

Nature Coast Intergroup - October 8, 2017 (September and October Reports)

Call to Order: 4:30

Serenity Prayer

Roll Call: 12 groups represented: Attitude Adjustment, Crystal River, Freedom House, Holder Way of Life, Keep in Step, Monday Night Men, No Name Chassahowitzka, Old Firehouse, Rainbow Group, Sober Nooners, Sober Sand Gnats, Women's Friendship.

Officers Reports:

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

Treasurer:

Report for **August** summary:

Beginning Balance:	\$ 5,441.52	check book
Total Income:	\$ 1,057.70	
Total Expense:	\$ 977.06	
Net Income:	\$ 80.64	
Ending Balance	\$ 5,522.16	check book
Cash on Hand:	\$ 50.00	
Final Balance:	\$ 5,572.16	

Moved, Seconded and Accepted as presented.

Report for **September** summary:

Beginning Balance:	\$ 5,522.16	
Total Income:	\$ 50.00	
Total Expense:	\$ 454.68	
Net Income:	\$ -404.68	
Ending Balance:	\$ 5,117.48	(check book)
Cash on Hand:	\$ 50.00	
Final Balance:	\$ 5,167.48	

Moved, Seconded and Accepted as presented.

Trustees:

Janet: Didn't do well selling tickets for the Picnic in the Park. Concern regarding the Hot Line: John H is chair person for hotline. The communication over the passing of the hotline is ineffective. The hotline needs to go from group to group, not individual to individual, and there has been another failure in the chain.

Denis: Picnic was great, thanks to Lacy and Dell for cooking, and all the volunteers.

Bill M.: Nothing to report.

Sandy: Reminded meeting of the rules of procedure. The picnic went well and everyone had a good time.

Standing Committee Reports

Hotline: The hotline has not been passed on so John H. will call the hotline to talk with the person who has the cell phone and will resolve the issue.

Web Site:

5,582 visits were made in August and 5,137 visits were made in September to the site with 2,204 unique individuals visiting the site during this two month period viewing 25,444 pages or 2.35 pages per visit.

The top pages visited in order were: (1) General meetings (2) Meetings by location, (3) Meetings by day [order of days - Monday, Sunday, Saturday,

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday] (4) Calendar, (5) Journal (6) Minutes, (7) District, (8) Young People in AA, (9) What's a meeting like (10) contact us.

The top downloads were (1) where and when (2) workshop topics (3) responsibility statement (4) journal (5) legacies (6) Traditions.mp4 (6) Picnic in Park flyer (7) archives link, (8) contributions (9) archived journals (10) audio Big Book

42% of our users accessed from a desktop, 51% from phones and 7% from tablets meaning at least 58% of our users were on mobile devices. The bounce rate (goal 60% or below) was a great 41%.

For those of you into hits there were 110,564 hits so Russian Trolls were active and bots were byting and the spiders were spying. Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Steve Northsea, NCI Webmaster

Journal: Online Journal can be viewed on www.ncintergroup.com. This is your Journal, and personal contributions for the Journal are really appreciated. Material can be emailed to Sue at (news@ncintergroup.com), or brought to the monthly Intergroup Meeting. New issue for October/November is on the website, printed copies are available at meetings. Grateful for the opportunity to serve. Sue

Events: Sunday, October 14th is the first planning meeting for the Gratitude Dinner and will be held at the Serenity Club at Noon. All welcome.

Picnic in the Park was a great event. 101 people were there. Thanks to everyone who helped out at the Picnic in the Park. Lacy and Dell manned the grill. 50/50 was \$168, split with the winner.

Gratitude Dinner will be held November 19th. Groups are needed to donate cooked ham and/or turkey. We are starting to set up at 1:00, doors open at 4:00, eat at 5:00, and 6:00 speaker. Small event is being held by the Church in the morning. At 10:30 help is needed to reset the room for our dinner. Tony the janitor, needs 8 to 10 people to be there at 10:30 to break down early event and set up the tables for our service. Those folks can leave after that. We will set up the room for the dinner, decorations, place settings etc. starting at 1:00.

Gratitude Dinner planning will be held at Serenity Club at St. Benedicts on Sunday the 15th at noon; planning meetings will be held each weekend until the dinner.

