

**SUBJECT: NE FLORIDA INTERGROUP (IG) BUSINESS ZOOM MEETING MINUTES ON OCTOBER 2, 2021**

Chair called meeting to order at 9:00am with a moment of silence followed by the long version of the Serenity Prayer and the AA Responsibility Statement. Chair read the Tenth Step, Tenth Tradition and Tenth Concept.

Chair welcomed Jack G , former IG Chair, to meeting. -All in person contributions will be given to Jaba Club for use of their facility .

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

There were 18 voting members, and 8 non-voting participants.

Kevin G, IG Chair (non-voting)	Beth E, Sun Morn Palatka	Mary D, This Too Shall Pass
Lon L, Parliamentarian (non-voting)	Bob E, Other Side of Bridge	Mayra V, St Nicholas
Mike M, IG Office (non-voting)	Bryant G, Hold On PPG, D30 DCM	Melissa C, Westside Grp
Regina A, Secretary (non-voting)	Charles M, Archives, IGR I am Responsible	Sheila D, OP Step Sisters
Steve C, Corrections (non-voting)	Craig T, Rule 62 Crew	Trish M, Switzerland
Jack G, D30 SC Rep (non-voting)	Jon D, FTH Alt IG	Walter S, Clean & Free
David M, Treatment, Central Group	Lisa F, Serenity at Noon	Linda G, SC D4 (non-voting)
Kathleen D, Corrections	Lori W, New Beginnings	Roger L, DCM D1 (non-voting)
Rita H, Treasurer	Martha, W.E.S. IGR	

**Secretary’s Report** – September business meeting minutes were sent via email to be read prior to business meeting. Minutes were approved as published.

**Chair Report** - In September participated in District DCM zoom committee meeting. They discussed concentrating on service versus picnic at Service Fair next March. They discussed upcoming Area

Assemblies in October and January. They also discussed ways to spend funds in excess of prudent reserves such as purchasing Big Books for their groups. Chair asked for DCM support to update zoom and in person meetings in their District in late November so IG can publish a new When and Where with District # as part of information on a group for distribution in January. They also discussed upcoming gratitude banquets at Intergroup on October 23 and at Districts 6 and 24 on November 13

**Treasurer's Report – as of July 2021**

Income:

Contributions Income  
     \$6,194.07  
 Retail Income  
     \$2,760.69  
 Special Events Income  
     \$ 150.00  
 Total Income  
     \$9,104.76

Minus Total Cost of Goods  
 Sold    \$ 1,693.08

Gross Profit  
     \$7,411.68

Minus Expenses  
     \$ 7,287.58

Ordinary Income  
     \$ 124.10

Plus Other Income  
     \$ 52.68

Net Income  
     \$ 176.78

<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
<b>1021 · Cash - Regions Bank</b>	<b>\$14,115.36</b>
<b>1024 · Cash in Drawer</b>	<b>\$95.51</b>
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>\$14,210.87</b>
<b>1360 · Inventory</b>	<b>\$14,055.96</b>
<b>1400 · Prudent Reserve</b>	
<b>1476 · Regions Bank 5982- CD #001</b>	<b>\$10,175.37</b>
<b>1481 · Regions Bank 6794- CD #002</b>	<b>\$10,532.70</b>
<b>1486 · Regions Bank - CD #003</b>	<b>\$10,084.95</b>
<b>Total 1400 · Prudent Reserve</b>	<b>\$30,793.02</b>

## **Intergroup Office**

Spot checked inventory

Gained one more volunteer

All banquet tables have been sold. Only single tickets available.

Merchandise sale in November. Everything is 20% off except the Big Book and 12&12. Sale publicized in October Add A Line (AAL), and will be publicized in November AAL.

## **Steering Committee**

Chair recognized Maggie R who recently resigned. for her great service as Steering Committee (SC) Chair She will be involved in Intergroup as an Office volunteer.

Chair also recognized Beth E who was elected SC Chair by the Committee at its last meeting.

## **Old Business**

Motion to revise Appendix L Standing Committees to include a Literature Committee (Appendix L) – This motion made by the SC in the August Business Meeting, and is in September AAL.

" Literature: informs AA members, groups, and districts through displays or other suitable methods of all available conference approved literature, audio/visual material, or other special items."

Discussion:

Can we combine Grapevine and Literature committees? Response: One reason for a separate committee is that most of the changes at the General Service Conference every year are related to Literature. The Literature Committee would promote the latest version of literature available at the Intergroup Office

Why does the role need to be limited to conference approved literature? Response: One reason is that we want to be sure the message of AA is consistent. However, there is some

non-conference approved literature such as the 24 Hours a Day Book and merchandise such as sobriety chips at intergroup covered as “other special items”.

Motion to table the vote on this motion for further review and discussion. Approved

### **New Business**

Chair appointed Jack G to replace Bryant G as the SC Representative for District 30, and Bryant G as the Alternate SC Representative for District 30 and Bob E as the Alternate SC Representative for District 24 subject to voice vote at the business meeting .

