

SUBJECT: NE FLORIDA INTERGROUP (IG) BUSINESS ZOOM MEETING MINUTES ON June 3, 2023

The 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. The chair read the Sixth Step, Sixth Tradition and Sixth 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. The meeting was recorded for administrative purposes. The recording will be deleted when the minutes are approved at the next IG business meeting.

There were 33 participants: 25 voting members and 14 non-voting participants.

Holly C, Chair (non-voting)	Joyce V, Orange Park Stepsisters	Erica Kaip, Beaches Agnostics
Angie B, Secretary(non-voting)	Lisa D, Central Group	Kurt, Oceanway Slow Down BBS
Dan B, Vice Chair, Finance	Mary D, This Too Shall Pass	Amy C, Primary Purpose Group of Jax
Ashley R, Add A Line	Mayra V, Fiesta	Austin Brow, Winners Group
Doug S, Corrections	Mike R, Spiritual Knights	Jake K., DCM 25
Gene M, Accessibilities	Randy O, Phoenix Men's	Diana D, PPG
Kevin G, Archives	Timothy F, Arlington	Laurie H, Matrix/ WYPG
Linda G, Special Events	Tony C, Orange Park	Roxanne G, PPG
Roger L, Central Group, SC D1	Trish R, Women of YPG	Lee B., TRC
Lil-lyn B, Chair CPC/PI	Debra V, Area 14 IG Coordinator	Steve L, Arlington Group - guest
Rosie M, Co-Chair Corrections	Naveed K, Mand Mon Nite BBS	David S, PPG
David M., Treatment Chair	Maggie H, Women Enjoying Sobriety	Lola S, PPG
David S, Rule 62	Bob Carlson, Trout River	Stephanie I, PPG

Secretary Report – Angie B

May business meeting minutes sent via email to be read prior to business meeting were reviewed with one correction. Mayra is a voting member and the May meeting minutes will be corrected to reflect it.

Chair Report – Holly C.

The Chair expressed her continued commitment to fulfill her service commitment as Chair for Intergroup. She also apologized for recently overstepping her responsibility in her service capacity.

Vice-Chair/Office Report – Dan B

The Intergroup office is running smoothly. Looking for volunteers with six months of sobriety for 4-hour shifts. Volunteer slots are full but the office is always looking for good people. Currently, there are 100 When and Where at the Intergroup office. 5 years of financial statements are on the website plus the first four months of 2023. Working on creating Zoom meetings and remote telephone meetings in the conference room and should have that done by the end of the month.

Treasurer -Walter S

Dan B. gave the report in Walter's absence. The financial reports for April are in the June Add A Line. At the end of April, we had almost \$10,000 in the bank. There was a gain in cash flow of \$2500.

Contributions are still down \$3000. Expenses are in line and were able to create a positive cash flow.

Primarily there is a positive cash flow because the Corrections Committee did not order their books for the second quarter in April. We expect that this month. There were no unusual expenses for the month. The treasurer's report was accepted by vote.

ACCOUNT BALANCES APRIL 30, 2023	
Checking/Savings	
1021 · Cash - Regions Bank	\$9,902.79
1024 · Cash in Drawer	\$64.82
Total Checking/Savings	\$9,967.61
1360 · Inventory	\$10,637.50
1400 · Prudent Reserve	
1476 · Regions Bank 5982- CD #001	\$10,180.46
1481 · Regions Bank 6794- CD #002	\$10,540.62
1486 · Regions Bank - CD #003	\$10,090.29
Total 1400 · Prudent Reserve	\$30,811.37

