**NFI Meeting – 12.10.22**

**PIPO Report**

* As I previously mentioned, I planned on placing a literature order with the remaining funds in our 2022 PIPO budget. So, I took the liberty of contacting WSO for the discount price on pamphlets in order to take advantage of the remaining balance. I spoke to the literature person, Matt, who quoted me what the ‘Reduced Literature’ price would be on each pamphlet I wanted to order.
* I went ahead and put together a very large pamphlet based on that, emailed it over to our Region 8 Trustee, Dora, (lives in Brazil) with an explanation of our goals for this very large order. To my amazement, she approved it later that same day!! Then I get a call from Matt, WSO, that he was sorry but the discounted prices he quoted me were wrong. After the adjustment, the cost was over budget by $215.43. Since I know we have funds in our accounts, I contacted Carly right away and discussed the overage. She gave me approval to go over budget by that amount; so I contacted WSO and told him to go ahead with the order, which I rec’d last week. That being said, I now have a surplus of brochures for our PIPO outreach.
* I also ordered (3) Lucite ‘4 tier display racks’ to put the brochures in; to be used in the waiting rooms of the Behavioral Health facilities. This will give the pamphlets a more professional type of look. This cost was part of the overage.
* As previously mentioned, I made contact with a Family Intervention Specialist at Epic Behavioral Healthcare, (St Augustine), who I had met at the September R**ecovery Fair**. I’m happy to announce that I was able to get a scheduled appointment with her; and met her at Epic this past Tuesday. I brought with me quite a selection of brochures, “15 questions” plus they now have it specifically for ‘The Young Person’, “About OA”; “Is Food a Problem for You?”; ”OA Members Come in All Sizes”; (to name only a few) for her and her clients; professional folders; meeting lists; and NFI’s business cards. She mentioned she’d also pass on to a few of the other clinicians as well; plus they have another location she can share with.
* I shared with her my before pictures so she’d have some idea of what I looked like before recovery. She asked me a few questions, “What age group do I generally see anorexics; do my children have eating disorders; and do I find it’s hereditary?” I mentioned we’ve also seen folk come into OA after giving up other substances. She said, “I know, it’s a ‘control’ issue”. That’s the 2nd time she said that, and only that. I got the feeling that they (as a professional) have NOT linked the disease aspect- the physical allergy (phenomenon of craving) and obsession of the mind…..
* She asked me to return with a single lucite brochure holder for her waiting room. Before I left,

I asked if she’d consider a couple of OA members hosting a panel or even an OA meeting if there was interest. She said she’d get back to me.

 Goal is to continue a relationship, deliver pamphlets and meeting lists for their waiting room/or their clients; and hoping maybe to eventually have on-site meetings in their buildings.

* I also was scheduled to meet with another of the contacts I met at the Recovery Fair, the acting ‘Director of Business Development’ over at **River Point**, (JAX), but she had to postpone until next week.