

## Iowa City Intergroup Meeting Minutes – 2/7/26

**Called to order at 10:03 am.**

**Attendees:** Ashley T. (webmaster), Bryan D. (Chair), Dan R. (Co-Chair/Communication), Heidi W. (Phone Chair), Jeff N. (district liaison elect), Laura H. (Treasurer), Ryan H. (Secretary), Rebecca B. (Melrose), Rich N. (Almost Friday Tiffin), Tim H. (Tuesday night trudgers).

### **Chair Reports**

**Secretary (Ryan H.):** January meeting minutes posted and approved by all attending.

**Treasurer/Communications (Laura H.):** See separate treasurer's report; several donations received; made deposit from NYE; paid expenses for NYE, answering service, and cell phone. Upcoming renewal for PO box and picnic in May (will discuss during new business, including setting aside funds for NYE). Approved by all attending.

**Chair (Bryan D.):** Nothing new to report.

**Co-chair (Dan R.):** Nothing to report.

**Webmaster (Ashley T.):** Got logged into the website and getting acclimated.

- Was able to upload meeting minutes from January.
- Question about whether the treasurer's report should also be uploaded (was uploaded in 2025, but not in 2024). Ryan said that we used to include the treasurer's report in the minutes, but now it's a separate document referenced from the minutes, so no issue with having them uploaded. Tim made a motion to include the treasurer's report with the minutes, including budget for upcoming events. Ashley seconds, approved by all attending.
- Changed the Paypal link to a button at the bottom of the homepage. Uploaded upcoming events (plain ordinary whoopee party). Only including local events for now, but there is a question of whether we should include outside events. The consensus is that a link to the area/district websites would be better.

**Phone chair (Heidi W.):**

- Emailed report: "We called the AA hotline # and posed as a newbie. We were put on hold until they contacted someone on the old list. There was quite a wait until they got an answer. I'm not too sure how long a drunk would wait for an answer, but I don't think there's much to be done about that. At any rate, we have new sign up sheets with the right phone number. I will get these distributed to the meetings."
- The cell phone is the number that is being forwarded to the answering service, so we need to keep it for now. We talked to someone at the answering service that was very helpful, still need to confirm if they rotate through the list. Jeff asked how the groups get new volunteers on the list from the paper form, Laura said they could take a picture and send it to Heidi (or intergroup email). Dan asked if the phone service reports how many calls they get, Laura said it is reported as the number of minutes. Heidi will look into it.

**Intergroup district liaison (Jeff N.):** District meeting minutes are on the district website. Tuesday women's meeting is now cancelled, upcoming event "importance of homegroups".

### **Group Reports (including emailed reports)**

**Almost Friday mid-morning meeting (Rich N.):** Thursday morning in Tiffin. First meeting at IG, willing to help out with anything.

**Breakfast club, Riverside and Solon (Jeff N.):** going well, Riverside and Solon are smaller (5-10).

**Melrose (Becky B):** A couple group conscience meetings have asked about doing group inventories. Would like to have a third party come in to help. Tim said we've asked the DCM and/or the area representative to help.

**Together we can make it and Friday men's group (Bryan D.):** Nothing new, both continue to be well attended.

**Tuesday Night Trudgers (Tim H.):** Tuesdays at 7:30 at Zion Lutheran Church. The meeting is a closed discussion and averages about 20 people per week. Business meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:45pm at Zion Lutheran. All are welcome to attend the business meetings.

**Women's big book study group (Ashley T.):** This is a women's, closed meeting that meets every Saturday at 9am at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. We read the first 181 pages followed by alternating the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd section of the stories in the new edition, then share on the reading. We have approximately 15-20 women attending each week.

### **Old Business**

**Answering Service/Cell phone:** See above discussion under phone chair.

**Communication/Co-Chair:** Still trying to get Dan access to the email, but Laura will cover it in the meantime.

**District activities (joint events):** Starting to plan for an event the first weekend of May in Hills on the topic of importance of homegroups. Bryan talked to Teresa and Cindy, they are still interested in a joint event, asking for a topic, but Jeff said he thought that was the purpose of the May event. Make sure we don't have any conflict with the IG picnic in May (usually the weekend before Memorial Day).

**Website meeting list:** Fixed issue with JSON file, but the meeting list doesn't automatically download. Updating manually is not difficult, just an extra step. Jim has a process to update the file, Bryan will send Jim's contact info. to Ashley.

### **New Business**

**Concern about monetary gifts for speakers (Tuesday Night Trudgers):**

- "We move that all speakers at Intergroup functions who identify as members of Alcoholics Anonymous, receive compensation only for any verified expenses related to the function, such as mileage. Nonalcoholic speakers and members of Alcoholics Anonymous performing duties for which we might otherwise employ a nonalcoholic, such as catering, may be appropriately compensated.

- **Background:** “The Long Form of Tradition Eight states, “Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional. We define professionalism as the occupation of counseling alcoholics for fees or hire. But we may employ alcoholics where they are going to perform those services for which we might otherwise have to engage nonalcoholics. Such special services may be well recompensed. **But our usual A.A. Twelfth Step work is never to be paid for.**””
- We have typically given gifts to speakers coming from out of town for expenses, but we may have gone outside of that guidance for NYE. Tim said the group conscience was that it should only be about reimbursement for expenses for travel, etc. Tabled until next month when we can discuss any bylaw amendments.

**May Picnic:** Laura suggests May 23rd to get lower city park shelter reserved. Typically 11-3.

**Adjourned at 10:55 am.**

Submitted by Ryan H, IC IG secretary.

**Meeting Info:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81005064290?pwd=YmVBencvbDlBdGZ0NWIDU0czL1VNQT09>

Meeting ID: 810 0506 4290

Passcode: Wilson

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**Treasurer's Statement  
Iowa City Intergroup  
Date: February 5, 2026**

Checking		Prudent Reserve		Online Donation Account	
Beginning Balance	\$ 681.19	Beginning Balance	\$ 601.89	Beginning Balance	\$ 172.16
Donations In		Donations In		Donations In	
Melrose Group	\$ 391.72	Interest	\$ -	Paypal	
Sat Morning Womens	\$ 143.11		\$ -	Paypal	
Monday Night Tiffin	\$ 100.00				
	\$ 634.83				\$ -
Deposit NYE	\$ 860.85				
Expenses				Expenses	
Answering Service	\$ 181.90				
Cell phone (Verizon)	\$ 52.24				
Zoom (annual)					
PO Box (annual)					
Reimbursment - NYE	\$ 260.56				
Donations Out					
	\$ 494.70				
Ending Balance	\$ 1,682.17	Ending Balance	\$ 601.89	Ending Balance	\$ 172.16

Total Funds Available	
Available	\$ 2,456.22

Funds less Prudent Reserve	
Reserve	\$ 1,854.33

Picnic in May coming up

PO box in March - 226.00 estimate