

SUBJECT: NE FLORIDA INTERGROUP BUSINESS ZOOM MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 6, 2021

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

Vice-Chair read the Third Step, Third Tradition and Third Concept.

Grapevine Chair provided a great 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. Parliamentarian and Chair will count voting members. List of meeting participants attached. There were 32 voting participants and 10 non-voting participants. Participants were asked to keep their mike on mute unless called upon by Chair after raising their hand in Participants box. If not already sent Committee chairs were -send requested to send their reports today.- The meeting was recorded for administrative purposes only and will be deleted when the minutes are approved at the April business meeting.

Secretary's Report - February Meeting Minutes were sent via email to be read prior to the meeting. Correction noted: Venmo changes were made to office procedures, not by-laws. Minutes were approved with correction.

Vice Chair's Report

The state of Florida is still under a mandatory mask mandate through March for retail stores. The following are the Covid-19 requirements for customer for the Northeast Florida Intergroup Office:

- Stay at least 6 feet away from other people.
- Masks are required to be worn properly (covering the nose and mouth).
- Masks are not provided by the Intergroup Office.
- Limit 2 customers at a time in the office, socially distanced.

Everything at the intergroup office is running smoothly.

I recently spoke with the landlord of the property we rent at 3128 Beach Boulevard. He assured me that his recent visit with an inspection crew was expressly for the purpose of refinancing the buildings and he had no plans to ask us to move. In discussions with the Chair, it was decided that it wouldn't be a bad idea to -see what is available-. I am working with a Realtor to explore possible options in the event that we decide to move the Intergroup office-. Our current office is approx. 1000-1100 square feet and it is -tight for our needs. I am looking for something around 1500 sq ft. at what we are currently paying per sq ft.

I -also contacted -the Jaba Club in an effort to move the IG business meetings to a larger -location when we resume in person business meetings later this year. The Club would be happy to have us meet there the first Saturday of the month. and could serve breakfast if we wanted. The

meeting space has- time constraints with -an early morning AA meeting from 7-8am and we would have to adjourn the business meeting by 11:30am so they can prepare for a noon AA meeting.

Treasurer's Report

See attachment for Financial Summary. Income and expenses are down significantly by comparison to 2020, but still have a final profit of \$751

Steering Committee

Committee met on February 23, with 6 of the 7 districts present-.

District 30 has a new proposed Steering Committee chair.

Venmo is up and running, one transaction as of -the meeting. -

Look at page 3 of the March Add A Line to see how many Faithful Fivers we have, which has grown significantly since Covid. What we need is the information about how to use Venmo.

We are doing an insurance review to assess the vulnerability of employees and steering committee members regarding lawsuits at committee meetings.

John C. resigned as chair of special events

Next meeting is March 23.

Next Intergroup meeting is April 3.

Visitors are allowed at both meetings, but cannot vote.

Old Business

Motion: Add Parliamentarian position and Responsibilities. Appendix M.

Vote: 85% yes, 15% no.

Motion passed.

Motion: Add Responsibilities for Archives Committee. One change was made "and other AA Archives activities".

Vote: 100% Yes

Motion passed.

Motion: Accept the 2021 Intergroup Budget, as presented, subject to audit. One correction was made to the Special Events line item.

93% yes, 7% no

Minority Opinion: Vice Chair said that he would like to see a balanced budget, rather than planning on a loss. Finance Chair stated -that we do not really want to specify

'subject to audit'. An audit requires that you have to explain the differences in every line item. In this case it is nearly impossible, and does not add value. District 30 DCM commented that it may appear that we do not want to spend the money, which in the past has resulted in groups lowering or stopping their contribution. Chair had requested the Treasurer prepare the budget as -a guide based on past use and requested that the Treasurer further discuss the need to formalize the budget in discussion with the Finance and Steering Committees. The

Motion was tabled to -discuss at the Finance and -Steering Committees.

Motion: Approve the appointment of Bryant G as a new Steering Committed Representative from District 30.

93% yes, 7% no

New Business

Special Business Meeting of February 20, 2021. Since not all the voting participants received the meeting minutes prior to the March 6 business meeting the Chair read the minutes. See Special Events Committee report for discussion.

New Motion: The Treasurer recommended that the -Intergroup By-Laws be changed to only require one signature on checks. The motion -will be-posted in the April Add A Line for groups to review and then either approved or disapproved at the May Business Meeting.

Committee Reports:

Accessibility

There was- no committee yet. Invited anyone interested to join. Will meet with the former Committee Chair-. The District 30 DCM -added that he would like to work -with Accessibilities at the State Convention on August 8.

Add A Line

The Add A Line Editor requested that group birthdays and all other articles and advertisements for meetings be sent to nefladdaline@gmail.com by the 18th of the month for the next month's issue. She requested that IG Representatives -promote the Add A Line to their groups. She is always looking for short stories from those who wish to share their recovery.

Archives

Old timer's Stories: The interview with Mary Lou H was published in the March Add-A-Line. Tom K.'s interview has been transcribed using the Otter voice recognition software. It is currently being edited for an article for the Add-A-Line.

We had a meeting to demonstrate the Otter software. It is truly amazing and it will greatly improve our interviewing process. We have leased the most current Otter software, we have leased cloud storage for our archives data, we have purchased a backup hard drive as well as a carrying case for our computer. Development of procedures is continuing. We have two very competent computer gurus as members of the archive committee who are helping us get into the 21st century in terms of data management. Additional interviews are being scheduled.

