

NATURE COAST INTERGROUP- AGENDA September 9th, 2018

Call to Order

Serenity Prayer

Roll Call Secretary – Interim Secretary - Linda A

Welcome New Representatives – Steve N. None

Officers Reports

Secretary – Linda A.

Treasurer – Paige B.

Trustees Reports: Sandy, Linda, Connie, Lynn

Standing Committee Reports

Hotline – John H.

Web Site – Steve N.

Journal – Sue S.

Events – Mike F.

Alt Chair Report – Dean B.

Chair Report – Steve N.

Old Business:

1. Consider resumes of those standing for office for Panel 69

New Business:

Motion to Close

Closing Prayer-

NATURE COAST INTERGROUP – September 9th 2018 MINUTES

Recorded by Linda A. - seretary@ncintergroup.com

Call to Order: - Chair Steve N. - Opened the meeting at 4:32PM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Roll Call: - 10 Groups were represented as follows: Crystal River Group, Freedom House, Holder Way of Life, Keep in Step, Monday Night Men's Step, No Name Group, Sober Nooners, Sober Sand Gnats, What's the Book Say and Women's Friendship Group.

Welcome New Reps: - No new reps were present.

Secretary: - Interim Secretary Linda A. Read the August 5th 2018 minutes and they were accepted as read.

Treasurer: - Paige B. - reported group contributions of \$350 for the month of August. Filed pending audit.

Beginning Balance:	\$ 5,385.99
Total Income:	\$ 443.00
Total Expense:	\$ 641.45
Net Income:	\$ -198.45
Ending Balance	\$ 5187.54
Cash on Hand:	\$ 50.00
Final Balance:	\$ 5237.54

Trustee's Reports:

Linda: - Submitted Resume for a Trustee Position.

Sandy: - Stepped down, unless no one steps up.

Connie: - nothing to report

Lynn: - nothing to report

Standing Committee Reports: -

Hotline: - 2-3 calls a day, approx 60 -70 calls per month. Hotline received a lot of out of District calls.

Web: - Steve N. - In August ncintergroup.com had 1156 visits by 1062 unique visitors who viewed 1899 pages or 1.6 pages per visit. The ten most visited pages were 1) Where and When, 2) Thursday Meetings, 3) Workshop Topics, 4) Monday Meetings, 5) Journal, 6) Meetings General 7) Traditions MP4, 8) Meetings by Day 9) Tuesday meetings, and 10) Calendar. The ten most downloaded items were 1 Traditions MP4f, 2) wandw.pdf, 3) Journal, 4) AA History, 5) Responsibility Statement, 6) Workshop Topics, 7) State Convention, 8) Is AA for You, 9) 12 Questions (Young People) and 10) Rainbow Springs Picnic Flyer. 78.3% of the visitors were new and 21.75% were return visitors. 52.2% were male and 47.8% female. 19.81% were ages 25-34, 17.92% were ages 35-44, 21.7% were ages 45-54, 25.6% were ages 55-64 and 17% were over 65 years old. 46% used mobile devices, 3.9% tablets and 50.4% laptops. 33.5% came by referral from other sites, 38% came directly and 33.9% referred from Search engines. The Bounce rate was exceptional at 45%. I am aware that some of our email addresses are not forwarding. I am working on correcting the situation, please be patient. Thank you for allowing me to serve, Steve N., webmaster

Events: Mike said the Events committee met on August 18th & finalized the Picnic at the Park. Speaker chosen- Melinda S. Ticket sales are a bit down. Next Event is the Gratitude Dinner on November 4th 2018. Flyers will be available at October Meeting. \$3 venue is St. Benedicts.

Alternate Chair: - Dean B. Good afternoon, I'm Dean and I'm an alcoholic. I attended the Events Committee Meeting on October 18th. Like most every meeting, the meeting before the meeting actually accomplished the planning and all is well. I am really excited and hoping for a great turn out and nice weather. For those who do not know, as District 28 Archives Chair, I am in the process of updating and researching group and meeting histories. If you have any requests or information you would like to share please contact me. See you at the picnic! Grateful to be trusted to serve, Dean B. NCI Alt Chair

