

Nature Coast Intergroup Minutes - December 3, 2017

Call to Order: 4:30

Serenity Prayer

Roll Call: 7 groups represented: Crystal River, Freedom House, Keep in Step, No Name Chassahowitzka, Old Firehouse, Sober Sand Gnats, Women's Friendship

Officers Reports:

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

Treasurer:

Report for **December** summary:

Beginning Balance:	\$ 6,437.76	check book
Total Income:	\$ 1,248.37	
Total Expense:	\$ 732.35	
Net Income:	\$ 516.02	
Ending Balance	\$ 6,953.78	check book
Cash on Hand:	\$ 50.00	
Final Balance:	\$ 7,003.78	

Moved, Seconded and Accepted as presented.

Trustees:

Janet: Absent

Denis: Spoke with Our Lady of Fatima and they will reconsider renting to Intergroup for 2018 Gratitude Dinner if we pay the custodian to supervise the event and the clean up. Denis has the authority to represent Intergroup with Fatima, exploring the possibility of holding this event there in 2018.

Bill M.: Resign his position of trustee for his second year, he has someone willing to stand in.

Sandy: Heard lots of good about the Gratitude Dinner. Thank you to all who worked on it, especially for the work in setting up food by Sue and Sheila.

Standing Committee Reports

Hotline: Nothing much going on in the hotline. Everything is smooth. Calls have been running around 8 to 10 to 12 weekly. Mostly information about meetings, 1 or 2 need a ride. Easy stuff. Thinking we might need to make an effort to find people

willing to take someone to a meeting. Our resources are running thin. That's all, folks. See Y'all Tuesday nite in Inglis. John H.

Question: Could we have a report on which group has the Hotline each time?

Web Site: NCI December Website Report 2017

4,938 visits were made in November by 3,082 unique individuals visiting the site during this period viewing 8940 pages or 1.8 pages per visit.

The top pages visited in order were: (1) AA history (2) where and when (3) general meetings (4) meetings by Location, (5) Meetings by day [order of days - Monday, Tuesday, Sunday, Saturday, Friday, Thursday, Wednesday,] (7) Calendar, (8)

What's a meeting like (9) What's a meeting like (10) contact us.

The top downloads were (1) AA history (2) where and when (3) Responsibility Statement (3) Traditions.mp4 (4) journal (5) Grapevine workshop flyer (6) workshop topics (7) legacies (8) contributions (9) 12 Questions (10) hot line phone number.

39.46% of our users accessed from a desktop, 53.65% from phones and 6.89% from tablets meaning at least 58% of our users were on mobile devices. The bounce rate (goal 60% or below) was 53.44%. For those of you into hits there were 59,561 hits. For their information A Hit actually refers to the number of files downloaded on your site, this could include photos, graphics, etc. Picture the average web page, it has photos (each photo is a file and hence a hit) and lots of buttons (each button is a file and hence a hit). On average, each page will include 15 hits.

I have been requested by several Citrus County members to make our site accessible by the phone app MeetingGuide and the site MeetingGuide.org. This app is a way to find meetings when you are on the go. The project is an attempt to standardize meeting information so that it's always readily available on your device, up to date, and clearly and consistently formatted. Additionally, the apps provide tools such as easy links to driving directions and tools to share meetings by email or text message.

The closest meetings accessed in the app are in Hernando County, obviously none in Citrus. In order to get our meetings on the app we need to develop a different online where and when based upon a data base which we will keep updating. This is because Meeting information changes constantly. This system updates its database by scanning the latest information from compatible official area websites twice daily.

If this NC Intergroup wishes me to do that then I will ask for some help creating the data base from our current where and when, learn to build a data based page and let the site know we want to be included. It will take some time to do all this, however.

