

NEFL Intergroup Services Business Meeting Minutes Saturday, September 5, 2015

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

The Twelve Traditions were read by Mike M. The Responsibility Pledge was recited in unison by all. The new Intergroup representatives received a welcome packet. All present introduced themselves.

Visitors – Laura C., asked for our help in support of the Florida Unity Roundup. Erika, Hospitality Committee, stated she brought sign-up sheets for “Huggers & Greeters” at the event. In the spirit of attraction rather than promotion, each IG rep. was asked to take a sheet back to their groups to fill out. Hopefully, at least 5 people from each group would volunteer for a one hour commitment. Must have a ticket to the event to be a hugger/greeter. There are scholarships available. Don’t miss the “best part” of the whole weekend’s festivities. Come out and enjoy!

Secretary’s Report – Teri H. read the previous month’s minutes. Amendments as follows: 1) Under Phone Army delete “usually after 2pm”. Life shows up at any time, for any of us. Minutes accepted with changes. 2) Under New Business, Corrections Chairs do sometimes go in to cover actual meetings. 3) Under Corrections delete “Amy, please double check me.”

Chairman’s Comments: Carl G. reminded the body of the Responsibility Statement, and that the primary purpose of Intergroup is to be here for the newcomer. We support the groups to support the newcomer. Like one big circle, it goes round and round. Carl then offered a personal invitation to all to come to the NEFL Intergroup Open House this afternoon. Come and see what we have to offer, some may not even know what’s there.

Treasurer’s Report – Rick T. stated we are carrying a strong balance sheet. Gives thanks for support of the Intergroup through group contributions. 7th tradition basket was passed. Motion to accept, all in favor.

Office Report – Teri H. reported for Amy C. IG office open house is this afternoon, all are invited. Displayed new item, the book “Alcoholics Anonymous 80 Years Happy, Joyous and Free”, now on sale at the office. Please continue your support of the “Faithful Fivers” and the “Birthday Club”.

Steering Committee Minutes – Paul C. reporting. Correct date to read “presented the July 2015 statement of financial Revenue and expense”

Add-A-Line – Mike M. reporting. Next months’ issue will have some changes to provide more of the holiday happenings, including a statement in respect of Tradition Six. Please send stories or articles to Add-A-Line via email at nefladdaline@gmail.com. The deadline for each month is the 20th.

Archives – Chaz H. reporting. We are in the planning stages of a celebration of the 75th anniversary of AA in Florida. Pictures, posters and tentative dates are being pinned down. Also, we would like to put our Archives documents in a searchable program, are in the process of indexing, and we are looking for someone with MS Office experience to help. Please contact Chaz as listed in the Add-A-Line.

Banquet – Holly C. A flyer has been posted on the website. All sub-committee chairs are set. Next planning meeting 9/14 at the IG office at 6pm. Speakers will be John R., young people, and Misoon W., old-timer. We have lost several members this past year. As a remembrance, flowers and an empty chair will be placed on stage. We want to recognize and remember their continuous contribution. Our appreciation goes out to all our helpers/volunteers.

Corrections – Monique S. introduced Mike M. who is interested in standing for the Corrections Committee Chair (male inmates). He said that he is happy to be back in service at the Intergroup level. Mike has had experience with corrections, and the two of them look forward to working with each other. There will be a workshop in Sanford for Areas 14 & 15 on 9/27 from 12pm to 3pm. Also, there is an upcoming workshop in Palatka. More information to follow. Thank you for your involvement!

CPC/PI – Carl G. read Andrew’s report. Continuing to carry the message in the downtown area, and maintain literature racks at many of the local libraries. Visited UNF and provided literature for the students. Welcome to Wanda N., a Green Cove Springs member who has joined the committee. Still looking at options for PSA’s.

Grapevine – Cheryl Ann reporting. Recognized, by name, volunteers who helped with FL State Convention. A workshop is scheduled 10/10 from 2pm-4pm at the Al Pablo Club on Penman Rd. It will be a reading meeting with 2 or 3 one hour sessions, with breaks including snacks. “Grapes for Mates” collection box decorations are now available.

Finance – Walter reporting. The last meeting had three new attendees, hopefully will become members of the committee. QuickBooks subscription expires in October, will go to new version. In future will modernize to a POS system. We are literally still in the 20th century, there are better controls and the cost/efficiency outweighs our hand written receipts currently in use. Next meeting October 20th at 5:30 in the the IG office. All are welcome to attend.

Treatment – Craig W. absent, no report.

Phone Army – Holly C. reporting. In the “Spirit of Rotation”, please step up to the plate. We never know the feeling of success if we never try. On the 12-Step Call List, Please take to your group that we need more participation on this. It is important that the person be willing to take calls when asked. The more names we have on our 12-Step List, the more chance for to fulfill our primary purpose. Where ever you are you can do this type of service work. It is very convenient because it’s portable. There are many untold rewards in doing service work.

OLD BUSINESS – Mike M. gave the body a brief outline of his service history: He has been active in Corrections since 2008. His current commitment is for the Pre-trial Detention Center & Montgomery Correctional Center once a month. In the past he has worked with Bridge the Gap, and the Matrix Program, and the Orange Park Group is where he calls home. Mike’s personal road to recovery includes a stay in the Duval County Jail during the Christmas of 2004. A member of Alcoholics Anonymous brought a meeting in. He said it was very humbling and he felt it let the inmates know that AA was there to help. Corrections needs more help. Mike is willing to serve the Intergroup body as well as the still sick & suffering alcoholic. Carl G appointed Mike M as Corrections Committee Chair for the males with a voice approval of the body.

NEW BUSINESS – Elections for the Northeast Florida Intergroup Services Intergroup Vice Chair/Treasurer position are coming in November. Please submit a brief service resume to the Intergroup office with your interest in the position. For more information of the duties covered, please contact Rick T., the outgoing Vice Chair.

- There was discussion on the parking situation at the current location of the Intergroup office. Several suggestions were made. Some will be reviewed.

Adjourned with The Lord’s Prayer at 11:15am.

Submitted Teri H – Recording Secretary