

Northeast Florida Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes, Saturday, March 2, 2013

Mike M., Intergroup Vice Chair, opened the meeting at 9:46am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

- The Twelve Traditions were read by Robert K.
- 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 change that Keep It Simple Group's Monday noon meeting is not new and has been going on for quite some time.

Treasurer Report – Mike M. Vice Chair/ Treasurer reporting

- The Seventh Tradition basket was passed.
- The treasurer's report was read and submitted.

Office Report – Kea read and submitted the office report. She requested we mention to our groups the need for Intergroup office volunteers. The work is not hard, and a commitment of a few hours a week would be greatly appreciated.

Steering Committee Report – Don P. read Steering Committee Report.

Add-A-Line – Kea B. reporting, By-law issue postponed. Some very good articles have been received. Ben W. interview will be in 2 or 3 parts due to its length. The deadline for your submission of articles, birthdays, etc. is the 20th of each month for the following month's printing.

Archives – Kevin G. reporting, Stepping Stones group history received. He reminded groups to get with him on documentation of group history. Ben W. interview went very well, Alice P. will be next. Everyone is invited to the Intergroup office to visit the Archives.

Corrections – Doug S. reporting, There will be a Corrections Orientation on 4/8 at the Pretrial Detention Center. Open hours are anytime between 4:30pm and 7:00pm. Volunteers must have at least 1 year sobriety, and 5 years of no incarcerations. Information will be listed on the neflaa.org website. The schedule for county level corrections meetings has been put on the website as well.

CPC/PI – Holly C. reporting, No events scheduled. Charlie M. is to give information to Boy Scouts this month. Holly will be going to Baptist and other hospitals to see who distributes pamphlets within facility. People who are to be discharged need to know we are out here for them. Ideas on ways to get the information to the public are appreciated. Linda brought up the GSO information on the National Association of Black Social Workers coming April 2 – 6 at the Hyatt. Volunteers will be needed for this event.

Grapevine – Steve absent. Holly suggested that we submit pictures of our meeting places to Steve for printing in the Grapevine on approval of Grapevine. Email info to be in Add-A-Line.

Treatment – Rick absent. Kea requested that those taking meetings into facilities contact the Intergroup office or Rick so that he can coordinate efforts.

Phone Army – Holly volunteered to continue as Chair. Possible Co-Chairs are Linda S. or Robin C. It is important that the phones be manned 24/7. This could be the only point of contact for the still suffering alcoholic. Volunteers are needed. The new quarterly schedule is coming out in April.

2013 Florida State Convention – Tom M. reporting, There is a committee meeting this afternoon. Registration is coming in slowly. Currently we are at 700 room nights. We need 1700 total to complete block with the hotel. Saturday night banquet will be in three seating sections, and the front section is getting full. The other two sections will have screens and monitors to see the speakers. Friday and Saturday night sleeping rooms are at a premium so register early. You can use a credit card to hold the room without a charge until 72 hours before the date of the reservation. Lon has a hotspot on his computer and can set you up right now. Evonne, chair for hospitality for the convention, put in a request for commitments. Donations of food, time or even money are needed. She will send flyer to IG office for distribution. She is looking for 2 hour blocks of time. Need support of each and every group. Love and Service is the theme – want this to be the heart of the convention.

FCYPAA – Shane reporting. 2013 in Ft. Myers biggest room block ever. YPG's in other cities don't get the support we do – thank you! There is a St. Patrick's Day Celebration of Sobriety at Hanna Park Lakeside March 17th. They will also be hosting a 12 Concepts Workshop with District 4 to be done in April.

Finance Committee – Walter states committee's function is to make recommendations for the smooth running of the IG office.

Old Business – Don P. reporting, The motion to amend the bylaws has been withdrawn at this time. Opportunity to participate in amendments offered to the body. If anyone is interested, contact the Intergroup office by phone or email.

New Business

- Brian C. reporting, "Anonymous Prom" fundraiser's original site pulled out, the new date conflicts with other AA functions, fundraiser possibly postponed to New Year's. Brian shared his appreciation for the open dialogue and ideas.

-Mike M. brought up the Fall Gratitude banquet. There is still no Chairperson for this essential event.

Announcements

- It was with regret that the body received Beth J.'s resignation as Intergroup Chairperson due to ongoing health concerns. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family. Mike M. to assume duties as chair. A new Vice Chair/Treasurer will be appointed.
- Keep It Simple Group Monday noon meeting would like to exchange speakers with other groups.
- Sponsorship workshop 3/16 will incorporate 3 legacies into meeting.
- General Service Conference workshop 3/23 at Cedar River Club.
- To get the word out on what's happening around town get with Kea to post your events on the website.
- The next Intergroup Business meeting will be held on 4/6 at 9:45am at Gateway.
- The next Steering Committee meeting will be held on 3/26 at 5:30pm in the IG office.
- The next Archives meeting will be held 3/11 at 12pm in the IG office.

Motion to adjourn; seconded/passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:00am with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted: Teri H., Recording Secretary