

SUBJECT: NE FLORIDA INTERGROUP (IG) BUSINESS ZOOM MEETING MINUTES ON FEBRUARY 4, 2022

Chair called meeting to order with a moment of silence followed by the long version of the Serenity Prayer and the AA Responsibility Statement. Chair read the Twelfth Step, Twelfth Tradition and Twelfth Concept.

Housekeeping: In person participants signed in on attendance sheet and zoom participants signed in with first name, last initial, position and voting/non-voting/visitor. Meeting was recorded for administrative purposes and will be deleted when the minutes are approved at the January IG business meeting.

There were 22 voting members, 5 non-voting members and 3 visitors:

Kevin G, IG Chair (non-voting)	Bryant G, Hold On PPG, D30 DCM	Renee B, LoveNAAction
Dan B, Vice Chair, Finance	Charlie M, Archives, IGR I am Responsible	Rick D, From the Heart
David M, Central Group, Treatment Chair	Edward F, Salisbury Mens	Sheila D, OP Step Sisters
Kathleen D, Corrections	Erin W, Westconnett	Terry F, Arlington
Andrew M Zoom Host (non-voting)	Hipolito Pecina Jr, Fiesta	Trish M, Switzerland
Mike M, IG Office (non-voting)	John C, Trout River	Walter S, Treasurer, Clean & Free
Regina A, Secretary (non-voting)	Martha D, Women Enjoying Sobriety	Linda G, SC D4 (non-voting)
Beth E, Sun Morn Palatka	Mayra V, St Nicholas	Carl G, Visitor
Bob E, Other Side of Bridge	Monique H, IGR Mandarin Women in Recovery	Christopher G, Visitor
Bob G, Men's Redeye	Patty P, Heart to Heart	Terry D, Visitor

Secretary's Report –

January business meeting minutes were sent via email to be read prior to business meeting. Minutes were approved as published.

Chair Report

On January 8 chair participated in a zoom meeting with the DCM in NE Florida. They discussed the Service Fair on Saturday March 28 at Losco Park in Mandarin, the Area Assembly in Maitland Florida on 21-22 January, the update to the When and Where and upcoming District events.

We now have **five vacant chair positions**: Accessibilities Chair, Social Events Co-Chairs, CPC/PI and District 30 Steering Committee member. Stephanie S, our CPC/PI Chair had to resign last week because of the additional responsibilities of her new job so we thank her for her service and wish her well. Jack G, our former IG Chair and lately our District 30 Steering Committee member had to resign because he has to focus on his regaining his physical strength, so we thank him to for his service and wish him well.

Two new Special Events Co-Chairs and District 30 Steering Committee member will be voted on today under new business, but we need folks interested in Accessibilities and now CPC/PI to contact me.

Yesterday the Intergroup office received a letter from a member who had serious safety concerns. He allegedly received threats and was harassed by members of several AA groups promoting a political agenda and social orientation when he told them that they were promoting outside issues against Traditions 10, 6 and 1.

We have asked the District DCM to investigate the allegation. IGRs, please ask your groups to be vigilant about this type of behavior by some members because it adversely affect AA as a whole in NE Florida

Vice-Chair Report:

OFFICE STAFFING - Office is fully staffed and running smoothly.

VOLUNTEERS - The IG Office has openings for volunteers. We are looking for individuals that can be relied upon to fill this need when the office reopens through 5pm. In addition, volunteer slots are for shifts of 4 hours daily, 4 hours in the am or 4 hours in the pm. If anyone is interested in this Service activity call or come by the IG office during business hours to discuss the slots available with Mike M. Volunteers are required to have 6 months of sobriety.

COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE - The office is in the process of converting to new computer hardware and data conversion. The process is 90% completed and will be completed the week of Feb. 7.

As you may be aware, the IG office was closed several days this week for this conversion so to avoid any complications in processing transactions.

OFFICE LEASE - Approached the landlord about entering into a new lease and he said he would work on it,

Treasurer's Report

Account Summary

Checking/Savings

Cash- Regions Bank	\$14,219.89
Cash in Drawer	\$393.58
Total Check/Savings	\$14,613.47
Inventory	\$11,315.05

Prudent Reserve

Regions Bank CD 001	\$10,176.90
Regions Bank CD 002	\$10,534.02
Regions Bank CD 003	\$10,086.73
Total Prudent Reserve	\$30,797.65

Year over year Revenue and Expenses are outlined in the Add-A-Line. 2021 was better than 2020, no concerns at this time.

Steering Committee

Please encourage your members to attend the Steering Committee meetings. We approved the holiday schedules and budgets for 2022. We will be looking into getting the Chair app on the website. Recommendation at this time is to no change our office location due to the high cost of other facilities.

Old Business

No Old Business for discussion this month. There are several items of old business currently being discussed in Committees that will be brought to the meeting after Committee review.

New Business

1. **Special Events Co-chairs** - Chair nominated Holly C and Linda G as special events co-chairs for the remainder of 2022. They have had extensive experience as Special Events Co-chairs for four very successful banquets, subject to vote from the body. Nomination approved by vote.
2. **District 30 Steering Committee Member** – Per Appendix K of the Bylaws chair appointed David W as the new District 30 Steering Committee member subject to vote of the IG body. David provided a short resume of your AA service, and appointment was approved by vote.

Committee Reports:

Accessibilities - position is vacant.

