

**SUBJECT: NE FLORIDA INTERGROUP (IG) BUSINESS ZOOM MEETING MINUTES ON MAY 7, 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 Fourth Step, Fourth Tradition and Fourth 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. Recording will be deleted when the minutes are approved at the next IG business meeting.

There were 21 voting members and 8 non-voting participants in attendance.

Kevin G, IG Chair (non-voting)	Claudia W, Love N Action	Patty P, Heart to Heart
David M, Treatment Chair, Central Group	Edward F, Salisbury Mens	Sheila D, OP Step Sisters
Gene M, Accessibilities Chair, Phoenix Mens	Erin W, Westconnett	Timothy F, Arlington
Steve C, Corrections Co Chair	Hal B, Beaches Unity	Tony C, Orange Park
Walter S, Treasurer, Clean & Free	Hipolito Pecina Jr, Fiesta	Vanessa R, Women of VPG
Andrew M Zoom Host (non-voting)	Jon D, From the Heart	Will C, Phoenix Men's Group
Mike M, IG Office (non-voting)	Loretta T, Alexis Group	Bob E, Dist 24
Regina A, Secretary (non-voting)	Martha D, Women Enjoying Sobriety	Gary S, Language of the Heart
Anthony C, Winners	Mary D, This Too Shall Pass	Linda G, SC D4 (non-voting)
Beth E, Sun Morning Meeting Group	Pam M, St. Nicholas	

## **Secretary Report**

April and Revised March business meeting minutes were sent via email to be read prior to business meeting, and approved with one correction to the April minutes, to note the budget amount for the Special Events committee as \$7300 instead of \$7200.

## **Chair Report**

We still have one vacancy: CPC/PI Chair. If you know folks interested in CPC/PI please ask them to contact the IG Chair.

IG Chair will participate in the DCM Get together on May 14 to discuss upcoming workshops including the Delegate GSC After Action Report.

## **Vice-Chair/Office Report:**

- Office is running smoothly and adequately staffed. We have some openings for volunteers. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons are open. Volunteers must have a minimum of 6 months of sobriety and there is a 90-day probation period.
- We have not gotten an update from the landlord on a new lease yet.
- Some groups let us know about meeting changes before the publication of the When and Where. There was a security problem with the Bridge the Gap page. If the office does not find another reasonably priced security software, they will contract with Captcha. All were requested to submit When and Where meeting pamphlet changes to the office by May 16 so the pamphlet can be finalized and printed in June .

## Treasurer's Report

### Account Summary

#### Checking/Savings

Cash- Regions Bank	\$12,484.58
Cash in Drawer	\$127.26
Total Check/Savings	\$12,611.84

Inventory \$14,220.04

### Prudent Reserve

Regions Bank CD 001	\$10,177.65
Regions Bank CD 002	\$10,535.35
Regions Bank CD 003	\$10,086.73
Total Prudent Reserve	\$30,799.73

## Steering Committee

- Safety Card be published in AAL and on website.
- Archives will have a workday at the office on the May 30; The Office requested that some of the material to the offsite storage area in order to increase office storage space.  
Special Events – status report – inflation is eating their budget alive. Committee is considering raising ticket price which have been \$15 for many years.

Old Business

Received one bid for a Security Camera at the office. The Vice Chair and Steering Committee will continue to review options.

- Where and When status. Linda G. made the motion to proceed with the existing format with the printing cost not to exceed \$5,000. Kevin Jr seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion: The lowest printing quote was \$4,400 for 4000 copies and \$5200 for 5000 copies. The quote is not guaranteed due to rapidly change costs of paper, etc. The office will control distribution. Zoom only meeting information will not be in the When and Where unless specifically requested by the group by May 16. The Intergroup QR code will be on the front to lead to the IG website. The Bridging the Gap QR code will also be in the pamphlet. There was a motion to call the question which was seconded and passed. The motion to proceed with the existing format with printing cost not to exceed \$5000 passed.

#### New Business

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#### **Old Business**

Motion made by Steering Committee made the motion to print When and Where meeting pamphlets in current format with updated information on meetings, GSC meeting guide app, Bridging the Gap QR codes and District map not to exceed \$5000. Motion passed.

#### **New Business**

Treasurer made the motion to provide a condensed Financial report in the Add-A-Line with the detailed report on the website. Motion passed.

#### **Committee Reports:**

## Accessibilities

Accessibilities is moving along. Had meeting on the 3rd of May with Maggie R & Allison W. Went over previous accessibilities chairperson's workbook and now in process of looking over what I have received, looking forward to being of service to the community.

We also put a blurb in the Add A Line on page 3:

Greetings from your newly appointed Accessibility Chair. As we have gone through spring and Easter, we in AA I believe have been resurrected from a seemingly hopeless and fatal disease. I am reaching out to the AA community for any- one interested in serving on the Intergroup Accessibility Committee. Please email me, EUGENE M, at [emsailorman@gmail.com](mailto:emsailorman@gmail.com). A further note: I have looked over the Accessibility's pamphlet discussed at area assembly. The link in the Add a line is incorrect, as it includes a space. Here is the correct link. [https://aanorthflorida.org/docs/AccessibilitiesBrochure-1\\_0.pdf](https://aanorthflorida.org/docs/AccessibilitiesBrochure-1_0.pdf)

## Add-A-Line

The deadline to have birthdays or other announcements for the Add-A-Line is the 18<sup>th</sup> of the month. Email to [editor2022.aal@outlook.com](mailto:editor2022.aal@outlook.com).

The Safety Card didn't make it into the Add-A-Line in May because it was a big month and there was not enough space.