We plan to participate in the programs for the Florida state convention in August

Our next Zoom meeting will be April 5th at noon. We are considering changing the time of our monthly meetings as several of our members work and have difficulty attending.

Corrections

We had a very successful meeting in February. Jon C discussed helping former inmates who are homeless. While this was not normally our scope, we were encouraged about the work we can do to get people to their first AA meeting. He was awesome in his energy and it really inspired us to persist with our efforts to facilitate inmates with aftercare. Jon also discussed a housing service sponsored by Gateway.

Corrections Committee has had 7 male inmate letters and 2 female inmate letters in February. We also sent literature to District 3 prisons. We were approached by Mike M, District 3 DCM, to take literature into the federal prisons in their district. They are the only people who are able to go into facilities right now. We provided 4 cases of big books.

Our next meeting will be March 20, 2021 at 11 AM. 848-654-6632. PW 517-674. Dan Renaud will be sharing what they are doing in the recovery community.

CPC/PI

No Report

Finance

Finance committee met on Feb 17. Committee budgets were approved, rollover of CDs were approved. Still looking to get quick books in the cloud. Venmo is up and running. \$5400 paid back to the SBA. Looking at insurance policy. Prudent Reserve for 2021 was approved.

Grapevine

The Grapevine chair requested that Groups be advised that Grapevine books are still available for sale at the Intergroup office.

Grapevine's 2021 Carry the Message campaign is still -ongoing -to help another alcoholic by purchasing a subscription to the magazine for them or for the group.

There have been some donations of Grapevine magazines at Intergroup for use by other committees.

Phone Army

No Report

Special Events Committee

No report.

Both Co-chairs resigned after the Special Business Meeting on the 20th. Chair thanked them for their service and asked for anyone who might be interested to please contact him.

There was- discussion about the activities around this Event.

FTH IGR stated that when we said we received a quote from another vendor, he had asked if there was a difference in the quote. He said that there was a big difference, in that the one quote had to be shown at night, where the other did not, and they were completely different technology. He said that this was known, but not mentioned, and he felt that the facts were misrepresented to achieve a certain result. Chair stated both technologies produced the same result and were to be used for a night event.

The Chair had -contacted District 17, which had a similar event in Ocala. They had 100 cars, 200 people, and the cost was \$2000 - not \$12,000 or even \$7,000. The survey in the Add A Line requesting comments on the event had only 30 responses with mixed interest.

The IG Office Rep mentioned that there was never any kind of budget presented for this event, including liabilities, and felt that the meeting on February 20 was completely in line with fiduciary responsibility. The Sunday -Morning Palatka IGR also mentioned that she had asked about finances and was met with silence.

The MBBSS IGR stated that while there is fiduciary responsibility, the optics appeared less than transparent. Previous business meetings had reviewed the event with a good bit of discussion. While we have fiduciary responsibility, we also have fellowship responsibility. Unfortunately, we've lost our chair, and now we may have trouble getting someone else to volunteer.

The Treasurer said that she was brought in to finish out the last term. For 4 months, she asked the Special Events Chair for a written proposal including anticipated income as well as expenses. The proposal was never provided. The Steering Committee made a decision based on what the available information.

The Chair will concentrate first on recruiting new Special Events Co-Chairs. If anyone is interested, or know someone with that kind of background, he would appreciate hearing from them. He would like to have an in-person Gratitude Banquet in early November because they are very well attended. (After the meeting the Chair met with the DCMs for Districts 1, 3, 6, 24 and 30 who are planning in-person picnics or Founders Day events in May and June as well as an in-person Service Fair Picnic in early October. Intergroup will promote all the events in the Add A Line and on the Intergroup website and recommend that Intergroup Service Committee Chairs assist with the Service booths for the Fair.)

Treatment

There was no treatment meeting this month.

Still moving forward with the community resource list. Working with some contacts on pulling facilities to help recovering alcoholics, especially new-comers. Bridging the Gap did you know that part of the program is just bringing a person to their first meeting. In doing so you can help increase their chances of staying sober immensely. Please bring this info back to your home group and if anyone is interested please contact me. My info is in the Add A Line. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Website – Mike

New tab for the newsletter. Meeting changes are coming in, but it's taking several follow-ups to get the information. If you need any changes, look at what is on the website now and fill out the form on the website.

Upcoming Events/Meetings

General Service Conference Agenda Event 1pm on March 6 – There are many items around Literature, and we do not have a Literature Chair. It would be very helpful to have one. If you are interested, please contact the Chair or the IG office.

Area Assembly – April 5-7, 2021 – Will be completely Zoom. Details to follow in April Add A Line. Hoping to be able to do Hybrid in July.

64th Florida State Convention August 5-8, Jacksonville Hyatt In-person.

the Chair recommended that -IG -sponsor a timeslot in the Hospitality Room, with positive reactions. This is a fellowship opportunity as well.

Poll: Should Intergroup sponsor a 2-hour time slot with volunteers, food, and refreshment in hospitality room at Florida State Convention?

Vote: 100% yes, 0% No

The meeting adjourned at 11:43 with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Business Meeting will be at 9:45am on April 3.

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