers Grove / 9:00 AM
Sat - Elmhurst / 8:00 PM
Sat –Oak Park/ 9:30 AM

Area 8 Trustees:

Allen H
Jeff F
Arnie B
Kathy H

Review of the minutes from the August meeting

- No corrections to August minutes:
- **Motion to accept minutes Motion passed.**

Old Business:

- New member welcome packets will be available at October Intergroup
- Discussions regarding the financial guidelines for reimbursement to the trustees for mileage regarding travel to and from pinnings will continue at October Intergroup.
- Discussions of trustee agenda for Montreal Conference. Trustees stated that they would vote with the member majority if a request is made, however, if no request is made they will vote their conscience.

(all item #'s below can be found on the Trustee website www.trusteewebsite.com)

- **Item # 31 Guidance Code**– Members discussed that this item comes up twice in the guidance code with different definitions. Member requested an amendment to the language; however, this item already passed the first vote so no amendment can be made. Multiple members opposed.
- **Item # 28 Guidance Code** – Multiple members reported their rooms are opposed.
- **Item # 20 Combo Book Pg. 16** – Multiple members stated their rooms are opposed.
- **Item # 3 Combo Book Pg 10** – Member in favor
- **Item # 8 Group Handbook** - Member opposed
- **Item # 17 Guidance Code** – Multiple members are both opposed and in favor of this item. Trustee reported this item has never passed. Member requested Roll Call vote if item does not pass.
- If an item is defeated it cannot be on the agenda again for two years

New Business:

- Kathy H reported that the 6:00 pm Sunday Wayback Inn meeting has little or no attendance. Discussions to continue at October Intergroup if meeting should be removed from the meeting list. Cindi M and Cindy M will look into this.

Pinning's:

- Member suggested that members getting pinned for 5 years or more of abstinence from gambling pay for their own pins and the money then get donated to ISO. Multiple members disagreed. It was decided that the discussion would be brought to the rooms and continued at next intergroup.

Please call or email Russ R Buckeyeruss05@aol.com 773-860-5427 **AT LEAST ONE DAY PRIOR TO INTERGROUP**

Date	Day	Time	Location	Person	Years
10/04/09	Sunday	7:00 pm	Saint Francis Hospital Evanston	Matt S. David H.	1 yr Ga 5 yrs GA
10/05/09	Monday	7:00 pm	First Presbyterian Church Joliet	Tom L Scott D Wayne B.	15 yrs GA 15 yrs GA 20 yrs GA
10/8/09	Thursday	7:00 pm	Trinity Lutheran Church Lisle	Brigid J.	10 yrs GA
10/14/09	Wednesday	7:30 pm	Lutheran General Hosp. Johnson Auditorium Park Ridge	George C.	10 yrs GA
10/16/09	Friday	6:30-8:00 pm	Willa Rauls Manor	Irma D Florence L	5 yrs GA 5 yrs GA
10/29/09	Thursday	7:30 pm	Oak Lawn Community Church Oak Lawn	Pat R Mark B	5 yrs GA 5 yrs GA
11/16/09	Monday	7:00 pm Open	First Presbyterian Church Joliet	John R	1 yr GA

Pinning Guidelines:

1. To be eligible to be pinned a member must attend at least 39 meetings each year up to the pinning date.
2. No room should schedule more than 1 pinning event in a 30 day period.
3. Notification of pinning must be communicated to the pinning chairperson NO LATER than the day before intergroup meetings.
4. To prevent conflicts, it is recommended that not more than one pinning is scheduled on the same day as another room.

Committee Reports

Pressure Relief – Mike S

- Committee Chair reported that there were multiple pressure reliefs last month
- Committee Chair will research debt consolidation companies as a possible aid in pressure relief. This information will be shared with the room pressure relief chairs.

Public Relations – Allen H

- Committee Chair continues to monitor the posted flyers.
- In the next couple of weeks he will be sending letters to schools & hospitals to let the communities know that speakers are available to bring awareness about Gamblers Anonymous

Activities – Michelle M

- Join the GA Chicago Activity Meetup (a private online way to learn about upcoming activities). Go to: <http://www.meetup.com/serenityactivities/> and ask to join. Please contact Michelle M for the code or assistance.