## Archives

1. Old Timers stories: status
  - a. One interview is scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Janice J's story is being edited. We are hoping to have it ready for the Add-A-Line for June or July.
  - c. There are over 60 old timers in our area with over 40 years of sobriety who need to be interviewed. We need help.

- d. Charles H. is working with our coffee conversations to organize an early history of AA in Jacksonville.
2. We are developing a plan to scan our archives files into our computer. We have scheduled May 14th at 2pm as an Archives workday.
3. We will not meet May 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Corrections

We have started taking AA meetings into the local jails for the past month. So far, we have started 16 different meetings among the three facilities seeing 650 inmates. Our volunteer list is slowly expanding. If you want to volunteer, contact officer VanZant at 630-7835. He will arrange the fingerprinting and orientation. Committee will submit a write-up for the Add-A-Line.

## Treatment

**Bridge the Gap process begins in the facilities before people are released. Zoom information session is scheduled for May 19 at 6pm for a half hour. For information contact David Murphy, or the BTG committee.**

The strategic focus of our committee is as follows:

- To be of service to alcoholics who still suffer by exploring how to make communication re: *Bridging the Gap* easier and more efficient.
- To work in concert with the folks on the Corrections Committee of the InterGroup on the *Bridging the Gap* initiative.

Regular brick-and-mortar meetings are now being held with the following facilities:

- Beaches Recovery
- Lakeview Recovery
- Gateway

- River Region
- Wekiva
- Others (e.g.: City Rescue Mission)

***Bridging the Gap process development:***

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During April we began to receive and act upon BTG Info Forms received via our BTG Digital Button approach. The form is hosted on the NEFLAA.org website.

Most of the facilities listed above have copies of materials displaying the QR code that leads to the *Bridge the Gap Information Form*.

Information submitted via the *Info Form* is forwarded daily to the Treatment Team. In turn, the Treatment Team forwards *Info Form* submissions as indicated on the *Form* to the Corrections Team.

Since our initial trials in the middle of March, we have received twenty-two (22) requests for BTG assistance.

We have learned that the importance of creating and sustaining awareness of the Digital BTG Button approach cannot be overstated. Our approach is new to the world. We have to talk about it a *lot*. We work to make continual process improvements so that awareness and ease of access are make it easier for folks to reach out to AA for our assistance.

***Areas where we need assistance:***

- The *BTG Button* software itself is the critical path for proceeding in March. Our thanks go out to the IG Office staff for their support and teamwork.
- We ask anyone and everyone to help with building the *Bridge the Gap Volunteers* team up. We need a bunch of ‘em and a variety as well.

Contact the BTG Button Process team at this email address: [BTG.neflaa@gmail.com](mailto:BTG.neflaa@gmail.com)

**CPC/PI** - No Report, vacant position

### **Finance**

Finance committee did not meet in April. The March bank statement and reconciliation were emailed to the committee. The February financial statements were emailed to the committee members for their review and comments. There were no unusual items noted in the March financials by committee members.

Direct deposit of employee paychecks – work in progress.

QuickBooks is requiring an upgrade to their newest version. This will be completed by the end of the month, with an estimated cost of \$500.

**Motion raised** to revise the NEFL Intergroup Financial Report in the Add-A-Line to summarize the major items beginning in the June 2022 Add-A-Line, and to publish the detailed monthly financial report on the NEFL Intergroup website for the last 3 years.

**Motion passed by vote.**

### **Grapevine**



They are accepting stories for members who are in the armed forces, to help those who are in the armed forces to get sober. There is a new book “fun in sobriety”. It is stories of people in AA telling how they learned that you could have fun in AA. Also, they are accepting stories for the Fifth edition of the Big Book, as well. Stories need to be submitted by the end of August.

### **Phone Army**

Always looking for additional volunteers.

### **Special Events**

Not much this month, working on small things to get ready for the big stuff. First banquet meeting will be on July 2 at San Marco upstairs at 11:30.

We need a lot of volunteers. If you're interested, get in touch with Linda or Holly, via phone numbers in the Add-A-Line. Will bring the discussion of raising ticket prices to the steering committee and get approval before moving forward. Having a hard time finding a vendor for food, due to extremely high prices. Will bring the data to the steering committee at the end of the month.

### **Upcoming Events, Meetings – details in Add A Line**

District 30 Annual Picnic, May 21, 10-4, Mandarin Park

Multi District Post Conference Workshop, June 5, 1-3pm at San Marco Club / Zoom also available

21<sup>st</sup> Spring into Sobriety Women's Conference, June 10-12 in North Venice Fl

The Ripple Effect Workshop – July 16, 1-4:30 at First Christian Church

65<sup>th</sup> Florida State Convention in Fort Lauderdale on August 3-7. Rooms are sold out.

2022 Intergroup Fall Gratitude Banquet – Oct 22, Ramallah Club

**Chair:**

OUR JUNE BUSINESS MEETING will continue be In-person and zoom on Saturday June 4. Zoom Meeting ID and Password will remain the same. While health concerns sand business/personal conflicts will continue to require some to participate by zoom we very highly encourage everyone to make the effort to meet in person next month. We believe that the benefits of in person fellowship before and after the meeting are very beneficial to our recovery, unity, and service.

Please continue to pray for the full recovery of our former Intergroup Chair, Jack G, and former Intergroup Treasurer, Rita H.

Meeting adjourned at 10:28.

Next Business Meeting is **Saturday June 4, 2022, at 9:00am – 10:30am at Jaba Club**

Fellowship at 8:30 with refreshments. **ZOOM ID: 8977 440 1312, PWD: nefl3128**

**Joining in person is highly encouraged.**