	Apr 23	Jan - Apr 23	Apr 22	Jan - Apr 22
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4000 · Contribution Income				
4002 · Groups	6,241.10	18,851.98	9,242.73	26,264.63
4003 · Pink Can Contribution	37.00	70.00		99.00
4005 · Faithful Five	430.00	960.00	250.10	785.10
4006 · Birthdays				42.00
4007 · Other Contributions	276.00	2,270.40		77.00
4008 · Anonymous				177.50
4010 · IG Breakfast/Speaker Mtg			4.00	27.00
Total 4000 · Contribution Income	6,984.10	22,152.38	9,496.83	27,472.23
4020 · Retail Income	2,216.84	20,346.25	2,086.14	12,929.00
4040 · Other Income				
4042 · Business Meeting			5.00	18.00
Total 4040 · Other Income			5.00	18.00
Total Income	9,200.94	42,498.63	11,587.97	40,419.23
Cost of Goods Sold				
5001 · Cost of Revenues - Other				
5215 · IG Business Meeting Expense	32.94	54.44		122.64
5195 · CC Fees	104.02	649.14	125.07	570.62
5290 · IG Breakfast Expense		29.36		23.00
59900 · POS Inventory Adjustments	-1,105.74	-557.20	8.52	-8.89
Total 5001 · Cost of Revenues - Other	-968.78	175.74	133.59	707.57
Total COGS	268.88	15,558.89	1,425.14	9,578.22
Gross Profit	8,932.06	26,939.74	10,162.83	30,843.01
Expense				
Total 60000 · Salaries and Benefits	2,998.64	13,530.54	2,582.15	10,081.75
61000 · Office Expense				
Total 61000 · Office Expense	985.94	3,881.17	1,044.61	7,074.68
62000 · Facilities and maintenance				
Total 62000 · Facilities and maintenance	1,632.64	6,025.26	1,562.55	5,775.45
55000 · Committees Expense				
Total 55000 · Committees Expense	516.22	4,470.96	324.95	2,489.46
70900 · Business Expenses				
Total 70900 · Business Expenses	15.13	121.77	5.13	121.34
62100 · Contract Services				
Total 65100 · Other Expenses	22.07	71.07	20.22	41.22
Total Expense	6,470.54	29,300.77	5,839.61	26,847.90
Net Ordinary Income	2,461.42	-2,361.03	4,323.22	3,995.11
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
73000 · Miscellaneous Income				
Total Other Income	8.34	34.31	9.34	28.62
Other Expense				
Total Other Expense		-0.58		
Net Other Income	8.34	34.89	9.34	28.62
Income	2,469.76	-2,326.14	4,332.56	4,023.73

Steering Committee – Roger L.

The Steering Committee met 5-23-23 at 5:30 pm at the Intergroup office. Several visitors were present, bringing a complaint to our attention. However, it was not Steering Committee business. Therefore, it was not addressed by the Committee. It was placed on the agenda for the next IG Business meeting.

There was much discussion concerning the decision to discontinue the use of zoom for Steering Committee meetings. It was voted on to bring back zoom or the telephone call in system. We are still working on this.

There was a comment that the complaint discussed in the above report is not on the IG Bus Meeting Agenda and it was requested that it be added to the agenda.

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

New Business

No new business was brought forward.

Committee Reports:

Accessibilities – Gene M

Gene has not had any response to requests for volunteers for Accessibilities Committee. Gene presented a placard for designated Accessibilities seating areas for clubs which was provided by Bob in Massachusetts. A Motion was carried to adopt the placard. There is a Zoom meeting the second Tuesday of every month. There is a meeting on 6-12-23 that will deal with Accessibilities on a National level. Zoom ID: 6903937306, PWD: AAC2020.

Add-A-Line – Ashley R

The second home group history was added to this month AAL. Check out the article based on the history of the Fish Fry held at San Marco Club.

Please continue to share any events that you or your group would like to be added to the newsletter.

Please submit AA birthdays by the 15th of every month.

Apologies for not including Miss Jody T. anniversary in this month's AAL. She's celebrating 35 years on June 8th. I will be sure to have it in July's AAL.

Archives – Kevin Jr.

Subject: ARCHIVES COMMITTEE MAY 2023 REPORT

- * Committee is cochairing the FI AA Archives Workshop on Saturday February 17 2024 with Areas 1, 14 and 15 Archivists as well as the FCYPAA Archivist. The next monthly planning zoom meeting will be held at 1 pm on Saturday June 24 - the focus will be on new archivists. The workshop will be held at the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Winter Park. The registration will be \$20/person.
- * Group Histories in the AAL every month – Arlington Group history is in the June Add A Line. The Arlington Group is the second oldest group in Jacksonville formed in 1954. Next month the Alexis group will be featured.
- * Missing Group Histories Email to DCM with groups missing histories - Kevin sent email to DCM for support
- * Old Timer Stories for Indian Dave, Bob K, Bob E, Tom W, Terry L. - Charley M completed Indian Dave, Kevin Jr to get Indian Dave's and Bob K's approval for completed interviews, Charley M is editing Gary R's story Beth E to interview her husband Bob E and prepare article for her deceased father who was a past Delegate, Charley to schedule interviews with Tom W and Terry L Craig T to schedule interview with Frank S (40 years)
- * Old Timer Fish Fry Article for AAL - Charley M submitted the article for the June Add A Line
- * Scanning Files - to begin at next committee meeting at the IG office.
- * IG Archives Cabinets - begin cabinet/month at next committee meeting

The next IG Archives Committee meeting will be hybrid at the IG office at noon today after the IG Business Meeting. There will be pizza for all in person participants.

