

SUBJECT: NE FLORIDA INTERGROUP BUSINESS ZOOM MEETING MINUTES OF June 5, 2021

Chair called the meeting to order at 9:49 am with a moment of silence followed by the long version of the Serenity Prayer and the AA Responsibility Statement.

Chair read the Sixth Step, Sixth Tradition and Sixth Concept.

IG Office Representative provided a corny joke from the Grapevine.

Housekeeping - Chair requested participants sign in to every zoom business meeting with first name, last initial, position if voting, non-voting or visitor. Raise hand in Zoom if voting, to help with counting.

Parliamentarian and Secretary will count voting members. There were 26 voting participants, 10 non-voting members and 3 visitors.

Angie B, Grapevine & Add-A-Line	Beth E, Sun Morn Palatka	Rick D, From the Heart
Dan B, Finance	Charles M, Archives, IGR I am Responsible	Rosie M, Westconnect
David M, Treatment	Cindy, Timiquana Ladies of Grace	Shelly S, 7am coffee & reading
John C, Social Events Co-Chair (non voting)	Evelyn W, Fiesta Group	Shiela D, Step Sisters
Kathy D, Corrections Co-Chair	Frank M, Durbin 12&12	Thomas D, OPGAA
Kevin JR, IG Chair (non voting)	Hal B, Beaches Unity	Vanessa R, Women of VPG
Rita H, Treasurer	John G, MBBSS	Andrew M Zoom Host (non voting)
Lon L, Parliamentarian (non voting)	Keith L, Arlington	Bryant G, DCM D3 (non voting)
Maggie R, Steering Committee	Lisa F, Serenity at Noon	Chuck M, Jaba (visitor)
Mike M, IG Office (non voting)	Loretta T, Alexis	Kathleen R, D30 Treatment (visitor)
Monique H, MWIR and Social Events Cochair	Lori W, New Beginnings	Linda G, D4 Steering Committee (non voting)
Regina A, Secretary (non voting)	Mike A, Central	Lisa D, Fl State Convention (visitor)
Steve C, Corrections Co-Chair (non voting)	Renee B, LoveNAAction	Roger L, DCM D1 (non voting)

Participants were asked to keep their mike on mute unless called upon by Chair after raising their hand in the Participants box. If not already sent Committee chairs were requested to send their reports. The meeting was recorded for administrative purposes only and will be deleted when the minutes are approved at the July business meeting.

Secretary's Report – April Meeting Minutes were sent via email to be read prior to the meeting.

Administrative corrections identified: Pg 10 – meetings to encourage- sentence was not finished. Add 'fellowship'. Beth E - fact to face should be face to face. Pg 7 corrections – a whole lot should be a lot. Page 1 should be Charlie M, not Charlie S.

Minutes were approved as amended.

Chair Report

Our Vision: To improve our service, support and participation to the Groups and Districts.

This month I participated in a third DCM zoom committee meeting for Districts 1, 3, 4, 6, 24, 25 and 30. Two super Founders Day activities are planned on June 12. Promoted in the Add A Line and on the website.

The DCM will host a joint Service Fair Picnic at a local park on Saturday October 2 at Losco Park. The Fair will include service booths with Area, District, Group and Intergroup presenters, a picnic and fun activities such as a dunking booth with the DCMs and Intergroup Chair. Service Fair will probably run from 10 – 2, but still in planning. Intergroup Business meeting will need to move that month.

The DCM will hold joint workshops during the year. The first one is with D6 & D30 about Literature before the Big Book. The DCM all expressed challenges with getting people to participate in service work. Next week is the 86th birthday of AA – June 10, 1935.

Vice Chair's Report (by Chair)

Two new office team members have been selected. Ashley R was hired about a month ago, and doing a great job. She is a quick learner, good with the office software. Tim S works on “as needed” basis. He also has good experience with software. Welcome aboard.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report June 2021

30-Apr-21	
Total Checking/Savings	\$12,791.50
Inventory	\$14,414.70
Total Prudent Reserve	\$30,746.92

	<u>Apr. 2021</u>	<u>Apr. 2020</u>	\$ Change
Total Income	\$ 9,069.48	\$ 2,074.43	\$ 6,995.05
Less COGS	<u>\$ 2,326.06</u>	<u>\$ 149.67</u>	<u>\$ 2,176.39</u>
Gross Profit	\$ 6,743.42	\$ 1,924.76	\$ 4,818.66
Less Expenses	<u>\$ 5,997.50</u>	<u>\$ 5,548.92</u>	<u>\$ 448.58</u>
Net Ordinary Inc.	\$ 745.92	\$ (3,624.18)	\$ 4,370.10
Plus Other Income	<u>\$ 53.71</u>	<u>\$ 85.98</u>	<u>\$ (32.27)</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ 799.63</u>	<u>\$ (3,538.18)</u>	<u>\$ 4,683.70</u>

Steering Committee

Welcomed Ashley R, the new office hire, and Marty C, the new District 6 Steering Committee Representative to the meeting.

