

Meeting came to order at 6:05 PM with acting Chair Greg M presiding

Present: Chair, Greg M; Vice-Chair, Nancy S; Past-Chair Joe H; FC Chair, Andy D; Co-hosts Alicia R and Rhonda H; District Correction Chair, Jim; DCM Lee C; 13 Reps

Meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

**Secretary Report:** Cathy H was absent for personal reasons. Nancy S read the minutes from the November meeting. Motion to accept carried.

**Treasurer Report:** FC Andy D presented the November Financial report. After explanations, there were no corrections. Report was filed for audit.

**Election of Member at large for Steering Committee:** Jo Ruth P stood unopposed as the only candidate meeting the minimum sobriety requirement. She was warmly welcomed.

**Website Report:** Greg reported that the position of Chair is still vacant. He can now get training for members who want to set up a website for their group.

**12 Step Report:** Chair, Mark H, was not in attendance. Committee member, Nancy, reported that there were about six 12 Step calls in November, handled by scheduled volunteers. Volunteers have kept contact with the callers. We are in need of a few volunteers for January. We will need a volunteer to send the text reminders in January too. We will be holding a 12 Step Committee but don't know when yet to analyze what we're doing, seek volunteers willing to also give out information.

**Events Committee:** Rhonda said she had nothing to report at this time. The committee is hoping to be able to hold the Unity Picnic in 2021, working with District on it.

**Merchandise Report:** vacant. Greg reported that we need a Chair to do inventory, put things on sale.

**Newsletter Report:** Liz S, co-chair, reported that the newsletter goes out a couple of days after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Weds of each month. If anyone wants to have something included in it, they need to get it to her by the 7<sup>th</sup> of the month. About 16 people are now receiving Serenity News via email BCC. This committee needs a volunteer to help with updating the birthday section.

**Unity Report:** Chair, Bob, reported that he is one of three people working together. John is attending FTF meetings and encouraging groups to get a Rep. Bob is working on the internet meetings. 23 Reps responded to his email that they are still active as a Rep. Bob plans on getting the word out that we need another member at large next month. Bob is also getting the word out that we need someone with a web design background in business to contact Greg.

**AI-Anon Liaison:** none

**Accessibilities Report:** Committee member, Alicia shared that the committee continues to meet to update the Sunshine volunteers trying to reach AA members who are shut-in to talk. Nancy suggested that many of these members have years of valuable experience in AA and might be interested in doing service on the 12 Step Committee just talking on the phone to new people. Alicia is already working on a flyer to include that.

**Ad-hoc Scopes and Procedures Report:** Chair, Mike B, reported that he had received the Bylaws from Rochester and got their permission to incorporate them. More good ideas have come in to include in the Bylaws. A Code of Conduct is needed. The IRS website mentions the "duty of obedience" which is being considered. There are a couple of major changes to the written report. The committee wants to make the Finance Committee and Scopes and Procedures Committee standing committees. They want to add a Records Committee to assist the secretary and do

roll call. They'd like to add a Telephone Committee called "Night Watch". The volunteers on this committee would answer calls to give out information only. The committee is making good progress.

**Ad-hoc Tech Committee Report:** Chair, Alicia, reported that the committee met on Weds, 12/2. She is excited to propose a 3 year contract with COMCAST to get high speed internet and phones. The committee is working on a corporate email system and updating the meeting roster. Please let them know if your group has any change. Alicia noted that people are getting sober in these virtual meetings.

**District Liaison Report:** Alt DCM, Pam, reported that the District 7 Gratitude event on Zoom raised \$655.85 for GSO. The Area Assembly will be held virtually from 1/8-1/10. Visit the AA North Florida website for details. All new GSRs are welcome to attend District meetings the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month. August 5-8 is the FL State Convention in JAX in 2021. District has a donation button on the District website or donations can be mailed to this new address: North Florida 7, Suite 101, 18981 US Hwy 441, Mt Dora 32757.

**Corrections Report:** Co-Chair, Jim, reported things are slow which is not surprising. 2 members are going into the state facility on Monday nights. Jim's been helping with that. Jim asked that Reps from the Clermont area announce that they can use help. He will be contacting officials to see when new volunteer training will be offered this coming year. There is currently one woman and one man interested. Jim explained that you don't have to go into the jails to help. You can be a Correspondence Sponsor. The form for this is on the District website. Use Central Office as your return address. Men contact Jim. Women contact Lee if interested. Lake County State prison is all men but 2 county jails and Coleman have meetings for women.

**Office Report:** Susan was present and introduced herself. She reported that it is a pleasure and an honor to work in this community and that we are all her heroes! 😊 Aw Shucks! Thanks, Susan. Can I put that in the minutes, Robert?

**Steering Committee Report:** Greg reported that QB will track inventory more accurately in 2021. The \$300 refund from City of Leesburg was returned to us. There was an incident in the office where an individual threatened to sue us and accused us of stealing property. We are taking this very seriously. We want the office to be a safe place for all who work there. Film will be placed on door preventing ability to see in but allowing staff to see out. Tech Chair Alicia will be leaving and we need a volunteer to step up to serve as Chair.

**Old Business:** There were items to take back to home groups from Oct meeting. One was the idea of switching to the Comcast phone system. Greg posted the 3 choices and he and Alicia went over them. Discussion ensued about the timing as finances are down but also our responsibility to make informed decisions. Liz called for a vote. Jo Ruth seconded. Motion passed to vote. **Mike made a motion to select Option #1. Liz seconded. Motion passed to get a 3 year contract on Offer #1.** No discussion or decision was made about the "donations policy" but Mike B reported that his group thought family members should be able to donate. More on this and the detox/ resource section of the website and holding a MONTH LONG APPEAL next meeting. Non-AA literature is not being purchased at this time. The office is only buying from AAWS or AA Grapevine and medallions. "As Bill Sees It" books to donate to Adult Choice at Lifestream have been brought into the office. They will be brought to Lifestream soon. Thank you to those who contributed.

**The election to replace Greg M as member at large will be held in January.**

**New Business:** none

Motion to adjourn at 7:58 PM. Next Central Office Rep meeting is Weds, January 13, 2021. Closed with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy S, Vice-Chair.