Thank you for allowing me to serve, Steve N, NCI Webmaster
(See the attached “Traditions and Meeting Guide APP” for further details. **Please talk with your group to find out the level of interest in joining this. It will take about 4 months to implement.**)

Journal: Online Journal can be viewed on www.ncintergroup.com. New issue for December/January is on the website. Box of printed journals is available. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Sue

The North Florida Area Conference address is incorrect in the Journal and should read: 5703 Red Bug Lake Rd. Unit 241, Winter Springs, FL 32708

Events: The Gratitude Meeting was well attended and flowed smoothly. It was a great event, thank you to everyone who helped out. Approximately 249 people attended per the tickets.

Tentative future dates:

Chili Cookoff, 2/10/18 booked at Calvary Chapel Baptist Church Inverness \$3 at the door; no insurance needed, \$100 donation to the church. Lorraine will send out the flyer when she receives it.

Spring Fling April 21;

Founders Day June 9th at CR Baptist Church;

Picnic in the Park September 8th Rainbow Springs;

Gratitude Dinner November 18th.

Events Committee Meeting Jan 6th at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Citrus Springs from 1:30 to 2:30. Mike is exploring other venues for events.

Mike F. Grateful to serve

Alt. Chair: Good evening. I'm Dean and I'm an alcoholic. First and foremost I would like to thank Mike, his committee, and all the volunteers that made the Gratitude Dinner such a wonderful event. It was so nice to see all working together so well. I would like to thank all the groups that donated turkeys and hams, and the people that made all the side dishes and desserts. In my three years here I have never seen so much food or people having a good time reacquainting with friends they hadn't seen in a while.

The displays that were there were also wonderful, and I have a dilemma. I hope Denis, Steve, anyone, can help me. Being the District Archives Service coordinator, I also have NCI Archives even though the position is not part of our intergroup, yet we have items from people donated as Intergroup Archives. Does anyone know what is what or is District Archives also grouped as NCI/District 28 Archives?

And now a few thoughts for December:

Being reminded that to me the 12th Step is a three part step, I cannot fully benefit from the Grace of God without doing, practicing, or living the other eleven in order to carry the message to another alcoholic, and in the type of person I am between the Lord's Prayer ending a meeting and the Serenity Prayer at the beginning of my next meeting.

In Tradition 12, I always have to ask myself just what "*principles do I place before personalities*"? Just how important am I?

Thank you for trusting me to serve,

Dean B.

Chair Report: Nature Coast Intergroup Chair Report November 2017

Thank you for allowing this alcoholic to serve as your chair. I had the privilege of attending the Gratitude dinner and offer grace. Congratulations to the events chair, committee, all volunteers. all groups who contributed hams or turkeys, and the individual ticket holders who brought food. What a great event this was!

Many asked me at the dinner for a copy of the grace of gratitude based upon the words in the big book on the steps and I am including it in this report for those interested.

“God, we express tonight our gratitude for removing from us our denial about alcoholism. We thank you for healing our spirit and restoring our sanity. We are grateful that you allow us to see and follow your will. We thank you for the strength to honestly take stock of our lives, for giving us the strength to complete our housecleaning with you and with another, thus placing us on the broad highway walking hand in hand with the Spirit of the Universe. We express our gratitude tonight for your help in calming our fears as we became willing for you to remove our defects of character and we thank you for your grace in removing those obstacles to our recovery. Thank you for revealing to us the harms of our behavior and granting us the desire to make amends. We thank you for the right attitude we were given by you to make amends and the wisdom you granted not to harm others in the process. We thank you for healing the hurts we have done to others and we thank you for healing the hurts done to us. We are grateful you allow us, through the program of Alcoholics Anonymous, to grow in understanding; thereby giving us the ability to correct mistakes as we make them. Thank you for allowing us to daily renew our connection with you, clearing us of the confusions of life and freeing us of the chains of self-will. Thank you for the guidance of correct thought and the ability to do the next right thing as we encounter opportunities to pass on what you have so graciously given us to others both in and out of the fellowship. Thank you for granting us inner strength and wisdom to practice the principles of a sober life in all we do and say. Bless this food that it will nourish us as we choose this better way to live. Amen.”

