

Intergroup Meeting Minutes – Sunday November 6, 2022 – Central Office

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Jeannie opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer and a moment of silence at 5:30 PM

Secretary Report: Kate was attending via Zoom. Jeannie read through the highlights of last month's meeting. Minutes were accepted and will continue to be available on the IG website

The minutes from today's meeting are a bit challenged due to the audio quality on Zoom being compromised. There was a lot going on in this meeting that may or may not be reflected.

If you have meeting schedule updates, please text to Kate G at 225-324-6558

Treasurer Report: Tonnie sent the Treasurer Report via email prior to the meeting. She covered the highlights of the Treasurer Report. The report contains Year to Date info for Jan – October 2022. Bank Balance is currently \$9059.14

Tonnie has setup automatic payments for all routine expenses except for 2.

POS (Point of Sale) system will be a big help once established.

Phil has not yet presented the receipts for the computer, printer, furnishings and Geek Squad service that has been realized over the last few months. He reports that he has the receipts but forgot to bring with him today. Jeannie requested Phil bring the receipts to Central Office so Tonnie can pick them up.

Treasurer report does not require formal acceptance, end of T Report.

Webmaster Report – Charles reported on POS system for integration with GoDaddy ecommerce feature. Charles had a problem with the system drafting \$621 from his personal account which was the money collected for GRU T shirts. After much back and forth with GoDaddy eCommerce help team it was revealed that he had encountered what was determined to be a bug in the GoDaddy Ecommerce system. All of the funds were restored to his account.

Charles is recommending 3 merchandise categories; Books, Pamphlets, and Recovery Items for the proposed POS System

Tonnie (Treasurer) asked if there was a GoDaddy Rep that could assist her with setting up Reports and Integration with the QuickBooks software. Charles responded that his experience with Go-Daddy has revealed their lack of customer service. He also said the proposed system will not be plug and play and will not be easily transferrable after he rotates out of his service role.

Due to these findings he will be researching web service and POS options again and intends to test Rube Commerce with hopes that it has more versatility.

The Intergroup Website (AAGulfCoast.com) is being updated continuously. Some pages are placeholders and do not yet have content behind them.

- Q from Rita: how do we get a login to navigate the site? Charles said there is no login needed nor planned for the site. There will simply be a URL that takes you to the site.
- Q from Moe: Would it help if Central Office provided a Credit Card account to use instead of a personal person's bank account? Charles said that based on his recent experience with them it would make it much harder to get customer service (i.e.refunds) when needed.

Central Office Report: Phil

- Foot traffic at Central Office has been on and off, up and down
- All of the current Central Office hours are covered by volunteers.
- Inventory is close to being ready for GRU sales. Still looking for a good source for AA Big Book Book covers at a reasonable price.
- Benny W asked if the new computer setup would enable emails to go out to general membership. Phil said yes, the email addresses have been transferred to the new system as of last Thursday.
- In the past when emails were sent from Central Office it seemed that some folks were not receiving the emails. It was happening sporadically so it was difficult to pin down the issue. It seemed that the email program was truncating the email list and only sending to partial group. Phil says he breaks the email groups down to @50 per email in an effort to eliminate that occurrence.
- The new POS system will not have the ability to track back orders.
- Q from Tonnie – has printing capability been restored for schedules and reports?
 - Phil said yes he was able to print more schedules but ran out of ink. He also now has the ability to scan documents.
- Phil printed more Meeting Schedules and it was discovered that he used an old version. The Central Office Hours have been changed and will appear on the front of the new schedule once we get it updated, uploaded to the website and then printed.
 - Mondays 10 am – 2 pm
 - Tuesdays 10 am – 2 pm
 - Wednesdays 2 pm – 6 pm
 - Thursdays 10 am – 2 pm
 - Fridays 10 am – 4 pm

Hotline Report – Tyler

- Charles H, our long time Friday hotliner (2 pm – 8 pm) is moving and his timeslot is now open. Crystal will take calls in interim period.
- Sundays 8 am – 8 pm is open – Crystal said there are very few calls on weekend.
- Length of sobriety needed to take hotline calls is 6 months minimum.
- Moe stated she was under the impression that when Central Office is open and covered by Volunteers or the CO manager that they would be taking the calls and the phones would not be forwarded to the Hotline volunteers.

District 10 – District 10 will meet Nov 16 (Wed nite at 6 PM) at the BSL Public Library

District 10 has reserved a room at the SERF Hotel (in Kenner, LA) for the first weekend in December. All members are encouraged to attend, Registration for the SERF event is free.

District 11 – Alan F DCM (not present)

District 12 – Crystal is the new DCM for District 12. She reported on Area Assembly proceedings from yesterday (Nov 5) in Pearl. The Plain Language Big Book plans were presented as 4th edition with language suitable for prison populations. Kate mentioned that there was a review committee following that development and that this special committee will be voting on acceptance of the Plain Language BB Draft once it is available for review. There is also a 5th Edition BB in the works. Due to ongoing paper shortages, this new edition will not have a removeable dust cover but instead the cover graphics will be embedded in the hard cover.

District 12 is also planning a 'Day of Learning' Gathering to be held at 321 Lyons Club location on April 15th, 2023 – 9:30 am – 3 pm. There will be 4 panel discussions, Homegroup, District, Area and Intergroup. This is not being called a workshop but instead a Day of Learning how Service is the Key to Recovery.

Crystal made a motion requesting \$1000 seed money to be set aside as budget for food and some delegate travel arrangements. Charles seconded the motion.

Katrina asked who is invited, everyone is invited however the target audience is all members in Zone 1 (District 10, 11, 12).

Crystal is also investigating hiring a professional sign language interpreter for the event.

The first planning session for this event is scheduled for November 12 at 4:30 pm at 3-2-1.

It was announced that this meeting has now gone into overtime....

Old/New Business

Rita N. – requested Intergroup to support a Zone Wide Public Information committee. She received PI donation of \$75 from District 11 and wants to create business cards with URL for contributions and use the Central Office hotline number on the business card. Benny explained that Intergroup does not have a P&I committee and that it was best to keep the service at a District Level. Not sure how to manage the phone number for the business card.

There was additional discussion regarding the PI Business Card, Moe made motion to reimburse District and forward to IG PI, motion was not seconded.

Discussion regarding the appropriateness of having PI at Intergroup Level. District cannot approve Intergroup business. It was decided to pray on this issue till next month.

Rita is also looking for the State Convention Banner, not sure where it went after the Convention. Area would like to pass it on to the next Zone for the next state convention.

Group Reports – all group flyers can be shared on Intergroup Website. Send to AA1GulfCoast@gmail.com. Phil will also share at Central Office

- **Picayune Group** – Michael K – meeting schedule has a few changes, remember we have a birthday meeting the last Fri of each month, Asked if there was a list of speaker volunteers available .
- **Little Yellow House** – Lisa- Group Inventory, Halloween Party, group is solvent. Two long time members have passed. Birthday meeting was moved to Sat 19th to keep separate from GRU. LYH is providing meals on Thanksgiving and again on Christmas.
- **3-2-1 Group** – Crystal reported Thanksgiving will have food at 10 am and Birthdays on the 18th with a Fish Fry and Bonfire in the Parking Lot.

Newsletter – No Report

Meeting Time Change Discussion: It was announced that starting Dec 4, we would start the IG meeting at 4 pm instead of 5:30. It was decided after that this change is in need of more discussion so no change will occur and we will meet at 5:30 in December.

Motion was made by Charles to adjourn the meeting, was unanimously seconded