Flyer will go out to Intergroup Reps to share with their meetings tonight asking for meat donations, call or email fitzgeraldm004@yahoo.com or 352-697-9700 to confirm what meat your group will bring and to offer help.

Mike F. , Grateful to serve

Alt. Chair:

I attended the August 12th and September 16th Event Committee meetings. Great to see the Committee working together and everybody working for the same cause. The Picnic in the Park turned out to be a great event and even after the reschedule I was extremely surprised by such a large turnout. The Felburn Pavilion was such a great location with lights and ceiling fans.

I am looking forward to the upcoming Grapevine 'Record Your Story' Workshop next Saturday, October 14th.

Hey, I attended a great meeting in Jacksonville on the beach in August. I had asked the chairperson if it was a registered meeting and if they had a GSR. He replied that it was registered with GSO but the Trusted Servants just show up to make sure the meeting is there. At first I thought it was a Young Person's Meeting as the greater percentage in attendance was under 30 years of age. It was a great meeting, AA was spoken there, and in lieu of chips they gave out shells. Pretty neat.

Janet has presented our Archives with a Rx note dated 1937 - signed by Dr. Bob, his prescription for alcoholics.

Yours in service, Dean

Chair Report:

Once again and then again, I have been asked; "Is Nature Coast Intergroup a part of A.A.?"

Nature Coast Intergroup is entirely dependent on the AA groups and individuals for its continuing operation. Your group can participate by selecting an Intergroup Representative to represent your group.

IG Reps meet on the 1st Sunday (holidays permitting) of every month at 4:30 PM in the Holder Community Center. Any AA member can attend.

As an A.A. member you can support NCI by volunteering. NCI has no paid workers, all of the services are provided by volunteers.

Nor is NCI a governing body and does not attempt to, nor can it, rule any AA Group. Its sole purpose is to act as a clearinghouse for the convenience of members and groups desiring assistance, and to extend the Twelve Step Work "carrying the message" to the sick alcoholic. NCI office is supported entirely by contributions from groups, usually a specified amount each month or at intervals throughout the year.

In turn NCI's mission is to help A.A. groups within its service area (Citrus County and surrounding cities) carry the A.A. message. NCI helps coordinate and facilitate communication and cooperation among individual A.A. groups, area 12-step and other committees, and components of the A.A. service structure, especially District 28. NCI provides needed services that are beyond the scope and ability of any individual A.A. group, and is at all times responsible to the groups it serves.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Steve N., NCI Chairperson

Old Business:

Motion to Adopt AA Safety Statement as Safety Statement of NCI and that it be read at each NCI business meeting following the Serenity Prayer.

"Our group endeavors to provide a safe meeting place for all attendees and encourages each person here to contribute to fostering a secure and welcoming environment in which our meetings can take place. As our Traditions remind us, the formation and operation of an A.A. group resides with the group conscience. Therefore, we ask that group members and others refrain from any behavior which might compromise another person's safety. Also, please take the precautions you feel are necessary to ensure your own personal safety, for example, walking to your car in a group after a meeting. If a situation should arise where someone feels their safety is in jeopardy, or the situation breaches the law, the individuals involved should take appropriate action. Calling the proper authorities does not go against any A.A. Traditions and is recommended when someone may have broken the law or endangered the safety of another person." This is a modification of Article Seven Order of Business of our by-laws

and was tabled at the August meeting. This meeting is designated a special meeting to modify bylaws and the motion was discussed and voted upon.

Motion to adopt the Safety Statement to be read after the Serenity Prayer at each meeting: 4 members objected, viewing this as a precedent that might inspire fear, and not be seen as having a positive effect. It was determined that each group could be encouraged to adopt this within their format should they choose to. The motion for NC Intergroup to adopt this was defeated 6 to 4.

New Business: Terry: Holder Tuesday, a closed meeting, has had two meetings where attendees ordered through the court would not id as alcoholics. The meeting resolved those situations. They request the Information Officer contact the judicial system to explain that people who are not alcoholics be sent only to open meetings. Courts have been informed in the past, but the information does not seem to be retained. It is recommended that a member of the closed group take the person aside and explain the closed vs open meeting, simply as “ at a closed meeting an attendee must state they have the desire to stop drinking” per AA’s 3rd Tradition.

Motion to Close: 6:45PM moved and unanimously accepted. Closing Prayer.

Lorraine Taft, grateful to serve as Secretary