

NEFL Intergroup Services Business Meeting, Saturday, June 29, 2013

Rick T., Intergroup Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 9:45am. with the Serenity Prayer.

- The Twelve Traditions were read by Dave P.
- 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 with changes: Correction under Rick T. – Treasurer Report title Vice Chair/Treasurer not Co-Chair. Evonne is correct spelling of FSC hospitality chair. And Intergroup is working with the Decorations committee – not the Hospitality committee on the centerpieces for the convention tables.

Treasurer's Report – Rick T. went over financial in Add-A-Line, motion to accept as is – approved.

Office Report – Kea read and submitted the office report. The IG Business Meeting minutes and the Steering Committee minutes are now included in the website. The office now has the capability to ship small items. Call the IG office for details and pricing.

Steering Committee Report- Steering Committee minutes were read by Bruce A.

Add-A-Line – Kea B. reporting. Kudos to Fernandina Beach for adding more meetings. Phone Army training 7/18 not 6/20.

Reminder 20th of the month is the deadline for articles, announcements, etc. for inclusion in following month's issue. It is up to the group to decide who is responsible to submit upcoming birthdays, etc. Add-A-Line Committee meeting 7/11 at 10:00 am at Intergroup office.

Archives – Charlie M. reporting. City of Jacksonville Preservation Commission has approved the plaque commemorating the first AA meeting in the city (January 1941). The archive committee is moving forward with preparations for displays at the convention as well.

Corrections – Doug S. reporting. Poor turnout at the Corrections Orientation in June, please encourage your sponsees to come out and get involved. The P-Farm had great turnout on the last visit – 16 inmates attended the meeting – way to go – help spread the message!

CPC/PI – Holly C. informed the body of two events which requested AA presence this past month. Linda G. helped tremendously with a Catholic Charities event for Burmese refugees and is going back on July 9th. She said she learned that AAWS does have 3 pamphlets in the native language and is researching the translation of the Big Book, which should be out in the next year or so.

Walter F. provided NEFCADA with information and history on Alcoholics Anonymous and our willingness to help. Holly stated that we would like to do more in the community, so please pass the word of our availability to your contacts.

Grapevine – Steve C. reporting. Steve said that he was looking forward to the convention. He has contacted New York in pursuit of a GRAPEVINE costume, Kea has brought in lots of GV literature for the gathering in July. We can get Grapevine in E Books or in print. Subscribe today.

Treatment – Rick R. absent.

Phone Army – Holly C. reporting. New quarter starts Monday. Seven open slots, please volunteer. Phone Army work is some of the most rewarding, truly hands on help to the still sick and suffering alcoholic. We are proud to have this 24 hour service available in our community, many Intergroups use answering services. Requirements are 6 months of sobriety and a general knowledge of AA and the Jacksonville area.

Florida State Convention – Tom M. 1,030 people registered as of now, expect 2,800 at the convention – the remainder will register on site. Meeting today at noon at JABA with co-chairs and committee members. Laura reported on the Hospitality committee – Hospitality room will be open 8:00am to 10:00pm, will close for main speaker meeting. Group volunteers are needed for two hour timeslots. If you can't donate your time, a check earmarked for "Hospitality" will be gratefully accepted. The recent Bingo night raised \$1,400.00 for the committee. Lon L has a source for unlimited cheap coffee only in Hospitality suite. The hotel was to charge us \$6,000. At the convention in 2004 we received 200 gallons free and paid \$18,000.00 throughout the rest of the event. Scholarships – opportunity for those just coming out of treatment to attend. Anyone can make a donation to the scholarship fund on the website, \$387 donated to date. A 501(C) 3 fundraiser has to have 15-20% in scholarships.

FYC PAA – Shane M. reporting. FYC PAA is growing, over 1,100 at last convention in West Palm Beach. Jacksonville 2015 Bid Committee will form soon. The National convention is in Atlanta that year and it would be a strong combined effort. FYC PAA will be involved in the state convention in marathon meetings and service work. Please contact email address listed in Add-A-Line if you are interested in contributing.

Old Business - Tom M. reported that for the upcoming Gratitude Banquet two volunteer chefs have come forward to lend a hand. Some ideas for the program are a minimum of cakes at a silent auction, and maybe a husband/wife AA/Alanon team speaker session. We really want to emphasize fellowship among members throughout the banquet. At the August 3rd Business meeting we will have the vote from the group conscious on non conference approved literature continuing to be sold at Intergroup. IG Representatives need to be ready to bring the consensus of their groups on the subject to the August meeting.

New Business – Attendance at the ICOAA seminar by the Chairman was discussed. This is a good opportunity to see what other Intergroup office businesses do and is a good sharing of information. We get to see how other Intergroups work and share knowledge and practices. This motion comes as a seconded motion from the Steering Committee to allow the Chair to attend with a budget of \$1300. Motion passes, 31 For/1 Against. Minority opinion was heard, it is too expensive and it used to be a budget of \$200.

Announcements:

The next IG Business Meeting will be August 3rd at 9:45am at Gateway

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

The next Archives meeting will be held on July 8th at 12:00 in the IG office.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be on August 20th at 5:30 in the IG office.

Motion to Adjourn, seconded, passed

Submitted: Teri H.