CPC/PI – Lillyn B.

With a total of 8 volunteers, including the chair, Districts 1, 3, 6, 25, and 30 are now represented.

Pamphlets placed: JAX main library (which had declined any pre-pandemic)
More churches (JAX and OP)
Jacksonville University
Gateway, Alco, Lakeview Rehab, UF Mental Health Unit
A Medical group in OP
Salon Rx

The chair attended 2 more District meetings seeking volunteers. And today, met a gentleman and woman who were both very active CPC/PI chairs, willing to share their ESH. An excellent suggestion has already been passed on to the volunteers. It's to begin to focus more on churches, as was shared, "who is the first person to whom one might admit a drinking problem?" How true!

Second, there has been a lesson in the importance of and ways to fine tune (so to speak) the committee, with plans on those suggestions being offered next month.

Next, participation in an online National PICPC Workshop for which the first meeting of the minds was held today. The chairperson had planned similar quarterly events during Covid which were well attended. He is expecting an old Trustee to speak on "The Courts and Parole," and a tech person to address "Why is Web Presence Important?" There will also be a Class B Trustee to discuss "Why Service is So Important to Sobriety," a Dr. to share on "The Importance of Reaching Out to Healthcare," and last but NOT least, an Al-Anon speaker covering "How Alcoholism is a Truly a Family Disease." Dates, times, and more details will be provided as soon as possible.

This committee will also participate with one of the Districts in a Service Workshop, of course, providing CPC/PI information. The knowledge learned from the two individuals mentioned plus the experience in the Workshops will certainly help grow the CPC/PI committee. And NEFL IG may look forward to improving its ability to continue to pass on our founders' experience, strength, and hope to the multitudes of suffering alcoholics who may not have ever heard that, in AA, there IS a solution!

Corrections – Doug S, Rosie M

Corrections covers 7 counties.

Orientation will be held in June for new volunteers to go through the process to be able to go into the corrections. Date TBD.

Inventory report to be provided so that book orders can be made for books. Sgt Frazier did return some big books that weren't used during Covid, and these will be counted in the current inventory report. The inventory report and request for additional monies will be emailed to Dan. Current budget is \$2000/Qtr; \$8000/year based on inventory necessity.

Need to find some old Grapevines to provide to inmates. Please consider donating.

Volunteers are needed for Women's Orange Park corrections and also for the Orange Park Twelfth Step call list.

Prior to the business meeting a formal complaint was submitted by District 24 DCM and the Primary Purpose Group regarding Intergroup Overreach of Responsibility that was referred by the Steering Committee to the June Business meeting. During the business meeting there was strong concern voiced by the District 24 DCM and members of the Primary Purpose Group about the role of Intergroup in bringing AA meetings into the Duval County Jails including the Matrix. While the Intergroup Corrections Committee for years had coordinated with the County Jails on background checks and training for members of the fellowship to take AA meetings into the jails the individuals and groups had determined the types of meetings on the days and times dictated by the County Jails. Members of

the Primary Purpose Group had taken a Big Book Study into the Matrix for women for many years on the allotted two days a week. When other women and groups wanted to take different types of meetings into the Matrix on one of the days in the week, they were told no by the persons already taking the meetings. The Intergroup Corrections Committee then met with the County Jail and revised the schedule to allow the other women and groups to take different types of AA meetings into the Matrix for the women one of the two days a week. While the spirit of rotation and different types of meetings are very important, the Corrections Committee did not coordinate the change with the women who were already taking the meetings prior to the meeting with the city jails. After long heated discussion about the importance of rotation, coordination, and the service not governing role of Intergroup the issue was tabled until the July business meeting.

Finance – Dan B.

