

NEFL Intergroup Services Business Meeting Saturday, March 1, 2014

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

- The Twelve Traditions were read by Holly C.
- 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. Accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report – Rick T reviewed financial in Add-A-Line. Approved as read.

Office Report – Kea B. submitted the office report. Encouraged the body to sign up if willing to take 12 step calls.

Steering Committee Minutes- Meeting minutes were read by Paul C. Approved with corrections. January financial not December. Marty C.- will talk to David P about posters. Walter S.- proposed corrections budget is for an additional \$225.00 per month.

Add-A-Line – Kea B. reporting. The newsletter is packed full this month, and don't forget to check out the back issues archived on the website. Deadline for printing 20th of the month.

Archives – Kevin Jr. displayed the plaque which will mark the first AA meeting in the history of Jacksonville. It is very nice. He also let us know that we are the only Intergroup that records the history of our old-timers and puts it on our website. Kevin Jr., Charlie M. and Walter S. attended the 1st Florida Archives Workshop recently. There will be an upcoming archives event in October..

Spring Banquet – Marty C reporting. The banquet is scheduled for April 12th. Tickets are \$14.00 and are on sale through the Intergroup office. The menu promises to be delicious - Cuban Pork. The theme is the 75th Anniversary of the Big Book. Greeters are being coordinated, decorations are being gotten, the 50/50 raffle is in the works, cake bakers are being sought after, the beverage service is being organized, and the clean up crew is growing. We still need many volunteers. There is a contact list on the website.

Corrections – Doug S. reporting. There will a quarterly corrections orientation March 31st. Barbara explained details of clearance processing fliers. Calls to be made to those formerly involved to see if there is interest in future participation. If you are interested, please contact Doug.

CPC/PI – Marty C. reporting. We will be participating in a Fair at UMC on March 17th. There is also the late May commitment with M.A.D.D. at the high school in Palatka. The date for the forum will be May 17th. We are still looking for a facility. The panel is almost full. We are still trying to recruit a member of the Clergy, A High School Guidance Counselor or Psychologist, or a Treatment Center Director.

Grapevine – Steve C. reported. Working on flyer with Kea. In June we celebrate 70 Years of Grapevine Magazine. There has been a decline in subscriptions in the past few years. Let's get our groups involved, this is a good tool, it is our meeting in print. Steve also reminded us that the "Grapes for Mates" campaign is still running, and to pick up a box for your group. Kea suggested that the group give a subscription as a donation.

Treatment – Rick R., reporting. Treatment statistics suggest that the numbers for recovery are levelling off and/or dropping. Some centers don't have the kind of faith in us that they used to have. Many of the treatment centers are requesting Big Books. It should not matter whether the center is for profit or not. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and to help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety. The Treatment Committee carries the message.

Phone Army – Holly C. reporting. Training the third Thursday of the month 6pm at the IG office, M-F by appointment between 10am and 3pm, and Holly will travel after 5pm. Great opportunity to do service work.

Old Business –None.

New Business – The Corrections Committee had approached the /finance Committee and then the Steering Committee to approve and put before the body a motion to increase the monthly budget by \$225.00 per month. Much discussion followed. Outcome of vote on increasing Corrections Committee budget ...– 31 for, 1 against, no minority opinion. Marty C & Tom K will be conducting New Intergroup Representative orientation "short sessions" every other month before the Intergroup Business Meeting. They will begin at 8:45am at the Gateway Front Conference Room.

- The next IG Business Meeting will be March 29st at 9:45am at Gateway
 - The next Steering Committee meeting will be on March 25th at 5:30pm in the IG office.
 - The next Archives meeting will be held on March 3rd at 12:00 in the IG office.
 - The next Finance Committee meeting will be on April 15th at 5:30 in the IG office.
- Submitted: Teri H. Recording Secretary