

## CHICAGOLAND G.A. INTERGROUP MINUTES FOR February 09, 2009

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

### Readings:

Recovery Program – Frank G  
Unity Program Allen H  
One Day at a Time – Dan B

### Review of the minutes from the January meeting

- No corrections
- Motion to accept January minutes. Motion passed.

### New Reps:

Bartlett	Verna P
Bartlett	Michelle E
Orland Park	Dan B
St. Gertrude (Friday)	Neil F
Elk Grove	Michelle M

### Meetings Represented:

Sun - Elgin / 6:00 PM	Tues – Norridge / 7:00PM
Sun - Evanston / 7:00 PM	Wed - Aurora / 7:00 PM
Sun - Maywood / 7:00 PM	Wed - Hinsdale / 6:30 AM
Sun - Naperville / 6:00 PM	Wed - Hoffman Est. / 7:00 PM
Sun – Chicago Hts. /6:00 PM	Wed - Oak Lawn / 10:15 AM
Mon - Arlington Hts. / 7:00 PM	Wed - Park Ridge / 7:30 PM
Mon – Morris / 7:00 PM	Wed Joliet/Spanish
Mon – Hinsdale / 6:30 PM	Wed – Maywood 7:00PM
Mon - Joliet / 7:00 PM	Thur - Chicago/ 12 PM
Mon – Aurora 7:00 PM	Thur - Elk Grove / 7:00 PM
Mon – Lisle / 7:00 PM	Thur - Gurnee / 6:30 PM
Tues - Algonquin / 7:30 PM	Thur - Lisle / 7:00 PM
Tues - Bloomingdale / 7:30 PM	Thur - Mayfair / 8:00 PM
Tues - Romeoville / 7:00 PM	Thur - Oak Lawn / 8:00 PM
Tues - Schaumburg / 11:00 AM	Thur - Orland Park / 7:30 PM
Tues – Chicago /12:00 PM	

Thur – Chicago 12:00 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 PM  
 Fri – Joliet / 6:30 PM

Sat - Bartlett / 9:30 AM  
 Sat - Downers Grove / 9:00 AM  
 Sat - Elmhurst / 8:00 PM  
 Sat – Lake Forest / 7:00 PM

**Area 8 Trustees:**

Allen H  
 Kathy H  
 Jeff F  
 Arnie B

**Unfinished Business:**

- Insurance committee reported that they are continuing to review the two insurance policies for Chicagoland GA. General Casualty has a policy available for \$1,492.00 which will cover all GA events up to 750 people.
- An attorney has agreed to review and compare the policies and Jim H will present the final comparisons at March Intergroup.
- **Dave H. made a motion to request that Intergroup pay for all pins for both open & closed meetings. Motion passed**
- An amendment to the budget may be made at a later date to include additional funds for pins.
- Reminder that all discussions will be limited to 10 minutes and will follow the Robert's Rules of Order format.

**New Business:**

- Jeff F. requested that committee chairs keep him informed of spending so the budget figures may be kept as accurate as possible

**Committee Reports:**

**Pinning's:**

Please call or email Russ R [Buckeyeruss05@aol.com](mailto:Buckeyeruss05@aol.com) 773-860-5427  
<mailto:ciamal52@aol.com> **AT LEAST ONE DAY PRIOR TO INTERGROUP**

Date	Day	Time	Location	Person	Years
2/21/09	Saturday–Open	7:30pm	Elmhurst Hospital	Tony C	1 yr GA

		Early Start		Joe G	1 yr GA
2/23/09	Monday-Open	7:00pm	Joliet First Presbyterian Church	Liz R.	1 yr GA
2/28/09	Saturday-Open	2:00 pm	Hinsdale- Tupper Hall	Dan H. John C.	1 yr GA 1 yr GA
3/20/09	Friday-Open	7:00pm	Spring Conference Westin Hotel, Itasca	Chuck A Christine B Dianna R Harold D Kathy D AL A Joe K	20 yrs GA 10 yrs GA 5 yrs GA 5 yrs GA 5 yrs Gamanon 1 yr GA 1 yr GA
4/6/09	Monday-Open	7:00pm	Joliet First Presbyterian Church	Missy A	1 yr GA

**Pinning Guidelines:**

1. To be eligible to be pinned a member must attend 39 meetings a year.
2. No room will 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, rooms may not schedule an event on the same day as another room. In the case of a conflict, the first room to schedule a pinning and inform the pinning chairperson will take precedence.

