

# NEFL Intergroup CPC/PI Committee Meeting Minutes: April 2019

1. Meeting opened at 1:10 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer.
2. Sign in sheet past 9 in attendance (Christopher, Steve, Marty, Betsy, Linda, Carl, Stephanie, Grace, Barbara).
  - a. Introductions of those in attendance with Name, Group and District.
  - b. Previous months minutes read and approved.
3. Chairperson's comments:
  - a. Marty spoke with the Duval County Library director, Tim Rogers. The CPC/PI committee has been given a green light to place books in all 21 Duval County library branches. We are going to start with the Big Book and the 12 & 12 hardcover books. Committee Members ask questions and conversation starts to drift away to the library list. Chairperson requests to place that subject on hold until we reach that point in Old Business.
  - b. Marty informs a packet and information from GSO about C.O.R.E. regarding what they will be providing, as GSO has decided to sponsor the event this year. GSO will provide literature (40-AA at a Glance, 30-Info on AA, 20-Problems Other Than Alcohol, 20-Message to Teenagers, 50-About AA, 5-copies of Box 459, 10-Catalogs, 40-table cards, 1-display rack, 20-Intergroup directories and some other miscellaneous items.
  - c. Marty references Committee that new projects are coming up and defers them to New Business.
  - d. IPN Conference at World Golf Village on May 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup>: Marty and Linda will be staffing the exhibitor booth.
  - e. Marty mentions budget and current funding status. Literature and funding discussion ensues. With the Masquerade Ball taking up approximately 50% of the annual budget, and now that we have the green light for the libraries, the majority of the funds for the committee have been allocated already. We have already ordered \$500 worth of literature and chairperson expects to place another \$1,000 order in the next week or two. Marty plans to order 2 cases of hardcover Big Books and 2 cases of 12 & 12 hardcover, as well as and 6 each of P-72 and P-74. Discussion ensues regarding what the budget should be and Committee Members suggest that we move the budget up to \$5,000. Committee members discussed briefly and it is pointed out that Intergroup has the money, but they will be reluctant to relinquish it until funds are spent and there is a need. Committee agrees to move forward with a literature purchase and take care of the Masquerade Ball costs ahead of time before approaching the Steering committee for more funding.
4. Committee Member sharing sessions:
  - a. Christopher shares on the updates within District 30 regarding the Google Sheets list of Physicians and the Serenity at Noon Group members stepping up to help distribute literature to the medical professionals in District 30. There are currently 186 different locations and at present only 30 have been covered. Also mentions the NAS Jax event for the Duval County Medical Society (DCMS) that took place on April 9th briefly, but defers to Carl and Steve to share in more detail. Christopher does mention the major breakthrough idea that came from the President of the DCMS and his inquiry about having PSA's run on the message boards at Baptist Hospital at the Beaches. Christopher also shares his experience as chairperson for the last Panel and how difficult it was to get participation at the District level and how he started reaching out to Groups and individuals to help carry the message.
  - b. Conversation ensues regarding PSA idea and what a breakthrough this could be. Chairperson mentions the PSA running on Hospital message boards is not being done anywhere. Carl expands on the PSA talk and the eagerness of the DCMS President, Ruple Galani, to make the message board happen. Chairperson mentions the overall lack of knowledge present by nurses, nursing homes and other professionals. Specifically mentions the County Judge conferences that were participated in a few years back.
  - c. Carl shares on his overall experience at the event and talks in detail about the lack of training the doctors have in treating those that still suffer.

