

NATURE COAST INTERGROUP MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES SUNDAY, October 28th, 2007

The meeting was opened at 4:30 pm by Chairperson, Toni T., with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

ATTENDED: Pat H., Martha G., Beverly H., Joe L., Greg H., Sue C., Ed P., Rick T., Shirley J., Ron B., Jim K., Paula D., Dave K., Walter W., Julie P., Rock P., Marilyn B., Bill W., Neil S., Joann F., Rich S., Don G., Gayle W., Char S., Joan B. and Toni T.

ROLL CALL: Vice Chairperson Martha G. conducted roll call. There were 26 attendees. Sixteen groups were represented.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The secretary read the minutes for the meeting of September 30th, 2007. There was a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded. The minutes were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Sue C. gave the report of income and expenses. There was a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded. The treasurer's report was accepted.

TRUSTEES' REPORT: Rick T. and Neil S. were present. Al was not present. There was nothing to report.

WEBMASTER'S REPORT: Ron B. requested that the secretary forward the current minutes for each month as soon as possible for publication on the website, so that groups would be able to read in time for their monthly business meetings.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Toni T. reported she had obtained more information on an alternate meeting place for Intergroup and would bring this subject up under "New Business." She also stated it would be a good idea to add an order of business regarding Article 7 of the Bylaws (regarding elections of new officers for Intergroup). She referred to Robert's Rules of Order as being a good way to conduct the Intergroup meeting. Toni T. stated the book is available online and provides an outline of procedures to have better control of the meeting.

JOURNAL REPORT: Ed P. restated he will be resigning as editor of the newsletter, effective the end of December, 2007. He said someone had come forward to ask questions about the position, but that nothing definite had developed as yet. The position needs to be filled as of January 2008. Ed P. further stated that the journal does not have to be a complicated task and can be set up very simply, if need be.

HOTLINE REPORT: Rick T. gave his report. There were 143 total calls: 115 AA, 2 NA, 1 Alateen, 3 wets, and a couple of 12th step referrals for Martha and Don. Rick thanked Shirley J. for pitching in this month. He said the Crystal River group will carry the phone next month, and that a total of only three groups have come forward so far to take the hotline phone for a month at a time per group. Toni T. added that five months are covered so far and we still have seven months to cover.

INVENTORY AND SALES: Ed P. stated the committee has come up with book pricing guidelines, with items from the GSO catalog to sell at cost and items from Hazelden, as well as medallions and other accessories, to have an appropriate mark-up price. Sue C. stated that this month's sales exceeded purchases.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: Ed P. stated the Intergroup pamphlets are printed and ready for distribution. There was discussion as to how best to distribute these pamphlets. A motion was made to mention at the Gratitude Dinner that the pamphlets are available and give to whoever requests, to let group representatives take a supply to their individual groups and to place the remainder of the 1,000 pamphlets at the bookstore. The motion was seconded and the motion passed. Also, there was a reminder that the pamphlet is available on the Nature Coast Intergroup website and can be printed easily.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT: The report was passed around and will be posted at the Intergroup office. There was a reminder that the 2-hour parking limit posted in front of the Intergroup office building needs to be adhered to, since parking tickets have been issued to some volunteers.

OLD BUSINESS:

Gratitude Dinner: November 4: The tickets have all been sold. Melissa is buying some more decorations and all the food will be picked up this week. If anyone wishes to volunteer to help serve, they should contact Melissa or David. It was stressed that only desserts are needed.

Hotline Volunteers: Paula D. asked about a list of volunteers that was previously available and whether this list could be used to obtain volunteers for the phone. Toni T. said this list is now obsolete and that she and Rick T. had already tried calling the names on the list, with no results. Toni T. further stated it is best for an individual meeting to be responsible for the hotline phone on a monthly basis and that this request needs to be brought back to the groups in the hopes that more than only three groups will volunteer. Rick T. stated he would be willing to train anyone who needs to learn more about answering the Hotline phone. Rick also said that the majority of calls are informational, with only a few being of a serious nature. There was a lot of discussion regarding the difficulty of getting groups to volunteer. Marilyn gave examples of why some groups are not coming forward. She said that some meetings are just meeting locations and do not have regular home group members or have too few group members to manage the phone. Neil stated we need to communicate the need for hotline volunteers to all the groups and let them know what is going on. It was stressed that this is one of the most important tasks of Intergroup – to carry the message by means of a “Hotline” phone..

NEW BUSINESS:

Possible New Location for Intergroup:

Jim K. reported he had visited Unity Church in Beverly Hills and found it to be a suitable site for future Intergroup monthly meetings. He stated there was ample parking, the location (off Rt. 491 at Woodview Rd.) is convenient, and the only rent requested is a “love” donation. The reason to look into another possible meeting place for Intergroup is due to a possible rise in liability insurance that would make the Holder location unaffordable. The County has not yet made a final decision on the exact sum required.

Annual Alkathons:

Toni T. asked for four volunteers to handle the annual Alkathons held on Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve. She showed a prototype of the flyer, stating there needs to be meetings from 6:30 pm until 1 am on both nights. Finger foods and snacks will be needed as well. The co-chairpersons can run the Alkathon any way they choose. Pat H. and Martha G. volunteered to co-chair the Christmas Eve Alkathon and Joe L. and Greg H. volunteered to co-chair the New Year’s Eve Alkathon. There was a reminder to contact the County to rent the Holder building for those two nights.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35pm and closed with the Lords Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan B.