

NEFL Intergroup Services Business Meeting, Saturday, September 6, 2013

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

- The Twelve Traditions were read by Erin F.
- The Responsibility Pledge was recited in unison by all.
- The new Intergroup representatives were given welcome packets.

Mike M. referred to article in Add-A-Line covering IG representative responsibility. The point being that the “service worker” is to bring issues back to their respective groups for decision by the group conscience. Next month there will be an article on service work. The thought is that there are a great people among us who would like to get involved but were never asked. Sponsors need to encourage service work among sponsees.

Secretary’s Report - Minutes read by Teri H., Recording Secretary Motion to accept with changes as follows: Archives meeting August 5th not July 5th. There was a question about who will make the choice of what literature is to be sold in the office – to be discussed in “Old Business”. Minutes approved and accepted.

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 change over of the phone lines caused some overlap between Windstream and Comcast. Most slots in office coverage (with the exception of Mondays 9 – 1pm) have been committed to by a volunteer. Kea asked that we double check the meetings listed on the website for errors. The Where & When is due to be printed in a few months, and the information will be taken directly from the website. The more eyes we have on the lookout, the better chance we have of catching mistakes – before we go to print. We also invite all to come to our Intergroup Open House on Saturday, September 14th from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Please stop by and see what we have to offer!

Steering Committee Report- submitted by Don P. - Plans for the Gratitude Banquet in November are underway. Among discussion are the expenses for the speaker. Mike & Kea have been confirmed for attendance at the ICOAA. In January we will have an opening for a District 4 Steering Committee member.

Add-A-Line – Kea B. reporting. The Add-A-Line Meeting has been changed from every other month to the 2nd Thursday of every month. It is not required to be present to belong on the committee. Just send in your thoughts, articles, things you heard at meetings, etc.. to NEFLADDALINE@gmail.com. We are looking for Holiday stories sharing our experience, strength and hope for the Nov/Dec issues. As a reminder, all committee meetings and chairperson contact information is listed on the 2nd page of the Add-A-Line.

Archives – Kea B. covering while Kevin Jr. is out of town. The next Archives Meeting will be 9/16. Please consider donating any artifacts you may have that will help us examine our history.

Gratitude Banquet – Don P. reporting; Tom M. is tying down loose ends, emails are being distributed. Prices and menu items still being discussed. Volunteers are needed.

Corrections – Doug S. submitted report. Good turnout at the corrections orientation this past month. Announced annual workshop in Sanford. Need more people for visits to state institutions. To apply please see Bob C. or contact Doug at the listing in the Add-A-Line. Laura R. reminded us of the county workshop on 10/14. This workshop is held 2x a year.

CPC/PI – Holly C. referred to Linda G. for an update on the meeting status on our friends from Burma. One of the AAWS pamphlets has been translated to the native languages of Koren, Burmese, and Chin. Currently, translation of the “12 Steps Illustrated” is under way. The group is meeting at the Catholic Charities building, but they are looking for a place that they can call their own. Possibilities include the Riverplace venue, the San Marco Club, and a few others. By next month they should be getting settled into a place. Please try to attend and support our fellow travelers.

Grapevine – Steve C. said that he is working on a future project. Must check with corrections, treatment and other committees before disclosing the plan. Holly C. encouraged all to send Grapevine pictures of their meeting rooms for printing. She mentioned the impression that the life preserver displayed at one of our local meeting places had meant to her.

Treatment – Rick R. Shands Pavillion is requesting a daytime meeting for their facility. Dates and times are open, please contact Rick at the number in the Add-A-Line if you are available. Also brought up that there is a Christian based halfway center in town advertising a joint “Celebrate Recovery & AA” every Friday night. He introduced himself to them as the AA Treatment Representative in our area. Assurance was made that this was not based on AA, or its’ principles.

Phone Army – Holly C. reported. New calendar starts in October and there are 3 open slots. Training can be provided at your location for 3 or more people. We encourage you to have your sponsees do service work. It is so rewarding to see people change right before your eyes. There are 2 hour shifts and the service work can be taken wherever you go. Staying within the spirit of rotation, it is in our best interest to allow others to experience the satisfaction we have shared. Thanks to all outgoing members for their dedication to the phone army.

Old Business – In regards to the recent vote to sell nonconference approved literature, much interest was expressed on the question of who decides what literature the Intergroup office sells. Ed B. clarified that he brought the question up after the vote last month. It was decided at that time that the Intergroup Steering committee would ultimately be responsible for literature sold at the Intergroup office. It was noted that as members of AA we are all members of the General Service Conference and if we are led to have something conference approved we have the ability to carry the message all the way to New York.

New Business – Rick R., with the Primary Purpose group, made a motion that the club information be removed from the Meeting Schedule to comply with Tradition Six. The motion was seconded by Steve H. Arlington group. The motion will be taken back to the individual groups for decision by the body. Kea reminded us that the schedule is due for printing for the new year. Fred H. stated that for clarity, at the Area and General Service conferences, motions are only submitted to the chairperson in writing.

AA Announcements:

There is need for a CPC/PI Chair.

The next IG Business Meeting will be October 12th at 9:45am at Gateway

The next Steering Committee meeting will be on September 24th at 5:30pm in the IG office.

The next Archives meeting will be held on October 7th at 12:00 in the IG office.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be on September 17th at 5:30 in the IG office.

Submitted: Teri H., Recording Secretary