

## Nature Coast Intergroup Minutes - January 7, 2017

Call to Order: 4:30

Serenity Prayer

**Roll Call:** 11 groups represented: Attitude Adjustment, Crystal River, Freedom House, Holder Way of Life, Keep in Step, Monday Night Men's, No Name Chassahowitzka, Old Firehouse, Sober Sand Gnats, What's the Book Say, Women's Friendship  
Two new representatives welcomed: What's the Book Say: Connie H and Old Firehouse: Jerry K.

### **Officers Reports:**

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

### **Treasurer:**

Report for **December** summary:

Beginning Balance:	\$ 6,953.78	check book
Total Income:	\$ 182.50	
Total Expense:	\$ 296.77	
Net Income:	\$ -114.27	
Ending Balance	\$ 6,929.51	check book
Cash on Hand:	\$ 50.00	
Final Balance:	\$ 6,979.51	

**Filed as presented subject to audit.**

### **Trustees:**

Janet: This is Janet's last meeting as trustee. It's been 7 years and I've enjoyed it. Group thanked her for her years of service.

Denis: Chair for the Chili Cookoff: will need people to be a success, please encourage your group to submit chili, and encourage attendance.

Bill M.: Soliciting groups to take the Hotline and haven't heard back.

Sandy: Open House last month had low attendance, the goodies were delicious and the few people there had a good time.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

**Hotline:** November had 2-3 meeting calls daily and a few more than that for December. As more people were coming to visit family, more people were looking

for meetings. 3 problematic calls from people who were beyond our scope of ability. Our advice to the caller was to try to determine if the person was potentially dangerous to themselves and if so to have them Baker Acted to get them out of a dangerous situation. That would be somewhat extreme, but under dangerous circumstances, a viable alternative.

In closing, please announce at meetings about this being an opportunity for service and to please get in touch with me or the answering service. I can be reached at 847.331.8106.

Thank y'all for allowing me to serve.

John H. Hotline Chair

**Web Site:** Web Report January 7, 2018 for December 2017 Usage

The Nature Coast Intergroup website received 5,810 visits during the month of December, a total of 3,594 unique visitors. They visited 9,926 pages for an average of 1.7 pages per visit. There were approximately a total of 63,042 hits. The most visited pages were Where and When, AA History, General Meeting, Information Links, Audio AA, AA for You, Meetings by Location, Newcomer, Workshop Topics, Journal and Monday meeting schedule. The most downloaded documents were where and when.pdf, responsibility.pdf, workshop\_topics.pdf, journal.pdf, Grapevine flyer.pdf, legacies.pdf, AA History.pdf, traditions.pdf, traditions.mp3, and, Hot Line Phone Number.pdf. 49.38% of users used mobile devices, 41.15% used desktops and 9.48% used tablets. 62% of the visitors were new and 18% were returning. The year end total number of visits was 40,098 by 12,613 unique visitors viewing 64,770 pages or 1.6 pages per visit on average.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Steve N, webmaster

**Journal:** Online Journal can be viewed on [www.ncintergroup.com](http://www.ncintergroup.com). New issue for February/March is in the works. Box of printed journals is available. Sue and Lorraine worked together to clarify the confusion around submission of anniversaries and Lorraine sent out a note to Intergroup Reps. Remembering the dates for the publication (next one is February/March) and sending the anniversaries for those two months in a timely manner to Sue will get them published in the Journal. Sue can be emailed at ([news@ncintergroup.com](mailto:news@ncintergroup.com)). This is automatically forwarded to her personal email.

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

**Events:** The Events Committee met at the Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church in Citrus Springs Saturday January 6<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 1:30 pm. It was attended by Denis S., Sheila S., and Dean B. The plans for the Chili Cookoff Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> 2018 at the Calvary Chapel in Inverness were discussed. The suggested donation will be \$3 at the door, no tickets will be printed or sold. Denis S. is the Chairperson for the event. PJ has accepted the invitation to speak. Dean B. will help at the door and Meg will be doing the 50/50. Judging of the chili will be by peoples' choice. Sheila and Denis will help with setup and will need volunteers to assist not only in setup but in cleaning up. There will be prizes for the top 3 contenders. Sheila will look for trophies or ribbons for the event. Dean B. will be the AC (not MC. MC is 'Master of Ceremonies', he is more an 'Amateur of Ceremonies').

Rich M. volunteered to chair the Spring Fling.

Founder's day in June at the First Baptist Church in Crystal River was discussed. A Chairperson is needed for this event. Marilyn B. will be doing a laser display and Dean will discuss that with her.

Next Events Meeting will be held **February 3rd**, at Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church in Citrus Springs at 1:30.

Yours in service,

Dean B. substituting for Mike F

**Alt. Chair:** I'm Dean and I'm an alcoholic. I didn't think I had anything to report this month. Recently I have had a rough time physically and the holidays, though wonderful, were not as I had hoped. I felt I had accomplished very little. Today I sit and think of all the gifts I have been given this year by the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous and how grateful for the opportunities to grow, the meetings I've attended, the places I've been, the people I've met, the challenges I've overcome. Service was instilled in me from the very beginning of my journey in Alcoholics Anonymous and I have to remember that just showing up is the most basic form of Service. Humility, in its most basic form is walking into a room of Alcoholics Anonymous, showing that I can't do this alone, and that I have today the most wonderful day of my life.

I attended the Events Committee meeting on January 6th at the Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church in Citrus Springs with Denis S., and Sheila S.

Thank you for trusting me to serve, Dean B.

**Chair Report:** January 2018 Chair Report

I just would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the officers, chairs, committee members, Intergroup Reps, and volunteers for all of their service in 2017. This has been a great year and it is an honor to be able to serve as chair where so many give back so much to AA in Citrus County. In AA's Legacy of Service Bill W. says, "“Our Twelfth Step – carrying the message – is the basic service that the A.A. Fellowship gives; this is our principle aim and the main reason for our existence.” Bill W. goes on to say that is more than just a set of principles. Rather, it is a society of alcoholics in action.

Service is actually the Third Legacy of A. A. – following behind Recovery, the First Legacy, and Unity, the Second Legacy. As the pamphlet states: “Service to others and to the Fellowship reminds us that we owe our sobriety to the work of earlier members, and that our continued sobriety may depend on the hundreds of thousands who still need to learn of A.A.”

The simplest explanation of what it means to be of service to others in recovery in AA is that you’re ready to help someone in recovery who’s in need — anytime and anywhere. And as far as I am concerned there is no better example of that than the folks right here in this meeting of Nature Coast Intergroup.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Steve N

Chair

Old Business: none

New Business:

1. Election of Three Trustees - nominated last month were Denis S., Chuck M., Lynn D.

Chuck's name was removed for consideration as he was not present.

Connie H. was nominated to fill a 2 year trustee. Unanimously accepted

Lynn D. had been nominated to fill a 2 year trustee. Unanimously accepted

Linda A. was nominated for the one year position. Unanimously accepted.

2. Secretary computer: proposed purchasing a computer for the secretary to use, which would rotate with the secretary's rotation. Moved and seconded, discussion followed. It would be a lap top, portable to be used at meetings, with the appropriate software. This will allow the secretary's position to be held by anyone regardless of their ownership of a computer. Moved, seconded and unanimous that Steve, Webmaster will have the authority to purchase.

3. Audit Committee: Sandy H. will chair and Paige B. will work with her to set up the date.

4. 50/50 has an ending balance of \$514 and this will be sent to GSO per the By Laws.

Motion to Close: 5:34 PM unanimously accepted. Closing Prayer.

Lorraine T. , Secretary