

## Intergroup 5 ~ Monthly Business Meeting Minutes: July 8th, 2020

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Michael.

### **Present**

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<b>Michael</b> , Chair	<b>Adam</b> , Website	<b>Kevin</b> , Alt-DCM
<b>Jim</b> , Treasurer	<b>Trey</b> , Website	<b>Judy</b> , Carrabelle/website
<b>Chip</b> , Secretary	<b>Deb</b> , Central/website	<b>Len</b> , Carrabelle
<b>Rebecca</b> , Literature	<b>Niki</b> , Activities	<b>Christie</b> , Sopchoppy
<b>Tom</b> , The Message Editor	<b>Dyan</b> , TYPG Rep	<b>Fabian</b> , Crawfordville
	<b>Amy</b> , AA Member	

### **Monthly Reports**

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**Voting:** Voting done by voice acclimation. There were not any nay/opposed votes at this meeting.

**Secretary's Report** — Quiet month. Motion to accept minutes by Rebecca, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deb; Approved.

**Treasurer's Report** — Report for June reviewed. Contributions of 396.72, District paid rent for space used in our storage area, expenses of 243.56, consisting of storage and the hotline. Checking balance 5,817.32, Savings balance 1,828.03, Prudent Reserve at 4,140.19 leaves a net of 3,505.16. Discussed getting back deposit for the pavilion we were to use for the spring picnic. Registered Agent now set up, expense will be in July business (may be a 'in-kind donation'). Motion to accept report by Rebecca, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Niki; Approved. A long discussion ensued regarding the high "net income" we have - see new business in this report.

**Chair Report** — Nothing new to report.

**Vice-Chair Report** — Paul resigned from his position because the company he works for is moving him to the Miami area. We wish him well in his new home, quite sad to see him go. The position is now open.

**Web Report** — The major transfer of information and other items related to changing the site have been completed. There will be more updates to the homepage in the next month or two. No feedback regarding the "Donate to your group" choice on the homepage and our hotline number is now prominent on that and other pages. Analytics shows that over half the hits we receive are from a cell phone or a tablet. Adam has reviewed with Marsha what the future 'history' tab will consist of. Discussed the upcoming change in the hosting company so we can be a secure website and something that will not require a seasoned coder to make changes to the site. No issues noted with the Meeting App other than a few groups got lost in the changeover - those are being updated. Technical jargon is our site will become an SSL, hosting site PHP, people visiting the site will notice no real difference.

**Message** — The May-June issue, the only one missing on the website, is almost fully recovered from the virus-infected PC that had the file. This should be resolved by the end of the week and uploaded to the website. issue, web only, print, etc. Discussion followed regarding "print vs digital" issues in the future, as well as the need for a professional printing and manually distributing the issues. If

printed copy is preferred, cost wise it must remain a 6 issues/year document. If not, then it would be done monthly. The Message committee will see what other like-sized intergroups do and wants your comments regarding this issue - have someone download and then print copies for your homegroup or receive printed copies. They can send issues out directly as soon as they are ready if they have an email address from you.

**Hotline Coordinator** — June had 301 calls. One volunteer resigned and they got another to fill that slot. There are 2 openings now for the Midnight to 6:00 am slot, close to the prior month. Currently needs one person who can handle the overnight (12:00 - 6:00 am) time slot. Otherwise all teams are staffed and the committee appreciates the referrals! There are 5 teams in total, teams are on call for one week and off for four weeks. Shifts are divided into 6-hour segments, four per day.

**Activities Coordinator** — Still in a holding pattern - no specific plans for anything due to the COVID stuff. A Halloween party has not been ruled out

**Literature Report** — Standard month except for the Pink Can Fund (PCF) purchasing a lot of things. Total sales 2,151.85, one group cancelled an order but will likely place an order in July.

## Business

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**Old Business** — None.

**New Business** — Intergroup has realized the bank balance has been significantly over the Prudent Reserve over the past year. A lengthy discussion regarding what to do with that excess, if anything and respect groups that contribute to it.

Several options were discussed, including: In the past we transferred money to the literature account to retain the ability to "sell literature at \$0"; GSO recently put out a video regarding their finances -- their 9 million surplus has dropped 3 million thru May and may be completely gone by September of this year; Mercy House approached us for a donation of 12 Big Books and 12 Twelve and Twelve books; GSO prefers money to be spent locally and our local District has sufficient funds for its plans for this year; Have a reserve "rescue fund" specifically for groups that may not be able to pay rent or other pandemic related expenses; possible spending to get our website higher on the "search list" when someone types in something like "can't stop drinking I need help" (currently for-profit treatment centers populate that area); a few other minor areas.

Intergroup settled on a proposal offered as a two-step motion. The motion was made, seconded, and approved. The first part was approved and is in process now. The second part considers the actual way we would distribute the balance of the funds - in August we will open that part for discussion, possible amendments and then voting on doing that. We want groups to review the second part of the motion and offer comments if desired. The best way to describe it would be our idea of the best way to use the excess funds in a way our groups would approve of. A guiding piece of literature we have considered is F-3, Where Money & Spirituality Mix.

*New Business, continued*

The motion allocates immediately a \$500.00 purchase of books reserved for donations, which includes a 12 Big Book & 12 Twelve & Twelve book donation to Mercy House (a re-entry place).

It also allocates (vote to approve at the August business meeting); \$1,000.00 to the Literature account to purchase pamphlets; \$1,500.00 to GSO NY as a general donation on behalf of the Intergroup 5 groups; \$500.00 as a "Pandemic Reserve" for groups who may need help. The total to be distributed would be \$3,500.00, which is the excess fund amount as of June 30, 2020.

**We would really appreciate groups input! We cannot stress that enough.**

Motion to adjourn at 8:34 pm by Rebecca, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Adam. The meeting was closed with the Responsibility Pledge.

**Next meeting: August 5, 2020 @ 7:00 PM**

**VIA ZOOM**

The address for general mail including group contributions is:  
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## Paul Harvey's 'Page 2' – Group Reports Summary

Reports were abbreviated due to the meeting running into overtime.

**Central:** Four on-premises meetings per day and two Zoom meetings per day. Chairman reminds people they must wear a mask (required in Leon County). Surfaces sanitized after each meeting.

**TYPG:** They created an Ad-Hoc committee to create a plan to reopen their on-location meetings. Possible outdoor to start meeting again. If indoor masks would be required (Leon County).

**Carrabelle:** Tuesday & Friday 7:15 pm meetings continue. Masks not required (in county or at the meeting) but they have a supply if someone wishes to wear one.

**Sopchoppy:** Normal meetings, nothing new.

**Crawfordville:** Meetings still on-location, no Zoom meeting for this group

**Sober Shores:** Meeting now at the normal location. Seating and cleaning in respect for social distancing in place..