**Public Relations – Allen H**

- The ISO has samples of PR letters to send to schools, churches & public officials to inform them of our existence & availability of speakers. Committee chair requested permission to send these letters to schools & churches in his local area as a trial. The small test area will be measured for the types & number of responses received.
- The Illinois Lottery has started a self exclusion program. It involves signing an affidavit, acknowledging that one is a problem gambler and it must be notarized. more info is available at [www.illinoislottery.com](http://www.illinoislottery.com) with a link.
- While we don't have to endorse this program, we can inform new members of it's existence as an additional roadblock.

**Phone Service – Dianne R**

- Calling Period of November 19<sup>th</sup> - December 18<sup>th</sup>  
80 Calls 486 minutes  
We are responsible for \$50.00
- Calling Period of December 19<sup>th</sup> - January 18<sup>th</sup>  
56 Calls 422 minutes  
We are responsible for \$50.00

### **Pressure Relief – Mike S.**

- Committee Chair requested a list of the GA/Gamanon Pressure Relief contacts from each room
- Please contact Mike S with any questions regarding GA Gamanon Pressure Relief by phone:708-289-0122 or email: mrsully@comcast.net

### **Activities – Michelle M**

- Committee chair presented the GA Chicagoland Activity Calendar.
- Volunteers are needed. Please contact Michelle M.
- The calendar will be available on the GA Website and activities for the upcoming month will be included in Intergroup notes
- All activities require an RSVP for proper planning. Please RSVP to Michelle M. [224-563-7876/looseclothes@yahoo.com](mailto:224-563-7876/looseclothes@yahoo.com) by the date indicated for each activity.
- Members are encouraged to participate and get the word out to the rooms. Activities will rotate to different areas of Chicagoland monthly.
- Monthly movie nights are for adults only, however, most other activities are family friendly and kids/teens are invited.

**February** 2/28 Dinner and a Movie-Schaumburg  
6:00pm Big Bowl Restaurant (1950 E. Higgins Rd)-RSVP by 2/26

**March** 3/15 Bowling (kids 7+ invited to join) –Niles  
2:00pm –Brunswick in Niles (7333 N. Milwaukee Ave.)-RSVP by 3/10

3/28 Dinner and a Movie-Woodridge  
Hollywood Blvd Movie Theater (1001 West 75<sup>th</sup> Street)-RSVP by 3/21

### **Anniversaries – Arnie B**

- Committee chair reminded members to turn in room member's anniversary dates for inclusion in the ISO Bulletin

### **Picnic Report Dan B**

- The picnic will be held at Bemis Woods Grove 5 Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Internet Report – Rick P**

- Committee chair requested that meeting changes are brought to Intergroup and changes are made once a month to help aid in consistency and accuracy
- **Motion submitted by Arnie B. that all GA Chicago website changes have to be brought to Intergroup for approval by the chairs, (inclusion in the minutes will reflect approval). If immediate changes are needed, members are asked to contact one of the chairs and they will contact the phone service and have the website updated. Motion Passed**

- Request was made to explain the difference between open, closed and step meetings on the website in an effort to help reduce the confusion for new members. It was suggested that it is noted that new members are welcome at all meetings.
- Modification will be made to some of the menu buttons on the website, however, the look of the site will not change.
- Members are asked to review the literature page to help keep it updated.

**Treasurers' Report – Phil S.**

- AI A has received the treasurers reports and will proceed with the audit as outlined by Intergroup financial guidelines. The audit results will be presented at March Intergroup.

CIG	\$1,033.30
ISO	638.00
Can ISO (Intergroup)	50.00
Total ISO Collection	<u>1,721.30</u>
Supplies	496.80
Spirituality	455.00
Leaves	251.00
Spring Conference	5,897.00
T-Shirts	275.00
Trust for Algonquin Pins	25.00
	<u>7,399.80</u>
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$9,121.10</b>

**Sunshine Report – Peggy G**

- Cards were passed out for members in the rooms.
- Cindi M made a motion for the Sunshine Committee and Good & Welfare to be merged into one committee. Motion passed.

