IC INTERGROUP MINUTES - 2/4/23

**Called to order at 10:12 am.**

**Attendees:** Emily (Chair), Ryan (Co-Chair, North Liberty group alt), Rick W (District Liaison, Tiffin Group Alt), Georgiane (Phone chair, Thurs BtB group alt), Susan (Treasurer), Ann (Communications), Teresa (Midwest group).

Motion to approve Jan. minutes as posted-passed.

**Chair Reports**

**Treasurer:** Susan reported that we took in $500 for NYE, expenses: $129.65 Nikki T + $150 Zion Church. Beginning Jan. balance $1,396.30, prudent reserve $600, deposits $325 (Fri. night men’s group + Thurs. By the Book), expenses: NYE ($279.65), Anserplus ($151.94), Verizon ($28.05), and Website ($29.22). Ending Jan. balance: $1080.50 + $600 prudent reserve. Susan will send report to all. See new business for phone costs. May be able to reduce website cost by paying for 36 months ($18/mo. = $650).

**Chair:** Emily had nothing new to report.

**Co-chair:** Ryan had nothing new to report, question about zoom hosting (see old business).

**Phone chair:** Georgiane got with Dillon and Sarah. Recruiting 4 new volunteers and got contact information, took two people off who moved away. Looked at bylaws, it says to distribute volunteer packet (not sure what this is). Called hotline and found it was disabled (Verizon), we are current on billing, there was an issue with the line that has been corrected. Recruiting people for 12th step calls.

**Webmaster:**Joe not present, Ann has been helping Joe get set up. Issue with Joe’s Chromebook viewing reports, etc. Waiting to get back a laptop that may work. Ann has tried to change zoom settings, but there have been issues with Google access, etc. Ann will send out login information to a few people.

**Communication:** Ann had nothing to report.

**District liaison:** Rick attended January district meeting at Our Redeemer. Notes from email: “I attended the monthly meeting in January in Iowa city very well attended all district officers present and quite a few GSR‘s. there was discussion about planning a spring District workshop and also reports back from the January business meeting and workshop in Marshalltown. The spring area 24 conference will be held June 9 through the 11th at the Grinnell College. Treasurers report $1455.77 and checking and $625 for prudent reserve. Next meeting February 26 in Muscatine.”

**Group Reports**

**Teresa R (GSR for Midwest group):** Get together with Alanon on Sunday evening at Zion Lutheran in Iowa City, 60 people, mother (Ruth H.) and son (Ryan H.). Talking about picnic this summer.

**Georgiane (By the book, Thurs):** Attendance is good, hybrid meeting 6:30-7:30pm at Gloria Dei. 6-8 people, probably keep hybrid for a while.

**Rick W (Alt Group Rep, Tiffin):** Meet at 7 PM Mondays at Grace United Methodist Church in Tiffin. Well attended, 20 or more every Monday. Trying to get more people to step up as intergroup rep.

**Emily L. (Sunday LGBTQ):** Hybrid meeting Sunday at 5pm at Gloria Dei. Attendance has been steady, averaging 14 to 16 online and 4 to 8 in-person.There has been discussion about returning to Zoom or in person, but it was decided to remain hybrid for 6 months and revisit the topic at that point. Brought up the idea of intergroup rep.

**Old Business**

**Revising bylaws:** Duties of the phone coordinator need updated (Georgiane). Need to assign a committee to come up with a proposal and present to the board (Emily). Teresa and Ann agree with that approach, believes the chair should have a voice, confusion about whether group reps are voting members and formally registered with intergroup (requires alternates), no way to reach a group conscience. Make sure everyone feels included, but reflect the practicality/reality of where we’re at (Emily). Ann will send a draft copy of the bylaws to the group. Plan to appoint a committee next month (Emily).

**In person vs. Zoom for IG:** Rick believes it’s time to go back in person, hybrid isn’t practical since we’d still be paying for Zoom and renting a space, suggests Our Redeemer Lutheran Church or other churches in the area. Ann likes Zoom for flexibility, Susan agrees. Zoom is paid for through January of next year (Susan), so plan to keep through the end of the year. Emily would like one or the other, not hybrid, but wants to do what’s best for the group. Teresa suggested asking in groups if people would be more likely to show up to IG if it were in person. Decisions get made by people who are there, if you want your voice heard, you have to show up (Emily).

**New Business**

**Phone situation:** Susan explained why the phone line was down starting Jan. 22nd, called Verizon and they had been sending email to an old address about 3G vs. 4G. Had to get a hold of Nora H. to get password to old Gmail account to get the phone back on Jan. 27th. Cheapest 4G phone (iPhone SE for 99 cents) ordered and setup. We were paying $28/mo., will go up to $50/mo., trying to find a cheaper option, and may look into other carriers. Need to update contact person from Nora to someone new (preferably multiple people). Susan will get with Georgiane to look into options and report back.

**Picnic coming up soon (Emily):** starting looking at details next month. Rick said we spent too much last year but had a good turnout, plan ahead to reduce costs. Set a date and location next month (last year was in Hickory Hill).

**Schedule for in person meetings (Teresa):** sent updated schedule to Joe (webmaster) for the website, but hasn’t seen it updated yet. Let Teresa know if there are any new/changed in person or hybrid meetings so they can be updated.

**Meeting Info:**

Meeting ID: 853 291 5303

Passcode: Wilson

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8532915303?pwd=S3cvNHBaSC95WTVkTC9acFFRMUFLQT09>

**Adjourned at 11:20 am.**

Submitted by Ryan H., Co-Chair - 2/4/23

Thanks for the opportunity to be of service!