

NATURE COAST INTERGROUP MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES SUNDAY, January 27th, 2008

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

ATTENDED: Don G., Martha G., Joan B., Neil S., Greg H., Steve H., Joe L., Debbie O., Julie P., Nanci R., Ed P., Willie M., Sue C., Joann, Bruce, Pauline H., Dave K., Sandy H., Al L., Paula D., Janet B., Jim K., Ron B., Marilyn B., Beverly H., Rick T. and Toni T.

ROLL CALL: Vice Chairperson Martha G. conducted roll call. There were 27 attendees. Seventeen groups were represented.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Prior to reading the minutes, the secretary asked attendees to print clearly on the sign-in sheet, especially with regard to email addresses. The secretary then read the minutes for the meeting of December 16th, 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 & expenses. Sue noted that a \$25 donation to Too Far/Masonic Center had been made; however, upon reflection it could be considered a violation of Tradition 6. In the future, there will no more donations of this kind. There was a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded and the motion passed. Sue C. also said she will be transferring \$1000 from the money market account into the checking account because the checking account is presently at a minus balance. There were questions regarding the two recent Alkathons and Sue agreed to provide detailed reports of these two events at the next Intergroup meeting in February. She will add these items to the "Events" report. There was a question from Paula D. as to why her name is on the report. Sue explained, but also stated this can be corrected for the future, The pink slips used at the office need to say "cash sale" or the "group name" at the top to avoid an individual's name appearing on the report. Sue states she gets the information used on the report directly from the pink slips. There was a question as to why groups cannot charge at the bookstore, and also a question as to why there is more than \$3500 in inventory. These questions were answered.

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

WEBMASTER'S REPORT: Ron B. reported he has posted the information regarding two upcoming events, The Hearts of Hope Dance (Feb. 23) and the Pizza Gala (Mar. 2). Ron also states there is a 12 step radio station and more information can be found by following the link on the website. Ron reported he received information from the drug coalition and forwarded same to Marilyn.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Toni T. stated she attended the Area Assembly in Gainesville and attended two workshops. Toni passed out Tradition checklists to be taken back to the groups and also to be kept at the office bookstore. She said she leaves the decision of whether or not to charge for these checklists to the committee at the bookstore. Also, it was mentioned in discussion that this tradition checklist is downloadable and printable from the aa.org website.

JOURNAL REPORT: Paula D. stated there had been a delay with the January 2008 issue of the newsletter, but that this delay will be resolved for February. Paula D. handed out a report with price reports for various means and methods of printing the journal. The report was discussed. Following discussion, a motion was made to use Office Max for the printing of the journal, since they offer the best price and any color and will deliver when complete. The motion was seconded and the motion

passed. Paula D. further stated that the final copy needs to get to the printer by the first of each month. This means that if anyone needs to have something included in the final copy, she must receive it within 48 hours of the last Intergroup meeting. This means that the last day to receive an anniversary for publication is the last day of the month. At this point, there was discussion as to quantity and distribution of the newsletter. The final decision herewith follows. There will be 300 copies made of the journal – 100 copies to go to St. Benedict's; 100 to the office/bookstore; 50 to Holder; and 50 to the Lutheran Church in Inverness. Individual groups can pick up their copies at the office. (Dunnellon groups can pick up their copies at the office). Paula D. offered to bundle and mark the packets accordingly. Al L. asked if we are printing enough copies. The answer was "yes."

HOTLINE REPORT: Rick T. gave his report. There were 101 total calls. There were 85 AA, 7 Alanon, 2 Alateen, and 7 NA. Rick thanked the Holder group for carrying the phone for the past month.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: Paula D. stated she has formed a committee to handle inventory and sales at the bookstore. She reported that Greg is assisting with the end-of-month inventory. Paula D. stated she is looking at ways to unify the system of ordering and pricing. She further states Martha and Pat help in the office. Paula also stated she added some specialty items to offer for sale (i.e., license plate covers, earrings, etc.). Marilyn B. stated she and Paula had taken a good look at the cash register at the bookstore and decided it does not have sufficient capability to be useful for tracking inventory. They also believe the use of it by volunteers would complicate the process. Sue added that a physical "hands-on" inventory is preferable for the present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Election of Trustees

Further nominations were asked and Ed P. nominated Beverly H. Beverly H. declined the nomination. When no further nominations were forthcoming, the two nominees were voted upon. Both Al L. and Janet B. said they are willing to serve. A vote was taken for each nominee. Both Al L. and Janet B. were unanimously elected to serve as Trustees.

Fundraising Committee

Willie M. has agreed to head this committee. He stated a list of ideas for raising funds that are bylaw-compliant; such as, freedom festival, horse races, bull raising, adding a dance to the alkathon. Toni T. stated someone will be needed to work with Willie to develop these ideas. She further stated we will table this until the Feb. Intergroup meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Copies of the Bylaws

Since it had been voted upon favorably to include Robert's Rules of Orders in the Bylaws, there was a reminder that new copies need to be distributed. Beverly H. stated she wishes more attention would be given to the Bylaws. Toni T. agreed to have the copies ready by the next Intergroup meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:36pm and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan B.