

SUBJECT: NE FLORIDA INTERGROUP (IG) BUSINESS ZOOM MEETING MINUTES ON JANUARY 8, 2022

Chair called the 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 February IG business meeting.

There were 21 voting members, 5 non-voting members and 2 visitors:

Kevin G, IG Chair (non-voting)
Dan B, Vice Chair, Finance

David M, Central Group
Edward F, Salisbury Mens

Rick D, From the Heart
Sheila D, OP Step Sisters

Charlie M, Archives, I am
Responsible
Steve C, Corrections
Roger L, Grapevine Chair
Andrew M Zoom Host (non-

Eugene Meyer, Phoenix Mens
Hipolito Pecina Jr, Fiesta
John C, Trout River

Terry F, Arlington
Tony C, Orange Park
Vanessa R, Women of VPG

voting)
Mike M, IG Office/Visitor (non-
voting)
Regina A, Secretary (non-voting)

Lisa F, Serenity at Noon
Martha D, Women Enjoying
Sobriety
Mary D, This Too Shall Pass

Walter S, Clean & Free

Linda G, SC D4 (non-voting)
Christopher G, Visitor (non-voting)
John S, Fernandina Beach (non-
voting)

Beth E, Sun Morn Palatka

Renee B, LoveNAction

Bob E, Other Side of Bridge

Secretary's Report

December business meeting minutes were sent via email to be read prior to business meeting. There was discussion regarding Banquet After Action Reports not being included in the minutes. The Chair stated that the reports were being reviewed by the Steering and Finance Committees and will be reviewed by the new Special Events Committee Chairs and appropriate action taken. The minutes were approved as published.

Chair Report

At 12:30 today the Chair will participate in a **zoom meeting with the DCM** in NE Florida and will report the results with the meeting minutes (DCM Zoom meeting minutes attached).

There are **three Service Committee Chair vacancies and Treasurer vacancy**: Accessibilities and two Social Events Co-Chairs. Persons interested in Accessibilities and Social Events are requested to contact the Chair. The Treasurer had to resign because of medical issues. She has done a great job and her service has been greatly appreciated. Per the Bylaws the Chair can appoint a Treasurer to complete her term in 2022 subject to voice approval of the body. See New Business.

When and Where Meeting List Update. Very few updates have been received to the meetings so the Chair again asked everyone to review the zoom, in person and hybrid group meetings in their District and submit a change form to the Intergroup office with ANY CHANGE to meetings by January 31. The Office will make the changes, add the District # to the description, add information on Meeting guide and the District and Quadrant boundaries and publish a new When and Where by March 2022 .

Vice-Chair Report:

Office continues to run smoothly. This month the Vice Chair/Finance Committee Chair will contact the service committee chairs to obtain their budget requests, with the details supporting their requests.

Treasurer's Report – as of Oct 31, 2021

Account Summary

Checking/Savings

Cash- Regions Bank \$19,519.22

Cash in Drawer \$99.22

Total Check/Savings \$19,618.44

Inventory \$12,255.13

Prudent Reserve

Regions Bank CD 001 \$10,176.14

Regions Bank CD 002 \$10,534.02

Regions Bank CD 003 \$10,086.73

Total Prudent Reserve \$30,796.89

Steering Committee

Service Fair is not getting a lot of support. DCM meeting today will discuss go/no on Service Fair with new wave of Covid. The office inventory went very smoothly. The committee is still working on defining the role of the Literature committee to include investigating if IG should offer more non-conference approved literature. Also, there is discussion about zoom only meetings - Do we want to move the zoom only meetings into the voting membership? We only include hybrid or in-person meetings today.

Old Business

No Old Business

New Business

- 1. Purchase of office equipment** – 2 new PCs, top of the line. No cloud usage. Files are backed up daily. Vice Chair recommended using Best Buy Geek Squad for the best price and support. Approximately \$2500 in expense. Motion was approved.
- 2. Sense of the Fellowship regarding Zoom accessibility to IG Business Meeting**– Should we move to 100% in person at this point? LoveNAction IGR stated that there was definitely a need for zoom accessibility. The majority voted to continue with Hybrid IG Business Meetings at this time.
- 3. Treasurer** – Treasurer had to resign due to medical issues. Chair appoints the replacement with the approval of the body. Chair appointed Walter S as the Treasurer for the remainder of 2022, subject to vote. Walter summarized his extensive finance experience. Appointment was approved by vote.

Committee Reports:

Accessibilities - position is vacant. Please contact the Chair if interested in this important service to the fellowship.

Add-A-Line

The January Add-A-Line is the first edition published by the new Editor. An article from District 30 will be in the February AAL. The Editor requested that the fellowship submit information about birthdays, articles, events, etc, by the 18th of the month to editor2022.aal@outlook.com.

