

Intergroup Service Committee of the 5th District Inc.

Monthly Business Meeting

Date: 2/18/2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer

Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous was read by Jeff C.

Responsibility Declaration was read by Normand D.

Introduction and Welcome to new Intergroup Representatives (IGR's): There were no new IGR's

Roll Call of Officers and IGR's

Officers		Members At Large
Chair	Clark D. [*]	Joe B. [*]
Vice Chair	Lee H. [Ex]	Bill G. [*]
Treasurer	Normand D. [*]	Russ D. [*]
Secretary	Position Open	Mark [*]
Office Manager	Claire T. [*]	Jeff C. [*]

([*] indicates present, [Ex] indicates excused not present, [UnEx] indicates not excused not in attendance)

Groups represented: Progress Group, Serenity By The Sea, Peace River Group, Brown Bagger, Fresh Start, Bare With Us, Morning Glory, North Port Group, Friday Men's Group (PC), Eye Opener, Attitude Adjustment, Tuesday Night Beginners (PC), Happy Hour Group, I Am Responsible, Tuesday Night Step (PC).

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and after a seconded motion, the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was reviewed and after a seconded motion, the report was approved.

Chairperson's Report: None

Office Manager's Report: Restocking was done throughout the month. The first was an order from AA World Services (AAWS) in New York. In addition to two cases of books, over \$200.00 in

pamphlets were ordered. Part of the pamphlet order was a special order for a member and to restock Newcomer Kits, however, the vast majority was to restock the rack. Since the new pamphlet rack was installed, our sales on these items have skyrocketed. We also placed a special order with Grapevine for a member. Hazelden and bronze tokens have been restocked as well.

We now offer two new items for sale. The first is a leather key ring. The silver key rings sell well, but they only fit the bronze medallions. The leather key rings will fit the tri-plate medallions, which several of our members have requested. We received them last week and have sold three already. The second new item is affirmation medallions. We have quite a few requests for medallions that were not year specific. Our current medallion vendor offers several styles. We have 3 different styles in stock at this time. If they sell well, we will expand the choices.

The exit sign at the front door has been replaced. When we had our annual fire inspection in January, it was the only violation. As always, it only took one phone call to the landlord to resolve the issue.

The new cordless phone system has been well received by the volunteers. Our thanks to the Steering Committee (SC) for their foresight.

A request was made for information from the General Service Office (GSO) in New York. There has been much questioning and debate over what is and isn't an "AA Event". The response was excerpted from the April-May Box 459 in 2001 and restated in 2005. It gives a definitive answer from the GSO on what they consider an "AA Event". Copies are available for you to take back to your groups. That being said, the front bulletin board will continue to be used for all events within District 5, the back bulletin board will be reserved for Round ups, Conferences and Retreats throughout the country. Any flyers that need to be posted to the website must be submitted in PDF form to the webmaster and will only be printed if it is within District 5. That guideline was established with the passing of motion # 652013-1 in June of 2013.

As per a request from the Chairman of the SC, 2 copies of the Lifeline are available to each IGR attending the monthly business meeting. We unfortunately do not have the capability to print them "in house", as our printer cannot accommodate the size paper that we need to use. Therefore, we would need to have them done through our printer. At this time it would be financially irresponsible to do so. We have been getting increasingly healthy from a financial stand point, but, we are not able at this time to add expense. As you may remember, we are still shy of our prudent reserve. Once we are able to meet the goal of \$12,000.00, we will revisit the printing of the Lifeline.

The GSO newsletter has arrived and is posted on the bulletin board. In addition to the regular committee reports, it also addresses the upcoming General Service Conference that will take place in April. If you would like a copy for your group, just let me know.

Just a reminder, the 12 Step Volunteer Workshop is going to be held on Saturday, March 26, 2016 at 1:00 pm right here in the Intergroup office.

I will be out of the office for a week in April. I will be traveling to New Jersey to deal with some family matters. Normand will be filling in while I'm away.

The calls for the month of January were: AA-125, Detox-2, 12 Step-6, Office-67 and Other-14.

In love and service, Claire T., Office Manager

Day Phone Coordinator: All shifts are covered through the second quarter of 2016.

Night/Weekend Phone Coordinator: We added volunteers to cover the fifth Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, leaving the Office Manager to cover the fifth Thursday of each month. We thank the new volunteers for their service.

Intergroup District Liaison's Report: There was a motion to rescind District 5 General Service bid to host the July 2017 quarterly. This was originally considered a time sensitive matter. However, it was pointed out that the District 5 General Service cannot vote without the informed group conscience unless it is an emergency. As this was not deemed "an emergency", the prior vote was rescinded. Jen will be stepping down from her Liaison position due to health issues. We thank her for her dedicated service.

Events Coordinator's Report: The Events Committee met on Thursday, February 4th at 7:00 pm in the Intergroup office. There were 5 members in attendance. The Pizza, Pins and Pop bowling event is scheduled for Saturday, February 20, 2016 at Treasure Lanes in Port Charlotte. Events Committee members are asked to arrive at 2:15. The Old Timers Dinner is set and tickets are selling well. Members are encouraged to buy their tickets early as we are on track to sell all 400 before the event. Also discussed was the Founders Day Dinner in June. Amanda will be chairing. The speaker will be announced at a later date. There was discussion of having a golf outing at the end of June or beginning of July at the Cove which is the old Duffy's. More will be revealed. The meeting closed at 7:45 pm. The Events Committee meets the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Intergroup office. Love and service, Bill G.

Old Business: Gary McD. stood for the open secretary position. The IGR's voted unanimously to approve his taking the position. We thank him for his service.

New Business: The Intergroup has 450 + cassette tapes of various speakers and workshops. The Steering Committee (SC) approved transferring the tapes to CDs and also authorized the expense of doing so, not to exceed \$300.00. The CDs will be available to the membership through our newly created lending library. Members will be required to leave a \$5.00 deposit and are limited to 2 CDs for a 2 week period. At the previous meeting, the IGR's were asked to poll their group members as to how many read the Lifeline. The numbers were shockingly low. The Chair asked the IGRs to return to their groups and ask them if they feel a need to have the Lifeline at all at this point. All of the information in the Lifeline is available on the website, with the exception of group anniversaries. We will revisit the subject at the next monthly business meeting on March 18, 2016.

Announcements from the floor: There will be a memorial service for Henry Z. (past Intergroup SC member) on Sunday, March 6, 2016 at 1:00 pm at the Pilgrim Church on Rampart Blvd in Port Charlotte.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm followed by the Lord's Prayer.

In love and service, Claire T., acting secretary