Finished the Special Needs to Accessibility motion to be posted in the June Add A Line.

Finished Steering Committee membership motion to be placed in the July Add A Line to add one member appointed by the District's DCM whose Steering Committee representative was voted to be the Steering Committee Chair. 2. Add an alternate -Steering Committee member to each of the 7 districts for voting in the absence of the Steering Committee member

Finished the Literature Committee addition motion to be posted in the August Add A Line.

Special Guest: Lisa D – Florida State Convention, Hospitality Room.

The 64th Convention is August 5-8

We have the best State Convention Hospitality Room in the country, due to group participation. Intergroup has taken a two hour slot on Saturday morning While all of the slots have been filled, some of the groups who signed up need some help since they are small and don't have the funds, etc. Looking for 15 groups to step up to help these groups out for their 2 hour time slot. We look to have food available at all times

The Convention has over 1000 pre-registrants, and it's 2 months away. About 600 banquets have been sold. If you want to come and go to a banquet, register now.

Registration is \$35, banquet is \$45, there's a 5K and golf. Free food flowing throughout in the Hospitality Room. There is yoga at 7am on Fri and Sat mornings. Two of our speakers are local – Steve V and Polly P. Plus other speakers from all over the country.

The convention is a great opportunity for fellowship. We have some really good speakers. If you have any questions, or if your group can help out with Hospitality, call Lisa D at 904-655-1072 or ldunbar57@gmail.com.

Q. Who do we reach out to for scholarships? R: Doug Jones at Alco House – they are available for the registration itself, but not for the banquet or the hotel.

Q. We have three people who want to volunteer but don't want to spend the money to register.
R: They need to register in order to volunteer and be part of the Hospitality group.

Q. Is there a charge for the yoga class? R: No.

Q. Can you register the day of the convention? Yes, registration tables will be available. Not sure if the banquets will be available, they may be cut off by then.

Note: You can also donate to the scholarship fund when you register for the convention.

Old Business

No old business this month

New Business

1. Chair would like to establish an ad-hoc Committee for planning IG Service for the Hospitality Room at the Florida State Convention. Volunteers are to contact him after the meeting.

Committee Reports:

Accessibilities – Still working on trying to get a committee together.

Add-A-Line

There is an article by the Archivist this month about his visit to Dr Bob's house. Articles are always welcome. Birthdays are way behind for some reason. Please ask your group to submit them.

Archives

Completed the purchase of a scanner to put a lot of our records on the computer. Tom W. has an article on his visit to Bob's house in Akron – it's a really good story, don't miss it – in celebration of AA's anniversary. Tom K's story is in final editing. This month there will be a meeting at 6pm on Monday. If interested, give Charlie a call.

- District 24 DCM - we will be taping Indian Dave's talk at Founders Day event.
- Steering Committee Chair – took some time to write "Her Stories", because several women have passed away without having their stories documented. Carrying the recollections of about 10 women and will look at publishing it as a memorial. Sent it to Charlie.
- Social Events Co-Chair - recorded Janice J's story – He will edit it and send it. Charlie will have Ken contact him about the formatting of the recording.
- Chair - We have a long list of people with more than 40 years of sobriety – if you want to record a story get with Charlie to help

Corrections

We are only getting 1 or 2 letters/month from inmates. June meeting will be on the 19th - we will discuss the literature changes to the pamphlets for Corrections – will change name from 'Inmate' to 'Person in Custody'.

Baker County has approached us to start a meeting again. It's outside of the metro area, so it would be quite a commitment. Might want to refer it to the Area committee.

- A member mentioned that District 16 in Stark is now going strong and may be able to help with the Baker County support. Another member stated that Baker County has been handled by District 14 in the past, so we should contact them.

A member read a very moving letter that written from an inmate who he is sponsoring. He gets a letter every week from this person. It was suggested that he get permission to put the letter in the Add A Line.

Hope the jails will be opening soon. No commitment yet.

CPC/PI - No Report

Finance

Finance Committee met on May 26. Approved the quote from an insurance firm for officer and director insurance. The Chair is getting another quote. Finance committee is behind it.

Direct deposit of employee checks - still having some issues with Quickbooks. Looking for a QB expert.

Discussed using Venmo to accept tickets to the Banquet. The Office is preparing a process to do that.

Special Event Insurance – each event would have to be separate coverage, with a separate application. The Special Events Chair is pursuing it for the banquet.

