

Intergroup 5 ~ Monthly Business Meeting Minutes: August 5th, 2020

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Michael.

Present

Michael , Chair	Adam , Website	Barby , Bradfordville
Jim , Treasurer	Trey , Website	Gene , Bradfordville
Chip , Secretary	Deb , Central/website	Len , Carrabelle
Rebecca , Literature	Kevin , Alt-DCM	Judy , Carrabelle/website
Tom , The Message Editor	Dyan , TYPG Rep	Fabian , Crawfordville
Niki , Activities	Marsha , Local History	Christie , Sopchoppy

Monthly Reports

Voting: Voting done by voice or raising hands. There were not any nay/opposed votes at this meeting.

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

Treasurer's Report — Report for July reviewed. Contributions of 413.65. Expenses of 422.81, consisting of the monthly Hotline and storage expenses. We also paid the FL Dept of State annual fee and renewed the PO Box (12 months). Checking balance 5,808.16, Savings balance 1,828.03, Prudent Reserve at 4,140.19 leaves a net of 3,496.00. Upcoming expenses in August will be 500.00 for the accountant's work. Check to Tally Parks still open; was held because the deposit was incorrect. Issue resolved. Literature had 100.00 in deposits and 1,279.64 in July expenses, bank balance 1,503.85. Motion to accept report by Rebecca, 2nd by Tom; Approved.

Chair Report — Reviewed our fast-approaching year end and the positions that will be open for 2021-2022 (2-year positions). Nominated the note taker to set up a committee and report back next month. Intergroup's reluctant but optimistic secretary accepted the task. Discussion after that was about the excess funds and recommendations made last month - see Old Business.

Vice-Chair Report — 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 / Media — The next issue will be proofread next week then uploaded to the website. Research found a digital printing company in Fort Pierce that caters to 12-Step / AA groups - if groups want it printed again in the future, we have a source. Marsha requested an updated contact list for groups to be featured (Havana is in the July/August issue, the "costal community groups" will be in the Sep/Oct issue); She will start visiting Zoom meetings to try and get good contacts for future articles. Discussions with Adam began on the best way to present articles on the website - more brainstorming than specifics at this time. Any ideas will be appreciated.

Hotline Coordinator — July had 218 calls, second lowest month in a while (lowest was 212 in September 2017). Had an issue with the Hotline server, was down for a few days, which prevented Evelyn from switching out Hotline teams. Their response was not quick and gave us a different web address to use (our website crew's ears perked up) that cautioned "unsafe" before launching the site. Currently have 2 openings now for the Midnight to 6:00 am slot and 1 new volunteer to start working a 12-6 slot.

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. Tally Parks will void and mail back the check. We may be on a short list to rent it in 2020 if restrictions are eased.

Literature Report — Six groups had six orders. Total sold - books 90, pamphlets 91, sales with tax 661.40. The IG5 literature donation fund has 279.20 left (books donated to Mercy House). Central made a purchase and has a credit balance of 28.64.

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Next meeting: September 2, 2020 @ 7:00 PM

VIA ZOOM

The address for general mail including group contributions is:
Intergroup 5
PO Box 180984, Tallahassee FL 32318.

Business

Old Business — Motion from last month:

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.

The 500.00 book purchase was approved last month and done after the meeting. Floor was open for discussion at 7:22. Reviewed several other options, some groups not in attendance were positive, one was "nothing negative", zero replies to the e-mail sent. Also discussed the current balance and the upcoming accountant fee, so we started with a 2,800.00 target value to distribute. More discussion about the specific amounts. An original motion by Jim, 2nd by Marsha was made, more discussion, then amended, to which Jim & Marsha agreed. Unanimous vote in favor (7:49 pm) of the amended motion of allocating 3,000.00 total. The allocation: 1,000.00 to be sent to NY (as a donation, not necessarily for our Area's use), purchase 1,000.00 for pamphlets (which helps to keep them free to all our groups), 500.00 for literature specifically for donations (similar to what a Public Information Committee would do) and 500.00 for a "Pandemic / special needs for our groups" allocation.

New Business — None

Motion to skip the **Paul Harvey's 'Page 2' – Group Reports Summary** (due to the time) and adjourn at 8:14 pm by Chip, 2nd by a multitude. The meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer. We almost stayed in time with that prayer.