Add-A-Line

February Add-A-Line is available in print at the office and at the business meeting. Please send announcements, in the format that you want published. Beth will not modify the colors or format. Also be sure to send her birthdays each month. Email to editor2022.aal@outlook.com.

Archives

1. Tania M.'s story is in this month's Add-A-Line.
2. We will be transferring all our old timer's transcripts and completed articles from my computer to the archive's computer.
3. An article is being written on the Washingtonian Movement with a comparison to AA.

4. The national Archives Workshop is scheduled for September 22-25 in North Little Rock, Arkansas. We plan to send a representative.
5. We are developing a plan to scan our archives files into our computer. We will need some volunteers to help with this work.
6. In 2021 we spent \$892 out of a budget of \$1000. We have asked for a budget of \$2000.
7. We plan to meet every third Monday of the month at 7pm. It will be a zoom meeting. For February it will be Feb. 21st. Contact Intergroup or the archives chair for ID and password.

Corrections

In the corrections committee, we have been developing a flyer to work with the inmates. Since we can't go into the jails, we wanted to get some information out there that we have the Bridge The Gap program in addition to the Penpal program. On the women's side of corrections, we will pair up the women. Not only for their safety, but for the safety of the women they pickup. Men are using more of a digital format on the flyer. When I go to various meetings around town, I talk about the programs. Bryant suggested doing another Bridging the Gap workshop. District 30 just created a Bridging the Gap chair position.

CPC/PI - No Report

Finance

Committee budget was approved by the Steering committee. The only committee budget that was increased significantly was the Social Events budget, which was increased because the ticket sales are supposed to cover the costs. Increased the budget to \$7300 since ticket sales are generally \$7500. In December, Corrections ordered an abundance of books, and the 2021 budget was lowered due to that expense right at the end of the year. Direct deposit of employee paychecks is in progress. 2022 Prudent

Reserve will be calculated and presented to the committee in February. Committee budget was reviewed and approved by vote.

Grapevine

Prayer and meditation book sold out very quickly, but it is back in stock now. There is free shipping on all grapevine materials until the end of this month.

Phone Army

Kara is doing a great job with the phone army. A couple of volunteers have dropped, and others have taken over. Always looking for volunteers.

Special Events - Nothing to report this month.

Treatment

Bridging the Gap process development:

The Treatment and Corrections Committee members worked in January on a process that we have named the *BTG Button Process*. The purpose of the process is to find ways to make the contact loop of: AA-to-Facility Team (input)-to-alcoholic individual-back to-Facility team (output)-back to-AA-to-individual BTG volunteer *vastly more efficient and simple*.

The *critical-path* tool to facilitate this increase in efficiency will be a digital information form that a person anticipating discharge – either a patient or an inmate – can fill out on-line. That information form is reached by clicking on what we call the *BTG Button*. The *BTG Button* software piece will be housed on the

NEFLAA.org website. This critical-path piece of software is under development and should be ready for testing in February.

Steps taken recently:

- As a sanity-check, we ran the *BTG Button* concept in detail past managers at two large Treatment centers here in Jacksonville in January. Both saw no problems or pitfalls with the concept.
- In Orlando at the Area Assembly January 21-23, the concept was aired out in Area Treatment and Corrections Committee hourly sessions. The concept was well-received.
- In talks with individuals at three other Intergroups – Baltimore, Orlando, NYC – the concept has been discussed and well-received.
- In a working Zoom session on February 2, the concept was reviewed with members of the *BTG Button Process* team here in Jax. Several details came to light to check out and those steps are now taking place.

What comes next:

We anticipate that we will have a working *BTG Button* to test out by the end of February. This test will be still within the gestational period. The end of the month of March would theoretically be a decent target to aim at for a tested, de-bugged working process.

Areas where we need assistance:

- The *BTG Button* software itself is the critical path for proceeding on the February-March timeframe targets.

- We ask anyone and everyone to help with building the *Bridge the Gap* volunteers team up. We need both older and younger folks, north and south areas represented, obviously both males and females – we need a bunch and a variety.

Inquiries or names of volunteers:

Contact the BTG Button Process team at this email address:

BTG.neflaa@gmail.com

Website

Heather has investigated a digital QR form, but suggested we stick with email for now. Meeting changes are still falling behind. Zoom info is not being updated. Groups are responsible for this.

We got prices from 2 printers for the *When and Where*. Cherokee printing was much cheaper, at \$7000 for 8000 copies, which would be good for the year. They printed the last 2 and did a very good job. Price is a few hundred dollars more than last year, and we've been advised that the cost of paper is going up, so the price could increase without notice. Requesting budget of \$10,000 to cover any cost increases. Looking to submit by the end of Feb.

Treatment chair suggested adding a QR code on the outside of the book to link to the Intergroup website. This will need discussion due to other items that are already slated for the outside of the booklet.

After much discussion, the vote on the budget for the *When and Where* was tabled until the March meeting, and after review by the Finance Committee.

Upcoming Events, Meetings

District 30 will host a hybrid workshop on Roberts Rules of Order on February 12, 1-3pm at First Christian Church.

Sponsorship workshop on February 20, 1-4pm at San Marco Club.

Pre-Conference workshop on March 5, 1-4pm at San Marco Club. Ruth will be giving info on this year's conference.

District Service Fair will be on March 28, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Business Meeting is Saturday March 5, 9:00am – 10:30am at Jaba Club Fellowship at 8:30 with refreshments. ZOOM ID: 8977 440 1312, PWD: nefl3128