

NEFL Intergroup Services Business Meeting Saturday, March 28, 2014

Mike M., Intergroup Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:47 am with the Serenity Prayer

- The Responsibility Prayer was recited in unison.
- The Twelve Traditions were read by Catherine R.
- All Intergroup Representatives and others attending introduced themselves.
- The new Intergroup Representatives were welcomed and given the welcome packets.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Minutes of the Business Meeting of March 1, 2014 were read by Catherine R. and accepted as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Rick T. reviewed the February Financial Report on page 7 in the Add-A-Line which was accepted.

OFFICE REPORT - Kea read the Office Report dated March 25, 2014 which was accepted.

STEERING COMMITTEE - Paul C. Read the Steering Committee Minutes from March 25, 2014.

ADD-A-LINE -Kea B. reported. The submissions to the Add-A-Line are due the 20th of the month.

ARCHIVES - Kevin G. Reported. Everyone was invited to visit the Intergroup office to view the restored duplicate of the AA Grows in Florida Tree. Kevin gave some of the history. An article about the history of the tree is in the April Add-A-Line. Kevin encouraged everyone to review the AA archive file and if their group is not represented, get with their old timers to collect information. The plaque to mark the first AA meeting in Jacksonville will be at the Spring Banquet and then installed. The next meeting will be on April 7th at 12:00 pm at the Intergroup Office.

BANQUET - Robin provided updates on the Spring Banquet being held on April 12th. A commitment has been made for the cake depicting the 75th copy of the Big Book. Volunteers are needed in all areas. Raffle prizes will include Big Books and money. An auctioneer is needed to speed up the bidding. Holly will be getting the cakes to the banquet. She shared that more cakes were needed and asked that representatives go back to their groups and ask that one person make a cake on behalf of their group. Cakes can be delivered on Fri. between 3:00 - 6:00 pm. On Sat., the building will be open by 7:00 am. Tables and Chairs will be set up by the Ramallah Club but help for all other preparation and cleanup is needed. Those wishing to volunteer can visit the website to choose an opportunity to serve. It was noted that if we are not out of the building by 12:00 midnight we will be a penalty fee.

CORRECTIONS - Doug reported that the next orientation will be held on March 31st. Teri has been helping make calls to those formerly involved to discuss future participation.

CP/CPI - Marty reported. Flyers are available for the forum at the Alumni House on Sat. May 17th from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Panelists have committed and Marty shared that the Professionals will discuss problems they encounter in referring people to AA and AA panelists will talk about ways they can help. Anyone may attend. Marty said he will be speaking at Alcoholic Awareness on Fri. 11th. The Fair at UMC scheduled for March 17th was cancelled and will be rescheduled. The May event in Palatka at the High School will only include MADD. It was felt that including us might not be appropriate for High School students.

GRAPEVINE - Steve C. absent. Kea reported that there will be a table for Grapevine at the Spring Banquet.

TREATMENT - Rick R. Absent

PHONE ARMY - Holly C. reported. She discussed the change in evening trainings to appointment only. She stated that not many other service offices have people available by phone 24/7 and said that we also have a 12 step call list. Holly also thanked Marty C. And Robin C. for stepping up to coordinate the Spring Banquet.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - Walter S. presented an Amendment to the Bylaws. The amendment reads as follows: *Add to Section 3: SERVICE STRUCTURE - following The Archivist add The Finance Committee. Add to Section 4: COMMITTEES, a new section - Section C: FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Finance Committee is to advise the Steering Committee on matters relating to financial operations. It will review the results of the operations at least quarterly and help maintain our accountability. 1. MEMBERS: The current Vice-Chair/Treasurer, the most recent Vice-Chair/Treasurer and 3 members of the fellowship with knowledge of financial accountability. The office administrator will be a non-voting member. 2. The Finance Committee will operate as described in Section 4, paragraph 2, subparagraphs a, b, and c. It will hold meetings as determined by the committee chair.* This amendment will be published in the Add-A-Line and voted on at the June 7th Intergroup Business Meeting. The Bylaws can be viewed on the website or obtained at the Intergroup office for use in reviewing the changes with the groups before the vote. The Steering Committee's recommendation to form an Ad-Hoc Accessibility Committee for a six month period to go out to the group meeting places to assess the accessibility was presented and the vote was unanimous. Linda G. made a Motion "to change the cost of the pamphlets to the cost of what they are in the AA catalog." Much discussion followed. Kea B. stated that our price for the pamphlets available at the Intergroup office is 40 cents, which represents on average, a 16 cent markup over the catalog prices. The issues shared included the needed income for the group, shipping costs, efficiency of repricing and monitoring the sales. Margo made a motion to call the question. It was seconded. The outcome of the vote was 20 for, none opposed. The vote to change the price of the pamphlets to reflect the AA catalogue, by show of hands, failed unanimously.

AA ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next IG Business Meeting will be on May 3rd at 9:45 at Gateway

The next Steering Committee Meeting will be on April 22nd at 5:30 pm at the IG office

The next Archives Meeting will be on April 7th at 12:00 pm at the IG office

The next Finance Committee Meeting is on April 15th at 5:30 pm at the IG office

The Old Timers Fish Fry will be held at the San Marco Club on May 3rd at noon

Submitted: Catherine R. Intergroup Representative