

Nature Coast Intergroup - July 16, 2017

Call to Order: 4:30

Serenity Prayer

Roll Call: 14 groups represented: Attitude Adjustment, Crystal River, Freedom House, Holder Way of Life, Inverness Wed., Keep in Step, Monday Night Men, No Name Chassahowitzka, Old Firehouse, Sober Nooners, Sober Sand Gnats, Women's Friendship, YPG.

Officers Reports:

Secretary: minutes for July moved, seconded and accepted as read.

Treasurer:

Report for **July** summary:

Beginning Balance:	\$ 5,502.71	check book
Total Income:	\$ 420.78	
Total Expense:	\$ 481.97	
Net Income:	\$ -61.19	
Ending Balance	\$ 5,441.52	check book
Cash on Hand:	\$ 50.00	
Final Balance:	\$ 5,491.52	

The percentage of groups contributing is higher than it has ever been.

Moved, Seconded and Accepted as presented.

Trustees:

Janet: Currently working to find groups to carry the hotline, Attitude Adjustment has it for September. Doing ticket sales for the picnic.

Denis: Grateful that all is going well; all pieces of the puzzle are fitting well.

Bill M.: Nothing special to report. What is the prudent reserve? \$5000 is the current.

Sandy: Two events went well and people were very happy with the outcome. Regrets will have to miss the next Events meeting.

Standing Committee Reports

Hotline:

From July 2nd to July 31st, the Sober Sand Gnats have received 71 phone calls. 53 looking for meetings, one wanting to talk, one needed a ride (multiple times), one

twelve step call, one looking for Alateen, one employer wanting to get employee sober, one mom wanting to get daughter sober, one looking for a lawyer, one wanting to know the difference between AA and NA, one lady from Tampa looking for the webmaster to post flyer on website, 5 looking for contacts in their area, and 54 looking for meetings.

I want to thank Lorraine T. for getting the Hot Line back to John H. I don't know what happened to the group that I thought was going to take the Hot Line for August. Dean B.

Women to Women have the phone for August.

Mid September is proposed for a meeting of folks who are interested in reviewing the procedures of the Hot Line. Contact John H. for details.

Web Site: Nature Coast Intergroup August 2017 Web Report

In the month of July there were 5,455 visits to the website by 2,946 unique visitors who saw a total of 10,826 pages or 1.98 pages per visit. The 10 most visited pages after the Start Page were Where and When, Meeting by Day, AA History, Workshop Topics, Meetings General, Journal, Meeting by Location, Calendar, Contact, and Responsibility Statement. Meetings by day in order were Thursday, Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday, Monday, Friday, and Wednesday. Meetings by location in order were Inverness, Lecanto, Chassahowitzka, Dunnellon, Floral City, Hernando, Homosassa, Inglis, Wahoo, Beverly Hills, and Crystal River. 38.17% of the visitors used desktops, 55.86% phones and 5.96% used tablets. The bounce rate was good at 42.35%. For the few remaining "hitsters", there were a total of 58,179 hits in July. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Steve N.

Journal: Online Journal can be viewed on www.ncintergroup.com. New issue for August/September is on the website. Denis has a box of printed journals. Paige has volunteered to be Sue's proof reader. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Sue

Events: **August 12th** next planning meeting for Picnic in the Park, Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, Citrus Springs at 1:30. All welcome.

PICNIC IN THE PARK: SEPTEMBER 23rd Rainbow Springs, Felburn Pavillion, accessible for those with ambulatory difficulties. Tickets and flyers are available today. Seats 100 people, need volunteers to set up and clean up tables and chairs.

Dell and Lacy will do the cooking. 6 electrical outlets available.

Rich: Tickets do not have the time on them; suggest you write in noon to 4:00. 300 tickets will be distributed today and more can be printed.

Gratitude Dinner ideas are being discussed; looks to be too expensive for an outdoor event for \$300 with a rented tent / seated. St. Benedict's auditorium is under

consideration for the Gratitude Dinner. Any other recommendations should be to Mike before the August 12th meeting.

Grill rental, large enough to serve the numbers, would be \$50/event rented from ACE.

Mike F. Grateful to serve

Alt. Chair: I attended the 61st Florida State Convention in Jacksonville and had a great time. Due to my responsibilities in the Archives room I was not able to get to all the speaker meetings and workshops I had wanted to, but I had a great time none the less meeting a lot of people from Jacksonville, the ability to help where and when as needed, and test my limits of service to AA. Watching 2500 people enjoy themselves, volunteer, and serve was a God thing in itself. It is an event I wish everyone in AA could experience. Yours in service, Dean B, Alt Chair

Chair Report: (Attached in its entirety in separate pdf)

Old Business: Tabled purchasing a grill in lieu of renting when needed. ACE rental: large commercial size grill available with gas for \$50/event.

New Business: Encourage your group to adopt the safety statement of AA to be read at their meeting. Discussion followed. Moved and seconded to adopt the safety statement to be read for the Intergroup Meeting. Passed unanimously. (Article 7 will need to be revised to include this next month.)

Motion to Close: 5:35 PM unanimously accepted. Closing Prayer.

Lorraine Taft, grateful to serve as Secretary

Nature Coast Intergroup Chair Report August 2017

Thank you for allowing this alcoholic to serve as your chair. I had the privilege of attending the 61st State Convention and will share with you insights I gained over that three day example of AA in action. First I want to thank Dean B for the great Archives presentation of AA in our District and Intergroup area. I will over the next few months share some of the insights I gained at the convention for those of you who were unable to attend. There were too many to share all at once so here is this month's thoughts:

- "We're sorry to hear that you're disappointed with the results you don't get from the work you didn't do."
- "The traditions are not designed to do it the easy way.... The traditions are the list of AA's biggest mistakes between 1935 and their publication."
- "Everybody has a gift in Alcoholics Anonymous - but everybody's gift is different."
- "70% of the countries in the world that now have AA, the message was first brought by Canadian or U.S. military servicemen. We owe it to these men to now serve the veterans returning home in recent years. PTSD treatments are useless unless the underlying alcoholism is addressed."
- "A growing problem with AA is 'too many meetings.' The myth that 'all you need to do to start a meeting is have a resentment and buy a coffee pot' is diluting the number of dollars available for the home group which is the foundation of the service structure. We have become a 'meeting maker' society instead of a 'home group society.' We judge a meeting by what happens between the Serenity Prayer and the Lord's Prayer. Our Home groups should be judged by what happens between the Lord's Prayer and the Serenity Prayer."
- "The last election is the most divisive in AA's history. Your politics and its T-shirts do not belong in the rooms and parking lots of AA. AA must come before all of that. Helping a newcomer does not depend upon what or who he or she voted for. The same is true about Facebook pages of those who are in service. The shirts and comments and talk of politics crosses the line. We owe newcomers better than that. It is an outside versus inside issue."
- "I am so crazy sober, how did I ever survive when I was drinking?"
- "Why do I come to the home group? Because my life depends upon it and other lives depend upon it."
- "I am not afraid of getting drunk and dying. I am afraid of getting drunk and living."
- "Every time I am looking for God, all I have to do is connect with one of his kids."

More will be revealed in future missives.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Steve N.