

## NEFL Intergroup Services Business Meeting Saturday, September 6, 2014

Mike M., Intergroup Chair called the meeting to order at 9:48am with the Serenity Prayer.

-The Twelve Traditions were read by David A.

-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. Correction to Akron Archivist's presentation subject matter for the Archives Workshop in October. Minutes accepted with correction.

**Treasurer's Report** – Rick T. went over financial in Add-A-Line. Question on guidelines for amount set for prudent reserve and operating expenses. Information needed to help District 6 in aligning their budget and financials.

**Office Report** – Amy C. reporting. Intergroup Gratitude Banquet tickets are available. Price increase from AAWS scheduled for October 1<sup>st</sup> was discussed briefly. List of titles affected available to members. Intergroup will hold current prices until January 2015 pending stock availability.

**Steering Committee Minutes** – Tom K. read the minutes. Don P. had proposed to the committee changes to the By-Laws for the sake of continuity in leadership. The question will be brought to the body. Also working on subject of absentee district representation at committee meetings.

**Florida Unity Roundup** - Laura, convention Hospitality Committee member, said we are in need of people to bring in food for the hospitality room. It may be easier to bring food as a group. Hospitality needs coverage both Friday night and Saturday. We also need people for huggers/greeters and in the registration areas. Please plan to attend the event scheduled for October 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>. Will soon have a flyer with phone #'s of contacts and time slots which need to be filled. We need volunteers to make this a success!

**Add-A-Line** – Mike M reporting - In the future we will add pages to the regular issue, rather than having separate issues for the oldtimer's stories. Reminder, please have your birthdays to the ADD-A-LINE by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**Fall Gratitude Banquet** – Robin C. reporting - Tickets now on sale! Next committee meetings on 9/13 at the IG office at 10am. It takes many volunteers to put on this event! Come, be a part. From cooking, to setting up, to making coffee, to cleaning up – it's ALL done by VOLUNTEERS!!!

**Archives** –Kevin G. reporting -Scheduling interviews with oldtimers is ongoing. Our workshop "The Beginnings of AA in Florida" is scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-4:30 pm at the JABA Club. One of our keynote speakers is Charlie M., who will be giving a power point presentation on the first A.A. meetings in Jacksonville. We will also have Gail L, former Akron Archivist, who will talk about "The Women Behind the Men in A.A.". There will be refreshments and fellowship offered as well, so please come out and enjoy.

**Corrections** – Doug S. reporting – There is a Corrections Workshop scheduled for September 27<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 to 4:30 at JABA. Want to do service work? Here is a good way to be of service. Information on how to take meetings behind the walls will be offered. David A. spoke up and said he benefited greatly from AA behind the walls. He stated that unless an AA member from outside showed up to have a meeting in prison, that there would not be a one. The inmates are not allowed to conduct their own. They really look forward to the contact in the one meeting a week which they are allowed. Without our members involvement there is none. Please support our efforts to bring meetings into the jails and institutions in our area.

**CPC/PI** –Marty C. - absent

**Phone Army**- Training for the phone army will be held in the IG office the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6pm. Individual appointments can be made between 10am and 3pm by contacting Intergroup at 904/399-8535

**Grapevine** – Steve C. reporting. 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration went great – good turnout. "Grapes for Mates" boxes available at this meeting to take back to your home group. Hopefully, full of your old Grapevine issues, they can be returned to IG and then be forwarded to the prisons. The Grapevine Chairperson position is a very active chair. There is a lot of information coming from New York. A new "Daily Quote Book" has just been released with good reception. When you need a meeting and can't get to one, just pick up a Grapevine.

**Treatment** – Rick R., absent.

**Old Business** – PSA pricing for the city buses, billboards, and taxi cabs tabled until Marty C., CPC/PI Chair, meets with Steering Committee at October SC meeting.– A reminder that opportunities are coming up through our "spirit of rotation". All committee chairs will be rotating out. The present committee chairs may reapply if no else volunteers for the position. The chairman will present to the IG Body the new committee chairs for voice approval by the IG representatives at the November business meeting.

**New Business** – Questions on the upcoming price increase were addressed by Walter S., member of the Finance Committee. There is a 20-25% increase is on select book titles only, and does not include pamphlets. We will mimic the GSO increase. We plan to bulk up our stock before October 1<sup>st</sup>. That way we will be able to delay the increase to you and hold current pricing until January 1<sup>st</sup>.

-A vote was taken on moving forward with the proposed changes to the By-Laws. By unanimous vote the proposal will be put to the members of the fellowship. To help get the question to the masses, proposed changes will be posted in the next printing of the Add-A-Line. The proposed changes are as follows: The Intergroup Chair shall rotate out on the opposing year of the Intergroup Vice-Chair/Treasurer; and, The Intergroup Vice Chair/Treasurer shall rotate out on the opposing year of the Intergroup Chair. By-Laws state that the term of office for both positions is two years,

- The next Intergroup Business Meeting will be October 4th at 9:45am at Gateway.

-The next Steering Committee meeting will be on September 23rd at 5:30pm in the IG office.

-The next Archives meeting will be held on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 in the IG office.

-The next Finance Committee meeting will be on October 21st at 5:30 in the IG office.

- Office will be closed Monday, October 13th in observance of Columbus day.