

## NEFL Intergroup Services Business Meeting, Saturday, October 12, 2013

Mike M., Intergroup Chair called the meeting to order at 9:48a.m. with the Serenity Prayer.

-The Twelve Traditions were read by Ginger.

-The Responsibility Pledge was recited in unison by all.

-The new Intergroup representatives were given welcome packets.

**Secretary's Report** - Minutes read by Teri H., Recording Secretary, Motion to accept with changes as follows: Fred H. clarified to the group that written motions are submitted to the Chairman at the Area Conference. At the General Service Conference, the written motion is submitted to the GSO delegate or General Service Coordinator. Motion to accept with changes passed.

**Treasurer's Report** – Rick T. went over financial in Add-A-Line. All accounts have been reconciled as of 9/30/13.

**Office Report** – Kea read and submitted the office report. Thanks to all who stopped in at IG Open House. With the upcoming holidays, we are offering Gift Certificates. This gives you another option. We may keep them available after the holidays if they do well. Also, we are reminded that it is time for printing of the When & Where meeting schedules. Please double check the listings. The deadline for changes is November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Steering Committee Report**- Committee minutes were read by Don P. Candidates for open Steering Committee positions in attendance today. To be introduced under New Business. Minutes accepted as read.

**Add-A-Line** – Kea B. reporting. Three people attended the committee meeting. Looking for holiday articles on how newcomers can stay sober during what can be a very trying season. How did YOU make it through? Of course go to meetings and talk to your sponsor, but what made this new way of life real for you? How or when did you know you were ok? It can be a word or two, or as much as you want to say. Kea encouraged everyone to submit a few words or ideas. This is a great way to express the gift we have been so freely given.

**Archives** – Kevin G. updated. Next Archives meeting is November 4<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon in the IG office. Still working on plaque for the Riverside home where Junius C. and Tom S. held the first meeting in Jacksonville.

**Fall Gratitude Banquet** – Tom M. reporting. The Ramallah Club on November 16<sup>th</sup> is the place to be!! We are celebrating 72 years of AA fellowship in Jacksonville!! Tickets are available through the Intergroup office. Reserve your table today! There is a flyer out on the web with details. Marty C. (and helpers) will be doing the cooking. He has experience with large numbers of guests, and a state-of-the-art pricing technology. Dave P. will be our speaker. This event could not happen without the commitment of so many volunteers – Thank You All! We are in need of cutting boards, electric knives, whisks and tongs. If you can loan any of these items, please make sure your name is on them so they can be returned. Preparation will begin at 7:00 am the morning of the banquet. Just show up if you are interested in helping out, or need to drop supplies or cakes for the party.

**Corrections** – Doug S. reporting. The upcoming Corrections Orientation is two days away, on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Please encourage your sponsees to come out, get involved, and help spread the message! Recertification approval for visitors remains every two years. There is no automatic renewal. Thanks to all.

**CPC/PI** – Holly C. reporting. Scheduled events are: One at UNF on 10/24. We need young people for this, even if it's only for an hour commitment. Parking passes are needed, please see Holly. We will also be at Mt Zion AME Baptist Church on 11/16. Linda G. reports that Northrup Grumann in St Augustine has an event scheduled on 11/7 and volunteers are needed. Linda also brought up a "Coloring Book" proposal for elementary & middle school children to coincide with "Red Ribbon Week" which is an alcohol, tobacco and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign observed annually in October in the United States.

**Grapevine** – Kea B. reporting. Steve C. is working on a "Grapevines for Corrections" campaign (ie: Toys for Tots) so please go back to your groups and gather all the old issues of Grapevine that you can! Linda G stated that stories of members with special needs and their experience in staying sober throughout the holidays have been requested by GV HQ. Fred H. reminded us that stories can now be dictated over the phone to GV. This makes it a lot easier to share your story.

**Treatment** – Rick R., nothing to report.

**Phone Army** – Robin C. reporting. There were 111 calls in September. We can always use volunteers. Monthly training is every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 6pm at the IG office. Holly will train on site for 3 or more people.

**57<sup>th</sup> Florida State Convention**- Tom M. gave the financial report for the 57<sup>th</sup> Florida State Convention. A contribution was made to the Northeast Florida Intergroup office as well as GSO, Area 14, and District 1.

**Old Business** – A motion was made last month that the page with the club information be removed from the Meeting Schedule to comply with Tradition Six. In beginning the discussion, Mike M., Intergroup Chair, read an excerpt from the A.A. Guideline/Relationship between A.A. and Clubs. There was feedback from representatives of the area groups. Holly C. called the question and it was seconded. Final vote - 4 for, 31 against. The page with the club information will be left in the "When & Where" meeting schedule booklet.

**New Business** – Two new Steering Committee members were approved by voice vote. Michael H. for District 6 and Tom K. for District 30. Both are members in good standing with a history of service work at many levels. Marty C. was introduced, voice vote approval for him to serve as CPC/PI chair in January. Kea reminded the body of the upcoming print schedule for the "When & Where". Deadline for changes is November 2<sup>nd</sup>. A procedural change was announced by the Office Administrator. The Steering Committee has instituted a form for the submission of written motions to the body. The importance of information being properly presented was discussed. The forms will be included with Intergroup Rep packages at the monthly meeting. Linda G. made the motion to adopt the form for future use of all new motions. Margo seconded the motion. Motion passed, 30 for/3 against, minority opinion is that it is a silly thing. Beachside Step Study Intergroup Rep., Erin F., moved to submit a motion to add the phrase, "In the spirit of cooperation without affiliation." to the club information page of the "When & Where". Motion was seconded by Carl G. Motion called & passed, 25 for, 2 against.

**Announcements:** The next IG Business Meeting will be November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:45am at Gateway, the next Steering Committee meeting will be on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30pm in the IG office, the next Archives meeting will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 in the IG office, the next Finance Committee meeting will be on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 in the IG office.

Motion to Adjourn, seconded, passed. Submitted: Teri H. Recording Secretary