Nothing to note in the review of the financial transactions. We're still in good shape financially.

Grapevine – No report

Phone Army

We have 3 new people and 2 people holding for time slots.

Special Events Committee

- “One Day at a Time” chosen for the theme.
- On 06/03 met via phone call to continue planning for the Fall Gratitude Banquet scheduled for 10/23 at the Ramallah American Club.
- Made contact with Deborah C. the Georgia State Convention Chair who agreed to be Speaker for the event.
- Insurance has been a topic of interest and we are discussing policy and payments.
- The Committee will reach out to Halfway Houses, Supportive Recovery Houses and Treatment Centers for people interested in service work.
- There was a discussion on using Venmo for ticket sales to encourage members to purchase tickets remotely.
- \$15 dollars is going to be the cost for single tickets, and \$150 per table.
- Cake Auction will take place.
- Bono's will cater the main course, and Enlightened Catering will offer Vegan dishes.
- 50/50 raffle.
- Raffle of AA literature and memorabilia.

- Discussed including other committee member and Intergroup Officers for the meeting readings prior to speaking. Committee discussed that prior events have omitted the introduction of our Officers and Committee Members.
- Committee would like Intergroup Chair Kevin Jr to lead Sobriety Countdown and the Vice Chair to lead the cake auction.
- Corrections Co-Chair and CC/PI Chairs to be included for readings of the Promises, Traditions or Twelve Steps. We would also like to encourage Committee chairs to attend for a formal introduction.
- Tickets sales scheduled to begin in July.
- Flyers will be distributed pending decision of Intergroup meeting in person. There was also a plan made to distribute to Clubs and meeting places if in-person meeting is not decided.
- The Committee has an email intergroupsocialevents@gmail.com for questions and volunteers.
- The Committee is building our sub-committees, and ask Intergroup Reps to ask their home group members, Sponsees and friends to be of service for set-up, clean up, food service, cake donations and dessert donations.

Treatment

Summary:

- May was a month of consolidating information, post-Previous Chairs and post-COVID.
- Brief overview of organizational approach
- Requests for specific assistance
- Comments, questions & advice.

Consolidation Facility Detail:

Consolidate into three categories:

- *Tier A Facilities:* Beaches Recovery, Lakeview, Gateway (includes Stepping Stone and Breakthrough)
- *Tier B Facilities:* River Point, River Region, Wekiva, etc.
- *Tier C Facilities:* 5 Star Veterans, Volunteers of America, Salvation Army, St. Augustine Recovery, Pearl of the Sea, City Rescue Mission – Crossroads, etc.

Committee:

- Active Committee members
- Bridging the Gap:
- *Bridging the Gap* volunteers from Groups
- Sub-categorized by Areas per Intergroup Area Map

Next Steps:

- Continue to flesh out Facility information and detail
- Align Facilities with Groups and folks currently actively involved
- Work with Facilities and Groups to structure new desired in-Facility activities e.g., Beaches Recovery and Lakeview.
- (Note: all three of the areas above are subject to change “frequently and often...”)

Areas where Committee needs names and help:

- MHRC North
- Wekiva treatment center in detail

Q. Any feedback on books for detox? No, next week.

Q. MHRC – we bring a meeting over there on Tuesday evenings. Also to Wekiva, and there's another one on Fridays. Will send the details.

Q. Volunteer reached out this week about Former Area Coordinator involvement with Bridging the Gap. He is no longer the area coordinator but is still a willing volunteer. The Hold On PPG group is looking to bring a meeting to MHRC South as well. Will get with David offline.

Website

Everything is running smoothly, except that some people are changing their zoom id or password without letting intergroup know. Got comments from someone about zoom meetings opening late. If your meeting is a zoom meeting, please be sure to open the meeting early.

Upcoming Events, Meetings

- June 27, 2-4pm via Zoom - GSO Post Conference Report by the Area 14 Delegate. Details on IG Website. There are many changes to our literature.
- 64th Florida State Convention August 5-8 In person. **Intergroup will support the Hospitality Room from 10 to 12 on August 7. Volunteer to be a server and get an original Intergroup t-shirt from the Office for \$5.**
- Since the State Convention is on the first Saturday of August and many of us will be in the Hospitality Room we are moving the Intergroup business meeting to Saturday August 14. The meeting will be hybrid in person and zoom at the JABA Club from 9:30 to 11 am . JABA will offer coffee and Intergroup will offer donuts and pastries at 9 am.

Motion to Adjourn, seconded.

The meeting adjourned with the Our Father at 11:05

Next Business Meeting will be at 9:45am on June 26. We will meet one week early to avoid Independence Day. Zoom opens at 9:30am. Sign in with first name, last initial, position and if voting or non-voting member or visitor.

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