INTERGROUP MEETING

October 16 @ 7:00PM

1. Renaming/Roll Call
2. Call to Order at 7:00PM
3. Open with the Serenity Prayer
4. Welcome to all new Intergroup Representatives

   Sue – Honesty Group, Ashleigh V – Blind Pass Group, Terie R – Abe's Place, Kim – Progress not Perfection, Joe P – Goya Group
5. Statement of Purpose read by Tanya Y.

   Reading of Second Tradition, short form: For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority — a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern. Read by Tanya Y.
6. Chairperson's Remarks
   a. Carry the Message Day Recap – Event was well attended, and Helpline in particular had success recruiting volunteers.
   b. Central Office Mold Remediation – Remediation efforts are underway. No estimated completion date is available. We continue to operate from a temporary storefront just down from the permanent office.
7. Treasurer's Report – See attached report. Two weeks of office closure due to the mold issue and reduced inventory in the temporary office reduced our revenue from sale of goods, but overall revenue is adequate.
8. Other Reports:
   a. Office Manager's Report – Ordered new inventory for temporary office. Sales are down a bit due to two-week closure, but people have continued to visit the office in its temporary location. Also, attended Central Office Managers' Quarterly Meeting. Group discussed ideas for better networking between Intergroups on matters such as Helpline, Newsletter, etc.
   b. Helpline Report – Testing call transferring method to try to produce a more even distribution of calls, but it may be increasing the percentage of calls missed. Will continue to test and report out next month.

c. Plain & Straight – New issue uploaded and printed.

d. Where and When – Oct version has gone to print and will be available soon.

e. Gratitude Dinner – Sold out! Having dinner catered due to host venue being unable to allow us to cook in their facility this year. This increases cost, but the increase is manageable.

f. Unity - St Pete Beach Young People's Group will have the next meeting.

9. All reports were accepted.

10. Educational Announcement by Ginny regarding religion in AA – Someone who spoke at a detox center as a Member of AA passed out cards after the session promoting a particular religion. Ginny reminded us that AA has a brochure addressing religion and urged groups to remind their Members.

11. Old Business

a. PCI Vice Chairperson

i. Vacancy was announced at last month's Intergroup Meeting. Two people volunteered to stand for the position, with a two-thirds majority required for selection:

- Virginia, Sobriety date in 1998, held Intergroup Officer positions several times, career as CPA.
- Brian G, Sobriety date in 2019, Helpline Chair since March 2023, previous Hillsborough Intergroup Representative, has owned a private business 24 years.

ii. First round of votes resulted in 59% for Virginia and 41% for Brian.

iii. Discussion – Virginia has substantial experience with PCI. If Brian is elected he will have to vacate his Helpline Chair position.

iv. Second round of votes resulted in 71% for Virginia and 29% for Brian. Virginia is elected Vice Chair.

b. PCI Secretary vacancy was announced; election will be held at the next Intergroup Meeting. Steering Committee appointed Mike F. interim Secretary until a new Secretary is elected.

c. Hiring a CPA for PCI:

i. Tanya informed the Body that several members of the Steering Committee met with the recently selected CPA. The CPA recommended "best practices" that the Steering Committee representatives did not feel would be in CPI's interest (e.g., the CPA being the only person allowed to enter transactions into QuickBooks).

ii. Subsequent to that meeting, the CPA resigned, citing PCI's lack of internal controls and lack of interest in establishing such controls.

iii. Tanya asked the Body to reiterate the duties it would like an outside CPA to perform and provided two alternatives:

1. Option 1:
   - Review of our accounts to make sure the line items are corresponding to the actual use of the funds
   - Process a paycheck for one employee
   - Send in our payroll and sales taxes
   - File our annual federal tax return
2. Option 2:

- All items in Option 1
- Top to bottom review of current practices
- Recommendations for how to improve current practices
- Assist with annual budgeting process
- Generate financials

iv. Body discussed the amount bid by various CPAs and what they would include for that amount.

v. Body debated whether we could use internal resources (such as Virginia, the new Vice Chairperson who is a CPA) vs hiring an outside CPA at added cost. Body discussed potential conflict of interest if Virginia were both Vice Chair and were to conduct a review of our books.

vi. Terie moved we ask Virginia if she is willing to review our books. No second, so motion did not move forward.

vii. Voted on the two options presented by Tanya. Option 2 received 81% of the vote; option 1 received 10%; and 10% of the voting members abstained. Option 2 was selected.

12. New Business
    a. Maria W asked if groups who include some religious content in their meetings (and who are therefore not listed in our Where and When) could be volunteering to take meetings into treatment centers at the Spirit of Rotation Event. Tanya noted the Spirit of Rotation is a District event rather than PCI, so PCI can't address this.

    b. A question was raised whether the Steering Committee considered relocating the Central Office rather than returning to the previous storefront once mold remediation is completed. Tanya noted our current permanent location is very economical, so returning to it is in our best interest.
13. Motion to Adjourn
14. Anonymity Statement - Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.
15. Pass the Basket / Seventh Tradition: Every AA Group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
16. Group Announcements
    a. Beacon Group is celebrating 19 years.
    b. Abe's Place (Log Cabin) is undergoing refurbishment. Exterior is completed and interior is in progress.
17. Recognize October Anniversaries
    a. Maria – 2 years
    b. Leslie – 35 years.
18. Close with Lord's Prayer