

**NATURE COAST INTERGROUP
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
SUNDAY, February 24th, 2008**

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

ATTENDED: Toni T., Neil S., Martha G., Pauline H., Marilyn B., Beverly H., Julie P., Debbie O., Sandy H., Joann F., Dave K., Janet B., Ed P., Rich S., John B., Rob T., Wayne B., Al L., Jim K., Willie M., Paula D., Rick T., Sue C., Steve H., Cindy H., Walt W., Joan B., Ron B., and John O.

ROLL CALL: Vice Chairperson Martha G. conducted roll call. There were 29 attendees. Twelve groups were represented.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Secretary Joan B. read the minutes for the meeting of January 27th, 2008. Per a reminder from Martha G., a correction to the minutes was made orally, stating the Dunnellon groups can pick up their copies of the newsletter in Holder each month. 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 was asked to explain details of the sales report. Sue restated she obtains her information for the name of purchaser on the sales report from the pink slips generated at the bookstore. Toni T. asked for clarification of total amount of monies in the bank. Sue completed the events accounts summaries to show details of the Alkathons. Marilyn B. made a suggestion to have the Treasurer's report show the costs of goods sold. Marilyn B. added this will add needed clarity to the Treasurer's report, since presently the report appears to show a big profit being made at the bookstore, and this is simply not the case. Sue reminded that items are sold at catalog prices. Sue agreed to add this item. There was a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded. The report was accepted.

TRUSTEES' REPORT: Rick T., Al L., Neil S., and Janet B. were present. Janet B. stated she had carefully reviewed the Bylaws and could not find any mention of a two-year requirement for service at the bookstore. She further stated the Bylaws refer only to a one-year requirement in order to deal with the public, so there appears to be inconsistency. This subject will be discussed under New Business. Rick T. had nothing to report. Al L. and Neil S. stated the audit of finances is complete and has been signed off.

WEBMASTER'S REPORT: Ron B. reported he has added an Intergroup link to the website where the Bylaws and minutes can be viewed. Ron also reports he received a request to publish a link that connects housebound AA members to conference-call "bridge" meetings, and that the area code is long distance. Ron wanted to consult group conscience before placing this link. Beverly H. asked if this link could also be included in the newsletter. Paula D. said she would do so. A motion was made to place this link on the website and in the newsletter with a disclaimer, stating that the first person to call the long-distance number should have free long distance and that way the call will be free to the others who join the conference. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Toni T. gave condolences to Sue C. whose brother recently passed away. Toni T. distributed agendas that will be used at each Intergroup meeting.

JOURNAL REPORT: Paula D. stated there had been a price discrepancy in the printing costs for the newsletter. She further stated she had learned of special discounts for non-profit organizations. Since Intergroup was not approved for credit at Office Max, Paula D. said she would continue to pay for the newsletter out of pocket and be reimbursed by Intergroup. Also, in the "spirit of rotation", she would like to train a volunteer who would take over the newsletter responsibility when she finishes with this service in December. Paula D. asks for anyone who is interested to please contact her. Paula D. stated she has flyers for people to use when making contributions to the newsletter, entitled "How Has Fellowship Changed My Life?" Janet B. cautioned that authorship references in the newsletter be exact for all material in order to avoid the possibility of lawsuits, especially where Hazelden material is concerned. Paula agreed to this suggestion. When individuals submit material, Paula stated she uses only the first name and last initial.

HOTLINE REPORT: Rick T. gave his report. There were 86 total calls. There were 76 AA, 6 Alanon, 2 NA, 1 ride request, and 1 wet drunk who was uncertain, so Rick recommended that her father take her to the Centers.

INVENTORY AND SALES: Paula D. pointed out a display she had brought to Intergroup of many items now on sale at the bookstore. Paula D. further reported she held a committee meeting on February 8, 2008 where various ideas for promoting sales at the bookstore were discussed. Some of the topics were: handling overstocked inventory; selling to other AA Intergroups; figuring the costs of goods sold; having a grab-bag discount on Wednesday where all non-conference approved literature would have a 5-20% discount; selling a "comfort package" (1 large-print Big Book, 1 large-print Daily Reflections, 1 large-print As Bill Sees It, plus a book cover of your choice, for \$32); requiring that special orders have 50% paid up front; and "sale of the month". Paula further stated that profits would come from non-conference approved literature. Conference-approved literature is continuing to be sold at cost (catalog prices). Paula D. also stated the inventory is currently valued at \$2500, but the goal for inventory is \$1800, so we are currently overstocked. Sue C. stated she and Janet B. had conducted a physical inventory on February 23rd and the value was \$2900. She asked Paula for clarification of the difference in amounts. Paula D. stated some items had been marked with incorrect prices and she was correcting this and also putting a reminder about this in the newsletter. There was a motion to accept the Inventory and Sales Report. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fundraising Committee

Toni T. brought up the idea of a combination Founder's Day/4th of July picnic. Willie M. now has one year of sobriety and will chair the Events committee. Marilyn B. suggested a June date (June 8th is Founder's Day), rather than July, since there will be more venues available. Beverly H. suggested holding a dance every month. Another suggestion was to have a dance every 3 months, in order not to "burn out". Willie will be working on these ideas. Willie also suggested having a Gratitude Dinner/Dance, as Ocala currently does. In this way, more revenue will be generated. Also, Toni T. reminded that the Gratitude Dinner needs to be planned early. A motion was made for Willie to locate the place where the Gratitude Dinner can be held and then the details will be finalized on this event. The motion was seconded and the motion passed. Martha G. also reminded that the Holder group is having a picnic in March and that flyers are available to take back to the groups.

NEW BUSINESS:

Books for Meetings

Julie P. asked about whether Intergroup allocates funds for buying Big Books to give to newcomers, since there are many newcomers at the Yana meetings. Toni T. clarified that groups purchase literature individually.

Tangible Taxable Assets

Janet B. says we need to know the value of Intergroup's fixed assets. Sue has a list of office furniture and equipment. Also, she asked all who had donated items to provide the value of same after the meeting.

Bylaws Clarification

Since the Bylaws do not address the volunteers at the office/bookstore, it was decided that for the present we will abide by the motion previously passed. After the office/bookstore trial period is over, we will discuss amending the Bylaws further.

Budget

Al L. pointed out we are having a problem with the budget. Toni T. stated our lease expires in June and we can opt to relocate across the hall into a smaller, less-expensive location, in order to conserve funds. Sue C. suggested we table this discussion for the present.

The meeting adjourned at 5:41 pm and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan B.