

NEFL Intergroup Services Business Meeting Saturday, August 3, 2013

Mike M., Intergroup Chair called the meeting to order at 9:45a.m. with the Serenity Prayer.

-The Twelve Traditions were read by Buffy A.

-The Responsibility Pledge was recited in unison by all.

- Thanks to all who made the FSC event a memorable way to give gratitude to our fellowship.

-The new Intergroup representatives were given welcome packets.

Secretary's Report - Minutes read by Teri H., Recording Secretary

Motion to accept with changes: Under new business, the IACCOA seminar should read the ICOAA and under FSC, 501(C)3 is correct title for fundraisers, with allotment for scholarships being 15 to 20% of total.

Motion to accept with changes passed.

Treasurer's Report – Rick T. went over financials for June 2013.

Office Report – Kea read and submitted the office report. The new date for the phone and internet changeover is August 13th. Also; there is a lot of activity and interest in AA from correctional institutions. The sharing of our experience, strength and hope is vital and welcomed. The content of letters to inmates was briefly discussed. “Thank you to the 57th Florida State Convention for having Intergroup at the event, people were able to see what their Intergroup carries and the services that they provide.”

Steering Committee Report- Committee minutes were read by Steve H. Question arose regarding the decision to decline a link with IG website.

Add-A-Line – Kea B. reporting. The newsletter meetings are scheduled the 2nd Thursday of every month at noon at the Intergroup office.

Encouraged everyone to submit ideas, things you may have heard in meetings, announcements and articles. This is a great way to express the gift we have been so freely given.

Archives – Kevin Jr. reporting. Two weeks ago had the pleasure of interviewing Alice (the 1st woman to get sober in St. Augustine) and Ed (who has over 60 years). Both were lively and full of love for the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. When asked how they did it, both exclaimed, “One Day at a Time!” The interview ended when Alice and Ed had to get to a meeting, you see they had service work to do. Alice is the greeter and Ed helps set up chairs at their regular weekly meeting! There was a great deal of interest in the Archives displays while at the convention. Thanks to Steve D. and John H. for the wonderful Powerpoint presentation and movies. Our history is important to our future. Still working with the homeowners at 2747 Riverside Ave., the location of the first meeting in the city (January 1941).

Corrections – Doug S. reporting. Corrections Orientation on the 12th. Please encourage your sponsees to come out, get involved, and help spread the message! Thanks to all.

CPC/PI – Linda G. reporting. We are getting closer to beginning a meeting for those in need. Recent request has been a learning experience in the culture and customs of the Burmese. Close contact with AAWS. Helping the still suffering alcoholic – “that’s what we’re here for”. We would like to do more in the community, so please pass the word of our availability to your contacts.

Grapevine – Steve C. reporting. Great convention. Offered grapes and water, along with fellowship, to our members – everybody loved the idea!

Grapevine “Quote of the Day” available free to all who have email addresses. We have so much more available to us in a whole new media with internet, so while you’re online don’t forget to e-subscribe for your copy of “our meeting in print”.

Treatment – Rick R. absent.

Phone Army – Kea B. reporting for Holly C. Phone Army work is very rewarding and not hard to do, volunteers are needed. Training is the 3rd Thursday of every month or can be done on an individual basis. Usually it takes about 30 to 45 minutes. Linda G. brought to light the need for more male 12 step volunteers. Many responded and will get with their groups and forward a list to the IG office.

57th Florida State Convention- Tom M. gave thanks to all for “putting our best foot forward” in support for the convention. The speakers said this was the best convention they had attended and were grateful to be a part of it. People will be talking about it for years to come! Best of all – our bills are paid in full! All costs and revenue will be recapped in next month’s Add-A-Line. There were 2,050 registered with 500 scholarships. Registration was down from the gathering in 2009 by about 400. There were many attending without badges. Reminder of 7th Tradition of self support. Ft. Lauderdale next year!

Old Business - Tom M. reported that planning meetings will start around September 1st for the Gratitude Banquet. Need volunteers to step forward – Service Work is Important! Tentatively, doors will open around 5pm and we will eat about 5:30. The cake auction (with a minimum number of quality cakes) is scheduled at 6 with the first speaker at 7. We have not pin-pointed a menu yet. One of the volunteer chefs recently did an event for a group (feeding over 300 people) which had rave reviews. The banquet will be at the Ramallah Club November 16th and ticket price will be about \$12.00.

The vote on the literature issue was taken. The Intergroup Representatives had taken the question back to their groups. The motion from the Steering Committee was that the Intergroup Office will only sell Conference-approved literature. The vote on the motion as read was 10 in favor/24 against. Motion failed. Minority opinion was heard. No votes were changed.

New Business – The idea of a new name for the Northeast Florida Intergroup Services Business Meeting was discussed at length. The thought is if we take “Business” out of the name perhaps more members will attend. Motion was made to take question to groups for input. Motion defeated. New motion to send back to Steering Committee for review – passed.

Motion to change Office Administrator to full-time status with an annual salary of \$26,000, approved unanimously.

Announcements:

The next IG Business Meeting will be September 7th at 9:45am at Gateway

The next Steering Committee meeting will be on August 27th at 5:30pm in the IG office.

The next Archives meeting will be held on July 5th at 12:00 in the IG office.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be on August 20th at 5:30 in the IG office.

The October Intergroup Business Meeting will be on October 12th due to the Area Assembly

Motion to Adjourn, seconded, passed

Submitted: Teri H. Recording Secretary