In order to preserve continuity, two (2) Trustees shall be elected every year by the general membership at the Annual Meeting (our regular January meeting) with a total of four (4) Trustees. Last year Janet B was elected for a one year term as trustee and we need a trustee election at the annual meeting in January. We will be accepting nominations for that position today so they can be published in the minutes. Denis S's 2-year term will also expire so we will also be accepting nominations for that position. That means we have two trustee positions to fill next month. I could not find term limits for trustees so both Janet and Denis are eligible to run again if they so chose. Bill also is resigning and has found a person to fill

that. Any changes to the Board of Trustees shall be filed with the Corporations Annual Report/Uniform Business Report.

I want to close with a quote I read this month in an article entitled, "Secret of A.A.: After 75 Years We Still Don't Know How It Works" I believe the man's thoughts were obviously true in my case.

"In my 20 years of treating addicts, I've never seen anything else that comes close to the 12 steps," says Drew Pinsky, the addiction-medicine specialist who hosts VH1's Celebrity Rehab. "In my world, if someone says they don't want to do the 12 steps, I know they aren't going to get better."

The January NFAC Assembly is coming up and as they have traditionally done, in January they will have, as their guest, a member of the staff from the General Service Office. Their guest this time will be Julio E. Julio's sobriety date is 2/1/93 and his home group is the Morningside Heights Beginners in Manhattan. He started working at G.S.O. in July of 2001 and started on the corrections desk. Since then he has served on several desks; Group Services, Public Information, International, Literature, Regional Forums, staff coordinator and currently, Nominating. At 4:30 on Saturday, Julio will update us on interesting happenings at the General Service Office and at 8:00 Saturday night, he will share his story with us.

Also, as is traditional, after wrapping up the Traditions last year, Area will begin study of the concepts. At 1:30 on Saturday, we will have kickoff presentation especially planned for us by the members of District 4. Expect it will be an informative and entertaining event. You can follow our delegate Joyce C on twitter at [delegate_a14p67](#).

Also our delegate has sent us a manuscript update concerning the lawsuit over the original manuscript of the big book with handwritten markups by Bill W. It reads, "Excerpt from Affidavit of Greg T. in Support of Motion to Discontinue: "A.A.W.S. has determined that it is no longer in the organization's best interest to continue to engage in protracted litigation. A.A.'s principles call for pacifism and the avoidance of controversy and conflict where possible, and given that the protracted nature of this dispute has become clear these principles are at play."

At the January Assembly the Intergroup workshop will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2018 from 10-11 AM in Lakeview South at the Wyndham Gardens Gainesville and will be led by District 28's own Paula D.

Happy Sober Holidays to all of you!

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Steve N., Chair

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Nominations for two trustees: Denis is willing to serve, Chuck M has volunteered to fill in for Bill; Lynn D. for a 2 year.
2. Secretary Computer - no action taken
3. Nature Coast Intergroup Proposed Monthly Business Meeting Schedule for 2018 Motion to approve, seconded, and unanimously accepted

Sunday January 7, 2018 4:30 PM Holder Community Center

Sunday February 4, 2018 4:30 PM Holder Community Center

Sunday March 4, 2018 4:30 PM Holder Community Center

Sunday April 8, 2018 4:30 PM Holder Community Center

Sunday May 6, 2018 4:30 PM Holder Community Center

Sunday June 3, 2018 4:30 PM Holder Community Center

Sunday July 1, 2018 4:30 PM Holder Community Center

Sunday August 5, 2018 4:30 PM Holder Community Center

Sunday September 9, 2018 4:30 PM Holder Community Center

Sunday October 7, 2018 4:30 PM Holder Community Center

Sunday November 4, 2018 4:30 PM Holder Community Center

Sunday December 2, 2018 4:30 PM Holder Community Center

4. Mike F. nominated to serve as the Alternate Treasurer.

Motion to Close: 5:30 PM unanimously accepted. Closing Prayer.

Lorraine T. , Secretary