

NEFL Intergroup Services Business Meeting Saturday, January 4, 2014

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

- The Twelve Traditions were read by Margo.
- 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. Motion to accept as read made by Robin C.

Treasurer's Report – Rick T went over financial in Add-A-Line. Question by Charlie M. on balance in checking account.

Office Report – Kea B. submitted the office report. Reminder - the Intergroup office is open on Saturdays 1-4 p.m.

Steering Committee Minutes- Meeting minutes were read by Mike J.

Add-A-Line – Kea B. reporting. Nobody came to last committee meeting, not necessary to attend to submit articles. All submissions must be in by the 20th of the month. “Word search” is big success! Please save old issues for sharing with inmates.

Archives – Kevin G. updated. Your “Group History” files are available today. Please make sure there is info on your group. AA started in Florida here in Jacksonville. The branching out dates and locations for different meetings has been put into an “AA Tree”. Copies of the “tree” will be available at the next Intergroup business meeting. A plaque identifying the first meeting place in Jax has been ordered and will be in this week. “Oldtimers interviews are still ongoing. There are some common themes in all the interviews. Most important thing they can ever do is to greet the newcomer. The reality that they had come to their first meeting at the bottom of their personal “barrel” also was brought to the forefront by those we spoke with. The first AA Florida Archive Workshop will be in Winter Park on Feb 14-15.

Spring Banquet - Robin C. reporting. Marty C. and she will be co-chairing the banquet. Date scheduled for April 12th at the Ramallah Club. Linda and Carl G. to speak at the event. There will be a planning meeting on January 27th, place and time to be announced.

Corrections – Doug S. absent.

CPC/PI – Marty C. submitted the report. Thanked the body for the opportunity to serve and asked volunteers to work with him on this committee. Would like to have monthly meetings> Has many ideas on ways to get the information to the masses. Hopes to do several events including a CPC/PI Forum to strengthen the “link between AA and the Professional Community.” Based on a former model he has worked with. General review shows...”a discussion panel consisting of the area CPC/PI, Treatment and Corrections chairs... a local judge, treatment center director, doctor, probation and parole supervisor, and a corrections officer. An open forum discussion with an impartial mediator. This was followed by a question/answer period by the audience which included AA’s and professionals from around the community. Budgets, room rental, informational flyers and refreshments were also topics on Marty’s agenda for this forum. Would like to have a separate forum in each district all through term. Any input you may have is valued, welcomed and appreciated. Please contact our new CPC/PI Chairperson with your feedback, he is listed in the Add-A-Line, page 2.

Grapevine – Kea B. reporting. Please pick up a “Grapes for Mates” container for the GV drive. Steve will be at Area Assembly and talk with the Area Grapevine Rep.

Treatment – Rick R., absent.

Phone Army – Robin C., reporting. There will be a phone army training at the San Marco Club at 3pm.

Old Business –Two motions which had been tabled at the December 2013 meeting were discussed. Regarding raising the price of the “When & Where” - Mike J. made a motion to table the old motion which was seconded by Rick T. Vote by a show of hands 27 for, 9 against.

Involving the allotment of meeting schedules available to the groups – Kevin G. motioned to table, Catherine seconded it. Vote: 30 for, 1 against.

New Business – It was confirmed that the “When & Where” would be distributed after today’s meeting.

New Steering Committee members by unanimous approval – Walter S. – District 1, Paul C. – District 4

Steering Committee motion to the body – this printing “Where and When” be given out for free to meetings. Much discussion ensued. Concerns over values and limits. Mike J. called the question. A show of hands 33 for, 2 against; the discussion was stopped. A vote on the motion that the When & Where’s are free of charge to all meetings for this printing was taken 23 for, 14 against. Motion passed. Minority opinion heard. A vote on the motion to change the allotment to groups to 25 each for all group was taken. 10 for, 23 against. Motion failed. The allotment will stay the same at 25 for small groups and 50 for large groups.

Mike M. announced that he will not be at the June Intergroup business meeting.

- The next IG Business Meeting will be February 1st at 9:45am at Gateway
- The next Steering Committee meeting will be on January 28th at 5:30pm in the IG office.
- The next Archives meeting will be held on January 6th at 12:00 in the IG office.
- The next Finance Committee meeting will be on February 11th at 5:30 in the IG office.

Submitted: Teri H. Recording Secretary