**Trustees Report – Arnie B**

- There are 5 new Lifeliners: 2 from California, 2 from New Jersey and 1 from New York
- ISO sent 20 starter kits – 2 to prisons and 11 new group information kits
- ISO is working on getting a Federal Tax ID # for GA and tax exempt status, No new information is available.
- New Literature prices have been set as follows:
  - Questions & Answers - \$.75 in both English & Spanish
  - Eliminate Custom Slides (video tapes)
  - Public Relations Pamphlet (new literature) to be sold - \$.30
  - G,A, Working the Steps in Spanish - \$1.50
  - Towards 90 Days in large format English - \$1.25
  - Beyond 90 Days in large format English - \$1.25
  - A Day at A Time in English & Spanish - \$11.95
- All prices will be effective April 1, 2009

### **New Meetings Report – Cindi M**

- Schaumburg- Tuesday will be an open meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month.
- Algonquin-Lake in the Hills-Tuesday will now be known as Algonquin only. Lake in the Hills will be dropped from the name. No other changes location & time remain the same.
- Downers Grove- Wednesday Woman's only meeting needs support. Nationwide Insurance Bldg. 6900 Main Street 7:00 pm
- Hinsdale-Saturday Changes are in the process of being made. More information to come.
- Naperville-Sunday 6:00 pm Jake & Clara will be speaking at Linden Oaks Hospital
- Meetings that will be closed due to the Conference
  - Bolingbrook- Friday March 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Hoffman Estates- Friday March 20th

### **Budget Report – Jeff F**

- Projected Trustee expenses for the Kansas City Conference are \$2,840.00

### **Conference 2009 – Fred L.**

- 39 Days until the conference. Please continue to encourage members to come to the conference in your rooms.
- There are 137 people registered, 74 Saturday night dinners, 71 Sunday brunches 17 available scholarships of those 6 have been requested.
- Pat F is handling the Leaves of Friendship. Please contact her at: [pfallon69@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pfallon69@sbcglobal.net) if you need more leaves or have any questions.
- All workshop spots have been filled

#### **Fred L's Top 10 reasons why everyone doesn't go to the Conference**

10. I'm too busy.  
**You were never too busy to gamble.**
9. My meeting is on Saturday  
**Have your meeting at the conference we have 24 hour therapy rooms that can be used for your meeting**
8. I work a strong program and I don't need to go to the conference.  
**Work a stronger program**
7. I used to go to the conference but I've already heard everything that people who put on the workshops have to say  
**If you haven't been to a conference in a few years you will be surprised as to how many stories you've never heard.**
6. I have enough unity and fellowship from my meetings and friends  
**You've got to be kidding. That's like saying I have enough health and I don't need anymore.**
5. I have other commitments that Saturday.  
**Life happens, but unless you're on the space station or you or your kid is getting married that day go to the conference.**
4. I can't afford it  
**How can you afford not to.**
3. None of my friends are going to the conference.  
**You need better friends**
2. What is the benefit?  
**The benefit is being there for new brothers & sisters in the program just like someone was there when you first walked into or were dragged into a GA room.**

1. The Conference committee chairman is trying to make me feel guilty about not going to the conference.

**What ever works.**

**Spirituality Conference – Tom C**

- Tom C made a motion to nominate Alan S. as the Spirituality co chair. Alan S. accepted Motion passed.
- 82 people attended the conference
- There was a request at this year's conference for more woman speakers next year. So next year there will be 3 woman and 3 men speakers.
- The conference made a profit of \$70.00

**Supplies – Eileen Z.**

**February 2009**

18 Orders	\$577.05
Supplies Ordered for Inventory	
Less Orders filled with inventory	<u>-103.80</u>
	473.25
Shipping	<u>18.00</u>
<b>Total due to ISO</b>	<b>\$491.25</b>
<b>Inventory</b>	<b>\$477.75</b>

- New orders for March need to be placed by Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>
- Motion made for Intergroup to pay for the pinning in Joliet last month. Motion passed.

**Holiday Party – No Report**

**Good and Welfare**

- Ted A passed away –Please keep his family in your prayers.
- Jim J-Romeoville had surgery on Monday. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Alice L- Her sister passed away. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. with the group joining hands and reciting the Serenity Prayer.