

**Intergroup Service Committee of the 5th District Inc.
Steering Committee Meeting**

Date: 6/16/2016

Roll Call:

Officers:

Chair Clark D. [*]
Vice Chair Lee H. [*]
Treasurer Normand D. [*]
Secretary Gary McD. [*]
Office Manager Claire T. [*]

Members At Large:

Joe B. [*]
Bill G. [*]
Russ D. [*]
Mark R. [*]
Desiree M. [*]

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Secretary's Report: April minutes were reviewed and passed. May minutes were reviewed and passed.

Treasurer's Report: April Treasurer's report was approved. May Treasurer's report was approved.

Office Manager's Report: Although the par numbers for bronze and tri-plate medallions were increased, we found ourselves needing to place an order again this month. Normally we need to order less of these items in the off season. However, since we sell the tri-plates for \$5.00 less than our nearest competition, we sell to members outside our district as well. Our bronze medallions are still selling at a brisk pace, so we needed to replenish those as well. Since the order was over \$75.00, we were given free shipping. We also placed an order with Grapevine for a group. I had the opportunity to meet the new District 5 PI/CPC Chairperson. We discussed the literature needs of the committee. I was able to put a price list together and after getting her approval, placed the order with GSO in New York. I also ordered 100 hard cover Big Books since we no longer have any back stock and less than 20 of them on the shelf. Since this is the beginning of our quiet time of year, those 100 Big Books should see us through until the fall. Now that all of our stock will be replenished, we should not need to place many orders over the summer. The office received a huge email from GSO. There was a great deal of information attached. We received a copy of the floor actions and committee recommendations from the General Service Conference in April. There was also contact information sent for every General Service Area in the United States, Online meeting sites, the services that GSO provides and interestingly enough, information entitled "Fellowships Similar to AA". That information contained national hotline numbers for other "Anonymous" fellowships. It contained a disclaimer from the General Service Office stating that this was for informational purposes only and that AA does not affiliate with or endorse any of these fellowships. Although I have this information available for any interested member, the webmaster and I agreed that none of the information needed to be posted on our website. Our thanks to the Events Committee for a wonderful Founders Day dinner. As always, the members of the committee as well as the cook, dishwashers, servers and all the volunteers that

helped to set up, worked extremely hard. Also, a thank you to those members that manned the tables at the dinner. It is also worth noting that we had a representative from FCYPAA (Florida Conference of Young People in AA) at the dinner. This is the first time the young people in our district had a display at one of our functions. Also information was received by GSO regarding the pamphlet "Young People in AA". They will be updating the pamphlet and are soliciting entries from young people about their experience, strength and hope. In addition to posting the information to the bulletin board, several copies have been passed on to members. There are copies available for you to take back to your groups. The Sponsorship Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, August 13, 2016 at 1:00 pm right here in the office. We will be basing the workshop on the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship". There are flyers available to take back to your groups. We would like to welcome two new members to our volunteer family. Ann M. from the Lunch Bunch in Venice has taken the Wednesday 9-12 shift and Debbie P. from the North Port Group has taken the Wednesday 12-3 shift. We thank them for their service. The lending library is proving to be quite popular. As of this month, we have loaned out over 50 CDs. I will be out of the office on Thursday, June 23, 2016. I will be available by phone and will see to it that the register is set up for the morning volunteer. As you can see, our office has been painted! Our gratitude to Normand for all of his hard work. In just a few days, he managed to patch all the holes in the wall, repair door frames and paint the walls and trim! Additionally, he made some cosmetic and structural repairs. Outside of my office there is now a mail slot instead of just a hole cut in the wall. The large wooden board with all of the outdated ethernet wiring has been removed. The handicap bar in the rest room was actually repositioned to make it secure. All the wiring at the volunteer desk and in my office has been consolidated and repositioned to make for less clutter. The blinds were rehung, this time properly. The photo history on our walls will be hung up again, however, Normand will be arranging them in 16 X 2 mats, eliminating the look of clutter on the walls. Just a reminder, the office will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2016. I will take the phones from 9:00 am until 6:00 pm and then will turn them over to the regular Monday night volunteer. The calls for the month of May were: AA-91, Detox-0, 12 Step-2, Office-40, and Other-8. In love and service, Claire T.

Old Business: None

New Business: Kim D. from the Englewood Alano Club addressed the body regarding the possibility of having Intergroup host workshops at the club. The following motion was put before the body: "That the Intergroup office hosts AA workshops at the Englewood Alano Club. There would be no charge for Intergroup to provide this service". This motion passed. The Englewood Alano Club will coordinate with the office manager. The Office Manager (OM) requested funds to purchase a small folding table to replace the current wooden board on file cabinets we currently use. The following motion was put before the body: "That the Office Manager purchase a small folding table for the coffee station, not to exceed \$50.00". This motion passed. The OM addressed the body regarding the hard cover Spanish Big Books. The only customer that purchases Spanish literature is the Corrections Committee and we will continue to carry soft cover Spanish literature. However, we still have almost a full case of hard cover Spanish Big Books. The OM requested donating them where they would be best put to good use. The following motion was put before the body: "Since the Intergroup office currently only provides Spanish literature to the District 5 General Service Corrections Committee and they are only permitted to carry soft cover books into the facilities they serve, the office will donate the hard cover Spanish Big Books. The Office Manager will contact a gentleman in Arcadia that will distribute the books in the migrant community in our continued effort to carry the message". This motion passed. A Steering Committee member proposed the following motion: "That IGRs be permitted to borrow up to 5 CDs for the \$5.00 deposit and hold them until the following IGR meeting as a way to thank them for their service". After much discussion, this motion failed. A Steering Committee member proposed the following motion: "That any AA member be permitted to borrow up to 5 CDs for the \$5.00 deposit".

This motion passed. The final motion put before the body is as follows: "That the wording regarding the meeting agenda in the By-Laws be changed to read: The order of business at regular IGSC-5 meetings is *suggested* as follows:, removing the word shall". This motion passed.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Gary McD., Secretary