

NEFL INTERGROUP Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2017

Vice Chair, Linda G., called the meeting to order at 9:45am and opened with the Serenity Prayer.

The Responsibility pledge recited in unison by all.

Twelve Traditions read by Kelly A.

Introductions around the room, agendas distributed, Newcomer packet distributed, and self-supporting basket passed.

Several cards passed for members to sign (voluntarily if wished to).

Visitor: No visitors.

Secretary's Report: Holly C. read the minutes. Accepted as read.

Vice Chairman Comments: Linda G. shared excerpts from latest "Box 459" noting good articles on Cyber Meetings, etc. Can be viewed free at AA.org

Treasurers Report: Dan B. reviewed profit and loss statement, pointing out that "When & Where" costs are primarily record in Inventory until sold, therefore full cost not reflected in profit and loss statement. Also noted only about \$1,500 in operating account to cover bills, and approximately \$4,000 in new expenses coming soon. Advised that \$10k CD would likely be cashed in from Prudent Reserve and transferred to operating checking account to cover expenses. If not all \$10k is needed, balance will be transferred back.

Steering Committee: Preston W. gave high level update and noted that he hoped Steering Committee minutes would be provided more timely in the future, and that all members are welcome to attend Steering Committee meetings if they want to understand better what is being discussed. Biggest takeaway (that will be covered in new business) is decision to not pursue new office space.

Committee Reports

Add-A-Line: Luke S. asked representatives to remind their home groups that we still need articles to include each month. Sobriety Birthdays have fallen off they need to be submitted by the 18th of each month. Send submissions in "Word" format to Intergroup Add A line email.

Archives: Charlie M. Next old timer story to be featured will be Tom W. his story will be in the November Add-A-Line if submitted to Luke by October 18th. If your home group has not submitted the history yet, please do so. Still trying to get pictures of all featured clubs and or meeting rooms (interior and exterior).

Banquet: Eric K. reminder fall banquet is November 11. Credit card sales of banquet tickets will now be taken over the phone at the Intergroup office. Present ticket sales are down from the last fall banquet. Arden's catering will be used again, and pricing remained unchanged. Intergroup Reps needed to sell tickets which can be picked up in blocks of 10 from Eric or Intergroup. Donated tickets allow us to provide "sponsorship" tickets to members of Alumni House, River Region, Gateway etc., who may not otherwise be able to attend. Still need cake donations.

Phone Army: Holly C. noted that while all slots are currently filled, some people have double slot, so still more volunteers needed. Please keep mentioning the Phone Army at your meetings, since calls are received 24/7, from all over the nation, it's very important to be able to provide this service. Other 12 steps programs also offer a call line, but don't have a good reputation of calling people back- we want to preserve the integrity of the AA Phone Army.

Corrections: Freddy S. reported they recently found 8 new meetings in St. Augustine that need support. Currently have 90 meetings per month and trying to provide literature, Big Books, Grapevines etc. is challenging on the current budget of \$2,250. Trying to bundle book orders in order to get a bigger discount on abridged version and pocket size materials. Reminder that Gayle E. is new Women's Coordinator. The corrections meeting is held the first Thursday after the Intergroup Business Meeting.

CPC/PI: Christopher G. not present, but provided summary notes.

1. The Northeast Florida CPC/PI committee meets at 7:15pm on the fourth Saturday of the month at Faith Community Church, which is located at 3450 County Road 210 W., Saint Johns, FL 32259. The next meeting is October 28th, 2017.
2. The Northeast Florida CPC/PI committee meeting for October 23rd, 2017 was a bust. No one showed.
3. Area 14 CPC Coordinator (Mark) and PI Coordinator (Clark) have agreed to bring a workshop for a joint CPC/PI effort in the first quarter of 2018. Details to follow. Christopher is scheduled to meet with them as Area Assembly in October. (see Linda G has these)

Grapevine Committee: Allison R., new committee member, reported that she is working with prior members as well as Cheryl Anne on transition items.

Finance Committee: Bill R. reported that all bank reconciliations, statements etc. were requested and would be reviewed soon which is standard practice for the committee. Still need a new member for the finance committee, finance or accounting background required.

Treatment Committee: Paul H. reported that a replacement had been found for the individual previously taking a meeting into Lakeview. Also, noted that Shands Hospital had reached out requesting a meeting be brought in once per week -possibly looking at Monday's at noon. Two groups will share this commitment, likely Baymeadows Group and Drop the Rock. An IG rep asked if the Treatment Committee could furnish a list of facilities that meetings are taken to. Lakeview will continue to have AA sponsored meetings.

Ad Hoc

Website: Carl G. reporting contract received, waiting to get the contract signed in order to move forward.

By-Laws: Linda G. New By-Laws are included in Add-A-Line, and special gold color copy paper edition and colored editions provided for each group in order to add prominence to this special edition. The new by laws have are on the website under by laws see more info in "New Business".

New Business:

- **Office space** -The Steering Committee has discussed, that the current Intergroup office is still feasible, and that a new location is no longer needed. Original reasons for looking for new space were additional parking, better location where members don't have to cross busy street and perhaps in more secure area of town. More discussion ensued, noting higher monthly expenses are not advisable. Linda G. obtained group consensus by show of hands- "Stay in current location" was majority. To address space concerns and create more workable office area for staff.
 - Ernie K. motion made to acquire storage facility for non-essential supplies currently stored at the Intergroup location. It was recommended that the Steering Committee look into types of storage facilities. Motion passed.
- **By-Laws:** Per above note regarding new revised By-Law included in Add-A-Line. Much discussion ensued – some noting concerns about the changes. Intergroup reps to obtain their group "vote" to be reported at November Intergroup meeting. Will require a "Yes" or "No" vote. Suggested that any future revision include a table of "Summary of Changes" in order to show prominence and bring attention quickly as to what is being voted on. If the bylaws are passed changes can be made by motion to any section as done so in the past.
- **Other:** \$100 donated by small AA group in Tennessee with express intent to help a group replace Big Books or literature lost during the flooding associated with Hurricane Irma. This \$100.00 donation was used to assist Central group replace damaged books. Central group had also requested assistance from Intergroup to replace lost literature.
 - Motion made and passed to provide up to \$500 for books for Central Group.

AA ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Intergroup Business Meeting will be on November 4th @ 9:45 am at Gateway Comm. Services, 555 Stockton St.
- Steering Committee Meeting is October 24th at 5:30 pm at the Intergroup Office.
- Archives Meeting is November 6th at 12:00 pm at the Intergroup Office.
- Finance Committee Meeting is October 17th at 5:30 pm at the Intergroup Office.
- Please see the website at NEFLAA.org for a full list of upcoming events on the EVENTS page.

Motion to adjourn: 11:45 am

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Kelly A. and Mike M.