

## NATURE COAST INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES

May 31, 2015

Alt-CHAIRPERSON Steve N. opened the meeting with a moment of silence, dedicated to Ruth M., followed by the Serenity Prayer.

P. J. O., substituting for Jen B., took a roll call and six groups were represented: Attitude Adjustment, Crystal River, Real Happy Hour Group, Sober Sandgnats, The Old Firehouse Group and What's the Book Say. A total of 6 groups were represented with a total 14 people in attending.

NEW REPRESENTATIVES: No new representatives present.

SECRETARY: P. J. O. presented the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes were accepted.

TREASURER: Paige B. read the final report for April of 2015 which showed a beginning balance of \$2699.97 and an ending balance of \$2853.54. Upon motion and second, the report was accepted. The draft report for May reported a beginning balance of \$2853.54 and an ending balance of \$2566.24. Final numbers for May will be presented at the next meeting.

TRUSTEES: Sandy H. had nothing to report. Denis reported that he has been busy with activities, things are going well, very pleased with how things are going on the Spring Fling. He extended his thanks to everyone who has been selling tickets, and is interested in looking into ways to promote ticket sales and more attendance at the functions. Janet B. had nothing to report. Bill M. reported he is having some difficulty finding a speaker for the Gratitude Dinner in November and would appreciate any help he can get.

### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

HOTLINE: No report.

WEBMASTER: Steve reported a total of 935 visits for an average of 32 per day, and 705 unique visitors. The top downloads was the Where and When, the Journal and the Home Group Workshop. Steve reported that he began using Google Analytics for the first time this month, which is supposed to give a more useful analysis. Those figures showed 928 sessions by 784 users, averaging 1.5 minutes per visit. 62% of the users never went beyond the home page, which is a relatively high figure. It reflects that we have a good home page, with a lot of information on it. Denis commented that reporting the number of "hits" can be misleading. The number of visits to site is more important. Separating out the number of people from the number of visits could also be helpful.

JOURNAL: Lynn G. reported that the next issue of the Journal will be a combined issue for June and July; she is pushing to get it out next week. There will be some last minute information regarding the Founders' Day Breakfast. The next issue after this will be in August. She extended her thanks to all those who contribute to the Journal.

EVENTS: Lynn D. reported that Spring Fling at Floral Park in Floral City was held on May 3, 2015, from 1pm to 4pm. Over 100 attended, hamburgers and hot dogs were provided. An assortment of dishes was brought by attendees so everyone had plenty of food to enjoy. People had a chance to catch up with people they may have not seen in a while and to enjoy horseshoes and perfect weather. Adding a speaker for next year is being considered. Preparations for the Founder's Day Breakfast are in place. We have approximately 30 volunteers who are ready to shop, prep food, cook, set up and take down. Ticket sales are moderate at this time. We are expecting a good turnout. We ask that all reps here today, announce the event at your groups. Encourage people who know they are attending and plan to purchase their tickets at the door to let us know by e-mail at [floridadistrict28@gmail.com](mailto:floridadistrict28@gmail.com) so we can purchase food more accurately. Picnic in the Park on August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015 is our next event. We are looking for a chair person for the event. We would like to begin planning this event next month. The Gratitude Dinner Committee has been meeting on a regular basis and plans are coming along nicely. In June and July locations for our Fall and Winter events will be secured. Suggestions as to where we could hold these events are welcome.

CHAIRPERSON: Rick T. was unable to attend but had given some information to Steve to pass along. There was a small fire at Our Lady of Fatima Church on a Monday night recently, but it was several hours after the AA meeting. Some wires were burned above the cigarette disposal bucket. The Church is asking about insurance on the group; this does not affect NCI. Home groups are autonomous. The Monday group has no insurance. Rick is speaking to the people at the Church. We question whether the smoking bucket had anything to do with the fire. Let the groups know that if smoking is permitted on the premises, please be careful.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business. Comments were solicited. Paige commented that we have energetic, talented people in the District that we need to get more involved in projects. Steve suggested that it is important to get input from people in advance of meetings so items can be placed on the Agenda and attract interest. Denis suggested that if people who have reporting responsibilities know they will not be able to attend a meeting, please have a report and make arrangements for someone else to present it. Also, we need to follow up on Hotline information to see if people are being properly served. Call Forwarding on cell phones can be very effective in making sure callers actually reach someone; rotating responsibility for carrying the phone can be scheduled.

Paige pointed out that the tri-fold NCI Information Brochure was outdated and needed to be revised. Likewise, the business card. A motion was made and seconded that a committee be established to update the brochure and card. After discussion the motion was called for vote and passed.

With regard to the Journal, it was acknowledged that Lynn is doing an excellent job. We can help her out by submitting articles and other contributions.

On another matter, Paige pointed out that the Home Groups, NCI and District could keep the overall costs of literature and shipping down if they coordinated and combined their AA literature orders. A procedure for doing this could be established.

Steve asked that the minutes of this meeting reflect the recommendation to Chairperson Rick that the Agenda for the next NCI meeting include, under New Business: Reporting responsibilities and procedures for Committee chairpersons; modification of Hotline policies; and establishing a central source and system for the placement of AA literature orders.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE, SECONDED AND PASSED AT 5: 20 p.m.