

Intergroup Service Committee of the 5th District Inc.
IGR Meeting - September 19, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Marie N. at 6:01 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Roll Call:

Steering Committee Officers

Chairperson - Marie N. [*]

Vice Chair - Ann S. [Ex]

Treasurer - Bill G. [*]

Secretary - Nancy D. [Ex]

Office Manager - Mary Jo. [*]

([*] indicates present, [Ex] indicates excused not in attendance, [UnEx] indicates not excused , not in attendance)

Members At Large

Chris C. [Ex]

Karen B. [*]

Amy S. [*]

Sarah S. [*]

Ed H. [*]

Groups Represented:

Eye Opener (Amy), Morning Glory (Marty), W.I.N.G.S. (Karen), Another Chance (Lori), Live & Let Live (Paula), Living Sober (Ed), Friday Women's Mtg (Pat), Thursday Step Mtg (Bob) - total of 8 IGRs

Also in attendance: PJ - D5 Liaison to Intergroup

Reports

Secretary Report: Sarah read the August 15th IGR meeting minutes. Motion to accept by Marty; seconded by Bob; motion accepted.

Treasurer Report: Bill read the Balance Sheet and the Profit & Loss statement through the end of August 2024, the second page of the P&L is missing, Mary Jo will provide it to Sarah to be added to the website. Motion to accept by Paula; seconded by Sarah; motion accepted.

Chairperson Report:

Good evening Intergroup committee my name is Marie. I'm grateful to serve as the Intergroup chair. my sobriety date February 23, 1996 and I'm an alcoholic.

We had a pretty good month so far in September there's been some nice events- group anniversaries so forth. We have a couple new volunteers in the office and of course fabulous new merchandise.

Our office manager has been visiting the Fort Myers Lee County office and they have been a wealth of information with years and years of Intergroup office experience. We are quite grateful to the office manager there (Stephanie) , we also are able to call on the Sarasota office and Chris the office manager who can give us his experience and input when needed.

The big event this fall is the gratitude dinner - November 15th. We have a fabulous speaker and a great dinner lined up. We need to put the word out now. We need lots of volunteers and servers for setting up for the dinner, chairs and tables and then breaking down. There is also other positions needing to be filled during the dinner, which would be helping with the raffles, helping with the tickets- and so forth. please call the Intergroup office for baskets volunteering, and any questions. Thank you.

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Office Manager Report:

Compared to Aug 2023, Bookstore sales increased in Aug 2024 by \$243 and Contributions increased by \$539.

Mary Jo received a flyer about new pieces of literature from GSO that will be available soon:

- ✓ Plain Language Big Book - A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous
Available from GSO on November 1, 2024, list price \$11.00.
- ✓ Black in AA - Experience, Strength and Hope
Updated pamphlet, list price \$0.75
- ✓ Literature Workbook - practical experience from Literature Service Committees
Available mid-September, list price \$6.00
- ✓ Reflexiones Diarias - Large print edition of Daily Reflections book in Spanish
Available end of September, list price \$12.50

Calls received:

| AA | Detox | 12-Step | Al-Anon | Office | Spanish | Other |
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Practice the 7th Tradition.

Committee Reports

Events Committee (Karen B): Good turnout for the Golf Tournament, 41 golfers and enough volunteers to help! Total income from registrations, lunches, 50/50 raffle, etc was \$4615.00. Total expenses were \$3,702.15 - Net profit of \$912.85.

Gratitude Dinner flyer is ready, the menu is set and although the cost of the catering is more expensive this year, the committee decided to keep the ticket price at \$25.00. We are going to need volunteers to set up on Friday morning (Nov 15), and clean up on Saturday morning (Nov 16). We also need volunteers to be responsible for the gift baskets, getting drinks for the dinner, someone to lead the sobriety countdown, and people to sell raffle tickets at the dinner. 350 tickets total will go on sale on October 2nd at the Intergroup Office. Karen needs a table count from the District Committees as soon as possible, PJ will forward the request. **Call the Intergroup office to volunteer 941-426-7655 and your information will be passed on, or attend the next Event Committee meeting on October 10th in person or online at 6pm.**

Daytime Coordinator (Ed H): Daytime volunteers are doing well and Ed enjoys working with them. There is an open shift on Mondays from 3-6pm. Ed will take that time slot until we can find a new volunteer.

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Where & When (Cindy C): The Easy Does Club has a new meeting Sundays at noon - Back to Basics - open/literature/discussion. The Where & When report is available on our website. The As She Sees It women's meeting is now held on Tuesdays at 4:30pm at the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Venice. The Steps to Sobriety group (weekdays at noon) has a new lineup of meetings: Mon - 12 & 12 OD, Tues OD, Wed As Bill Sees It OD, Thu Big Book OD, Fri OS. There is a question about the Fri noon meeting as to whether or not it is a newcomer meeting as well - Sarah will contact Cindy for clarification.

Intergroup Liaison to District (Nancy P): Nancy attended her first meeting on September 17, basically all the Committees need volunteers, there is an open position for the Accessibilities Chair, and a DCM opening for Englewood. The Corrections Committee hold 9 meetings a week in area jails/prisons - they need men to volunteer to help. A Corrections workshop hosted by Areas 14 and 15 will take place on September 22nd. The PI/CPC Committee has posted some new videos. See the District 5 website for details - aadistrict5.org. Elections will be held for District positions in October, Area elections will happen during the next Quarterly Assembly. No group events were announced. Good job, Nancy!

Web Chair (Sarah S): Per the last IGR meeting, Sarah created a Website reports page, updated the Open Positions page and sidebar, uploaded new group events, meeting minutes, and reports as received, and sent out "News You Can Use" newsletter.

IT Committee: Position is currently open.

Old Business

None.

New Business

As per SC instructions, half the Prudent Reserve (\$8,500) was put into a 4 month CD at 4.7% interest rate. Opening a CD for a non-profit is a tedious process, but it's done now.

Next SC Meeting: Oct 3, 2024 - 6pm

Next IGR Meeting: Oct 17, 2024 - 6pm

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Amy, seconded by Bill, meeting adjourned at 6:57pm

Meeting was closed with the "I am responsible" statement.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah S.