Pamphlet P-17, page 8, How It Developed by Bill W (*Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.*) 9.—Each A.A. group needs the least possible organization. **Rotating leadership is the best. The small group may elect its secretary, the large group its rotating committee and the groups of a large metropolitan area their central or intergroup committee, which often employs a full-time secretary. The trustees of The Alcoholic Foundation are, in effect, our A.A. General Service Committee. They are the custodians of our A.A. tradition and the receivers of voluntary A.A. contributions by which we maintain our A.A. General Service Office at New York. They are authorized by the groups to handle our overall public relations and they guarantee the integrity of our principal journal, The A.A. Grapevine. All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in A.A. are but trusted and experienced servants of the whole. They derive no real authority from their titles; they do not govern. Universal respect is the key to their usefulness.**

Chair: - Steve N. - Chair Report Nature Coast Intergroup September 9th 2018

An interesting question started a journey last week into researching the warranties. They are the six Warranties in Concept 12. The following is a quote from Bill Wilson and really stimulated my interests in the Warranties.

“Our Traditions are set down on paper. But they were written first in our hearts. For each of us knows, instinctively I think, that AA is not ours to do with as we please. We are but caretakers to preserve the spiritual quality of our Fellowship; keep it whole for those who will come after us and have need of what has so generously been given to us.” This writing is from Bill W. Nov. 1950 “AA is not big business” in the Language of the Heart.

General Warranties of the Conference: Article 12 of the Conference Charter The General Warranties, The Twelve Steps and the Twelve Traditions can only be changed by written consent of three quarters of all AA groups in the world! The Warranties indicate the qualities of prudence and spirituality which the conference should always possess, the Warranties also express spiritual principles which apply to all other AA entities.

Warranty One:

The Conference shall never become the seat of perilous wealth or power. Perilous means risky or dangerous. Tradition 7 protects us against collecting too much money/wealth and Tradition 2 brings a loving God/higher power into the power aspect of the statement as well as rotation which protects against too much power. In this Warranty we are reminded that there is a human component and we should come from a place of humility, unselfishness and dedication.

Warranty Two: Sufficient operation funds, plus an ample Reserve, should be its prudent financial principle. In about half of the last twenty years AA group contributions have failed to meet our world services. The reserve is constantly renewed by book sales which has met the deficits and save money. As a fellowship here in Area 6 we are looking into our finances with the feasibility report our delegate brought to our attention. Costs going up and contributions flat we are not in great danger now but these things need looking into. For me talking more about adjusting book sales, online literature, faith or lack of where money is concerned and what services we would cut

is and would be a good thing. That way the fellowship as a whole would be more comfortable talking about finances.

Warranty Three: "None of the Conference members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others". In the early days AA headquarters was run on authoritarian and institutional lines. The result was often troubled and misunderstandings, because of that the principle of "Participation" was put into place. Because there are no superiors, no inferiors and no advisers, no group, trustee, director, individual or staff have authority over one another. This was so important they made it warranty three to protect our conference structure. I'm reminded the ultimate authority is a loving god.

Warranty Four: That all important decisions should be reached by discussion, vote, and wherever possible, by substantial unanimity. This warranty is to safeguard against rash decision making and to consider the minority opinion no matter how small. Sometimes there is an urgency that something needs to be done and in those cases we cannot allow a minority however well intended to block action for the best interests of AA.

Warranty Five: That no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy AA does not find it necessary to punish individual members for violations of laws, principles or beliefs. When we fail to follow sound spiritual principles alcohol cuts us down. No humanly administered system of penalties is needed. We can't afford resentments and conflicts which could come from the temptation to punish in anger. This also applies to public controversy. Nothing could be more damaging to our unity and to the worldwide goodwill which AA enjoys than public contention. Though, the warranty does state that sometimes we can speak up in private. Our own members may use the AA name for their private purposes, even in this area, this warranty suggests we can inform Tradition violators that they are out of order, Privately. I believe this warranty clearly states that GSO is not a police operation. They only offer AA's experiences as a matter of information. It clearly applies to other organizations of AA such as NCI.

Warranty Six: That though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholic Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the Society of AA which it serves, the conference itself will always remain democratic in thought and action. AA membership always to be the choice of the individual; each AA group to conduct its and finally that any group of alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an AA group provided that as a group, they have no other purpose or internal affairs as it wishes-it being merely requested to abstain from acts that might injure AA as a whole. We of AA believe that our freedom to serve is truly the freedom by which we live.

I believe the warranties are meant to be applied throughout AA, not just for the GSO. They should be applied wherever we meet and in our individual lives. That guarantees that AA will be kept "whole for those who will come after us and have need of what has so generously been given to us.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Steve N., NCI Chair (Special thanks to the folks in California who so clearly researched this topic before me.)