Archives

Tania M.'s story was submitted to the Add-A-Line. John C. is editing Janise J.'s story. Charles H. and Tom W. have interviewed John T and his interview has been transcribed.

The Committee spent about \$500.00 out of a budget of \$1000. The major expense was the purchase of a scanner for \$330.00. The Committee requested a budget of \$2000 for 2022. The major expense for this year will be to send a representative to the National AA Archives Workshop.

The Committee will schedule a meeting for January but is having difficulty finding an agreeable date. It will probably be a weekday evening zoom meeting. If interested contact the Archives Chair. The Committee needs new members to help continue the work.

Corrections

Because the Duval County jails are still closed, the Committee is not bringing meetings in the jails, but is doing the Pen Pal program started in response to Covid. The inmates have AA books and send their letters to the IG office. The Committee picks up the letters and committee members send letters to the inmates. The Committee is cooperating with the Treatment Committee on restarting the Bridge the Gap (BTG) program. As part of BTG the Committee encourages inmates to provide their discharge date and anticipated residence area. When they provide the information, the Committee will try to get someone to meet them at their first AA meeting, within 24 hours of their release. Committee ordered books last month and will distribute them when the jails open.

There was a discussion on the potential use of the books by the IG office since it could be several months before the jails open. The Office would order new books for the Committee. Corrections Chair clarified that the Committee will send the books into the jails if the jails stay closed.

CPC/PI - No Report

Finance

Bank account was reconciled. Nothing unusual in the month of November. The Committee will send 2022 budget requests to the service committees for submittal. Annual report to the Florida Department of Agriculture was submitted.

Grapevine

The Committee encouraged every group to order a hardcopy and digital subscription to the Grapevine for group members and discussed new Grapevine literature that is available.

Phone Army

The Phone Army has four new people in the backup list. A phone glitch last weekend that disconnected Army volunteers from the automated system was corrected. The Phone Army is always looking to add people to the backup list.

Special Events - positions are vacant. Please contact the Chair if interested in this important service to the fellowship.

Treatment

1. In the month of December, all major facilities continued to wrestle with the issue of including outsiders in in-house AA activities.
2. Activities for the month were frequently canceled on short notice as testing for COVID is ongoing and the Omicron variant spread widely.
3. Efforts progressed to get our arms around *Bridging the Gap* post-COVID.

The strategy of the committee is as follows:

- To focus on facilities with the larger populations – to focus attention on the fewest places with the most people and the most activities first.
- From there to move to smaller facilities.
- To be of service to alcoholics who still suffer by exploring how to make communication re: *Bridging the Gap* easier and more efficient.

Attendance at the SSAASA virtual assembly in November led to discussions of how to improve *Bridging the Gap* efforts. The pandemic had made communication problems more evident than ever. A Zoom meeting was held jointly between Corrections and Treatment Committee members to discuss problems and ideas

that surfaced during SSAASA. This led to a second Zoom meeting the last week in December during which Committee members developed a list of people and places that might benefit from new process steps and new communication tools.

As part of this second meeting, therefore, the committees brain-stormed a list of ideas for new process steps and tools

A memo giving details of SSAASA-derived ideas was sent to the Intergroup in early December. This was followed by similar memo's that summarized thoughts and plans from our two later, joint Committee Zoom meetings, both of which took place in the second half of the month.

As a result of these sessions, the heart of planning deals with ease of communication. Specifically, how to make it easy and purposeful for a person leaving a facility to learn about and participate in the Bridging the Gap initiative.

Looking at potential for digital enrollment into Bridging the GAP, and even using QR code to get to the site.

Areas where Committee needs assistance:

- The Joint-Committee BTG Button Project Team needs to bring Intergroup IT resources into the discussion during January.

Website - No activity this month.

Upcoming Events, Meetings

The North Florida Area Assembly will be hybrid at the Sheraton Orlando North Hotel in Maitland on January

21-23.

District 30 will host a hybrid workshop on Roberts Rules of Order on February 12. Details will be in the February Add-A-Line.

District 6 Sponsorship Workshop on January 29 – see the January Add-A-Line. Note: This workshop was subsequently cancelled.

District 1 will host two workshops:

Sponsorship workshop is being planned for February 20 from 1-4pm at the San Marco club.

Pre-General Service Conference workshop on March 5, 1-4pm at the San Marco Club. The Area Delegate will discuss the agenda items for this year's conference and request fellowship feedback.

District 24 will host two events:

Roundup will be on March 26, details to follow.

District 24 Founders Day will be on June 11, details to follow.

The Seven Districts in NE Florida will host the District Service Fair will be on March 26 at the Losco Regional Park in Mandarin. Area, District and Intergroup service coordinators will have information tables and there will be food and games for families. See details in the February Add-A-Line.

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 with the Lord's Prayer.

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