

NEFL Intergroup Services Business Meeting, Saturday, June 28, 2014

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

-The Twelve Traditions were read by Paul C..

-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: Under Old Business, "mute discussion" should read "moot discussion". Under New Business add "at JABA" to the specifics of the Unity Roundup fundraiser.

Florida Unity Roundup – by Chairman's Choice the delegates for the convention topped the meeting agenda. Today is the kickoff event for the Florida Unity Roundup with Bingo and a Silent Cake Auction at JABA from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Please come out and support the conference and have a good time. Flyers are available today for registration for the October function. Next month the hospitality volunteers will be at the IG meeting to sign up group commitments. Tom K. informed the body that Florida Unity Roundup is a formal Group registered with GSO.

Treasurer's Report – Rick T. went over financials. Question from last month's meeting addressed regarding banquet tickets - sold 465, remaining 90. Bonnie questioned the amount in the breakfast account. This is for the two Big Books which are given away at the monthly IG breakfast AA meeting. Mike asked why pink can contributions are not seperated, there was some discussion and agreement with the fact of differing viewpoints and methods for bookkeeping. Minutes approved as read.

Office Report – Amy read and submitted the office report. Thanks to all for the warm welcome. Office closed 7/4 & 7/5. Deadline for changes to When & Where is July 10th. We will go to print shortly thereafter. Volunteers are needed in the office. Please encourage fellow members to volunteer.

Steering Committee Report- Minutes were read by Paul C. When & Where will continue to be available to groups at no charge.

Printing should come in at less than \$4,500.00 for 10,000 copies of the booklet. Accepted as read.

Add-A-Line – Kea B. resigned the service position. Looking for new committee chairperson. Request was made to the body for any volunteers. Mike M. said he could commit until the end of the year. Linda G. recommended that Mike take over the responsibility as there were no other candidates. Approved by voice vote.

Archives – Kevin G. updated. Next Archives meeting is July 7th at 12 noon in the IG office. The Group History binder is available today. Please take a moment to ensure your group's information is available. Those who choose this journey of sobriety are enriched by the history of our fellowship. We are looking forward to the Archives gathering in October.

Fall Gratitude Banquet – Linda G reporting for Holly C and Robin C. Ramallah Club is confirmed for November 8th. There will be various sub-committee meetings coming in mid-August. The menu is set with ham, turkey and all the trimmings. Help is needed in several areas ie: cook, serve, decorate, cake auction, dessert table, beverage service and clean up to name a few. Please come out and volunteer.

Corrections – Doug S. absent/no report.

CPC/PI – Marty C. reporting. Moving forward with local television and radio stations PSA's. Setting up air times to broadcast Public Service Announcements to get the word that there is help available to anyone who desires to stop drinking. Jeanette questioned as to whether the urban stations would be involved. Marty stated they will be contacted as well. Also getting cost analysis on advertisement for the local bus service. We want to reach as many potential alcoholics as possible.

Grapevine – "Victor E" reporting. Quickly covering the room with flyers, Victor E. a/k/a Steve C. happily reminded the body of the Grapevine 70th Birthday event at JABA today from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. Please come and show your support for "our meeting in print"

Treatment – Rick R. reporting.. The Sulzbacher Center no longer offers a meeting to its people. Shands/UF has reached out to us with a need for a meeting. Please contact Rick if you are interested in bringing a meeting to a facility.

Phone Army – Linda G. Reporting for Holly C. There are several open overnight slots. We have not had the interest in this service commitment that we have had in the past. Please encourage your fellow travelers of this service opportunity. We may have to go back to answering service if volunteers do not come forward.

Old Business – Mike J. spoke on the May IG business meeting. Some people walked out during the meeting, but those who stayed experienced the Traditions at work. Members owing amends for taking things personally, allowing ego to override principles. Working together for the common welfare. Trusted servants at work. Groups holding the servants accountable. Taking our inventory. Taking ideas thought to be in the best interest of AA at the time and having them second guessed. Some of the decisions made while seemed good at the time were probably not the best decision. This is how it works, if we don't have any controversy in AA, we don't have any growth.

New Business – Paul C proposed a motion that "the short form of the 12 concepts be read at the beginning of every Intergroup Business meeting. James seconded motion. After discussion it was decided to table motion until next meeting.

Following review it was decided to keep the "When & Where" available to groups at no cost. Vote on going to print, 22 for, 2 against. Minority opinion heard: extra monies could be used to fund committee work.

Announcements:

The next IG Business Meeting will be August 2nd at 9:45am at Gateway

The next Steering Committee meeting will be on July 22nd at 5:30pm in the IG office.

The next Archives meeting will be held on July 7th at 12:00 in the IG office.

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The next Finance Committee meeting will be on August 19th at 5:30 in the IG office.