- d. Barbara shares about her nephew who is in Medical School become a Doctor in Illinois who is in college and is currently taking a 3-hour class once a week in his first year. So, what sounds like there have been some improvements in the overall exposure to how to treat those that still suffer. Barbara also shares about staying busy in the libraries in District 25 and that she distributed some Big Books and 12 & 12 to her District libraries.
  - e. Steve goes in detail, talking about his first experience exhibiting for Alcoholics Anonymous and how it benefited him in the fellowship. Comments about his learning experience at the DCMS and how awkward he felt during the dinner when the three attendees agreed to split up and sit at different tables to increase exposure. Steve also spoke on the next event for the “Future of Healthcare”, which is going to be held on October 7th and 8th at the Prime Osborn Convention Center. will look into getting the registration set up for the October future of healthcare event and will report back to the committee in the future.
  - f. Betsey is staying busy in the libraries and still has enough pamphlets to carry her through for the time being. Will advise when she needs more. She has taken Stephanie “under her wing” and had her go with her to some of the libraries to introduce her to this type of service effort.
  - g. Stephanie had the opportunity to “shadow” with Betsey as she went into some libraries and is willing to take some on. She added her name to the list for a couple near to her and needs literature to keep them stocked.
  - h. Grace is new to the committee and has interest in participating. She is still learning what the Committee does and doesn't have anything to share at this time.
  - i. Linda has no new information to share at this time.
5. Old Business
- a. Conference call is available for those that cannot make it to the Intergroup office for the Committee meeting. Marty suggest that this information is shared in meetings during announcements. The call-in number is 605-475-4871 and the access code is 490294 with a pin of 8981. All are welcome to participate and we need help carrying the word of this valuable resource.
  - b. Ad hoc committees to be formed for the Masquerade Ball and C.O.R.E. Conference.
    - i. Christopher volunteers to be the Ad-Hoc Committee Chair for the Masquerade Ball.
      - 1) Linda and Mariel have expressed interest in participating in the event again in 2019, as they did in 2018.
      - 2) Steve volunteers to be the host for Bob and will take care of his travel and housing Arrangements.
      - 3) Steve requests that a description of each role be created outlining duties and responsibilities for each Ad-Hoc Committee Member.
      - 4) Carl requests the link for the Eventbrite website.
      - 5) Flyer will not be released to the public until July. It will remain on Old Business until June.
      - 6) Committee approves the budget of \$1,500 for the event.
      - 7) Committee members (besides myself are: Linda G., Mariel A. & Steve W. We need at least 4 more, preferably 6 or 7. We would like at least 1 or 2 members of Al-Anon to participate in the Committee, if willing.
      - 8) The first Committee meeting will be 5/25 at 2pm at Christopher's home.
      - 9) We have circuit speaker Bob D. coming this year and are limiting the seating to the first 200, as that is all the facility will hold.
      - 10) Link is live, but the flyer will not be released until July in AA. It has been sent to those who have agreed to participate in the committee and for those that may have an interest. Please do not release this link to anyone else unless they want to join the committee. If you want to participate in the Committee, please reply back to this email,

confirming your willingness to participate and go ahead and register now to reserve your space.

- ii. Chairperson selects Linda G. as the C.O.R.E. Conference Ad-Hoc chair.
  - 1) Christopher explains the event in brief and lets everyone know that the Committee is already registered and we have 10 attendees that can participate.
  - 2) The 10 attendees for 2019 will be Barbara, Kevin, Linda G., Grace, Carl G., Stephanie, Steve W., Gary R., Joyce R.

- c. Library list discussed in detail and thumbed through by Committee Members. Chairperson points out that Betsy is handling 7 of the 21 (1/3) of the libraries in Duval County and needs some relief. Different members volunteer to handle different libraries and a new list will be updated and brought to the next meeting. We want to provide a list that we can take back to our groups to see if we can get anyone to step up and take care of this dire need for volunteers

## 6. New Business

- a. PSA's are discussed in detail.
  - i. Chairperson wants to get signs put on the inside and the outside of the JTA city buses. Chairperson has the idea that it should be "If you want to drink that's your business, if you want to stop that's ours" and then provide a phone number to the Intergroup hotline.
  - ii. Steve has done some research on PSA's and provides details. We can get a link or purchase the PSA's via CD or DVD. There are also links for Radio, TV and Hospital.
  - iii. Chairperson takes the time to explain the difference between promotion and public information.
  - iv. Committee will wait until after the General Service Conference to move this item to Old Business.
  - v. Discussion takes place on ideas for a billboard and billboard skins. Linda requests a billboard contact.
  - vi. Grace shares some valuable information, as she is in the media industry and may have some additional contacts in this regard to help the Committee along. She knows someone at WJXT and will contact them regarding a prime-time PSA.
  - vii. Grace also agrees to check into radio stations.
  - viii. Stephanie agrees the reach out to JTA to find information regarding the bus signs. Steve gives her contact information to help.
- b. Literature and extra funding was passed over since we had already discussed it previously but was mentioned here since it was part of the agenda for New Business.
- c. In light of the recent Workshop held at Jaba Club by Gateway, chairperson elaborates on the idea for a Workshop the Committee can put on for pamphlet P-11. The workshop would be titled the "Only Requirement Is..." Chairperson gives history on why we want this type of Workshop. Ad-Hoc committee to be formed in May and should be on New Business for May.

## 7. Upcoming CPC/PI Events:

- a. May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>: CPC/PI Exhibitor opportunity = IPN Annual Conference in St. Augustine (not registered, not confirmed yet).
- b. July 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>: CPC/PI Exhibitor opportunity = C.OR.E. Conference in Amelia Island (registered and confirmed).
- c. October 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>: CPC/PI Exhibitor opportunity = Future of Healthcare, at the Prime Osborn Convention Center (not registered and not confirmed).
- d. October 26<sup>th</sup>: CPC/PI sponsored "Anonymous, But Not Invisible" Masquerade Ball (registered and confirmed).

## B. Motion to adjourn and meeting closed at 2:51 p.m. with the Responsibility Statement