Old Business:

- There are many positions coming available for Panel 69 (2019-2020): Chair, Alt. Chair, Secretary, Alt Secretary, Treasurer, Alt. Treasurer and two Trustees. Steve has Service Resumes are here and are downloadable from www.ncintergroup.com website.

Steve only received 3 resumes, which are included below: Standing for Trustee: is Linda A and Terry P. NCI Alt: Chair: Lacy E. Please make it a point to let your groups know, trusted servants are needed. That they will be assisted along the way and encouraged, so don't be intimidated just come and lend a hand. Bring your resume to the October 7th Meeting.

- Hotline: In Service dates TBA: John, Hotline Chair, thought that it was put on by the District, so he had not set a date. Paige, as District 28 Chair, mentioned that they will support the NC Intergroup In-service, but the onus is on the Hotline Chair to create & coordinate the in-service. She stated that the Long timer Speaker Meeting on Oct 24th is the only date that is already booked in October. Chair Steve clarified that as NCI we don't do workshops we only In-service events. Hotline chair is not prepared to put on an In-service at this time so a motion was made and seconded to pass it onto Panel 69.

New Business: -.

Suggestion: Utilize the Annual Holiday Meeting/event on December 2nd at 3pm @Holder as a way to encourage more participation and to update the Hotline 12 step list. John will send 12 Step Sheet to Steve and he will print them for the event.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:38 pm.

Closing Prayer-The Lord's Prayer

NCI Service resumes Officer/Trustee Position

Following are the resumes of those who announced their intention to stand for Panel 69 elected positions. Elections will be held October 7th 2018 at our next Business meeting. You can still bring your resumes to stand for a Position then!!

NAME: LINDA A.
SOBRIETY DATE: AUGUST 12TH 2015
ADDRESS: 6845 W TWINS CRESENT DR.
CITY/STATE/ZIP HOMOSASSA FL 34446
PHONE NUMBER 863-221-5821 **E-MAIL:** LLCPLUS3@GMAIL.COM
OFFICE/POSITION I AM STANDING FOR: TRUSTEE

SERVICE HISTORY INFORMATION: : 2018-present: Trustee elected to finish out the term of a Trustee who stepped down. Interim Secretary stepped in July 2018 to finish term.

Why I Wish To Serve In This Capacity: I love AA. I consider it a privilege and responsibility to give back. It is a byproduct of my gratitude and helps keep me sober. I have the time and willingness to serve as a Trustee for Nature Coast Intergroup.

NAME: Lacy E.
SOBRIETY DATE 03-04-2015
ADDRESS: 314 Vicki Street
CITY/STATE/ZIP Inglis, FL 34449
PHONE NUMBER: 352-228-3414 **E-MAIL:** _____
OFFICE /POSITION I AM STANDING FOR: ALT CHAIR

SERVICE HISTORY INFORMATION: I am the GSR/IGR for my home Group. I open the Big Book Study at my Home Group. I've been the coffee maker for most of my sobriety.

WHY I WISH TO SERVE IN THIS CAPACITY: Because I truly believe that service work has a lot to do with my sobriety & recovery. It's an honor for me to give back to the program that truly saved my life.

NAME: Terry P.
SOBRIETY DATE 04-14-2004
ADDRESS: 1335 North Rockwood Point
CITY/STATE/ZIP Hernando, FL 34442
PHONE NUMBER: 305-731-99742 **E-MAIL:** theblacklist1945@gmail.com
OFFICE /POSITION I AM STANDING FOR: Trustee

SERVICE HISTORY INFORMATION: 3 Years intergroup rep, 3 years GSR, in Islamorada FL. 2 years intergroup rep Holder Way of Life, 2 years intergroup rep Holder Way of Life.

WHY I WISH TO SERVE IN THIS CAPACITY: I am willing to do something to help out.

Nature Coast Intergroup Officer/Trustee Service Resume
(Elected Positions 2019-2020 Panel 69)

Complete and turn in to Chair if standing at October Meeting. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

NAME: _____

SOBRIETY DATE _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ e-MAIL: _____

OFFICE /POSITION I AM STANDING FOR: _____

SERVICE HISTORY INFORMATION: (continue on back)

WHY I WISH TO SERVE IN THIS CAPACITY: (Continue on back)