

Nature Coast Intergroup Minutes - February 4, 2018

Call to Order: 4:30

Serenity Prayer

Roll Call: 10 groups represented: 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

Officers Reports:

Secretary: minutes for January, 2018 moved, seconded and accepted as read with the following corrections: remove John H's personal cell phone number; and the 50/50 is a donation to GSO and not in the By Laws.

Treasurer:

Report for **January** summary:

Beginning Balance:	\$ 6,845.01	check book
Total Income:	\$ 568.00	
Total Expense:	\$ 543.76	
Net Income:	\$ 24.24	
Ending Balance	\$ 6,869.25	check book
Cash on Hand:	\$ 50.00	
Final Balance:	\$ 6,919.25	

Filed as presented, subject to audit.

Trustees:

Sandy: Absent

Linda A: Last month I was nominated as a trustee by Janet B. and voted in, assuming Bill M.'s spot for his last year. What an honor. I am excited & humbled to have this opportunity to serve in this position.

Yesterday I was able to assist in the Annual Audit. What a fun experience! I am so grateful to have been there with Sandy & Paige showing us the ropes so we are trained and ready to assume our duties. In grateful service.

Connie: Received her copy of the bylaws. Was at the audit.

Lynn: No Report.

Standing Committee Reports

Hotline: No report

Web Site: Web Report February, 2018 for January, 2018 Usage

The Nature Coast Intergroup website received 5,100 visits during the month of January by a total of 3,490 unique visitors. They visited 9,653 page for an average of pages 1.9 pages per visit. There were approximately a total of 68,406 hits. The most visited pages were Where and When, AA History, General Meeting, Monday Meetings, Journal, Workshop Topics, Meetings by Day, Calendar, Contact Information, and Tuesday meeting schedule. The most visited meetings by place location were Dunnellon, Homosassa, Inglis, Inverness, Wahoo, Floral City, Holder, Beverly Hills, Crystal River, Chassahowitzka, Hernando and Lecanto. The most visited meetings by day were Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday, Thursday, Sunday and Wednesday. The most downloaded documents were Where and When, Journal , Workshop Topics, AA History, Traditions.mp4, Legacies , Grapevine Flyer, Responsibility Statement, State Convention Flyer and, By-Laws. 49.09% of users used mobile devices, 42.19% used desktops and 8.72% used tablets. 18.06% of users were age 25-34, 16.67% were 35-44, 15.74% were 45-54, 23.61% were 55-64, and 25.93% were 65 or over. 50.6% were male and 49.4% were female. 61% of the visitors were new and 39% were returning. 58.82% of the users came directly to the site, 27.79% via Google, 3.25% via Bing, .81% via yahoo and the rest were referrals from sites like aanorthflorida.org, aahernando.org, clubrecoveryofcitruscounty.com, and aadistrict28.org. The bounce rate was a very respectable 37.73% and the average time spent on site by a visitor was 3 minutes 23 seconds.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Steve N, webmaster

Journal:

I apologize for not attending meetings often. I want to say I'm very grateful to serve in this way. I enjoy doing it. I intend to improve as we go along if given the chance. I thank everyone who contributes and appreciate early information about the anniversaries. Thanks again for allowing me to serve. Sue

Online Journal can be viewed on www.ncintergroup.com. Sue can be emailed at (news@ncintergroup.com). This is automatically forwarded to her personal email. The Journal is at the Printers. Denis will pick them up and distribution will start tomorrow and will be completed this week.

Events: Attendance: Dean, Denis, Sandy, Mike, Steve, Rich and Mike

We are good to go for the **Chili Cook Off on February 10th**. \$3 at the door, if you can cover for someone who cannot pay, please help out. Those who cannot afford the \$3, please come any way. There will be plenty of ways you can help. Set up is at noon. Please join us to help.

March 10th, 1:30 next events meeting, which will be in the Church Parlor and not the Founders Hall, will finalize Spring Fling plans. Will rely on attendance at the cook off to see if we need to have tickets.

Founders Day is June 9th and needs chair.

Mike F.

Alt. Chair: Good afternoon. I'm Dean and I'm an alcoholic. I attended the Saturday January 13th Area Assembly in Gainesville attending six various events. The first being the GSR orientation with Corliss G. For some reason over the years I have always enjoyed watching the film on GSO and seeing the new and current GSR's in attendance. Next was the Intergroup workshop where I participated in a skit put on by Paula D. It was very entertaining to say the least. After that was the Archives workshop where Maria S. did a live demonstration on recording an oral history as outlines in the Oral History Kit from GSO. This was very informal and informative. After lunch I found myself in the Literature workshop where we had a Literature Jeopardy contest, mostly on history in AA. After that I attended the Website workshop where I got lost in the question of a database through the BTG website using Cold Fusion (don't ask); followed by issues on navigating the NFAC website. I am sure glad Steve N. heads this committee. Lastly there was the 'business' meeting where Joyce went over what motions were being brought to the Assembly Sunday and Julio E. from GSO who gave us an oral tour of GSO. Saturday, February 3rd I attended the Events Committee meeting. You heard the Report from Mike.

