

Nature Coast Intergroup - June 4, 2017

Call to Order: 4:30

Serenity Prayer

Roll Call: 12 groups present: Attitude Adjustment, Crystal River, Freedom House, Holder Way of Life, Keep in Step, Chassahowitzka No Name Group, Old Firehouse, Rainbow Group, Sober Nooners, Sober Sandgnats, Women's Friendship, YPG: Young People's Group.

Officers Reports:

Secretary: minutes accepted for May as read.

Treasurer:

Report for **MAY** summary:

Beginning Balance: \$4,708.57

Total Income: \$ 1617.22 (Events \$525.97)

Total Expense: \$ 842.93 (Events \$207.46)

Net Income: \$ 774.29

Ending Balance in checking account: \$ 5,432.86

Cash on Hand: \$50

Final Balance: \$ 5, 482.86

Moved, Seconded and Accepted as presented.

Trustees:

Janet: Selling tickets, giving out the new Where and Whens.

Denis: New Journal is at the printer! Has been providing support to our new editor.

Bill: Nothing to report.

Sandy: Events: Spring Fling was wonderful; approx. 60 people showed up and socialized under cover from the rain. The volunteers made this work! The food was great, the cooks did a wonderful job.

Standing Committee Reports

Hotline: John: Five 12 step calls for the last month; a dozen calls for rides to meetings or meeting information. John feels that the role those on the 12 step call list should be better defined. John is going to put together a list of expectations for the carrying of the phone. The WFG will take the phone for June, the Sober Sand Gnats will take it for July.

Discussion followed on use of the cell phone for initial contact with A.A. The flush of calls from snow birds for meeting information has ended. Denis, who attended a workshop on hotline last month, shared that he learned that social media access has lessened the demand on the hotlines as a first contact with A. A.

Web Site: In the month of May there were 6,242 visits to the website by 3,139 unique visitors who saw a total of 11,503 pages or 1.85 pages per visit. The 10 most visited pages after the Start Page were Where and When, Journal, Meeting by Day, AA History, Meetings General, Workshop Topics, Contact Info, Calendar, Meeting by Location, and Information Links. Meetings by day in order were Sunday, Friday, Monday, Saturday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Tuesday. Meetings by location in order were Chassahowitzka, Inverness, Holder, Inglis, Lecanto, Beverly Hills, Crystal River, Dunnellon, Floral City, Hernando, Homosassa and Wahoo. 80.2% of the visitors used desktops, 14.8% phones and 5% used tablets. 45.85% of the visitors were female and 54.15% were male. 27.5% of the visitors were age 18-24, 33.5% were age 25-34. 15.5% were age 35-44. 12.5% were age 45-54, 5.5% were age 55-64, 5.5% were age 65 and over. The bounce rate was good at 43.8%. For the few remaining “hitsters”, there were a total of 58,064 hits in May. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Steve N.

Journal: Sue S. presented the information on the new issue of the journal and is committed to publishing a bi-monthly journal; new issue is at the printers and is already online at our website www.ncintergroup.com. Sue would like to have personal recovery stories to share in the journal. You can email her your story through the contact on the website www.ncintergroup.com

Events: Preliminary report on the Spring Fling: About 60 people attending and although it rained most of the time, everyone enjoyed the event. Huge thank

you to all who helped make this a success. As of this date, the Event came out \$105 ahead with the expectation that more will come in as the pre-sale ticket money is brought in.

Founders Day Brunch Planning: June 10th, 10:00 Doors Open

Tickets and flyers have been distributed. Seating at the Church is 200.

Friday June 9th: Food Prep: 9:00 AM to Noon; meet at the Crystal River First Baptist Church, 700 North Citrus Ave., in the kitchen located in the back of the church. Workers needed to prep the food for cooking on Saturday morning. Displays (Archives, Grapevine, Prisons, etc) can be set up on Friday morning during the food prep time.

Readers: Don - How it works, Amy - Promises, Lacy - 12 Traditions, Meg - 50/50 raffle, Host - Paige, Speaker - Steve N.

Dean will research grills to possibly purchase.

Sandy H. Several people will be there on Friday to help prep vegetables and breakfast food. Paige and Sandy will pick up food on Thursday. \$100 charge for the custodian to open and close.

NEXT EVENT: PICNIC IN THE PARK: SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

Alternative suggestions for the location are welcomed. Paige will check out Rainbow Springs State Park and report back. **Planning meeting will be held 7/15 in Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, on N. Citrus Springs Blvd. in Citrus Springs, meeting at 1:30 to 2:30.**

Alt. Chair: I attended the May 20th Events Committee and was a bit concerned about how delegated responsibilities were taken away without notice. Tickets and flyers were dispersed. Volunteers for kitchen prep were listed as were other functions. Due to the 'new to us' bar-b-que grill being on it's last legs I volunteered again to get prices on commercial grills. Events Chair Mike has a copy of what I found and there are extras on the table. This is quite an expense for NCI seeing how we only do a few picnics a year. I have also been inquiring with other groups and individuals about making a commitment to the Hotline. Right now I have one individual interested and the Sober Sand Gnats can step up for the month

of July. Did a quick run through of the slide show on archives with Steve N. and will present it at the Founders' Day Brunch.

Yours in service,
Dean B.

Chair Report: The primary focus of your chair during the Month of May was the NCI brochure. I received multiple suggestions, processed multiple corrections and finalized the draft brochure for this meeting. I also answered many A.A. related questions from A.A. members including such topics as political comments and racism in A. A. group, over use of Bible as opposed to conference approved literature, disrespect of women particularly newcomers at some groups, relationship of clubs to A.A., and how to start a group. My primary answer was "What does the Big Book say?"

Political and racial comments have no place in a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. They are "outside interests". The Bible or any other non-conference approved literature is a matter of group conscience. Women should not be disrespected nor 13th stepped at any group. Clubs are meeting places for A.A. groups, but not a part of A.A. The groups are, but a club, just like a church or community center where the group's meeting is held, is not. Starting a new A.A. group should be the result of a need as expressed by at least two or three alcoholics, the cooperation of other A.A.s, finding a meeting place, a coffee pot, A.A. literature and meeting lists and other basic supplies. Once the group is off to a good start, it would be helpful to announce its presence to neighboring groups, Nature Coast Intergroup, District 28 and GSO. These sources can provide much support.

All of the questions above are best answered by understanding the Twelve Traditions of A.A. expressed in the short form below and each group should be reviewing them regularly to make certain A.A. is there for our children, grandchildren and all still suffering alcoholics.

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.
2. For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.
3. The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.
4. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.
5. Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
6. An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
7. Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
8. Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
9. A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
10. Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.

12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

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

Old Business:

NCI Brochure for Revision and Publication: Mock up: the printing will be justified to square up the columns; opportunity to edit followed; if any there are any other corrections, **please let Steve know by Wednesday June 7th.** Motion to print 1000 black and white, glossy 3 fold, was moved and seconded and unanimously supported last month. This will go to the printers on Thursday.

Cost: 1000 black & white @ \$110

Thank you to Samantha from YPG for the manatee ink sketch for the brochure.

New Business: Details of Grill possibilities and costs. Tabled until next month.

Motion to Close: 5:40 PM unanimously accepted. Closing Prayer.

Lorraine Taft, grateful to serve as Secretary

Announcements:

Sober Sand Gnats: First Tuesday of each month: Fellowship and Potluck at 6:30 pm with meeting to follow at 7:00 pm (June 6th is the next Tuesday)

Founders Day Brunch: June 10th, First Baptist Church of Crystal River, doors open at 10:00, tickets \$7 available at the door.