

Northeast Florida Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes, Saturday, January 5, 2013

Beth J., Intergroup Chair, opened the meeting at 9:46 am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

- The twelve traditions were read by Jaime W.
- The Responsibility Pledge was recited in unison by all.
- New Intergroup Representatives given welcome packages.
- Beth offers thanks and congratulations to Ruth R. and Bill R. for their handling of Intergroup issues during their tenure.

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

- Motion to accept with change by Steve H. District 1, seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report: Mike M. Vice Chair/Treasurer, reporting

- The 7th tradition basket was passed
- Mike M. read and submitted the treasurer's report. Linda questioned postage received. Clarified.
- Motion to accept report as given by Colleen, seconded and passed unanimously.

Office Report: Kea submitted and read the office report.

Steering Committee Report: Kea read Steering Committee Report.

Add-A-Line: Kea B. reporting, Jim Free's story appears in the January issue. Please read and spread the good news. Need articles for the newsletter on your experience, strength and hope. There will be a committee meeting January 10th at 11:00 am. Please pass this along to your groups; all are welcome to attend the meeting.

Archives: Charlie M. reporting, Jim F.'s interview is in the Add-A-Line. He has a great story to tell with 51 years of sobriety, and we want to preserve it in the Archives. The next meeting will be January 7th at the IG office.

Corrections: Doug S. reporting, Next Saturday there will be a class to go to the prisons. Mike H. states the fingerprints are all that is required to go to city jail. Also, Sarah requested information on jails of Clay County as well as Duval. Subsequently, Holly C. offered thanks to IG for purchase of Grapevines for inmates at Christmas. They made up packets with candy canes and literature for the inmates. Thanks to Fiesta and Beaches Unity Groups for their volunteer help. We need more volunteers, both male and female, to spread the word to the jails and prisons. Laurie questioned as to whether there was a calendar of meeting times at the jails, stating that volunteers are more likely to commit if they know what they are committing to. Doug will do a calendar to appear on Intergroup's webpage. Vickie liked the idea saying that if we knew what was needed then we could plan. Holly C. said that different people have different stories and it would be great if we could rotate in once a month with a pool of people. It does take a bit of time to get approved so please, volunteer early.

CPC/PI: Holly C. reporting, Thank you to Linda for covering last month in my absence. We have two events scheduled for January 15th from 5:30 to 7pm. Both Matthew Gilbert Middle School and Florida State College are having events. It is important to get the information on Alcoholics Anonymous out to the public. People can't find us if they don't know we exist. Jaime clarified events – same time same date. Volunteers are needed.

Grapevine: Steve absent, no report.

Treatment: Still need a chair for this vital committee.

Phone Army: Sara D. reporting, The new schedule is out and runs from January through March 2013. The next Phone Army training will be held January 16th at 7pm. Training is also done Monday through Friday at the IG office, with an appointment. We are always looking to train new service representatives.

2013 Florida State Convention: Tom M. reporting, As of today we have 370 registered for the convention, 175 of those have signed up for the Saturday night Banquet. If you want to be up front at the Saturday night banquet you need to register now. The speakers have all confirmed, with the exception of Sandy. His health may hold him back, please pray for him. There will be six workshops on topics such as; Steps 6 & 7, Step 10, Step 12, and Corrections among other things. Next month is a big kickoff. Huggers and greeters needed. Tom requested more volunteers in all areas. There are many ways to contribute – with time, food, money, and an array of experience, strength and hope. Let's make this a truly remarkable event! Tom M. on the 2013 Convention suggested giving your sponsor a present in the way of a gift of the convention registration, t-shirt, golf outing, etc. Conversation ensued regarding special rooms set aside for Intergroup, Archives and Grapevine.

FCYPAA: Jesse reporting, One upcoming event during the Space Coast Roundup. The 2nd Sober Olympics will be held in Brevard County 1/31 through 2/2. Shane states that at the end of April in co-operation between District 4 and the Jax Bid committee, Glenn W. will present a 12 Concepts Workshop. They are still looking for a place to meet. If anyone can help, please contact Shane. Also, bidding to have FCYPAA conference for 2014 in Jacksonville. Need a co-chair (at least 90 days sobriety), and sub committee chairs (no stipulations) for this event.

Finance Committee: Walter S. reporting, Next meeting will be January 15th at 5:30 in the Intergroup office.

Old Business: Don stated that the by-laws will be presented to the body with basic changes next month. After approval they will be emailed out to participants.

New Business: Kea let everyone know that the new Where and When booklets have come in and will be distributed today after the meeting. Each small group has an allotment of 25, with the larger group getting 50 a piece. Also, the new copier is scheduled to arrive next week.

-Brian C. submitted a proposal that instead of having two banquets this year perhaps we could do a Sober Prom. All the monies raised would go to the benefit of Intergroup. Much discussion from the body followed and the idea of a New Year's Eve party was also brought up. Brian will do additional research on interest, venue and costs associated with a Prom. Mike M. to get with Rico about a New Year's Eve event idea to be presented at next meeting.

Announcements: The next business meeting will be held February 2nd at 9:45am.

Motion to adjourn; seconded/passed/Meeting adjourned at 11:02 with the Lord's Prayer.