Voice vote of Jack G as District 30 SC Representative approved.

Voice vote of Bryant G as Alternate District 30 SC Representative approved

Voice vote of Bob E as the Alternate District 24 SC Representative approved

### **Committee Reports:**

**Accessibilities** - position is vacant.

### **Add A Line**

Inputs to the AAL are submitted by the 18<sup>th</sup> of the month so the Editor can submit the draft AAL to the SC for review/changes not additions before their meeting so the Editor can submit the final version of the AAL for printing on time. The Editor was sick this past month so the draft AAL was not completed until after the SC meeting and it was not reviewed by the entire SC before printed with errors. The errors were corrected and AAL reprinted.

Editor position will be vacant in January. Please contact the Office if interested. Please ensure items for the AAL are sent to email [\*\*nefladdaline@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:nefladdaline@gmail.com)

## **Archives**

Ben W.'s big book was auctioned to benefit ALCO House. The AA members who purchased it will donate it to the Intergroup Archives. It will be on display at the IG office. An article on Ben W. appears in this month's AAL

Old timer's Stories: Work is continuing as outlined last month.

The National Archives Workshop was cancelled. Will plan to send someone next year.

No meeting in October. Will poll committee on better time to meet.

## **Corrections**

On September 13 Committee co-chair delivered 18 cartons of. Big Books and other literature to Jacksonville Sheriff Office (JSO). These included paperbacks, large print, and pamphlets for people in custody at JSO facilities. With over 2,000 people in custody, the 360 books delivered may start a thirst for recovery even without meetings.

On September 18 Committee met with five members on zoom. Anne A shared her story and service work for Corrections. We are developing a book order for the final quarter as we have donated all of our book supply. Should the jails open to visitors and programs again, we want to be ready to return to meetings with people in custody.

**CPC/PI** - No Report

**Finance** - No Report

**Grapevine** - No Report

**Phone Army** – No Report

**Treatment**

In September, major facilities – Beaches, Lakeview – wrestled with issue of including outsiders at in-house AA activities. Committee is working with these facilities to staff activities as they open their doors. Work continued on setting up networks of contacts for relationships between AA and these facilities. Efforts continued to get our arms around *Bridging the Gap* post-COVID.

Strategy:

- Focus on facilities with the larger populations – to focus our attention on the fewest places with the most people and the most activities first. From there to move to smaller facilities. Staff committee with volunteers who have personal experience with as many facilities as possible, so as to establish strong network ties. Put committee in a position to respond quickly to requests for interaction with facilities. This extends to activities associated with *Bridging the Gap*.

Facility details:

*Tier A Facilities:*

Beaches Recovery continues with both in-house and virtual AA activities. The policy is to adjust rapidly depending on results of frequent COVID testing.

Lakeview activities remain entirely in virtual mode.

Gateway has closed living facilities such as Alumni House to visitors for in-house activities. At latest report all meetings are virtual.

Detail regarding Beaches Tides, Lakeview Stepping Stones, and Gateway Detox are sketchy at this time.

*Tier B Facilities:*

River Point, River Region, and certain Wekiva facilities are continuing to craft ways to interact with AA – in-house, Zoom, etc.

Several groups have interacted successfully with Wekiva to arrange both gender-specific and blended meetings in-house..

*Tier C Facilities:*

Had conversations with Tier C facilities

*Bridging the Gap (BTG):*

We reached out to list of BTG volunteers to see who is still on board. Current count is eight, although we've left messages with others who haven't called back as of yet. Did not make as much progress in August as had been intended regarding the *Bridging the Gap* initiative. Efforts will continue during September.

*Areas where we need names and help:*

Assistance requested how to get wired-in soup-to-nuts on *Bridging the Gap* from most local to fully national scope.

**Special Events Committee**

Trish M, reported on behalf of Committee Chairs.

Banquet is within budget. All 500 tickets have been sold.

Committee is working on decorations. Also looking for donations for literature, and other items that go in the prize baskets.

Tickets can be mailed or picked up at the IG office. or banquet ticket table.

Any questions, contact the Special Events Co-Chairs, the IG office, or send email to ***intergroupsocialevents@gmail.com***.

## **Website**

Looking at a better mechanism for events calendar. Testing a feature that is free for 30 days.

Please remember to tell people to let us know about changes in zoom meetings. If IG is not notified, then the online when and where will be incorrect, and people will not be able to get to the meetings. This is very important.

## **Upcoming Events, Meetings**

Group Inventory Workshop, October 16, 2-4pm, via zoom. Details published on AAL.

Fall Banquet – October 23<sup>rd</sup>

District 24 Gratitude Dinner, November 13 at 6 pm in Crescent City in person

SSAASA 6 (Tampa) – November 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> – you must register for this event.

District Service Fair 2021 (Losco Park) – moved to March 2022

Meeting adjourned at 10:16am with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Business Meeting Saturday November 6, 9:00am – 10:30am at the Jaba Club Fellowship at 8:30 with refreshments ZOOM ID: 8977 440 1312, PWD: nefl3128