The Finance Committee did not meet in May, but the bank reconciliations were sent out to the members. The current cash balance is back to almost \$10,000. Intergroup received a check for \$10,000. It was sent in by a group that had been defunct for several years in MacClenny. However, the group established a new group and closed the previous bank account and sent the check. Again, Corrections did not place their book order for the 2nd Quarter which is expected soon.

Grapevine – Melissa

Linda G provided the report.

There is a Grapevine App now available for your phone.

Multiple copies of Grapevine publications and subscription materials were made available to the Group.

Phone Army – Paul F

Holly C provided the report in Paul's absence. She stressed the importance of the Phone Army. There is a detailed training manual for the Phone Army. Detailed resources are provided in the training manual. The following report was provided by Paul F:

May 4 Contact all Phone Army Backup Members to see if they want to remain on the list. 1 person replied no.

May 6 Attended monthly Intergroup meeting.

May 6 continued to contact backup volunteers to see if they want to remain on the list.

May 21: added PA coverage for Memorial Day: Paul F and Linda G

May 27: asked Ashley to substitute me for Tim H. this coming Wed 7-9 pm.

Special Events – Linda G

The Spring Picnic will be at Lake Fretwell Park Saturday, June 24th

Fellowship 8am – 12 pm

Lunch – 12 pm

Open Discussion Meeting – 1 pm

Fun and fellowship until 5 pm

No charge – Donations only!

Treatment – David M

David is talking to someone to be his successor, but he will have to be voted in.

Strategic Focus:

The strategic focus of our committee is as follows:

- To assist Treatment Facilities by providing AA activities inside Facilities
- To provide easy and timely access to the AA fellowship immediately upon release from a Facility.
- To work in concert with the folks on the Corrections Committee of the Intergroup on the *Bridging the Gap* initiative.

News with Treatment Facilities:

Regular brick-and-mortar meetings continue on a regular basis with the following facilities, unless a Covid situation causes brief suspension:

- Beaches Recovery
- Lakeview Recovery
- Gateway
- River Region
- Wekiva
- Others (e.g.: City Rescue Mission)

Bridging the Gap process development:

During May we received no BTG Info Forms via our BTG Digital Button approach. The form is hosted on the NEFLAA.org website. Some months we are going to receive varying numbers of forms.

A new batch of bookmark devices with the Bridge the Gap Info Form scan QR code were delivered in April to the Intergroup office. There are now plenty available. When more are needed, upon contact the Treatment Committee will re-supply the Intergroup stock.

Areas where we need assistance:

- Our thanks go out to the IG Office staff for their continuing support and teamwork in our *Bridge the Gap* efforts. Special thanks to Ashley for her willingness to assume her expanded responsibilities.
- Bookmark devices with the QR code that scans to the BTG Info Form are available at the Intergroup office, or contact David M.
- ***Inquiries or names of volunteers:***

Contact the BTG Button Process team at this email address: BTG.neflaa@gmail.com

Website Committee – Ashley R

Maintaining website daily. The Financial Page on the website was updated to include more detail information on Expenses and Revenue reports.

Considering the additional workload and the impact on my schedule for adding a tab for motions and minutes, I believe it is fair to request additional compensation for the additional time and services.

To help clarify the situation, I have outlined the additional task and the estimated time required for it:

Task: - Add additional tabs to website for BM minutes and motions.

This will require that I use code to make the tabs easier to access.

Once I create the additional tabs using code, I will need to update all business meetings minutes dating back to 2014 to the appropriate tabs - Estimated Time: [6hrs]

Based on my hourly rate of \$40 per hour, the total additional compensation for these tasks would amount to \$120. I believe this adjustment in compensation reflects the additional value I am bringing to the project and the effort I am investing to meet our evolving needs.

A 2nd motion was carried to fund an additional \$240 to the Webmaster to make these changes.

Upcoming Events

June 4th GSO Post Conference Area 14 Delegate, San Marco Club at 1 pm.

- June 9- 11- Founders’ Day Florida Style in Tallahassee, Florida
- August 10-13 – 66th Florida State Convention in Wesley Chapel, Florida

Chair: NON-AA ANNOUNCEMENTS

The meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next Business meeting:

Saturday, July 1, 2023, at 9:00am in person and on Zoom

Fellowship at 8:30 with refreshments.

ZOOM ID: 870 4750 2345, PWD: 314187

Joining in person is highly encouraged.

Respectfully submitted by Angie Barton