Upcoming Events:

- 10/3/09 – Richardson Corn Maze & Bonfire: 4pm-10pm at 9407 Richardson Rd in Spring Grove, IL (well worth the drive!) Join us for the largest corn maze in the area and then stick around for our private bonfire to eat s'mores and have some fun.
Cost: \$11.50 ages 19–64 \$10.00 Students 13-18 \$8.50 Kids 5-12 \$8.50 Seniors Kids 4 and under Free Please RSVP as we get a discount if we have more than 30 RSVPs Flyers passed out at Intergroup
- 10/30/09 Halloween Hoedown: 6pm – 10pm at Volunteer Resource Center (6100A N. Central, Chicago). Cost: Purchase your advance ticket for \$10.00 from your rep and your child is admitted free. (must be paid by 10/11/09) Prices at the door: \$15.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for kids.
 - **Many volunteers are needed** for : Decorating, Food Pick Up/Set Up, Stereo Set Up Prepare stations for pumpkin carving, Game station set up, Ticket Sales at the door/Ticket Collection and Clean up. Please ask your rooms for volunteers. If you would like to volunteer please contact Michelle E. 847-852-0644 or Jim N. 773-484-7722 for times

Anniversaries – Arnie B

- Dianna R made a motion **Anniversary dates should be submitted for ISO. Phone lists should not be used.** Motion was seconded. Motion was then amended to state: **Anniversary dates should be submitted to the Anniversary committee chair for ISO. Phone lists should not be used.** Motion was seconded **Motion passed**
- Please remember there is a one month time lag before the anniversary appears in the bulletin

Picnic Report – Dan B

- No Report

Phone Service – Dianne R

- No financial report as the mail was not available
- Committee Chair requested volunteers for the phone service. The greatest need is for overnight. If you can volunteer please contact Dianna R. 847-757-5040 gahotline@cs.com
- Arnie B now has a key to pick up the mail from the post office box.

GA Chicago Website

- Please disregard emails from members regarding meeting changes as all requests are to be brought to Intergroup.
- Please confirm that the PDF & Word files have been updated.
- Friday Night Buffalo Grove 1st Friday is open
- Joliet Monday Night new format: 1st Monday will be an open step/discussion meeting 5th Monday no longer a speaker meeting will be a regular therapy meeting
- Beginning Monday October 5th : Please change location for the Oak Lawn Monday GA & Gam-anon Meeting:
St. Linus Catholic Church (Cardiff Center) 10300 S. Lawler Oak Lawn 7:30 – 9:30 pm

Treasurers' Report – Phil S.

CIG	\$1,152.75
ISO	1,059.45
Can ISO (Intergroup)	31.00
Total ISO Collection	<u>\$2,212.20</u>
Supplies	628.40
Pinning	46.00
Conference	<u>\$674.40</u>
Total Collection	2,917.60

Trustees Reports: listed in order of report

Kathy H

- Reported that there is a one day conference in Milwaukee Wisconsin on 11/7/09. Please contact Kathy for more information
- Stated that she has collected just over \$3,000.00 for the Walk-A-Thon

Jeff F

- No Report

Allen H

- Has applied for a position and is hoping to be placed on the day shift. However, if he is scheduled evenings it may affect some of his evening attendance at GA functions.

Arnie B

- Will be attending the Milwaukee conference and he is willing to give people a ride.

Meetings Report – Cindi M

- Monday Night Oak Lawn has a new location beginning October 5th:
St. Linus Catholic Church (Cardiff Center) 10300 S. Lawler
- Friday Night Buffalo Grove 1st Friday is open
- Joliet Monday Night new format: 1st Monday will be an open step/discussion meeting
5th Monday no longer a speaker meeting will be a regular therapy meeting
- Jump Start Saturday Elmhurst Hospital: Schedules available at Intergroup

Budget Report – Jeff F.

- Committee chair reported that the Budget Committee will meet in October. Please ask your rooms if anyone would like to volunteer for the Budget Committee. If so please contact Jeff F.
- Chair is starting to work on next years' budget. Please think ahead for your committee budgets as to what you may need.

Conference 2010 – Fred L

- Conference will be at the Westin Hotel in Itasca April 16, 17 & 18th.

- The second planning meeting will be Wednesday September 23rd 7:00 pm at the Westin Hotel in the Stanford room.
- There were about 40 people in attendance at the 1st planning meeting last month.
- Please ask members in your rooms to volunteer

Spirituality Conference – Tom

- Will be at Northwest Community Hospital on Saturday January 30th from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. The cost is \$10.00. There will be six speakers. Flyers will be available at next Intergroup

Supplies – Eileen Z.

August 2009

19 Orders	\$508.05
Supplies Ordered for Inventory	440.80
Less Orders filled with inventory	(67.25)
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	\$440.80
Shipping	18.00
Total due to ISO	\$458.80
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Inventory	\$800.25

Holiday Party – Pat F

- The Holiday Party will be on Sunday December 6th at St. Peter Damien Church in Bartlett 2:00 pm. The cost is \$10.00 Adults \$5.00 Kids 5-12 Kids 4 and under free. Flyers were available to members to take to their rooms

Good and Welfare- Peggy G

- Pat F: Wednesday Hoffman Estates: Her mom is in hospice. Please keep her & her family in your prayers
- Sandy M: Saturday Bartlett: Her father passed away please keep her & her family in your prayers
- Rose G:Lisle Monday night meeting was in and out of the hospital the last few weeks, and could use some thoughts and prayers for her health issues

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. with the group joining hands and reciting the Serenity Prayer.