

## NEFL Intergroup Services Business Meeting Minutes Saturday, August 1, 2015

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

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

**Visitors** – Lisa D., representing the Florida Unity Roundup coming in October, reminded the body of the kickoff fundraiser tonight at 6pm at the JABA Club. Come out and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship playing bingo and bidding on the cakes for auction.

**Secretary's Report** – Teri H. read the previous month's minutes. There were several rebuttals to last month's minutes: 1) Under Chairman's Comments, it was brought to light that in our literature it states that service work is everything from offering a cup of coffee to a 12 step call, and anything in between. 2) Our Intergroup not only needs representation from every group in Jacksonville, but also from the other counties we serve. 3) General Service Conference notes - 59% of funds comes from literature sales, and 41% comes from groups. Correction: **Spring Banquet** should read **Fall Banquet**. Minutes accepted with changes.

**Chairman's Comments:** Carl G. passed along information from the AA.org website: Intergroup offices are established by local individuals and groups and is responsible to the groups they serve. We are all an integral part of the IG office, without us the office ceases to exist.

**Treasurer's Report** – Rick T. went over July financials. 7th tradition basket was passed. Ski V. motion to accept, none opposed.

**Office Report** – Amy C. reported. Repeating similar items to make sure the message gets out. Please request "Where and When" meeting schedules on as needed basis. Participation in the "Faithful Fivers" has increased, thank you to the Steering Committee for leading by example. Please post announcement flyer for IG Open House on 9/5, 11:30 am – 3:30 pm. Everybody is invited to attend. Also, if you would make mention of it at meetings and plan to attend with the people you sponsor! We are always learning in recovery. Some may know little or nothing about AA or Intergroup. Noted that in the beginning Bill W. thought it a good idea to work in AA office and be paid, the Group Conscious recommended against that. Carrying our message has more depth and weight when said by a volunteer.

**Steering Committee Minutes** – Paul C. read the minutes. Correction under Treasurers Report – should read "presented the June 2015 statement..." Will be advertising for the new webmaster in the next two months. Job description forthcoming. Minutes approved with change.

**Add-A-Line** – Mike M. reporting. For ease of input, will be requesting specific format for birthday submissions. Please send stories or articles to Add-A-Line via email at [nefladdaline@gmail.com](mailto:nefladdaline@gmail.com). The deadline for each month is the 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Archives** – Chaz H. absent, no report.

**Banquet** – Holly C. First planning meeting for Fall Banquet is next Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 6pm at the IG office. Thinking of having two speakers, an oldtimer and a newcomer. The sub-committee chairs are hoped to return for the event. Tickets on sale at 9/5 business meeting. We need help! Please become involved for the fellowship and enjoyment.

**Corrections** – Monique reporting. Corrections Committee meeting 7/27 went well. Things are coming together. Opportunities in Duval County: Wednesdays and Fridays – Pre-trial Detention Center; Saturdays – Matrix and Montgomery Correctional. There will be a workshop in Sanford for Areas 14 & 15 on 9/27 from 12pm to 3pm. Find out what and how to carry the message behind the walls. There were many responses to help with the meeting at Florida State Prison. Thank you for your involvement!

**CPC/PI** – Andrew reporting. Carrying the message in the downtown area. Have contacted many of the local libraries with good reception for display of literature. The Times Union runs a support group listing our contact number, and we are waiting for a response from Folio Weekly. Looking into lower cost options for PSA's. Continue to talk to people in day to day work.

**Grapevine** – Cheryl Ann reporting. Members will be travelling to state convention. Planning the workshop in October - will be a reading meeting with 2 or 3 one hour sessions, breaks including snacks will be scheduled, location TBD. The "Grapes for Mates" collection boxes will be revived as another avenue to collect the magazines. IG representatives, please bring used Grapevine issues to the monthly business meetings.

**Finance** – Walter reporting. Finance going well. Next meeting August 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 in the the IG office. All are welcome to attend.

**Treatment** – Craig W. absent, no report.

**Phone Army** – Holly C. reporting. A few spots need coverage on the schedule. Please volunteer. Life sometimes shows up for those on the schedule (as it does for all of us). We need more people on our "backup" list. The IG office keeps up with the 12-Step Call List. Please take it 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 recovery. Where ever you are you can do this type of service work. It is very mobile. Our member that covers the Friday 5 – 7 shift moved over 100 miles away, but remains very enthusiastic about keeping his slot. A past chairperson encouraged me to accept the chair position. I do not regret it: however I do not want to "hog" the service work. There are untold rewards in service work. The "Spirit of Rotation" prevails. I hope that I may be an encouragement to someone someday.

**OLD BUSINESS** - Still looking for suggestions on how can Intergroup be of service to your group.

**NEW BUSINESS** – We are in need of a new chairperson for the Corrections Committee (male inmates). Mike M. and Monique S. volunteered to help out. The incoming chair must have 2 years of sobriety with no incidents of incarceration in the past 5 years. They would be scheduling and communicating with JSO, as well as covering some jail meetings. They are to act more as a liaison, coordinating and delegating. Please consider this opportunity to serve.

Meredith, Orange Park Group, issued a challenge to the body. From one group to another. An invitation to brainstorm new ways to raise funds for the Intergroup office to carry in its' functions in serving the groups, and the primary purpose of carrying the message. Orange Park Group suggested perhaps a bumper sticker with "Faithful Fiver" or something to that effect. They also agreed to be the contact point and spearhead this effort, and requested an ad be placed in the next issue of the newsletter. Support IG – pass the word around!

### AA Announcements

The next Intergroup Business meeting will be on September 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 am at Gateway Community Services, 555 Stockton St.

The next Steering Committee meeting will be on August 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the IG office.

The next Archives meeting is on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 pm in the IG office.

The next Finance Committee meeting is August 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in the IG office.

Adjourned with The Lord's Prayer at 10:30 am.

Submitted Teri H – Recording Secretary