Thank you for trusting me to serve, Dean B.

Chair Report: February 4, 2018 Chair Report

I was at the Assembly and played Venus Flytrap at the skit. Very dignified, of course. And participated in a lot of behind the scenes arguments, grateful that does not happen at our level.

FAQ about Nature coast Intergroup (NCI) 1. What is the primary purpose of NCI?

NCI is an organization created and supported by A.A. Groups of Citrus County and some surrounding cities. NCI is often the first point of contact for individuals newly introduced to Alcoholics Anonymous. Our main purpose is to help alcoholics find AA meetings and assist these newcomers in the recovery program of Alcoholics Anonymous. How do we do this?

1. We answer our Telephone Hotline Service 24 hours a day to assist new members with the help and hope of AA
2. We promote AA Conference-approved literature for the AA community
3. We maintain a web-based meeting directory which is regularly updated weekly
4. We publish with District 28 a print meeting directory as often as needed.
5. We publish the Nature Coast Journal every other month
6. We respond to inquiries from outside agencies, including the media, seeking information about the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous
7. We support the 12 Step service of all Intergroup volunteers

2. What is an Intergroup Rep?

The Intergroup Representative is your Home Group's voice for assuring that your Intergroup functions and carries out its Primary Purpose. All AA groups are welcome to participate at Intergroup.

3. How does someone become an Intergroup Rep?

All AA groups in District 28 are eligible for membership. Groups elect an Intergroup Representative and an Alternate Representative; they usually serve a 2 year term. Each Group determines length of sobriety for their Representative however experience has shown that at least 2 years is ideal.

4. What does an Intergroup Rep do?

Intergroup Reps and Alternate Reps attend the monthly Intergroup Representatives' Meeting. These 'Reps Meetings' are held 12 times per year usually on the 1st Sunday of every month unless it falls on a Holiday. Intergroup Reps are responsible for two-way communication between their Home Group and Intergroup. Reps may have input into the agenda by calling or emailing the requests for agenda additions to the NCI Chairperson before the Agenda is approved at the beginning of the Reps Meeting. Minutes from the previous month's Reps Meeting are available after they have been approved at the Reps Meeting. Copies of the minutes are then available on ncintergroup.com.

5. What are Intergroup Rep meetings like?

Representatives register with Intergroup at each Reps Meeting by providing their contact information and home group. Each Rep and home group is responsible for providing the secretary with current contact information to insure that AA group members have the opportunity to participate in Intergroup 12 Step Services. Full names and contact information of individual AA members submitted to NCI service chairs are kept confidential in accordance with the principle of anonymity. The meetings review the reports of the secretary, treasurer, trustees, standing committee reports (hotline, website, journal and events), the alternate chair and the chair. They also conduct old and new business related to the primary purpose.

6. Why have Intergroup Events?

It's clear that A.A. get togethers beyond the group have become an established part of A.A. life. The calendar of events includes conventions, conferences, roundups, speaker meetings, picnics, games, brunches, dinners, etc. AA events in our intergroup are known for the the spirit and feeling behind them. As one member puts it, the best NCI events are "just a darned good A.A. meeting blown up big."

Just watch enthusiastic members at any NCI A.A. event and you'll get what she means. At NCI events you'll find fellowship, laughter, warmth, and understanding. This is good for all AA's but critical for the newcomer who often fears a life without alcohol has no social meaning. The entertainment, fellowship, and hospitality of NCI events show everyone that life without alcohol is not "glum." As the Big Book says on page 132, "But we aren't a glum lot. If newcomers could see no joy or fun in our existence, they wouldn't want it. We absolutely insist on enjoying life."

If you have a question please do as others above have done. Email me or call me or catch me at a meeting and ask it? I may not have the answer on the tip of my tongue, but I promise you I will know someone who does have the answer. Thanks for allowing me to serve.

Steve N., Chair

Old Business: None

New Business:

Audit Report: See attached

Motion made to send \$514 to GSO; moved and seconded, unanimously accepted.

Paige was applauded for her diligence and attention to detail as treasurer.

Bring to the groups: Should we purchase a dedicated computer for the Treasurer that would have updated Microsoft and would rotate to each treasurer in the rotation of service.

Discussion: designated computer would keep the Intergroup information committed to a machine and not a shared personal computer. As past chair, Rick T. spoke, about the history of Treasurer. He praised Paige for the detective work on sorting out the check book she inherited. Mike: Now that the accounts are on a computer, is in favor of a dedicated computer.

Motion to Close: 5: 20 PM unanimously accepted. Closing Prayer.

Lorraine T. , Secretary